

Conestoga High School

Issue 5: October-November 2019



Halloween at Conestoga

Students are permitted to wear costumes for Halloween on Thursday, October 31, 2019.

In order to ensure the safety and security of all students, please be aware of the following guidelines regarding costumes:

- Masks and fake weapons are ***not*** permitted.
- No suggestive or revealing apparel.
- Costumes including face decorations must allow the identity of the individual to still be recognizable.
- No costumes of gory subjects depicting blood or death.

Additionally, please use care when selecting a costume which may be perceived as trivializing or promoting negative stereotypes on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, or gender identity/expression.

Thank you very much and Happy Halloween!

AP Exam Registration is Open!

By now, all students should have signed in to myap.collegeboard.org and confirmed their exam decision by October 15, 2019. **Payment for AP Exams will be collected October 18th-October 31st.** An invoice will be sent to each family via email on October 18th.

- AP Exam Fees: \$94/exam (AP Research and AP Seminar Exams \$124/exam)
 - \$40 late fee/exam for orders received after October 31st
 - \$40 cancellation fee/exam for cancellations after October 31st
- The fee may be paid by check or online.
 - To pay by check, submit a check (payable to CHS AP Fund) to the AP Registration Box in Student Services by

October 31, 2019. Please write your student's name on the memo line.

- To pay the fee online: *Please note that the service provider charges a convenience fee.*

1. Visit www.officialpayments.com
2. Click "Local Payments."
3. Type 4841 in the Jurisdiction Code field and press enter, or enter state and payment entity.
4. Select "CHS AP Exam Fee" from the Payment Type drop down menu and click "Make a Payment."
5. Enter the student name.
6. Enter the amount due for each child in the family who will take an AP Exam this school year. Then select the payment type and click "Continue."
7. Follow the on-screen instructions to create an account and make a payment.

College Fair

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

Conestoga's Fifth 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!

TCHS Presentation for Interested Students

A TCHS Presentation will be held on Tuesday, October 22, during 1st period in Room 142

Do you have a student who may be interested in learning more about the TCHS experience? They should consider coming to the October 22nd 1st period student presentation!

TCHS (Technical College High School) is a part-time, public high school specializing in career and technical education for students in grades 9-12. The presentation will discuss the rich variety of programs available for next year including Animal Science, Auto Collision, Auto Service, Carpentry, Commercial and Graphic Arts, Criminal Justice, Digital Media and Sounds Communications, Culinary Arts, Robotics and Avionics, and Health Career Pathways just to name a few. If interested, students should ask their 1st period teacher for permission and then sign up with Ms. Gannon in the Student Services office, or email Mr. Samson

at samsonb@tesd.net.

Senior Year Programs: Allied Health and Teacher Academy

Juniors are invited to attend a presentation about Allied Health on Tuesday, October 22nd during 2nd period and Teacher Academy during 3rd period in Room 142.

Do you have a student who may be interested in learning more about the medical or teaching fields? They should consider coming to the October 22nd student presentation!

The Allied Health program is highly regarded for seniors who enroll in the 7.5 hour per week college prep program. Students have three programs to choose from: Hospital, EMT, or Sports Medicine. Students are offered placement location based upon availability and merit.

The Teacher Academy program is a program for seniors who are interested in a career in the education field. Students focus on cultural/linguistic awareness, integration of technology in the classroom, special education and response to instruction and intervention, and the Standards-Aligned System (SAS) approach to instruction.

If interested, students should ask their teacher for permission and then sign up with Ms. Gannon in the Student Services office, or email Mr. Samson at samsonb@tesd.net.

Winter Sports Information

The Winter Sports Meeting for parents will take place on **Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00pm in the auditorium.**

The Athletic Office is now accepting PIAA paperwork for winter sports. The paperwork can be downloaded on the [CHS Website- Under Athletics-PIAA Forms/General Information](#) or picked up in the Athletic Office.

The PIAA paperwork is due by Friday- November 8th
-V/JV Teams begin on Monday, November 18th
-Freshman Teams begin on Tuesday, December 3rd

The athletic website is a great source of information (announcements-signing up for alerts-schedules...). Also, feel free to contact the Athletic Office (610-240-1024) with any questions.

Cavalcade of Bands

The Conestoga Music Department and TEMPO are once again proudly sponsoring the 'Stoga Showcase of Sound on Saturday, November 2nd. Come out to Teamer Field and enjoy performances by 17 area marching bands including our own Marching Pioneers. The show runs from 4:30-9:30 pm and tickets are available at the gate.

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

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.

CHS Blood Drive

November 7, 2019

Conestoga will host the first Blood Drive of the year. Student Council hosts two blood drives annually, one in the fall and one in the spring. Any student 16 (with parental permission) or older who weighs more than 110 pounds (visit the [Red Cross](#) website for additional restrictions) as of the date of the Blood Drive can volunteer to give blood. Your son or daughter will be able to sign up to donate in school prior to the blood drive taking place. Recently, we have enjoyed a record number of donors. We again are looking forward to a successful drive.

Save the Date: College Admissions Evening

Junior Students and Parents:

Please Save the Date for College Admissions Evening! This event will take place on Thursday, November 7 at 7:00 pm in the Conestoga Auditorium. Conestoga counselors will be joined by guest speaker Jeremy Branch and will provide students and families with information about all aspects of the college admission search process. We look forward to seeing you there!

