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CONESTOGA SPORTS SCHEDULES

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

CLASS PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

Class of 2016

Senior Class Parent Meeting: January 12, 2016 at 9:30 AM in

Digital Citizenship at CHS

As you may be aware, the District has in place a digital citizenship curriculum that begins in grade one and continues through all middle school grades. For the high school, a new lesson will be shared with all ninth and tenth grade students on December 10th during second and third period. This lesson will emphasize appropriate use of technology and provide strategies to respond safely if inappropriate behavior is encountered. It will be informed by the work of Common Sense Media and will be tailored to the needs of our students in ninth and tenth grades. The lesson will be presented by the school counselors with teachers present for additional support.

An occasion such as this provides an opportunity for schools and parents to engage in important conversations about the ethical use of technology and respectful behavior. If you are interested in viewing information about the lesson, [you may do so by clicking here](#). A link to the framework used for digital citizenship in T/E is provided below, as well as resources that may be of assistance to parents when addressing this topic with their children.

Should you have further questions about the new lesson or the digital citizenship curriculum in general, please feel free to contact any high school administrator or Dr. Michael Szymendera, Director of Instructional Technology at (610) 240-1922.

Additional links:

[TESD Digital Citizenship](#)

[Privacy and Internet Safety for Parents](#)

[Common Sense Media Family Media Agreements](#)

Class of 2017

Junior Class Parent Meeting: January 14, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

Class of 2018

Sophomore Class Parent Meeting: January 19, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

Class of 2019

Freshman Class Parent Meeting: January 21, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

NCAA and Student Athletes

Students 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](#).



Rachel's Helping Hands
5k Run and Family Fun Walk
Sunday, December 6, 2015

Please join us in support of our inaugural fundraiser for The Rachel's Helping Hands 5k Run and Family Fun Walk on December 6, 2015 at Wilson Farm Park. [Please view this link for additional details.](#)

Just Talk About It
Thursday, December 10, 2015

ARCH, along with Conestoga High School, invites parents and teens to join *Minding Your Mind* in a discussion on mental health education. Topics addressed will include anxiety, depression, self-harm, substance abuse, and the difference between positive and negative coping mechanisms. All Conestoga juniors and seniors will attend this presentation in an assembly on December 10 during the school day. The evening presentation is open to all parents. Teens (especially grades 9-10 who will not see the assembly) are encouraged to attend as well. [Please view this link for details on *Minding Your Mind*.](#)

Parenting in the Age of Social Media
Monday, December 14, 2015

On Monday, December 14, 2015 (morning and evening presentations) ARCH invites parents to a Screening of *Being 13: Inside the Secret World of Teens*, followed by strategies for navigating this topic with children; the digital citizenship curriculum in T/E and Q&A. [Please view this link for details on *Parenting in the Age of Social Media*.](#)

Financial Aid Evening
Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Please join us for Financial Aid Evening on Wednesday, December 16th at 7pm in the Conestoga Auditorium. Chris Gruber from Davidson College will present what parents need to know about the financial aid process for college. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Senior Internship Program

The Senior Internship Program offers seniors in good standing an opportunity to explore an area of career interest during the last

month before graduation. The process for the Class of 2016 will begin the week after winter break when students attend orientation sessions during their free periods.

Senior parents will be mailed program information in January, but can access the information now on the Conestoga website at <http://tesd.net/internships>.

NEW IMPORTANT CHANGES TO INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In July of this year, the PA State Legislature amended the Child Protective Services Law to include employees who work with Children through internships, externships and work-study programs. This means that Internship Community Sponsors who work with Conestoga students under 18 years of age, must complete the following three background checks (PA Criminal Check, PA Child Abuse Clearance, and FBI Criminal Check). More information can be found by clicking on the [Senior Internship quick link](#) on the Conestoga home page.

Questions may be directed to Jeanne Braun, Program Coordinator at 610-240-1913 or braunj@tesd.net.

Any Conestoga parents interested in participating as a Community Sponsor for senior students participating in the Internship Program should also contact Jeanne Braun.

Second Semester Schedules

Students will receive a copy of their second semester schedule in homeroom on Tuesday, December 8. They will be permitted to make level changes and second semester elective changes through Wednesday, December 23, 2015. No schedule changes will be permitted from January 4-19 while we prepare for midterms. Students will have a final opportunity to make second semester changes on the midterm days (1/20, 1/21, 1/22) and the first two days of the third marking period (1/25, 1/26). No elective change requests will be honored after January 26, 2016.

Extended Experience

[Verification forms](#) are now posted on the TESD website for students participating in Semester I Extended Experience PE. These forms will verify that the student's required 30 hours of activity have been completed. The signed forms are due in Conestoga's main office on or before January 8, 2016. A student will not be given credit if the verification form is not

submitted on time. Seniors will be put in a PE class to satisfy CHS PE graduation requirements if a signed form is not received.

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 2014 Citadel Heart of Learning Award will open on October 1, 2015.
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, 2015.

FLITE Staff Tributes for the Holidays

Thinking about a holiday gift for your child's teacher?

Foundation for Learning in Tredyffrin/Easttown (FLITE) Staff Tributes make your holiday shopping easy, and teachers love them. Honoring your favorite teacher, counselor, or administrator has never been easier! 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.

[Please view this link for more details on the FLITE Holiday Staff Tribute.](#)

CHS Intramural Squash Program

Please view the following link for details on the CHS Intramural

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 2016-18
<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> / <u>Christine Baumann</u>	S-T	S-Te
<u>Megan Smyth</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

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 7:00AM to 3:30PM Monday through Friday.



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Upcoming Events

EVENT

DATE

TIME

LOCATION

Regular School Board Meeting	12/7/2015	7:30 PM	Cafeteria
Winter Concert II - Choir and Orchestra	12/9/2015	7:00 PM	Auditorium
<i>Minding Your Mind</i> Presentation to 11th and 12th grade	12/10/2015	8:20 AM	Auditorium
Digital Citizenship Presentations to 9th and 10th Grade	12/10/2015	8:20 AM	CHS
ARCH <i>Minding Your Mind</i> Presentation	12/20/2015	7:00 PM	Auditorium
CHS Retiree and Faculty Dessert	12/11/2015	11:00 AM	CHS
Financial Aide Evening	12/16/2015	7:00 PM	Auditorium

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