

Conestoga High School

Issue 1: August-September 2017



Dear Parents,

On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff, I welcome you to the 2017-18 school year! The Big C will soon be bustling with students and the expectations of early fall as the new school year begins. It is always refreshing to witness the anticipation and excitement our students bring as the halls and classrooms again buzz with activity.

Please be sure to view the District 2017-18 School Calendar which can be found at www.tesd.net. We have many exciting activities planned for opening days, with special attention given to orientation programs for freshman and students new to the district. We look forward to an outstanding school year as we welcome the Class of 2021.

Welcome back and as always, Go 'Stoga!

Amy A. Meisinger, Ph.D.
Principal

Conestoga's Code of Conduct

Please click on the link below to access the Conestoga High School Code of Conduct. It is imperative that all students read it and have a thorough understanding of the conduct that is expected when on school grounds and at school sponsored sports and activities. When a violation occurs, students will be seen by a Conestoga administrator and may receive consequences for that offense. Parents will be informed when a student is involved in any incidents that result in either an Evening Supervised Study (ESS), Saturday Detention, or an Out of School Suspension. While we pride ourselves in having a very positive and safe school environment, we also want to emphasize the importance of every student recognizing their responsibility in maintaining that standard of excellence in both academics and behavior.

[Please click here to view the Code of Conduct.](#)

Fall Schedule Change Reminders

Once school begins, students will attend their scheduled classes for the first several days of school. We will resume making changes on Tuesday, September 5 through Friday, September 8, 2017. Core level changes can be made through December 22, the last school day prior to winter break. Requests for specific teachers, periods and course sections will not be honored.

Come to Open House September 14, 2017

Parents are invited to attend Conestoga High School's 2017 Open House program beginning at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 14, 2017. Prior to the event, students will be asked to take home a copy of their Day 1 schedule along with a map of the building. Upon entering the building, parents will report directly to their child's first period class, which will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. Each class will meet for twelve minutes, during which time teachers will discuss course content, requirements, homework, and grading practices. Study halls and unassigned periods will provide opportunities for brief contact with administrators, school counselors, nurses, librarians and other support personnel. These periods also provide a good opportunity to visit the cafeteria where light refreshments will be available.

College Application Night

Attention All Seniors: Please join us on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the CHS Auditorium for College Application Night. This program will teach seniors how to apply to college at Conestoga. It is a great way to learn more about the college application process. All seniors and their parents are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Emergency Cards

The Green Emergency Medical Information Card was mailed home. It is important for the school nurse to have this card on file for each student. If you have not already done so, please return the completed card to the school nurse as soon as possible. Remember to fill out both sides of the card. If there are any changes in emergency information during the school year, please notify the nurse with an update.

Allergy Alert

Our district, consistent with national trends, continues to see an increase in the prevalence of students with life threatening food allergies. The focus of our allergy management continues to be prevention, education, awareness, communication and emergency response.

As you may know, our District Continues to review and update our Allergy Policy and Regulation (5403) and the Wellness Policy and Regulation (5402) to assure that they appropriately provide for the safety of our children. A copy of these District policies and the regulations are available on the District's website (www.tesd.net).

STUDENTS WHO HAVE LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES NEED ALL OF US TO KEEP THEM SAFE

Extended Experience Fall 2017

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. Return a completed [Fall EEPE Application](#) form by the due date of September 8, 2017.
2. Participate in at least 30 hours of supervised instruction.
3. Complete and return a Fall EEPE Verification form by January 5, 2018.

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 8, 2017 students will not be able to earn credit for the Fall Semester 2017. 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.

Student Information & Directory Verification Sheets

Please note that Student Information & Directory Verification Sheets must be returned to school by Friday, September 1st in order to be included in the CHS Directory. Directories will be sold at Open House on September 14th.

Back to School Means Back to Volunteering:

Parents play an active role in supporting the activities at Conestoga. We are grateful to the many parents and community members who donated their time during the school year. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped in many ways over the summer and to those who have stepped up to help with Health Screenings the first two days of school. There are many opportunities to volunteer at Conestoga in September.

We need volunteers to help with a mailing at 9:30am, on September 15th. Also, volunteers are needed in the Library and in the

Achievement Center. (Please note that background clearances are required to volunteer in the Achievement Center.)

Also, many volunteers are needed to help out at the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 5th at the Coat Check and Water Station. Don't worry - your child won't see you; you are NOT chaperoning the dance! For questions or volunteering, please contact Jeanne Braun, Community and Volunteer Services Coordinator at 610-240-1013 or braunj@tesd.net. Thank you for your continued interest and support of Conestoga.

T&E Care School Meal Assistance Program

Tredyffrin & Easttown Care is a local non-profit that helps families in our community in a variety of ways. Because effective learning is best done on a full stomach, T&E Care supports families in the T/E School District who meet certain income criteria with a school meal assistance program. Families who are approved for free or reduced lunch assistance are not eligible to apply for our program as well. More details on the acceptance criteria can be found on the [short application](#).

