

# Conestoga High School

Issue 9: December 2019 - January 2020



## **'Stoga Big Give**

The 'Stoga Big Give is in full swing at Conestoga through December 18th. This is our school community's annual giving campaign. As in years past, Peer Mediation will be collecting stockings for the Chester County Stockings for Kids program. Empty stockings are available in the main lobby and athletic lobby on the "giving tree" display table. They include a page of instructions for how to fill them. Conestoga is the last school in Chester County contributing to the stocking drive. We greatly appreciate any donations you can contribute this season! Collection boxes for each donation drive are available in the CHS Main Lobby. Thank you!

**Peer Mediation: "Stockings for Kids"**- Toy Donation-November 27th-December 18th. Conestoga is the last school in Chester County contributing to the "Stockings for Kids" drive providing toys to hundreds of Chester County children in need. Peer Mediation will provide empty stockings, along with brief instructions. Stockings are available in the Main and Gym Lobbies.

**Latino Culture Club: "Toys for Puerto Rico"**- Toy drive to benefit families in Puerto Rico through December 20th. The collection box is located in the Main Lobby.

## **Parent Conference Parent Input Survey**

Thank you for attending Conestoga's Parent Conference Day and for your continued engagement in the success of our students. In an effort to accommodate parents' schedules, the District has offered evening time slots for parent teacher conferences each fall. The District is evaluating options for providing conference times that will continue to meet the needs of parents and teachers. We would value your input through completion of the survey found at the link below. While all feedback is welcomed, we would particularly appreciate any feedback you may have on the most convenient hours of the day to meet with teachers so that we may optimize

the start and end times accordingly.

<https://www.tesd.net/cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=387>

## **PSAT Scores Are Now Available Online!**

Students received a copy of their PSAT booklet and a detailed letter regarding scores during their assigned homerooms during the week of December 9.

How to Access Your Scores:

- You will get an email with instructions from College Board about accessing your PSAT scores.
- We recommend that you use the interactive tools offered by College Board. However, if you would like to print your report, you can do so by clicking the "**Download Your Score Report**" button. If you don't have access to a printer, you should see your counselor.

Online Score Reports Provide:

- A summary of your individual performance on each test and content area.
- [Free, personalized SAT study](#) on the Khan Academy® platform based on your test results.
- [Career Finder](#), where you can create your own career roadmap.
- College and career search on [BigFuture](#).
- Information about [SAT registration](#).

If you have any questions or concerns about your PSAT score report, please contact your school counselor.

## **Attention Freshmen & Parents/Guardians of Freshmen:**

On Tuesday, January 2, counselors will be visiting all World History classes along with Peer Mediators to deliver a lesson about midterm exams. During this lesson, students will learn about:

- The midterm schedule
- How exams are calculated
- How to prepare for exams (long-term study schedule)
- Study techniques
- Help that is available
- Self-care

We look forward to seeing you on the 2nd!

**Junior College Conferences**

## Attention Junior Parents / Guardians:

It is our pleasure to invite you to schedule a post-high school planning conference with your child's counselor sometime this winter or spring. This meeting is an opportunity to discuss your goals and your high school academic record as we help guide you toward your own individualized post-high school plan. We recommend that parents call the Student Services Office at 610.240.1045 at their earliest convenience to schedule a conference. These meetings begin on December 2nd and dates may be scheduled through the spring. It is helpful to know your student's availability or free period so we can schedule the meeting when your child does not have class. We look forward to meeting with you!

### **Senior Internship Program**

The Senior Internship Program at Conestoga offers seniors in good standing an opportunity to explore an area of career interest during the last month before graduation. We will begin preparing the Class of 2020 right after winter break. Seniors will attend mandatory orientation sessions in the auditorium on Monday, January 6 and Tuesday, January 7 during their free periods. Senior parents will receive an electronic mailing with detailed information about the program the week of January 6th. In the meantime, you can access information on the home page of the Conestoga website.

<http://tesd.net/internships>. Questions can be directed to Jeanne Braun, Program Coordinator at 610-240-1913 or [braunj@tesd.net](mailto:braunj@tesd.net).

Please be aware that compliance with Pennsylvania legislation requires Community Sponsors (the people your children intern with) to have completed background clearances in order to take a Conestoga intern who is under 18 years of age. More information on this requirement can be found on the Conestoga website.

Any Conestoga parents interested in participating as a Community Sponsor for senior students should contact Jeanne Braun.

