

Conestoga High School

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Student Services Announces a School-Wide Program

All 9th - 11th grade students will be meeting with their counselors in large groups on May 24 - 26. Each day will focus on a different grade and the meetings will last 2 periods. Members of that grade will be assigned alphabetically to one of two sessions. Specific assignments will be sent to students and faculty early next week. The general schedule is listed below.

May 24th : 11th grade - 1st and 2nd period, OR 3rd and 4th period

May 25th : 10th grade - 3rd and 4th period, OR 7th and 8th period

May 26th : 9th grade - 3rd and 4th period, OR 7th and 8th period

The content of the meetings will center around the themes of Respect, Responsibility, and School Pride, and will be interactive to include discussion and activities. The meetings will also include information on hazing and the importance of healthy and respectful behaviors necessary to make Conestoga a safe and tolerant community. If you prefer to opt your child out of the meetings or if you would like more information about the lesson, please contact Misty Whelan at 610-240-1018.

Attention Seniors

Counselors have collected a Final Transcript Request form from all seniors confirming their post-graduate/final destination plans. Final transcripts will be mailed to colleges beginning June 13, 2016. Should a final destination change, it is extremely important to contact your counselor or send an email to the Registrar at barkmang@tesd.net.

Attention Parents of Seniors: **A Reminder from the Nurse's Office**

This is a reminder to please pick up any medication/supplies that your senior student may have in the Nurse's Office. Thank you!

Medications: End of Year Procedure

Does your child have any medication in the nurse's office?

The District Medication Policy (School Board Policy 5143) prohibits students from carrying prescription or nonprescription medications to and from school. **A parent or guardian must pick up any remaining medication from the nurse's office by the last student day.** The policy specifies that any medications which remain after the last day of school must be destroyed.

NOTE: Epinephrine auto injectors, asthma medications and diabetic supplies may be sent home with your child with parent permission as per district medication policy.

The medication policy also requires that a new doctor's order be written each year in order for a child to receive prescription medications in school. For your convenience, a copy of the medication form can be downloaded from the [district's web page](#), found under "Student Health Services" or you can pick up a new one in the health room.

Don't forget to stop at the Nurse's Office to pick up any remaining medications by Friday June 19.

Notice to 10th Grade Parents

The Pennsylvania School Act requires that all students in grade 11 receive a medical examination. Letters will be sent to all parents / guardians of current 10th graders in regard to this state mandate. Please have your physician complete a physical exam form. Forms are also available on the [TESD web site](#), under **Student Health Services** "Physical Exam/ Health Screenings". Sports physicals are also accepted. If you are unable to have the physical exam by your family doctor, the exam can be scheduled with the school physician. If you would like your child to receive the required exam from the school doctor, complete and sign the Health History form, also found on **Student Health Services** and return it to the nurse in September.

Attention Parents of Juniors

It is our pleasure to invite you to schedule a post-high school planning conference sometime this spring. Together, we will review your goals and your high school academic record as we help guide you toward your own individualized post-high school plan. Parents can schedule a conference any time during the school day by calling the Student Services Office at 610-240-1045. It is helpful if you know your student's availability or free period when you call so that we can schedule the conference at a time when your child will not be missing class. We look forward to meeting you!

'Stoga Points of Pride

Please click each of the headings below to view the congratulatory links in greater detail.

- **Conestoga javelin thrower is named Main Line Boys Athlete of the Week**

Fall Sports Meeting

The Fall Sports Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium.

Class of 2016 Reflections Ceremony

Save the Date: June 6, 2016 at 7 pm

Reflections is a non-denominational event that is held at Daylesford Abbey for the Conestoga High School's Graduating Class of 2016 and their parents. During the program, selected senior students will take part in musical performances and speeches, celebrating and reflecting on the Class of 2016's school years.

Note to parents: Space constraints at the Abbey do prohibit us from inviting more than parents and members of the Class of 2016 to this event. Invitations with more details will be mailed in May.

Attention Class of 2017

Senior portraits will be taken June 6 - 10, 2016 (2:30 - 8:00) at Conestoga. Prestige by Lifetouch Studio will mail appointments to your home. Be on the lookout for mail from them, so you don't toss it with junk mail.

They will return again to Conestoga July 26 - 28 (9:00 - 2:00), and September 10, 17, 24 and October 1 (9:00 - 2:00).

NO OTHER DATES WILL BE SCHEDULED AT CONESTOGA. To contact the studio, log on to <http://www.ouryear.com/> school code 87046 or call 1-800-OUR-YEAR™ (687-9327). The yearbook staff does not schedule the appointments.

After October 1, if you have not had a picture taken and would like to appear in the yearbook, you must go to the studio for a session. All pictures must be taken by October 31, 2016 in order to appear in the yearbook.

Once your pictures have been taken, the studio will mail proofs to your home. Follow their directions to select a picture for the yearbook. If you took your pictures after Oct. 1, you might not be able to select your yearbook pose due to the late date.

Feedback Wanted!
T/E School District Launches Community
Communications Survey

All Tredyffrin and Easttown Township residents and District staff members are invited to participate in the T/E School District Community Communications Survey. The Tredyffrin/Easttown School District uses an integrated communications network to maximize community awareness of current projects, issues and legislation while promoting the successes of students and staff. As part of an ongoing review of our communications program, we are conducting a survey to help determine the effectiveness of our current communication tools.

Thank you for participating in the survey and for helping to shape future communication practices. Survey results will be shared on the T/E School District website once the data has been compiled.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

Check Cafeteria Balances

Cafeteria balances should be kept current. Please check that your student's account is not carrying a negative balance. To check your student's balance, you should register your child at www.paypams.com. It is free to register and includes free services including viewing your child's cafeteria purchases and automatic low balance email reminders. You may also deposit money in your child's account, but there is a convenience fee of \$1.95. Checks and cash are still accepted at the cafeteria. For any further information about

Food Services or how to obtain Free and Reduced Lunches, please visit the food and nutrition website at <http://www.tesd.net/domain/34>.

