

# Conestoga High School

Issue 3: September-October 2017



## **Homecoming Dance** **Saturday, October 7, 2017**

The annual Homecoming Dance, sponsored by Student Council, is scheduled for Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Students from all grade levels attend the dance, with or without dates. The dress is "semiformal," which means acceptable attire is considered a dress, dress pants, or coat and tie and no jeans. Parent volunteers staff the refreshment area and the coat check. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jeanne Braun at 610-240-1913 or [braunj@tesd.net](mailto:braunj@tesd.net).

A helpful hint for parents: Please label your students' items (such as blue blazers!) so they can be easily found at the end of the evening. Unfortunately, blazers, phones, and shoes have been lost in the past. Conestoga cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items, so make sure to label everything that your student checks.

**Homecoming tickets will be sold at Conestoga for two weeks prior to the dance.**

**No tickets will be sold at the door.**

**All Conestoga High School Code of Conduct Rules are in effect.**

### **Additional Homecoming Information**

With the arrival of Fall, we eagerly anticipate our annual Homecoming Weekend on Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7. Activities scheduled for the weekend include:

- Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday, October 6 at 1:00 pm
- Homecoming Football Game vs. Strath Haven on Friday, October 6 at 7:00 pm
- Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 7 from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at CHS

Students must arrive to the dance by 8:30PM. Guest passes are required for any non-CHS student. Passes are available in the Main Office. It is our expectation that students will conduct themselves appropriately and show good judgment throughout all events. All school rules will be in effect, as is the case with school sponsored activities. Additionally, administrators will be visiting homerooms in the coming weeks to discuss appropriate decorum and expectations with the students.

We encourage you to consider the following suggestions to ensure a successful homecoming weekend. Communicate clear expectations to you son/daughter.

Help your son/daughter make the right choices by giving him/her clear, uncompromising messages that discourage drinking alcohol and the use of drugs.

Communicate with the parents of your child's date. Get his/her phone number in case of an emergency.

Network with other parents on safe and appropriate pre and post-dance activities.

Homecoming is an exciting experience for our students. With your support of our efforts to provide a positive, safe environment, we are confident that our students will have a memorable and enjoyable experience.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Many volunteers are needed to help out at the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Don't worry - your child won't see you; - you are NOT chaperoning the dance! We need parents to work at the Coat Check and Refreshments. Please contact Jeanne Braun, Community and Volunteer Services Coordinator at 610-240-1013 or [braunj@tesd.net](mailto:braunj@tesd.net) if you are able to help. Thank you!

### **Pennsylvania Youth Survey**

The ***Pennsylvania Youth Survey*** will be administered to students in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> in their World History, US History, and Physics classes. Seniors not scheduled for Physics and 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders not scheduled for World or US History, will take the survey during their 4<sup>th</sup> period classes. 11<sup>th</sup> grade will not participate. PAYS is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and Drug and Alcohol program. The survey asks questions about the behaviors of youth, including questions about violence, weapons usage, and substance use. The survey takes about 45 minutes to complete. You can view the entire 2017 survey on the Commission's website [www.pays.state.pa.us](http://www.pays.state.pa.us). The survey is anonymous and voluntary but we encourage participation as the results are important to our district as we work to help students. A letter was sent home in September with more information and the opportunity to opt your

child out. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Misty Whelan, Assistant Principal at [whelanm@tesd.net](mailto:whelanm@tesd.net) or call 610-240-1018.

## **PSAT Testing**

We have begun preparations for this year's administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). As a school, we value the experience the PSAT offers our students in preparing them for College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) as the SAT remains the most commonly utilized assessment for Conestoga students in the college admission process. This week a letter was mailed home to all families of students in grades 9-11 regarding the administration of PSATs which contained the following information:

On Thursday, October 12 Conestoga will administer the PSAT 8/9 to all 9th grade students. Testing will take place from 7:20 am - 10:30 am All expenses will be covered by the district.

Conestoga will offer the PSAT/NMSQT on Saturday, October 14 to all interested students. Registration will occur the week of September 11-15 during lunches. The fee for the PSAT/NMSQT is \$25. 9th graders who wish to register for the PSAT/NMSQT instead of the PSAT 8/9 should notify their counselor before September 22nd.

Counselors will be visiting homerooms in the coming weeks to share information with 9th, 10th, and 11th graders.

For additional information:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/> We are pleased to offer this opportunity to further support college readiness and assist students to achieve their personal best. Please contact any of our school counselors with questions regarding the *SAT Suite of Assessments* or PSAT administration.

## **College Fair**

Attention Junior and Seniors....Please save the date!

**Conestoga's Third Annual College Fair will be held on Monday, November 13 from 1:30 - 2:30 pm in the gyms.** We look forward to welcoming more than 100 colleges and universities to our school. This is a great opportunity for you to meet with many college admissions representatives all at one time. Students with an 8th period class must receive teacher permission to miss class. Interested sophomores are also welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Tech Deck Update**

As previously communicated, the T/E School District began a 1:1 Technology Initiative to provide laptops to all students at Conestoga High School in 2016-2017. This initiative has been completed for all grades for the 2017-2018 school year. As of September 15, 2017 all students should either have their own device or should have picked

up their district-provided laptop. Any laptops not picked up as of September 15th will no longer be reserved for specific students and will be made available for Conestoga's use as needed. Additional information about the 1:1 Technology Initiative is available on our website (available at [www.tesd.net/laptops](http://www.tesd.net/laptops)).