### **Second Semester Schedules**

Students second semester schedules are available to view in PowerSchool. No schedule changes will be permitted from January 2-21 while we prepare for midterms. Schedule changes will resume on the midterm days (1/22, 1/23, 1/24) and the first two days of the third marking period (1/27, 1/28). No elective change requests will be honored after January 29, 2020.

## Extended Experience Fall 2018

[Verification forms](#) are now posted on the TESD website and on Schoology for students participating in Semester I Extended Experience PE. These forms will verify that the student's required 30 hours of activity have been completed. The signed forms are due through Schoology on or before January 10, 2020. A student will not be given credit if the verification form is not submitted on time. Seniors will be put in a PE class to satisfy CHS PE graduation requirements if a signed form is not received on time.

### Midterm Exam Information

**EXAMS: January 22, 23, 24, 2020**

*(Tentative- pending emergency closings)*

**Wednesday, January 22:** Social Studies, English,  
Conflicts (PM)

**Thursday, January 23:** Science, Math, Conflicts (PM)

**Friday, January 24:** World Languages, Conflicts (AM),  
Conflicts (PM)

As always, students with two examinations scheduled for the same time will need to contact one of the subject area teachers to arrange for conflict test administration.

If a parent indicates that a student may be unable to take an exam on the published date, please inform the parent that **requests for alternate testing must be made in writing to Dr. Meisinger.** Assuming that approval for alternate testing is given, the examination or an alternate exam will be administered to the student at a later date. **No examination will be administered prior to the scheduled examination days.**

### A Reminder For Parents

If you are purchasing any new tech devices for your students, each 5th- 12th grade student in the T/E School District receives (5) free copies of the Microsoft Office Suite (i.e. Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, OneNote) through their Office 365 accounts. Students may download the software or individual apps onto family Windows or Mac laptops, tablets, or phones.

Here's a direct link to the District website page with instructions.  
<https://www.tesd.net/Page/16152>

### Traffic Safety Reminders

TESD urges all parents to exercise traffic safety around our

schools. Please be reminded to:

- Drive slowly and carefully in school parking lots, drop off areas and nearby roads
- Obey all traffic flow patterns and rules of the road
- When dropping off and picking up students, please pull all the way up allowing traffic to flow
- Discuss pedestrian safety with your kids (use crosswalks/sidewalks, look both ways, don't "walk and text," etc)

Traffic patterns around the schools are always busy at the start and end of our school days. We appreciate your attention to the safety of all of our students.

### **TE All-Call Reminder**

When serious weather conditions or other emergencies make it necessary to close or delay the opening of schools, announcements will be made on the TE All-Call Mass Communication System, the TESD website, the T/E Information Hotline - (610) 240-1970, T/E TV on Comcast Cable Channel 14 and Verizon Channel 20, as well as on local television stations. Parents are encouraged to establish emergency procedures with their children ahead of time to prepare for early school closings. Automated phone calls, text messages and emails will be sent to parents through the TE All-Call system, powered by SchoolMessenger. Please contact your school's main office if you need to add or change one of your contact numbers for TE All-Call. [Click here to learn more about the TE All-Call system.](#)

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

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

- [Conestoga Sailing Team Wins Fall Regatta Series](#)
- [Conestoga Student Awarded an Honorable Mention in the 2020 National Young Arts Foundation Competition](#)

### **Class Parent Organizations**

#### **Class of 2020**

Senior Class Parent Meeting: January 16, 2020 at 9:30 am

#### **Class of 2021**

Junior Class Parent Meeting: January 9, 2020 at 9:30 am

#### **Class of 2022**

### **Class of 2023**

Freshman Class Parent Meeting: January 7, 2020 at 9:30 am

## **Sports Schedules/Announcements**

To provide the most current updated sports information on a given day or changes that may occur regarding adverse weather conditions/cancellations or for some other reason, the Athletic Department has implemented the following for your convenience:

- Sports schedules for Conestoga high school athletic teams are available online at <http://stogapioneers.digitalsports.com>
- 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 contact the Athletic Department at 610-240-1024 with any questions or visit the Athletic Website.

## **Citadel Heart of Learning**

Citadel has announced the nomination period for the [2020 Citadel Heart of Learning Award is now open](#). Chester County 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 Country 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.](#)

## **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>
Winter Break - School Closed	12/23/19 to 1/1/20		
School Resumes	1/2/20		

Visit the Conestoga High School Website

STAY CONNECTED:

