

Conestoga High School

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Conestoga High School to Welcome Visiting Author KWAME ALEXANDER

On October 10th, CHS will host poet, educator, and New York Times Bestselling author, Kwame Alexander. His 21 books include *The Crossover*, which received the 2015 John Newbery Medal for the year's Most Distinguished Contribution to American Literature for Children, the Coretta Scott King Author Award Honor, The NCTE Charlotte Huck Honor for Outstanding Fiction for Children, the Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award, and the Passaic Poetry Prize for Young People's Literature. Mr. Alexander's visit will kick off Teen Read Week as well. [Please click here to view the informational flyer.](#)

Mr Alexander's presentations will take place in the Auditorium according to the following schedule:

- 9:00-9:45 AM - Grades 11 & 12
- 9:54-10:39 AM - Grades 9 & 10

Conestoga Launches "No Place for Hate"

In an effort to further our positive school climate, The ADL (Anti-Defamation League) club launched the "No Place for Hate" campaign on Thursday, October 6th during an extended homeroom. No Place for Hate is a national movement and aims to reduce bias and bullying, increase appreciation for diversity and build communities of respect. Students from the ADL club produced a short video with a positive anti-bullying message that was played during the extended homeroom and then club members encouraged all students to sign a "Resolution of Respect" that was handed out by homeroom teachers. We look forward to future No Place for Hate events.

Schoolology Tip:
Setting Up Emailed Grade Summary Notifications

Are you looking for a simple way to receive an overview of your child's grades via Schoology? You are welcome to set up an email notification in Schoology that will send you either a daily or weekly summary email. Please view this Schoology step-by-step guide to walk through the process of setting up this grade summary notification tool: [Grade Summary Notification Set-Up](#).

PSAT Testing

We have begun preparations for this year's administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). As a school, we value the experience the PSAT offers our students in preparing them for College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) as the SAT remains the most commonly utilized assessment for Conestoga students in the college admission process. A letter was mailed home to all families of students in grades 9-11 regarding the administration of PSATs which contained the following information:

- On **Thursday, October 13th** Conestoga will administer the PSAT 8/9 to all 9th grade students. Testing will take place from 7:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. All expenses will be covered by the district. *This version of the PSAT is designed for 9th graders as a practice and preparation for taking the PSAT/NMSQT next year, in 10th grade.*
- Conestoga will offer the PSAT/NMSQT on **Saturday, October 15th** to all interested students.
- For additional information:
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/>

We are pleased to offer this opportunity to further support college readiness and assist students to achieve their personal best. Please contact any of our school counselors with questions regarding the *SAT Suite of Assessments* or PSAT administration.

College Fair at Conestoga

Monday, October 31, 2016

Attention Junior and Seniors....Please save the date! Conestoga's Second Annual **College Fair will be held on Monday, October 31st from 1:30 - 3:00pm in the gyms.** We look forward to welcoming more than 100 colleges and universities to our school. This is a great opportunity for you to meet with many college admissions representatives all at one time. Students with an 8th period class must receive teacher permission to miss class or plan to attend after school. [Please click here to view the list of colleges and universities attending.](#)

Interested sophomores are also welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

'Stoga Points of Pride

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

- **Conestoga High School Tri-M Music Honor Society Inducts Forty-eight New Members in Chapter 3175**

Winter Sports Meeting

The Winter Sports Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium.

Winter Sports Forms

Winter Sports Forms are due by Monday, November 7th.

Winter Sports Forms will be collected starting Friday, October 7th.

Varsity/JV Sports begin on Friday, November 18th.

Freshman Sports begin on Tuesday, November 29th.

Conestoga Monthly Parent Meetings and Class Parent Chairs

You are invited to attend the monthly Parent Meetings for the grade your child is in. These meetings are a great way to connect with other parents and find out what is going on at Conestoga, specifically in your child's grade. Dr. Meisinger, Assistant Principals, Guidance Counselors and other administrators attend these meetings and offer important information and answer any questions you may have. For the schedule of Monthly Parent Meetings, click [here](#) to view the Conestoga calendar. The meetings take place at 9:30am, usually in Room 142. If you are unable to attend the Parent Meetings due to your work schedule, we offer Alternate Parent Meetings on November 17, February 23, and April 27 at 7:30 am.

Also, minutes from each Parent Meeting are sent out from your Class Chair. Below is a list of Class Chairs. Feel free to contact them with any questions you may have. You may also contact Jeanne Braun, Coordinator of Community and Volunteer Services at braunj@tesd.net with any questions.

Class of 2017
Class of 2018

Lorraine Miller
Dawn Morgan

chs2017parents@tesd.net
chs2018parents@tesd.net

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Report Cards & Progress Reports

First marking period progress reports will be mailed home during the week of October 4, 2016. As we approach the midpoint of the marking period, teachers may issue a progress report to bring your attention to concerns in current coursework. Detailed information regarding your child's academic progress in all of their courses is available to parents/guardians through our learning management system, Schoology. The first marking period will end on Friday, November 4, 2016. Consult the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District online calendar at www.tesd.net for further information on marking periods ending dates.