## **Report Cards and Progress Reports**

First marking period progress reports will be mailed home during the week of October 2, 2017. The first marking period will end on Friday, November 3, 2017. Consult the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District online calendar at [www.tesd.net](http://www.tesd.net) for further information on marking periods ending dates.

## **'Stoga Points of Pride**

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

- **Conestoga High School leads PA with 34 National Merit Semifinalists**

## **Sports Announcements**

In order to provide the most current updated sports information on a given day due to changes that may occur regarding adverse weather conditions/cancellations or for some other reason, the Athletic Department has implemented the following for your convenience:

- For updated announcements, please refer to the CHS website. On the top bar-click on Announcements under the Athletic tab.
- If you would like to receive e-mail/text alerts in regards to any type of sports announcements/changes, you will need to register at [digital.sports.com](http://digital.sports.com). Please refer to the announcement section of the Athletic webpage to review the step-by-step directions.

Please feel free to call the Athletic Department at 610-240-1024 at any time.

## **Fall Schedule Change Reminders**

Once school began, students attended their scheduled classes for the first several days of school. Schedule changes resumed 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.

## **Extended Experience Fall 2017**

EEPE: Please be advised that if your child has EEPE on their schedule and they have not submitted their application, the course will be dropped for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders and 12<sup>th</sup> graders and they will be placed in a PE course effective Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Notices have been sent to your children if their application was not received last week.

### **New - Automated Attendance Calls and Emails**

Beginning this school year, the District will be sending an automated phone call and email when a student is absent from school so that parents may readily respond with a valid excuse. The email will provide parents with an easy option to reply and indicate the reason for the absence. Parents may disregard the call and email if they have already provided a valid excuse to the school's attendance office. [Click here for more information on attendance procedures.](#)

### **Conestoga Monthly Parent Meetings and Parent Class 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. You can find the dates, times and locations for your monthly parent meeting by checking the Conestoga website. 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](mailto:braunj@tesd.net) with any questions.

Class of 2018	Dawn Morgan	<a href="mailto:chs2018parents@tesd.net">chs2018parents@tesd.net</a>
Class of 2019	Margaret MacKenzie	<a href="mailto:chs2019parents@tesd.net">chs2019parents@tesd.net</a>
Class of 2020	Tracey Prestipino	<a href="mailto:chs2020parents@tesd.net">chs2020parents@tesd.net</a>
Class of 2021	Katrinia Hottenstein	<a href="mailto:chs2021parents@tesd.net">chs2021parents@tesd.net</a>

### **Class Parent Organizations**

#### **Class of 2018**

Senior Class Parent Meeting: September 26, 2017 at 9:30 am in room 268

#### **Class of 2019**

Junior Class Parent Meeting: October 19, 2017 at 9:30 am in room 142

#### **Class of 2020**

Sophomore Class Parent Meeting: September 28, 2017 at 9:30 am in room 268

#### **Class of 2021**

## **Arch Presents a Book Discussion**

ARCH is kicking off the school year with a Book Talk discussing the New York Times bestseller, *The Teenage Brain*. [Please click here to view the informational flyer.](#) The book discussion will take place on **October 18, 2017 at 9:30 am at the Easttown Library.**

## **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](http://www.tecare.org)) for more details on how to get involved.

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

## **Attention Class of 2018**

Senior portraits for the **Class of 2018** will be taken on the following Saturdays: **September 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](mailto:boltzm@tesd.net).

### **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:

<b>Guidance Counselor</b>	<b>Class of 2018</b>	<b>Class of 2019 &amp; Beyond</b>
<a href="#">Laureen Stohrer</a>	A-Br	A-Bro
<a href="#">Rachelle Gough/ Annie Davis</a>	Bu-Dh	Bru-Dh

<u>Katherine 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</u>	S-Te	S-T
<u>Megan Smyth</u>	Th-Z	U-Z

<b>Mental Health Specialist</b>	<b>Student Last Name</b>
<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](http://www.digitalsports.com) by entering "Conestoga High School." Please contact the CHS Athletic Office at 610-240-1024, for additional information.

## **Upcoming Events**

<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
Senior Portraits	9/23/17	9:00 am	Cafeteria
Regular School Board	9/25/17	7:30 pm	Cafeteria



Meeting			
Senior Parent Meeting	9/26/17	9:30 am	Room 268
PA Youth Survey	9/28/17	9:54 am	Classrooms and Cafeteria
Sophomore Parent Meeting	9/28/17	9:30 am	Room 268
Tri-M Induction Night	10/4/17	7:00 pm	Auditorium
Homecoming Football Game	10/6/17	7:00 pm	Home game
SAT Testing	10/7/17	8:00 am	CHS
Homecoming Dance	10/7/17	7:30 pm	CHS
Freshman Parent Meeting	10/10/17	9:30 am	Room 142

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