

Conestoga High School

Issue 3: September-October 2016



Homecoming Dance

Saturday, September 24, 2016

The annual Homecoming Dance, sponsored by the Student Council, is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Students from all grade levels attend the dance, with or without dates. The dress is semi-formal.

Parent volunteers staff the refreshment areas and the coat check. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jeanne Braun at 610-240-1913 or braunj@tesd.net. 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.

Tickets were 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, September 23rd and Saturday, September 24th. Activities scheduled for the weekend include:

- Homecoming Pep Rally - Friday, September 23 at 1:00pm
- Homecoming Football Game vs. Harriton - Friday, September 23 at 7:00PM
- Homecoming Dance - Saturday, September 24 from 7:30 - 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.

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.

Schoology Tip: **Setting Up Emailed Grade Summary Notifications**

Are you looking for a simple way to receive an overview of your child's grades via Schoology? You are welcome to set up an email notification in Schoology that will send you either a daily or weekly summary email. Please view this Schoology step-by-step guide to walk through the process of setting up this grade summary notification tool: [Grade Summary Notification Set-Up](#).

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 13th** Conestoga will administer the PSAT 8/9 to all 9th grade students. Testing will take place from 7:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. All expenses will be covered by the district.
- Conestoga will offer the PSAT/NMSQT on **Saturday, October 15th** to all interested students.

- 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 at Conestoga

Attention Junior and Seniors....Please save the date! Conestoga's Second Annual **College Fair will be held on Monday, October 31st from 1:30 - 3:00pm 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 or plan to attend after school.

Interested sophomores are also welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

'Stoga Points of Pride

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

- **Thirty-three Conestoga seniors recognized for their achievements as National Merit Semifinalists**
- **Conestoga Club Fair September 13-16 - Electronic Sign-Ups Continue**

Conestoga Monthly Parent Meetings and Class Parent 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. For the schedule of Monthly Parent Meetings, click [here](#) to view the Conestoga calendar. The meetings take place at 9:30am, usually in Room 142. If you are unable to attend the Parent Meetings due to your work schedule, we offer Alternate Parent Meetings on November 17, February 23, and April 27 at 7:30 am.

Also, 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 with any questions.

Class of 2017	Lorraine Miller	chs2017parents@tesd.net
Class of 2018	Dawn Morgan	chs2018parents@tesd.net
Class of 2019	Margaret MacKenzie	chs2019parents@tesd.net
Class of 2020	Tracey Prestipino	chs2020parents@tesd.net

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Parent Volunteers

Thank you to the many parent volunteers who have helped to get the school year off to a good start. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you to AFS Host Families

Conestoga High School extends a heartfelt thank you to all of the families hosting an AFS (American Field Service) exchange student this school year. The flexibility, sense of humor, curiosity about other cultures and the willingness to open one's heart and home to a foreign student are just a few of the incredible qualities these host families exude. The AFS students would not be here were it not for these families' generosity and willingness to participate in this unique opportunity. Thank you!

Report Cards & Progress Reports

First marking period progress reports will be mailed home during the week of October 4, 2016. The first marking period will end on Friday, November 4, 2016. Consult the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District online calendar at www.tesd.net for further information on marking periods ending dates.

National Honors Society Plans Induction

November 9, 2016

The Conestoga Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its annual induction ceremony on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 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 2017 and 2018, 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.

MESSAGE FROM **THE STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

School Counselor Assignments
Student Services Center assignments for 2016-2017 are as follows:

Guidance Counselor	Classes of 2017-18	Class of 2019 & Beyond
<u>Laureen (McGloin) Stohrer</u>	A-Br	A-Bro
<u>Rachelle Gough/ Anne Davis</u>	Bu-Dh	Bru-Dh
<u>Katherine (Corkhill) 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 / Jodie Davis</u>	S-Te	S-T
<u>Megan Smyth / Christine Baumann</u>	Th-Z	U-Z

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

Fall Schedule Change Reminders

Once school began, students attended their scheduled classes for the first several days of school. We resumed making schedule changes on Tuesday, September 6 through September 9, 2016. Core level changes can be made through December 23, the last school day prior to winter break. Requests for specific teachers, periods and course sections will not be honored.

Extended Experience Fall 2016

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. Completed Fall EEPE Application form were due on September 9, 2016.
2. Participate in at least 30 hours of supervised instruction.
3. Complete and return a Fall EEPE Verification form by January 6, 2017.

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 9, 2016 students will not be able to earn credit for the Fall Semester 2016. 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.

TE CARE Meal Assistance Program

T&E Care offers 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 \$30/mo/student for elementary students, \$40/mo/student for middle school students, and \$50/mo/student for CHS students will be offered by T&E Care in the 2016/2017 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.

www.tecare.org/lookingforassistance/schoolmealassistance.html

Class Parent Organizations

Class of 2017

Senior Class Parent Meeting: October 13, 2016 at 9:30 AM in the Auditorium

Class of 2018

Junior Class Parent Meeting: October 11, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

Class of 2019

Sophomore Class Parent Meeting: October 20, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

Class of 2020

Freshman Class Parent Meeting: October 18, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

QUICK LINKS

- **Student Services Department**
- **Senior Privilege Information**
- **Senior Parking Permit Information**

CONESTOGA SPORTS SCHEDULES

Daily sports schedules for Conestoga high school athletic teams are available online at www.digialsports.com by entering "Conestoga High School." Please contact the CHS Athletic Office at 610-240-1024, for additional information.

NCAA and Student Athletes

Student 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](#).

Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Class of 2017 Senior Portraits	9/24/16	9:00 am	Cafeteria (Teamer Side / FDR)
Fall Drama Rehearsals	9/24/16	9:00 am	Auditorium
Regular School Board Meeting	9/26/16	7:30 pm	Cafeteria
ADL Training	9/30/16	7:20 am	268
SAT Testing	10/1/16	8:00 am	CHS
Class of 2017 Senior Portraits	10/1/16	9:00 am	Cafeteria (Teamer side / FDR)
No School	10/3/16		
Tri-M Induction	10/4/16	9:00 am	Auditorium
Picture Retake Day	10/7/16	11:00 am	Auditorium

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