

Conestoga High School

Issue 3: September-October 2018



Chris Herren All School Assembly Planned for October 3, 2018

Chris Herren will present to students and staff on October 3rd during periods 3 and 4. His "Unguarded" program is a conversation about drug addiction and recovery with the hope of reaching just one person and making a difference. This opportunity has been made available through the efforts and contributions of the T/E School District, ARCH (Area Residents Caring and Helping), SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), Speak Up!, Nemours Children's Health System, Recovery Centers of America, the Tredyffrin Township Police Association, and the Tredyffrin Township Townwatch. Chris Herren will speak in the gym during 3rd and 4th periods to all students and staff.

In addition, he will hold an evening parent program in the CHS auditorium on Oct. 3rd at 7pm. Parents are welcome to come free of charge and hear Chris's story and message of recovery. He will help to emphasize the message of "with help comes hope".

Homecoming Dance Saturday, October 6, 2018

The annual Homecoming Dance, sponsored by Student Council, is scheduled for Saturday, October 6, from **7:00 pm to 10:00 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 selling tickets or volunteering at the dance, please contact Jeanne Braun at 610-240-1913 or 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 5th, and Saturday, October 6th. Activities scheduled for the weekend include:

- Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday, October 5 at 1:00 pm
- Homecoming Football Game vs. Marple Newtown on Friday, October 5 at 7:00 pm
- Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 6 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm at CHS

Students must arrive to the dance by 8:00 pm. 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 your 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 at the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 6th. We need parents to work at the Coat Check and Refreshments - you will not be chaperoning the dance. Please contact Jeanne Braun, Community and Volunteer Services Coordinator at 610 -240-1013 or braunj@tesd.net if you are able to help. Thank you!

Emergency Cards

Please turn these in as soon as possible if you have not done so already.

The Green Emergency Medical Information Card was mailed home this summer. 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.

Report Cards and Progress Reports

First marking period progress reports will be mailed home during the week of October 2, 2018. The first marking period will end on Friday, November 2, 2018. Consult the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District online calendar at www.tesd.net for further information on marking period ending dates.

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. Last week a letter went out to all families of students in grades 9-11 regarding the administration of PSATs which contained the following information:

On Thursday, October 11 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 13 to all interested students. Registration will occur the week of September 11-14 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 21st.

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 Fourth Annual College Fair will be held on **Monday, October 15 from 12:45 - 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. Many teachers will bring their classes, but if that is not the case, you must have permission to attend from your teacher. Interested sophomores are also welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please Join Us in Celebrating the 2018 Hall of Fame Induction Class

You are cordially invited to the 2018 T/E and Conestoga High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner Ceremony to be held at the Waynesborough Country Club on Saturday, October 6, 2018 starting at 6:00 pm. [Please click here to view more details about the event.](#)

The Achievement Center is Open!

The Conestoga Achievement Center, now located in Room 245B (at the back of the Library) serves as a place for any student to receive help in any subject on a drop-in basis. The best time to drop-in is during a study hall, a free period or during lunch. Students can receive help from a Math and Science Specialist, Writing Specialist, CHS Teachers, and National Honor Society Peer Tutors. It is open every period of the school day and all are welcome.

Fall Schedule Change Reminders

Once school begins, students will attend their scheduled classes for the first week of school. We resumed making changes on Tuesday, September 4 through Friday, September 7, 2018. Core level changes can be made through December 21, the last school day prior to winter break. Requests for specific teachers, periods and course sections will not be honored.

Attention Class of 2019

Senior portraits for the Class of 2019 will be taken on the following Saturdays: September 22, 29 (9:00 AM - 2:00 PM) by Prestige by 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 29, 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 29, you might not be able to select your yearbook pose due to the late date.

'Stoga Points of Pride

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

- **[Conestoga Students Nominated for National Student Emmy](#)**
- **[Thirty-Four Conestoga Seniors recognized as 2019 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists](#)**

Class Parent Organizations

Class of 2019

Senior Class Parent Meeting: October 18, 2018 at 9:30 am in Room 142

Class of 2020

Junior Class Parent Meeting: October 11, 2018 at 9:30 am in the Auditorium

Class of 2021

Sophomore Class Parent Meeting: October 16, 2018 at 9:30 am in Room 142

Class of 2022

Freshman Class Parent Meeting: October 9, 2018 at 9:30 am in Room 142

Sports Announcements/Alerts

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, scroll to Athletics then Announcements under the Athletic tab.
- If you would like to receive e-mail/text alerts regarding any type of sports announcements/changes, you will need to register at digitalsports.com. Please refer to CHS website. On the top bar-scroll to Athletics then Schedules/Alerts under the Athletic tab to review the step-by-step directions.

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

National Honor Society Plans Induction

November 7, 2018

The Conestoga Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its annual induction ceremony on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 6:00 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 2019 and 2020, 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 McMenamin, Guidance Counselor and NHS Advisor, at mcmenaminm@tesd.net.