Conestoga Commencement 2020

SAVE THE DATE! Conestoga's 2020 Commencement will be held on Tuesday, June 2 on Teamer Field. Additional details will be shared in upcoming blasts! Stay tuned for more details!

Signs Of Suicide Program

Conestoga offers depression awareness and suicide prevention training as part of the health wellness curriculum using information from research based program, The Signs of Suicide® (SOS) Prevention Program. The program has proven to be successful at increasing help seeking behaviors by students concerned about themselves or a friend. It is the only school-based suicide prevention program listed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for its National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices that addresses suicide risk and depression, while reducing suicide attempts.

On November 20 and 21, health teachers will deliver SOS program instruction, including a DVD entitled "Friends for Life" and related follow-up discussions. A member of the school counseling team will be present during and after the lessons to collect confidential response cards voluntarily completed by students who feel that they or a friend might need help. Counseling team members will also provide immediate, confidential follow-up for any students requesting help after the SOS lessons.

CONESTOGA 2019-2020 DIRECTORY

To access the Conestoga online directory, you must register, sign-in and confirm your contact information. Remember, this is an 'opt-out' directory, so your information is included in the directory unless you indicate that you don't want it to be.

Here is the link to register and access the directory:

<https://conestogahs.membershiptoolkit.com>

Information in the CHS Directory will be safe and secure and will not be shared or sold to third parties by the District or by Membership Toolkit. Each person using the Directory must agree to

a Privacy Statement.

The directory is free for this first trial year, and you can download the CHS Directory App so the information is easily available on your devices.

'Stoga Theatre Presents
The Man Who Came To Dinner



Conestoga High School's fall drama presents the story of the famous New York radio personality Sheridan Whiteside. Whiteside has accepted a dinner invitation at the home of industrialist Earnest Stanley and his family. However, an unfortunate slip on a patch of ice leaves Whiteside confined to the Stanleys' home for an extended recovery. The family's excited anticipation at hosting 'Sherry' quickly turns into bewilderment as their convalescing guest commandeers the Stanley household with his staff of attendants, and pushes the limit with his outrageous behavior, unusual visitors, and lawsuit against the Stanley family! Will the Stanleys ever rid themselves of their arrogant and overbearing guest? Join us in 1930s Ohio for a family friendly comedy that will entertain all ages!

Show dates and times:

November 21, 22, and 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Saturday Matinee is on November 23, 2019 at 2:00 pm

Tickets: Please visit www.stogatheatre.com

Report Cards and Progress Reports

First marking period progress reports were mailed home during the week of October 1. The first marking period will end on Friday, November 1, 2019. Marking Period 1 grades will be available in

PowerSchool Parent Portal on November 15. Consult the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District online calendar at www.tesd.net for further information on marking period ending dates.

Attention Class of 2020

Senior portrait dates for the Class of 2020 are now complete.

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.

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>.

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.

Class Parent Organizations

Class of 2020

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

Class of 2021

Junior Class Parent Meeting: November 14, 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: November 12, 2019 at 9:30 am

AFS Looking for Host Family for Egyptian Student

Marwan needs a host family to come forward--could your family help for an amount of time? Marwan is an easygoing young man, extremely well liked and respected by his current host family and our AFS volunteers. He is living with three young siblings and

enjoying that experience. What an opportunity to learn about Egyptian culture and share your family's traditions with him!

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.

BUILD T/E Hosts School Board Candidate Meet and Greet

BUILD T/E is hosting a meet and greet evening to give the community the opportunity to meet the T/E school board candidates. This event will provide the chance to communicate with the candidates and ask questions about school issues that are important to the community members. For more information, [click here](#).

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Tredyffrin Library Public Meeting Room, 528 Upper Gulph Road, Wayne, Pa 19087

[Click here](#) for event registration.

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.

Citadel Heart of Learning

Citadel has announced the nomination period for the [2020 Citadel Heart of Learning Award](#) is now open. Chester Country students, parents, and community members are encouraged to nominate a deserving teacher who goes above and beyond the call of duty.

The Citadel Heart of Learning Awards was created in 2001 by Citadel and the Chester County Intermediate Unit. The program has recognized, honored and thanked thousands of teachers for their tireless dedication to students and community. [You can access the nomination form by clicking this link.](#)

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 High School's Desi Club Supports #SewaDiwali Food Drive

Conestoga High School's Desi Club is supporting the #SewaDiwali food drive, which has partnered with Philabundance, to coordinate the drive across the school district. Vegetarian and non-perishable food items will be collected in the Main Lobby at all TESD schools. [Click here](#) for more information.

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>
Tri-M Recital	10/22/19	6:00 pm	Auditorium
Winter Sports Meeting	10/23/19	7:00 pm	Auditorium
ACT Testing	10/26/19	8:00 am	CHS
Regular School Board Meeting	10/28/19	7:30 pm	Cafeteria
AASU Covered Dish	10/30/19	6:00 pm	Cafeteria
End of 1st Marking Period	11/1/19		
SAT Testing	11/2/19	8:00am	CHS
Marching Band Cavalcade	11/2/19	5:00 pm	Teamer Field

Visit the Conestoga High School Website

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