

Conestoga High School

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Second Semester Schedules

Students received a copy of their second semester schedule in homeroom on Friday, December 9. They will be permitted to make level changes and second semester elective changes through Friday, December 23, 2016. No schedule changes will be permitted from January 3-24 while we prepare for midterms. Second semester schedule changes will resume on the midterm days (1/25, 1/26, 1/27) and the first two days of the third marking period (1/30, 1/31). No elective change requests will be honored after January 31, 2017.

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 2017 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://www.tesd.net/domain/1407>.

Important Information for 17 Year-Old Seniors

In July of 2016, 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 Community Sponsors of 17 year-old students must complete the PA Criminal, PA Child Abuse and FBI background checks prior to the start of internship.

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 an internship Community Sponsor should also contact Jeanne Braun.

'Stoga Big Give

The **'Stoga Big Give began on Monday, December 5th and runs through Tuesday, December 20th.** Collection bins are positioned in the Main Lobby, Gym Lobby, and Bus Circle for donations. The drives this year include:

- Stockings for Kids
- NHS Test Book Drive
- Syrian Refugee Blankets and Hygiene Items Drive

Please consider donating to one of these drives this holiday season!

Midterm Prep Lessons

On January 3, 2017, counselors will present midterm prep lessons to all ninth grade students during their regularly scheduled history classes. Midterm exams will take place January 25, 26, and 27. A detailed exam schedule will follow.

Midterm Exam Schedule

Midterm Exams will take place January 25, 26 and 27, 2017.

The exam schedule is as follows:

- **Wednesday, January 25: Math, English, Conflicts (PM)**
- **Thursday, January 26: World Languages, Social Studies, Conflicts (PM)**
- **Friday, January 27: Science, Conflicts (AM), Conflicts (PM)**

As always, students with two examinations scheduled for the same time will need to contact one of the subject area teachers to arrange for conflict test administration.

If a parent indicates that a student may be unable to take an exam on the published date, please note that requests for alternate testing must be made in writing to Dr. Meisinger. Assuming that approval for alternate testing is given, the examination or an alternate exam will be administered to the student at a later date. No examination will be administered prior to the scheduled exam days.

A note from the Nurse's Office

Parents/Guardians of 11th Grade Students:

Please note that all 11th grade students are to have a physical exam as mandated by the state. If you have not submitted a physical for your student please do so at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,
Gail Hamman, RN
School Nurse

College Admissions Evening

**Thursday, February 9, 2017
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
CHS Auditorium**

The Conestoga Student Services Department invites all juniors and interested sophomores to attend College Admissions Evening on Thursday, February 9 from 7-9 pm in the CHS Auditorium. This is a student and parent evening featuring keynote speaker Jeremy Branch from the Penn State University's Admissions Office. Our Keynote speaker will be followed by workshops on various topics including financial aid, finding the right fit, and college essay writing. Join us for a very informative night.

'Stoga Points of Pride

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

- **Head Coach of Conestoga Boys Soccer, Dave Zimmerman, named Coach of the Year**
- **Students receive recognition at Journalism Education Association Conference**

Winter Weather is Coming! Sign Up to Receive Emergency Text Alerts Today

The T/E School District now offers the option for parents to receive a text message alert when there is an emergency announcement from TE All-Call, the District's mass communication system. All parent/guardian mobile numbers in the TE All-Call system received a text invitation on November 17, 2016 with instructions on how to opt-in to receive text messages. If you missed the text invitation, or have added a new mobile number or changed an existing mobile number, **you can still sign up to receive emergency text alerts by texting Y to 67587**. Please note that your mobile number must

already be on file in the TE All-Call system in order for you to begin receiving emergency text alerts. To add a new mobile number or change an existing number, please contact your child's school. For more information, including frequently asked questions, visit www.tesd.net/teallcall.

Approval of 2017-2018 School Year Calendar

The 2017-2018 instructional calendar was approved by the Board at their meeting on November 14, 2016. For your planning purposes, please [view this link to access the calendar](#).

Attention All Seniors

Changes to the 2017-2018 FAFSA

New as of this fall 2016:

- Students were 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. *

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.](#)

Schoology 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 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

Class Parent Organizations

Class of 2017

Senior Class Parent Meeting: January 12, 2017 at 9:30 AM in the Auditorium

Class of 2018

Junior Class Parent Meeting: January 10, 2017 at 9:30 AM in the Auditorium

Class of 2019

Sophomore Class Parent Meeting: January 19, 2017 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

Class of 2020

Freshman Class Parent Meeting: January 17, 2017 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
<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.

Extended Experience Fall 2016

[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 9, 2017.** 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.

QUICK LINKS

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

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>
TED Talks	12/16/16	7:20 am	Room 268
Advanced Theater Arts 3rd Grade Show	12/22/16	10:00 am	Auditorium
Winter Break	12/26-1/2/17		
Special School Board Meeting	1/3/17	7:30 pm	CHS Cafeteria
Senior Internship Orientation Meeting	1/4/17	7:20 - 2:20 pm	Auditorium
Senior Internship Orientation Meeting	1/5/17	7:20 am - 2:20 pm	Auditorium
Senior Internship Orientation I	1/6/17	7:20 am - 2:20 pm	Room 142

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