

# Conestoga High School

**Issue 3: September-October 2019**



## **Report Cards and Progress Reports**

First marking period progress reports will be mailed home on October 4, 2019. The first marking period will end on Friday, November 1, 2019. Consult the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District online calendar at [www.tesd.net](http://www.tesd.net) for further information on marking period ending dates.

## **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.

## **PSAT Testing - October 16, 2019**

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

- On Wednesday, October 16th Conestoga will administer the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9 to all students in grades 9-11
- 10th and 11th graders will take the PSAT/NMSQT

- 9th graders will take the PSAT 8/9 but may opt to take the PSAT/NMSQT by notifying their counselor before September 27th
- Seniors will NOT report to school on October 16th in order to provide an opportunity for college visitation and post-secondary planning
- All costs are covered by the district
- Students will be dismissed after testing with buses provided midday (approximately 11:30a.m.) and at 2:50p.m.
- College Board does not offer a make-up day for any absent students
- Students will receive additional information and preparation materials in homeroom in the coming weeks
- 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 PSAT administration.

## **College Fair**

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

Conestoga's Fourth Annual College Fair will be held on **Monday, October 21st from 1:15-3:00 pm** in the gyms. We look forward to welcoming more than 150 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!

## **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.

## **Attention Class of 2020**

Senior portraits for the Class of 2020 will be taken on the following Saturdays: September 21, 28 (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-OURYEAR (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 28, 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 28, you might not be able to select your yearbook pose due to the late date.

Parents who wish to place an ad of congratulations (traditionally a baby picture and message) for seniors, can place it on <http://stogayearbook.com/class-of-2020>. Ads are due October 31.

If you wish to purchase a yearbook, you can buy it online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com).

### **'Stoga Points of Pride**

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

- **[Forty-One Conestoga Seniors Recognized As 2020 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists](#)**

### **Class Parent Organizations**

#### **Class of 2020**

Senior Class Parent Meeting: October 24, 2019 at 9:30 am

#### **Class of 2021**

Junior Class Parent Meeting: October 17, 2019 at 9:30 am

#### **Class of 2022**

Sophomore Class Parent Meeting: October 22, 2019 at 9:30 am

#### **Class of 2023**

Freshman Class Parent Meeting: October 15, 2019 at 9:30 am

### **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 Athletics website](#). On the top bar, scroll to Athletics then Announcements under the Athletics 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 Athletics website](#). On the top bar-scroll to Athletics then Schedules/Alerts under the Athletic tab to review the step-by-step directions. Daily Sports Schedules can also be located here.

Please feel free to call the Athletic

## **National Honor Society Plans Induction** **November 6, 2019**

The Conestoga Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its annual induction ceremony on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 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 2020 and 2021, 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 the activity form/application.

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 projects. Parents with questions should contact Rachel Reavy, School Counselor, CCT Teacher and NHS Advisor, at [reavyr@tesd.net](mailto:reavyr@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](mailto: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 9:15 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 9:15 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 cocurricular 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.

## **Build T/E Hosts Executive Functioning Event**

BUILD is hosting a conversation about executive functioning, specific to planning and organizing schoolwork - a subset of executive function. Come ask questions, share ideas and connect with other parents. We seek to provide support and information, and to advocate for greater and broader executive function initiatives and awareness in the schools. For more information, [click here](#).

**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019

**Time:** 7:00pm-8:30pm

**Location:** Panera Bread, Gateway Shopping Center

Please [R.S.V.P here](#).

BUILD T/E is a parent-led, all-volunteer organization whose goal is to support families of children with all types of learning differences, residing in the Tredyffrin-Easttown School District. For more information, please visit [www.buildte.com](http://www.buildte.com).

## **AFS Update**

Our final two AFS students have joined our T/E community! Fazal Syed and Maira Rashid are hosting Marwan from Egypt for several weeks. Marwan needs a host family to come forward and take over by mid-October- could your family help? Also welcome Maria from Panama who is hosted by Angelica and Wyatt Riley. Please reach out and welcome all the students to our area and encourage your students to do the same. If your student is interested in the opportunity to apply for a full scholarship to study abroad through a Dept. of State YES, NSLI-Y, or YES scholarship administered by AFS, applications are open for two of the three. Questions? Contact [jgreenwell@afsusa.org](mailto:jgreenwell@afsusa.org).

## 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.

Conestoga Desi Club will also be hosting a Lantern (Kandil) Making Workshop on Saturday, October 12th at the Tredyffrin Library. Registration is required. [Please click here](#) to view the event flyer.

### QUICK LINKS

- [Student Services Department](#)
- [Senior Parking and Privilege Information](#)
- [Conestoga High School website](#)

### Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Homecoming Dance	9/21/19	7:00 pm	CHS Gym
Conestoga Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony	9/21/19	6:00 pm	Waynesborough Country Club
Tri-M Induction	10/2/19	9:00 am	CHS

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