Conestoga High School

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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.

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<u>Late Night Stoga</u> <u>Junior After Prom</u>

Class of 2016

Junior Prom (must have ticket) is Saturday 5/16 at the Sheraton Valley Forge from 6pm to 10pm. Must arrive by 7pm.

Junior After Prom....Late Night Stoga (must be registered) is back at Conestoga from 10:30pm to 1:30am.

- Clothes Drop off available....Saturday 5/16 morning 8-10am
- Students are expected to arrive by 11PM
- Students should down load & install the PARTY PRINT App from the App store or Google Play ahead of time for uploading the photos to the live steaming that night.

The After Prom Committee hope all the students have a wonderful Junior Prom night!

CLASS PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Class of 2015</u>

Senior Parent Luncheon: May 20th at 11:30 AM Tracey Prestipino's House 1179 Pebble Spring Drive.

RSVP: <u>conestoga2015@gmail.com</u> indicating whether you will bring a salad or dessert.

Class of 2016

Junior Parent Luncheon:
Wednesday, June 10th at 11:30 AM
Diane and Evan Pancoast
423 Heatherwood Lane, Devon
RSVP to pancoastfamily@comcast.net
with salad/side/dessert you can bring.

Senior Internship Program

The members of the Class of 2015 are presently partaking in their senior internship experiences. Parents, students, faculty advisors and community sponsors will receive mailings toward the end of the program seeking their input on the experience. The parent and student evaluation forms should be returned with the completed student journals when the students meet in the gym for the mandatory commencement rehearsal on Monday, June 1.

Questions may be addressed to Pattie Littlewood, Program Coordinator, at (610) 240-1913 or at littlewoodp@tesd.net. The Senior Internship Advisory Committee and Mrs. Littlewood wish for an exciting and rewarding experience for each participating

AFS Seeks Host Families for Exchange Students

Class of 2017

Sophomore Parent Luncheon:
June 9th
More detials to follow.
For information contact Lorraine
Miller email:

Lsm4good@gmail.com

Class of 2018

Freshman Class Parent Meeting: Thursday, June 11th at 11:00 AM at the home of Susanne and Douglas Hay, 278 Coket Lane, in Strafford. Please note that the meeting time has changed from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

Volunteers Needed

Parents play an active role in supporting the activities of Conestoga. Last year, more than three hundred parents and community members donated their time-some regularly and some on a one-time-only basis.

In addition to helping with clerical work, mailings, supporting class projects and student activities, and driving students to special events, there are opportunities for volunteers to speak to students about their careers.

Please contact Pattie Littlewood, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at Illlewoodp@tesd.net or at 610-240-1913, if you are interested in being involved in these or other activities at the high school.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in and support of Conestoga.

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://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp.



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.

<u>Health Curriculum Reminder - SOS Program</u>

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/quest-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



Please come to our Fall Sports Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the CHS Auditorium. This meeting is for any parent/guardian with a child interested participating in a Fall Sport.

Student Services Update: 'STOGA GUIDANCE Now on Twitter!



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Follow the Conestoga Guidance Department on Twitter for the latest updates on Guidance events and college information!
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Volunteer Clearances

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.

LINKS TO CLEARANCES:

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 the T/E schools.

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

Please send in your clearances by July 1, 2015, to insure that you are available to volunteer at the beginning of the next school year.

Class of 2015 Reflections Ceremony

SAVETHE DATE: June 1, 2015 - 7 pm

Reflections is a non-denominational event that is held at Daylesford Abbey for the Conestoga High School's Graduating Class of 2015 and their parents. During the program, selected senior students will take part in musical performances and speeches, celebrating and reflecting on the Class of 2015's school years.

- **Senior SPEAKERS needed** Reflections <u>speech auditions</u> <u>took place April 14</u>. See Senior Class Advisors, Mrs. Ebarvia (Rm 290) or Mrs. Gately (Rm 292).
- **Senior SINGERS/MUSICIANS needed** Reflections music auditions were April 15.

Note to parents: Space constraints at the Abbey do prohibit us from inviting more than parents and members of the Class of 2015 to this event. Invitations with more details will be mailed in May.

Attention Juniors



Juniors:

- Parking Permit Applications will be available in the Athletic Office, Main Office, or can be downloaded from the <u>CHS Website</u> starting on **Monday, April 13**.
- Parking Permit Applications for Eligible Juniors will be accepted starting on Monday, April 20, 2015 in Room 118 (The Athletic Office).
- Parking Privileges will not be available for pick-up until Friday, May
 1, 2015 and can be picked up in the Athletic Office.
- Juniors can begin parking on Monday, May 4, 2015. The fee is \$45.00.

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 District home page at www.tesd.net.

<u>Sample Letter in Support of House Bill 168 - Eliminating Keystone Exams</u> <u>as a Graduation Requirement</u>

Upcoming Events

EVENT DATE TIME LOCATION

Keystone Exam: Literature Module 1 5/15/2015 11:37 AM CHS

Junior Prom	5/16/2015	6:00 PM	Sheraton Valley Forge
CAPCO Junior Prom After Party	5/16/2015	10:30 PM	CHS
Freshman Class Trip to Hershey Park	5/16/2015	7:50 AM	Hershey Park
Keystone Exam: Literature Module 2	5/18/2015	8:20 AM	CHS
No School: Inservice Day	5/19/2015		
Keystone Exam: Biology Module 1	5/20/2015	8:20 AM	CHS
Fall Sports Meeting	5/20/2015	7:00 PM	Auditorium
Keystone Exam: Biology Module 2	5/21/2015	11:37 AM	CHS
Health Fair (Rain date is 5/29)	5/22/2015	8:20 AM	Track - Gyms
Memorial Day: No School	5/25/2015		
Move Up Day: VFMS	5/26/2015	7:30 AM	CHS
Move Up Day: TEMS	5/27/2015	7:30 AM	CHS
Awards Evening	5/28/2015	7:00 PM	Auditorium

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