

Conestoga High School

Issue 4: October 2017



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

The annual Homecoming Dance, sponsored by Student Council, is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th, 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.

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 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, 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 have been visiting homerooms 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.

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 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!

The Spoke Subscription Information

Consider subscribing to The Spoke, Conestoga's award-winning newspaper. Find out what's happening in school and the community. Published seven times a year, The Spoke will be delivered to your home for only \$20.00 a year. Contact Maddie Lamonica, Business Manager, at mlamonica@spoke.news with your inquiry.

Report Cards and Progress Reports

First marking period progress reports were 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 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.

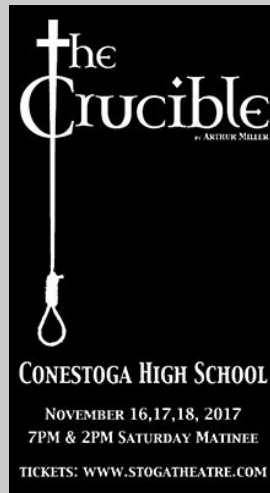
- **Congratulations to Fran Tomaselli on her 500th Career Win as the Girls Tennis Coach at Conestoga High School**

'Stoga Theatre Presents ***The Crucible***

A Puritan colony in 1690s Salem Massachusetts bears witness to tragedy when young girls contrive stories of witchcraft against innocent townspeople. As the number of victims multiplies, dozens are tortured into confessing or hanged for their refusal. Hysteria and fear rule the day and no one can escape the devastating consequences.

Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, a dramatized and partially fictionalized story about the Salem witch trials, guides the audience to examine a situation where lies become truth and innocent people cannot defend themselves. Join us for this classic drama where accusations fly and

a grim plot unfolds. Find out who will be left, and when the madness will end!



A play in four parts by Arthur Miller
Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists' Play Service, Inc.
Director: Natalie Wallace

TICKET PRICES:

Adults --\$12

Students (19 years and younger) -- \$10

Seniors (62 years and older) -- \$10

Conestoga High School
Hobson C. Wagner Auditorium
Tickets available at: <http://www.stogatheatre.com>

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. 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.

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 with any questions.

Class of 2018	Dawn Morgan	chs2018parents@tesd.net
Class of 2019	Margaret MacKenzie	chs2019parents@tesd.net
Class of 2020	Tracey Prestipino	chs2020parents@tesd.net
Class of 2021	Katrinia Hottenstein	chs2021parents@tesd.net

Class Parent Organizations

Class of 2018

Senior Class Parent Meeting: October 17, 2017 at 9:30 am in room 268

Class of 2019

Junior Class Parent Meeting: October 19, 2017 at 12:00 pm in room 142

Class of 2020

Sophomore Class Parent Meeting: October 12, 2017 at 12:00 pm in the Auditorium

Class of 2021

Freshman Class Parent Meeting: October 10, 2017 at 9:30 am in room 268

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.**

ACT Prep Class Info

The Junior Class Parent Organization is sponsoring an ACT prep class through Catalyst Prep to raise money to support the CHS Junior Prom committee. [Please click here to view the informational flyer.](#)

Come and Support Conestoga's Peer Mediation

When: Monday, October 9th
Where: Christopher's Neighborhood Place
335 East King Street in Malvern
Phone: 484-568-4127
Time: Lunch, Dinner, and Takeout

Come into eat or take out! When you come, mention "Conestoga Peer Mediation" to help us raise money. 20% of your bill will go to Peer Mediation to help the team grow! *For parties of 6 or more call ahead to make a reservation.* Thank you!

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 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

<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

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>
SAT Testing	10/7/17	8:00 am	CHS
Homecoming dance	10/7/17	7:30 pm	CHS
9th Grade Parent Meeting	10/10/17	9:30 am	Room 268

PSAT Testing for 9th Grade	10/12/17	7:00 am	CHS
10th Grade Parent Meeting	10/12/17	12:00 pm	Auditorium
PSAT Testing grades 10 and 11	10/14/17	8:00 am	CHS
12th Grade Parent Meeting	10/17/17	9:30 am	Room 268
Fall CPR	10/17-10/20/17	7:20 am	Gyms
11th Grade Parent Meeting	10/19/17	12:00 pm	Room 142

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