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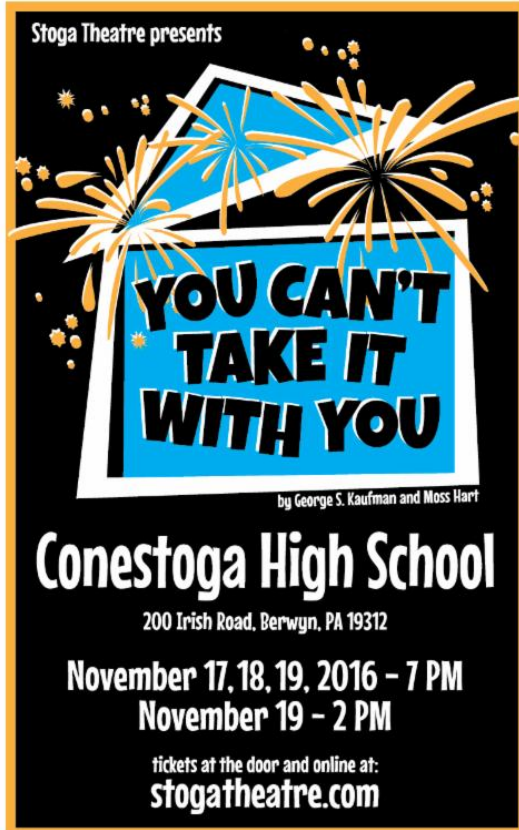
Parent Teacher Conference Scheduling Reminder

Parent Teacher Conference scheduling is available online through Friday, November 11. All parents/guardians of District students should have received a letter with information about how to schedule your conference online. This year, parent conferences will be held on November 21, 22 and 28 for elementary students, on November 22 and 28 for middle school students and on November 28 for high school students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the main office of your child's school or email FamilyHelpDesk@tesd.net.

Graduation 2017

We are pleased to announce that Graduation 2017 will be held on **Teamer Field** on Tuesday, **June 6th** at **6pm**. There will be unlimited seating for families. Please hold Wednesday, June 7th and Thursday, June 8th for rain dates in the event we need to postpone due to weather. We look forward to hosting commencement at Conestoga and making it a special evening for our seniors and their families. Additional information will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

Fall Drama at CHS



Join Martin Vanderhof and his wacky extended family living their unconventional lives in 1930s New York City. Trouble arises when the one "normal" member of the family, granddaughter Alice, falls in love with the boss's son.

Come ready for an evening of laughter as the two dysfunctional families navigate the engagement of their two children. The groom's "normal" family learns too much about the bride's "eccentric" family and an explosive comedy ensues. Will the young couple survive? There will be many hilarious moments as we find out!

A Pulitzer Prize winning play by: George S. Kauffman and Moss Hart

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists' Play Service, Inc.

Director: Natalie Wallace

Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$12

Students (19 years and younger): \$10

Seniors (62 years and older): \$10

Conestoga High School, Hobson C. Wagner Auditorium

Tickets available at

<http://www.stogatheatre.com>

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony



We are pleased to announce that on Wednesday, November 9th, 2016 150 new members were inducted into the Conestoga Chapter of the National Honor Society, adding to the group of 120 existing members. The purpose of Conestoga's National Honor Society's is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to encourage service to the community, to promote leadership, and to develop the highest standards of character in the students of Conestoga High School. We are delighted to have such a large, dynamic group to demonstrate these four pillars that represent the National Honor Society.

Report Cards **November 18, 2016**

The first marking period ended on Friday, November 4, 2016. Report cards will be distributed in Homerooms on Friday, November 18, 2016. Consult the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District online calendar at www.tesd.net for further information on marking periods ending dates.

SOS Program

Conestoga offers depression awareness and suicide prevention training as part of the health wellness curriculum using information from research based program, The Signs of Suicide® (SOS) Prevention Program. The program has proven to be successful at increasing help seeking behaviors by students concerned about themselves or a friend. It is the only school-based suicide prevention program listed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for its National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices that addresses suicide risk and depression, while reducing suicide attempts.

Beginning the week of November 14, 2016, health teachers will deliver SOS program instruction, including a DVD entitled, "Friends for Life" and related follow-up discussions. A member of the school counseling team will be present during and after the lessons to collect confidential response cards voluntarily completed by students who feel that they or a friend might need help. Counseling team members will also provide immediate, confidential follow-up for any students requesting help after the SOS lessons. [Please click here to view the informational SOS Letter mailed home over the summer.](#)

Attention All Seniors

Changes to the 2017-2018 FAFSA

New this fall:

- Students will be able to file for aid beginning October 1 (a full three months earlier than previously allowed).
- For the first time, applicants will use prior-prior year (PPY) tax information when reporting personal and family income.

Previously, the FAFSA used the previous year's tax data. Beginning in October 2016 (for aid applications for the 2017-18 award year), the White House will allow students to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using prior-prior year (PPY) tax data.

