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Volunteer Clearances : Update for 2015-2016

Volunteer Clearances for 2015-2016

Thanks to all of you who have already completed or are in the process of completing the background clearances that will be required to volunteer at Conestoga next year. We use nearly 200 volunteers at Conestoga in the beginning of the school year.

On Wednesday, June 10th, Governor Wolf announced that the State will waive fees for the Pennsylvania Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Clearance for volunteers working with children. The fee waiver of \$10 per clearance will be effective on July 25th.

Please obtain the clearances as soon as possible so you can continue to support all the many volunteer jobs that support of our students and our staff. Please submit your clearance confirmations to the Human Resources Department at the District Administration Offices via email at volunteerclearances@tesd.net or by mailing them to:

Tredyffrin/Easttown School District
Human Resources Department
940 West Valley Road, Suite 1700
Wayne, PA 19087

There are three clearances required:

- The Pennsylvania Criminal Background Check
- The Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance
- The Federal (FBI) Criminal History Clearance

OR

A signed and witnessed waiver for ten year residents of Pennsylvania. Your signature on this form can be witnessed by any adult.

[Click here to download the FBI Clearance waiver for ten year residents of Pennsylvania.](#)

[Click here for information on how to obtain clearances.](#)

Thanks so much for your continuing support of the students and the staff of



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CHS English Department 2015 Summer Assignments - can be found on the CHS Website (Student TAB, Summer Assignments)

[Click Here to Link to CHS Summer Assignments](#)

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.

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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 at http://www1.ncaa.org/ECVR2/NCAA_FMS/NCAA.jsp.



the T/E schools.

Sincerely,

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Medications

If your student currently has medication/medical supplies in the Nurse's Office, it will need to be picked up by a parent or guardian by **June 18th**.

Any medications which remain after the last day of school will be discarded.

The District Medication Policy 5406 requires that a new doctor's order be written each year in order for a child to receive prescription or over-the-counter medications in school.

SAT Changes Announced

SAT Changes Announced - The College Board has announced a new *SAT Suite of Assessments* to be launched during the 2015-16 school year which will impact the Class of 2017 and beyond. It will include a redesigned SAT (March 2016), a redesigned PSAT/NMSQT (October 2015) as well as a new PSAT 10 designed for 10th graders (February 2016) and new PSAT 8/9 designed for 8th and 9th graders (October 2015). As part of the changes, College Board is requiring all schools to administer the PSAT during the school day. On October 14, 2015 Conestoga will administer the PSAT/NMSQT and the PSAT 8/9. A letter will be sent home to all high school students in September with details about the testing schedule. Please note, these changes will NOT impact the Class of 2016 as the SAT changes begin in March of 2016. We encourage students and families to visit the College Board website at: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/> to learn more about the upcoming changes. Additionally, students in the Class of 2017 will meet with their counselors in early June for an information session about the upcoming changes. Please contact any of our guidance counselors with questions regarding the new *SAT Suite of Assessments*.

AFS Seeks Host Families for Exchange Students

Without leaving your home, your family can experience the richness of another culture by hosting an American Field Service (AFS) exchange student for the coming year. Students are carefully interviewed and selected by officials in their home countries, and are placed with families according to compatible interests. All students come with full medical insurance and their own spending money. Host families vary widely in size, age, and income level. Requirements for hosting are curiosity about other cultures, a sense of humor, flexibility, and a willingness to open one's home and heart to a student from another country.

Placements are available for either one or two semesters. However, changes are made whenever student family chemistry is not satisfactory. If you are interested in serving as an AFS host family, or if you would like further information, call Carolyn Veith, local AFS coordinator, at 610- 688-5146.

Health Curriculum Reminder - SOS Program

As you may recall from the letter sent to ninth grade parents in the summer mailing, Conestoga is offering depression awareness and suicide prevention training as part of the health wellness curriculum using information from a research based program, the Signs of Suicide® (SOS) Prevention Program. Ninth grade students will take part in the SOS program during the mental health unit of their Health & Fitness course. Ninth grade students who had Health & Fitness in the fall took part in the SOS program from November 10 - 14, 2014. Ninth graders currently enrolled in health for the spring semester will take part on April 7 - 13, 2015. 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.

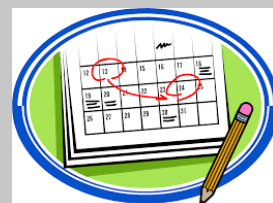
Our goals in presenting this course content using the SOS Prevention Program are:

- To help students understand that depression is a treatable illness
- To explain that suicide is a preventable tragedy that often occurs as a result of untreated depression
- To provide students training in how to identify serious depression and potential suicidal thoughts in themselves or a friend
- To impress upon youth that they can help themselves or a friend by taking the simple step of talking to a responsible adult about their concerns
- To help students know which adults in the school they can turn to for help, if they need it

Helpful information for parents can also be found at:

<http://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/print/2015/03/16/guest-opinion-keep-calm-and-parent-on>

2015-2016 School District Calendar Information



Please visit the T/E School District web site to view the [2015-2016](#)

[School District Calendar Information](#) or click on the link below to view the 2015-2016 School District Calendar Information. School staff members are beginning to plan events and activities for the 2015-16 school year. Parents are encouraged to check the calendar after June 1, 2015 for dates of school events and activities.

[2015-2016 School District Calendar Information](#)

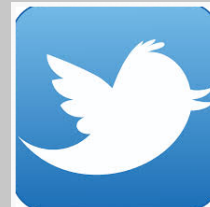
Student Services Update:
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Sample Letter in Support of House Bill 168 -
Eliminating Keystone Exams as a Graduation
Requirement

At its meeting on February 23rd, the School Board approved a resolution supporting House Bill 168, which eliminates Keystone Exams as a graduation requirement. We have posted the Board's resolution as well as a sample letter in case parents or community members are interested in expressing an opinion about House Bill 168 or the Keystone Exams. Below is a link to information about the Keystone Exams, the sample letter and the Board's resolution. This information is also available on the T/E School

Upcoming Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
ACT Testing	6/13/2015	8:00 AM	CHS
School Board Meeting	6/15/2015	7:30 PM	CHS Cafeteria
Final Exams	6/16-6/18/2015	7:20 AM	CHS
Last Day of School - 1/2 Day/PM In-Service	6/19/2015		CHS

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