Volunteer Update

Volunteers

Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered so far this school year. We could not accomplish all that we do without you!

Looking ahead to next year, we need many volunteers to help with a summer mailing in late July and Health Screenings on the first two days of school: Sophomores & Seniors on Aug 29th & Freshmen & Juniors Aug 30th. And, if you are a registered nurse, we could use your help with vision and hearing screenings. Please contact Jeanne Braun at braunj@tesd.net if you'd like to help.

Update on Volunteer Clearances

Implementation of the revised Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) will take effect on July 1, 2016, which means that school volunteers will need background clearances for the 2016-2017 school year. The amended law stipulates that only school volunteers with regular and repeated contact with students, who are responsible for the care, supervision, guidance or control of children will need clearances. At Conestoga, this would include parents who volunteer in the Achievement Center or volunteer to drive students. We hope that parents will obtain these clearance so they are available to help with these efforts. Please note that clearances are now valid for five years. Information on obtaining clearances can be found on the School District website under the Community tab. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Jeanne Braun at braunj@tesd.net or 610-240-1913.

FLITE Staff Tributes

Looking for the Perfect End-of-Year Gift? Consider Giving the Gift Every Teacher Will Love!

FLITE's Staff Tributes are a wonderful way for parents to recognize the extraordinary effort of T/E's faculty and staff. By making this tax-deductible donation to FLITE, you can thank the dedicated individuals who have supported and encouraged your children throughout the school year. Honorees will receive a personalized card notifying them of your donation.

FLITE Staff Tributes can be made online or by mail: [Please click here to access the online link.](#)

Children's Dental Clinic **Annual Yankee Candle Fundraiser**

The Children's Dental Clinic is a non-profit community clinic benefiting children in need in the T/E and Great Valley School Districts. The clinic is run by volunteers who serve as dental assistants, drivers, board members and school representatives. Please visit www.kidsdentalclinic.org to participate in the Yankee Candle Fundraiser. Any questions can be directed to candles@kidsdentalclinic.org.

[Please click here to view the informational flyer.](#)

AFS Needs Host Families for Exchange Students

Without leaving home, your family can experience a foreign culture by hosting an AFS (American Field Service) exchange student during the coming school year. Students are carefully screened and selected by representatives in their home countries, and are placed with families according to similar interests and lifestyles.

All students come with full medical insurance and their own spending money. Host families vary greatly in size, age, and income level. Requirements for hosting are flexibility, a sense of humor, curiosity about other cultures, and a willingness to open one's heart and home to a foreign student as a family member.

Placements are for either one or two semesters. However, changes are made whenever family/student relationships are not satisfactory. If you are interested in learning more about serving as a host family, or can recommend someone else, please call Carolyn Veith, local AFS coordinator, at 610-688-5416.

2016-2017 School District Calendar Information

Please visit the T/E School District [website to view the 2016-2017 School District Calendar information](#). School staff members are beginning to plan events and activities for the 2016-17 school year. Parents are encouraged to check the calendar after June 1, 2016 for dates of school events and activities. [Please view this link for a single page summary of the 2016-17 school year calendar.](#)

QUICK LINKS

- **Student Services Department**
- **Senior Privilege Information**
- **Senior Parking Permit Information**

- [Junior Privilege Information](#)
- [Junior Parking Information](#)

CONESTOGA SPORTS SCHEDULES

Daily sports schedules for Conestoga high school athletic teams are available online at www.digialsports.com by entering "Conestoga High School." Please contact the CHS Athletic Office at 610-240-1024, for additional information.

NCAA and Student Athletes

Student athletes considering playing collegiate sports should familiarize themselves with NCAA course requirements. Students are encouraged to speak with their assigned counselor to discuss further, and visit the [NCAA Eligibility Center Website](#).

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

School Counselor Assignments

Student Services Center assignments for 2015-2016 are as follows:

Guidance Counselor	Class of 2019 & Beyond	Classes of 2016-2018
<u>Laureen McGloin</u>	A-Bro	A-Br
<u>Rachelle Gough</u> / <u>Maria Marano</u>	Bru-Dh	Bu-Dh
<u>Katherine Corkhill</u>	Di-Gr	Di-Gai
<u>Brian Samson</u>	Gu-Ke	Gal-Ja
<u>Melissa Boltz</u>	Kh-Ma	Je-L
<u>Jennifer Kratsa</u>	Mc-N	M-Na
<u>Dan McDermott</u>	O-R	Ne-R
<u>Leashia Lewis</u>	S-T	S-Te
<u>Megan Smyth</u> / <u>Christine Baumann</u>	U-Z	Th-Z

Mental Health Specialist	Student Last Name
<u>Dr. Christine Dunleavy</u>	A-L
<u>Mrs. Melissa Salzberg</u>	M-Z

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
9th Grade Orientation #2	5/20/16	8:30 am	Main Lobby, Room 268
Junior Prom	5/21/16	6:00 pm	Sheraton Valley Forge
Conestoga Relays	5/24/16	4:00 pm	Track
Fall Sports Meeting	5/25/16	7:00 pm	Auditorium
Health Fair	5/27/16	8:20 am	Gyms, Track
Memorial Day - No School	5/30/16		
Move Up Day	5/31/16	7:30-11:00 am	TEMS
Move Up Day	6/1/16	7:30-11:00 am	VFMS
Awards Night	6/2/16	7:00 pm	Auditorium
Last Day of Senior Internship	6/3/16		
SAT Testing	6/4/16	8:00 am	CHS

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