National Honors Society Plans Induction

November 9, 2016

The Conestoga Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its annual induction ceremony on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. As specified by its national charter, NHS members are chosen on the basis of scholarship, service, leadership and character. They participate in various service projects in school and in the community.

Students who have completed at least one full semester at CHS by the end of their sophomore or junior year are considered for membership. For the Classes of 2017 and 2018, a cumulative weighted GPA of 4.70 or higher is required for eligibility. Students who have achieved this GPA will receive letters inviting them to complete activity forms. Candidates are reviewed by a five member faculty council on the basis of the four factors noted above. Students who meet the criteria of the organization are invited to attend the ceremony and become members of the NHS. Following induction, members of NHS are required to uphold the highest standards of character, leadership, service, and academic achievement. They are also required to attend monthly meetings and participate in service project. Parents with questions should contact Melissa Boltz, Guidance Counselor and NHS Advisor, at boltzm@tesd.net.

2nd Annual Rachel's Helping Hands 5K & Family Fun Walk

November 13, 2016

Interested in participating in the 2nd Annual Rachel's Helping Hands 5K and Family Fun Walk? Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 13, 2016. Proceeds from this run/walk benefit the Rachel's Helping

Hands Cancer Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that assists families with the payment of medical and prescription co-payments relating to the treatment of all types of cancer. [Please click here to view the detailed informational flyer.](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

School Counselor Assignments
Student Services Center assignments for 2016-2017 are as follows:

Guidance Counselor	Classes of 2017-18	Class of 2019 & Beyond
<u>Laureen (McGloin) Stohrer</u>	A-Br	A-Bro
<u>Rachelle Gough/ Anne Davis</u>	Bu-Dh	Bru-Dh
<u>Katherine (Corkhill) Barthelmeh</u>	Di-Gai	Di-Gr
<u>Brian Samson</u>	Gal-Ja	Gu-Ke
<u>Melissa Boltz</u>	Je-L	Kh-Ma
<u>Jennifer Kratsa</u>	M-Na	Mc-N
<u>Dan McDermott</u>	Ne-R	O-R
<u>Leashia Lewis / Jodie Davis</u>	S-Te	S-T
<u>Megan Smyth / Christine Baumann</u>	Th-Z	U-Z

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

The Student Services Center encompasses a wide variety of services designed to assist students in their academic, career and personal/social development. Information on counselor assignments was mailed to each family over the summer. In addition to guiding students through the course selection process, school counselors provide assistance with self-awareness, educational planning, interpretation of test scores, occupational information, home, school and/or social concerns, or any matter the students feel is significant. Up-to-date printed information, software, and audiovisual aids are available in the center to assist students with decision-making, and college and career selection. The Student Services Center resources are available for student use from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Fall Schedule Change Reminders

Once school began, students attended their scheduled classes for the first several days of school. We resumed making schedule changes on Tuesday, September 6 through September 9, 2016. Core level

changes can be made through December 23, the last school day prior to winter break. Requests for specific teachers, periods and course sections will not be honored.

Extended Experience Fall 2016

The Extended Experience Physical Education contract is for seniors, juniors, and sophomores who want to substitute an outside physical education requirement during any given semester. In order to receive a satisfactory grade and credit on the transcript, student must meet the following requirements:

1. Completed Fall EEPE Application form were due on September 9, 2016.
2. Participate in at least 30 hours of supervised instruction.
3. Complete and return a Fall EEPE Verification form by January 6, 2017.

Extended Experience guidelines and required forms are available at www.tesd.net . Please be aware that unless a completed and signed application form is returned to the main office on or before September 9, 2016 students will not be able to earn credit for the Fall Semester 2016. After this date, seniors will be placed in a gym for the duration of the semester. Junior and sophomores without a completed application who wish to complete a gym requirement during the fall should see their counselor immediately.

Please remember that eight (8) semesters of physical education, extended experience and/or team sport are required for graduation from Conestoga High School.

Class Parent Organizations

Class of 2017

Senior Class Parent Meeting: October 13, 2016 at 9:30 AM in the Auditorium

NOTE: Graduation 2017 location will be discussed

Class of 2018

Junior Class Parent Meeting: October 11, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

Class of 2019

Sophomore Class Parent Meeting: October 20, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

Class of 2020

Freshman Class Parent Meeting: October 18, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

QUICK LINKS

- [Student Services Department](#)
- [Senior Privilege Information](#)
- [Senior Parking Permit 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](#).

Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Kwame Alexander Assembly	10/10/16	9:00 AM	Auditorium
Junior Parent Meeting	10/11/16	9:30 AM	Room 142
No School	10/12/16		
9th Grade PSATs	10/13/16	7:20 AM	CHS
Senior Parent Meeting	10/13/16	9:30 AM	Auditorium
PSAT Testing	10/15/16	8:00 AM	CHS
Fall CPR Certification Program (Grade 9)	10/18-10/21/16	7:20 AM	Large Gym
Freshman Parent Meeting	10/18/16	9:30 AM	Room 142
Sophomore Parent Meeting	10/20/16	9:30 AM	Room 142
ACT Testing	10/22/16	8:00 AM	CHS

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