A Note from the Attendance Office

When your child is going to miss school or is going to be late you must:

- Send an email to chsattendance@tesd.net or a written note within 3 days of your child's absence/ lateness with a valid reason.
- If you send a note without a valid reason (listed below), then the absence or lateness will remain unexcused.
 - If you email with a valid reason for the absence/lateness **before 9:00 a.m.** on the day of the absence/lateness, you will not receive phone calls, emails and texts. If you do not send an email before 9:00 a.m. then you can respond to the automated email you receive.
 - You do not need to call prior to your child's absence. You only need to send an email or a note for their return.

What to include in your emails/notes:

- FULL NAME OF YOUR CHILD
- GRADE
- VALID REASON (listed below)

Please note: missing the bus, traffic, and oversleeping are not reasons for being late.

Each marking period, your child is permitted 4 excused tardies and 2 unexcused tardies. Students who exceed this will receive a school detention or an ESS based on the Code of Conduct.

If you receive a phone call, email, or text that your child is absent, and you believe it is in error, please contact the attendance office as soon as possible.

Excused Absences and Tardies Reasons:

1. Personal illness
2. Family Emergency
3. Death of a Family Member
4. Medical or Dental Appointments
5. Authorized School Activities
6. Educational Travel with Prior Approval
7. Pre-approved Religious Instruction (limit 36 hours per year)
8. Bona Fide Religious Holiday
9. Tutorial Instruction in a field not offered in the District's curricula
10. Attending Court Hearings related to involvement with the County Children and Youth Agency or Juvenile Probation Office
11. When the student is required to leave school for the purposes of attending court hearings related to their involvement with the county children and youth agency or juvenile probation office
12. If the student is absent due to participation in a project sponsored by an organization that is eligible to apply for a grant under the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act
13. If a student is dismissed from school during school hours for health-related reasons by a certified school nurse, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse or a school administrator or designee employed by the District.
14. For the purpose of obtaining professional health care or therapy service rendered by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts in any state, commonwealth or territory.
15. If a student whose parent or legal guardian has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or is immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, with regard to school attendance, tests and extra-curricular or co-curricular activities, at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, no penalties shall be imposed for absences of up to five (5) days.
16. Where the Superintendent has approved an attendance plan necessitated by rare and extraordinary circumstances. In this context, "rare" means typically no more than 1 or 2 per year District-wide and "extraordinary circumstances" means the student is engaged in a profession or activity at a nationally recognized level.

AFS Update

The Conestoga community welcomes five students for the year. One young man, Luca from Italy, needs a host family to come forward. Might you consider for either the first or second semester? Luca is 17, an athletic and polite young man who likes to cheer people up and who is a great listener. At school his favorite subject is physics. Teachers describe him as a dedicated, extroverted, and versatile student with a patient character. He plays volleyball on a team and on weekends he plays basketball with his friends. Luca likes all sorts

of sport activities and would love to learn new ones. Contact Jane Greenwell (P '15, P '19) at 610.908.7568 or jfrantz@afsusa.org to talk about hosting Luca. In addition to Luca and our three young ladies (Tea from Norway, Louise from France and Canan from Germany), Michel from Germany will join us and be hosted by Kim and Hiroomi Tada for the first semester, and Karen and Michael Vadner for the second semester. Thank you to the Conestoga community, the generous host families (including the Margolis, Pentz, and Adams families), our AFS Conestoga volunteers (Jo Howarth, Sandy Forbes, Barbara Bashe, Carolyn Veith, Pattie Littlewood, Judy Weintraub) and to the students taking an exciting opportunity to study abroad.

Administrative and Counselor Assignments 2018-19

Principal	Dr. Amy Meisinger	
Assistant Principal	Dr. Patrick Boyle	Grade 12
Assistant Principal	Dr. Anthony DiLella	Grade 11
Assistant Principal	Mr. Jamie Bankert	Grade 10
Assistant Principal	Mrs. Misty Whelan	Grade 9
Athletic Director	Mr. Kevin Pechin	

Guidance Counselor	Student's Last Name
Laureen Stohrer	A-Bro
Rachelle Gough	Bru-Dh
Katherine Barthelmeh	Di-Gr
Brian Samson	Gu-Ke
Melissa Boltz	Kh-Ma
Jennifer Kratsa	Mc-N
Dan McDermott	O-R
Leashia Lewis	S-T
Kelly Camp (Megan Smyth)	U-Z

Mental Health Specialist	Student Last Name
Dr. Christine Dunleavy	A-L

Tredyffrin Library Hosts Diwali Event

Please [click this link to view the informational flyer](#) about an upcoming educational program that celebrates Diwali. Clubs from TEMS and CHS will be participating.

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 <http://stogapioneers.digitalsports.com> . 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>
Regular School Board Meeting	9/24/18	7:30 pm	Cafeteria
Tri-M Induction	10/2/18	9:00 am	Auditorium
Chris Herren Assembly	10/3/18	10:00 am	CHS Gym
Chris Herren: Community Presentation	10/3/18	7:00 pm	CHS Auditorium
SAT Testing	10/6/18	7:00 am	CHS
Conestoga Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony	10/6/18	6:00 pm	Waynesborough Country Club

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