*Prior-Prior Year (PPY) refers to a policy enabling students and families to file for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using tax information from two years ago. For example, a high school senior planning to enroll in college in Fall 2017 will file FAFSA using taxes from 2015. PPY debuts in October 2016 for aid application for the 2017-18 award year. This means that the high school class of 2017 will be the first high school cohort to use the PPY FAFSA, and all returning college students in that same year will also use it. *

'Stoga Points of Pride

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

- **Conestoga High School English Teacher Recognized by the Pennsylvania School Press Association**

Traffic Study Survey

The Tredyffrin/Easttown School District has contracted with an outside consultant to conduct a District-wide traffic study that will begin in the Fall of 2016. The first phase of the study will include Conestoga High School, Tredyffrin/Easttown Middle School, Valley Forge Middle School and Valley Forge Elementary School. As part of the study, the consultant is seeking community input. This survey will collect information that the consultant will use in the performance of the study.

[Click here for the traffic study survey.](#)

Winter Sports Forms

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

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

Freshman Sports begin on Tuesday, November 29th.

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.](#)

CHS Blood Drive

November 14, 2016

Conestoga will host the first Blood Drive of the year. Student Council hosts two blood drives annually, one in the fall and one in the spring. Any student 16 (with parental permission) or older who weighs more than 110 pounds as of the date of the Blood Drive can volunteer to give blood. Your son or daughter will be able to sign up or donate starting November 1st. Recently, we have enjoyed record numbers of donors. We again are looking forward to a successful drive.

Citadel Heart of Learning

Citadel has teamed up with the Chester County Intermediate Unit to honor our area's most outstanding educators. The Citadel Heart of Learning Award recognizes excellence in the classroom by honoring those teachers who go above and beyond the call of duty to meet the needs of their students.

Nominations

1. Nominations for the 2017 Citadel Heart of Learning Award began on October 1, 2016.
2. Nominations may be submitted solely on an individual's contributions or performance during the current school year, or for cumulative efforts over many years.

Nominations may be submitted online by filling out the [Citadel Heart of Learning Award Nomination Form](#). The completed nomination must be postmarked by December 31, 2016. [For more detailed information please this link.](#)

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](#).

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	Lorraine Miller	chs2017parents@tesd.net
Class of 2018	Dawn Morgan	chs2018parents@tesd.net
Class of 2019	Margaret MacKenzie	chs2019parents@tesd.net
Class of 2020	Tracey Prestipino	chs2020parents@tesd.net

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

Class Parent Organizations

Class of 2017

Senior Class Parent Meeting: November, 10 2016 at 9:30 AM in the FDR (Faculty Dining Room in Cafeteria)

Class of 2018

Junior Class Parent Meeting: November 1, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

Class of 2019

Sophomore Class Parent Meeting: November 17, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

Class of 2020

Freshman Class Parent Meeting: November 15, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

FLITE Staff Tributes

Do you want to thank a teacher who made a difference? Or Thank the teachers who wrote your child's recommendation letters?

Honoring your favorite teacher, counselor or administrator has never been easier! Foundation for Learning In Tredyffrin/Easttown'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.

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[FLITE Staff Tributes can be made online now or via mail.](#)

FLITE and Devon Whole Foods

Do you shop at Devon Whole Foods? Did you know you could opt to Support Kids in T/E?

The Foundation for Learning In Tredyffrin/Easttown has been selected as Devon Whole Foods Market's Nickels for Non-Profits beneficiary for the upcoming quarter, now thru mid-January. When shopping at the Devon Whole Foods Market, consider bringing your own shopping bag, and when checking out select the option to donate the \$.05 savings from your bill to FLITE!

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

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.

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>
Fall Blood Drive	11/14/16	7:20 AM	Large Gym
Regular School Board Meeting	11/14/16	7:30 PM	Cafeteria
Freshman Parent Meeting	11/15/16	9:30 AM	Room 142
Sophomore Parent Meeting	11/17/16	9:30 AM	Room 142
Fall Drama <i>You Can't Take It With You</i>	11/17/16	7:00 PM	Auditorium
Winter Sports Begin V and JV	11/18/16	2:30 PM	
Fall Drama <i>You Can't Take It With You</i>	11/18/16	7:00 PM	Auditorium
Fall Drama <i>You Can't Take It With You</i>	11/19/16	2:00 and 7:00 PM	Auditorium

Cornucopia	11/22/16	8:20 AM	Large & Small Gyms
No School - Thanksgiving Break	11/23/16 - 11/25/16		
Parent Conferences: No School for Students	11/28/16		
Winter Sports Begin for Freshman	11/29/16	2:30 PM	
Musical Auditions	12/1/16	2:30 PM	Auditorium
Musical Auditions	12/2/16	2:30 PM	Auditorium
Musical Auditions	12/3/16	9:00 AM	Auditorium
SAT Testing	12/3/16	8:00 AM	CHS Building

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