If your family could use a little extra help with breakfast and/or lunch assistance and you feel you might fit the criteria explained in the application, please contact your child's counselor for a copy of the application. You can also go to T&E Care's website to download the application (address below). There is no deadline to apply - your child can join this program at any time during the school year. Assuming funds permit, the assistance of \$35/mo/student for elementary students, \$45/mo/student for middle school students, and \$55/mo/student for CHS students will be offered by T&E Care during the 2017/2018 school year.

Any community members interested in helping to fund this important initiative, please go to T&E Care's website (www.tecare.org) for more details on how to get involved.

<http://www.tecare.org/needs-assistance/school-meal-assistance/>

'Stoga Points of Pride

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

- **CHS student creates computer science camp for students grades two through seven**

Class Parent Organizations

Class of 2018

Senior Class Parent Meeting: September 26, 2017 at 9:30 am in room 142

Class of 2019

Junior Class Parent Meeting: September 14, 2017 at 9:30 am in room 142

Class of 2020

Sophomore Class Parent Meeting: September 28, 2017 at 9:30 am in room 142

Class of 2021

Freshman Class Parent Meeting: September 19, 2017 at 9:30 am in room 142

Attention Class of 2018

Senior portraits for the **Class of 2018** will be taken on the following Saturdays: **September 9, 16, 23, 30** (9:00AM - 2:00PM) by Prestige of Lifetouch Studio. NO OTHER DATES WILL BE SCHEDULED AT CONESTOGA. Appointment cards will be mailed to your home by the studio. To contact the studio, Log on to <http://www.ouryear.com/> 87046 or call 1-800-OUR-YEAR(687-9327). The yearbook staff does not schedule your appointment.

For information about what to wear and bring, go to <http://www.Stogayearbook.com>.

After September 30, if you have not had a picture taken and would like to appear in the yearbook, you must go to the studio for a session. All pictures must be taken by October 31 in order to appear in the yearbook. Contact the studio for more information.

Once your pictures have been taken, the studio will mail proofs to your home. Follow their directions to select a picture for the yearbook. If you took your pictures after September 30, you might not be able to select your yearbook pose due to the late date.

National Honor Society Plans Induction November 8, 2017

The Conestoga Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its annual induction ceremony on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. As specified by its national charter, NHS members are chosen on the basis of scholarship, service, leadership and character. They participate in various service projects in school and in the community. Students who have completed at least one full semester at CHS by the end of their sophomore or junior year are considered for membership. For the Classes of 2018 and 2019, a cumulative weighted GPA of 4.70 or higher is required for eligibility. Students who have achieved this GPA will receive letters inviting them to complete activity forms. Candidates are reviewed by a five member faculty council on the basis of the four factors noted above. Students who meet the criteria of the organization are invited to attend the ceremony and become members of the NHS. Following induction, members of NHS are required to uphold the highest standards of character, leadership, service, and academic

achievement. They are also required to attend monthly meetings and participate in service project. Parents with questions should contact Melissa Boltz, Guidance Counselor and NHS Advisor, at boltzm@tesd.net.

2017-2018 Valley Forge Basketball League

The Valley Forge Basketball League is open to all boys in grades 8, 9 and 10. The season runs from early November through February with games played on Saturday afternoons at Valley Forge Middle School.

[Please view this link for more details and information regarding the program.](#)

[Please click here to access the program application.](#)

2017-2018 Fall Squash Program

Do you aspire to play for Conestoga High School Varsity Squash Team? Please view the link below for information on the 2017 Fall Squash Program. The deadline for registration is 9/4/17.

[Please click here to view the Fall Squash Session Information and Registration Form.](#)

2017-2018 School District Calendar Information

Please visit the [T/E School District website to view the 2017-2018 School District Calendar information](#). School staff members have begun planning events and activities for the 2017-2018 school year.

To view the single page summary of the 2017-18 school year please [view this link](#).

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

School Counselor Assignments
Student Services Center assignments for 2017-2018 are as follows:

Guidance Counselor	Class of 2018	Class of 2019 & Beyond
Laureen Stohrer	A-Br	A-Bro
Rachelle Gough/ Annie Davis	Bu-Dh	Bru-Dh
Katherine Barthelmeh	Di-Gai	Di-Gr
Brian Samson	Gal-Ja	Gu-Ke
Melissa Boltz	Je-L	Kh-Ma

<u>Jennifer Kratsa</u>	M-Na	Mc-N
<u>Dan McDermott</u>	Ne-R	O-R
<u>Leashia Lewis</u>	S-Te	S-T
<u>Megan Smyth</u>	Th-Z	U-Z

Mental Health Specialist	Student Last Name
<u>Dr. Christine Dunleavy</u>	A-L
<u>Mrs. Joellen Corrocher</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.

QUICK LINKS

- **Student Services Department**
- **Senior Parking and Privilege Information**
- **Conestoga High School website**

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 at 610-240-1024, for additional information.

Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
First Day of School	8/28/17	7:20 am	CHS
Fall Sports begin for Freshman/JVB	8/28/17	2:30 pm	
Regular School Board Meeting	8/28/17	7:30 pm	CHS Cafeteria
Picture Day	9/1/17	7:20 am	Auditorium

No School - Labor Day	9/4/17		
Club Fair	9/11-9/15/17	7:20 am	Main Lobby
Back to School Night / Open House	9/14/17	7:00 pm	CHS

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