Dear Class of 2024 Families and Students,

Welcome to Conestoga! We are pleased to welcome the Class of 2024 as we begin the school year virtually for the first time. Already, the Class of 2024 is making history! We understand this is not the way you envisioned your start to high school, but be assured that although we are virtual, you are an integral part of our school community and we look forward to meeting you in person. We would like to provide some information as we prepare to start the school year.

**Schedules**
Student schedules will be available via Power School on Friday, August 21st. An email blast will go out to all families to notify them once the schedules are released. Students and parents should logon to Power School to view the academic schedule. This year we will be operating under an alternating block schedule, using Garnet and Grey days in an alternate pattern. On Garnet days, students will attend their odd periods (1/3/5/7) and on Grey days they will attend their even periods (2/4/6/8). More specific information about the bell schedule will be shared in our opening day orientation activities.

**Laptop Drop-Off**
Any student who has a district-issued laptop should plan to drop the laptop off at Conestoga on Thursday, August 20th. A letter was emailed to families with a detailed schedule for your drop-off time. The letter can be accessed at this link.

**Laptop/Textbook Pick-Up**
In order to prepare for the start of the year, students will need to pick up their reimaged laptops, textbooks and materials. The scheduled pick-up for all incoming Freshmen is Friday, August 28th. Again, please be sure to access your assigned time from the letter which was emailed home.

**Athletics**
The PIAA has postponed all sports through August 21st at which time they will reevaluate if and how they might begin. At this time, coaches are permitted to hold voluntary workouts for all athletes. If you are interested in participating in a Freshman sport, you must turn in completed medical paperwork. The forms required for participation can be found at https://www.tesd.net/domain/1600 and can be submitted in person at Conestoga or online at pechink@tesd.net. Any questions should be directed to the Athletic Director, Mr. Pechin at 610-240-1024. If athletics are permitted to continue after August 21st, Freshman coaches will contact the Freshman athletes to begin voluntary workouts beginning the week of September 8th.

**Music**
Pre-season band camp for marching band and visual ensemble will begin on August 20th using strict social distancing guidelines. You can access updated music information by visiting their website at http://www.stogamusic.com. Come join one of the largest organizations at Conestoga, whether or not you are a musician!

**Clubs and Activities**
Conestoga offers a wide variety of clubs and activities. Our 150+ clubs are organized into six areas: service, academic, multi-cultural, music/theater, special interest and recreational sports. The Student Activities office, in partnership with our Peer Mediators, will hold a virtual club fair the week of September 21 – 25th. That week, students will be able to learn about the various clubs via Flipgrid. We encourage you to participate in the fair and then use the online sign-up form that will be introduced during homeroom and on Schoology. Joining a club is the best way to get to know other students and be involved at Conestoga! The Student Activities Office is located in Room 130 and we are here to help! Club information is also available on the Conestoga homepage at www.tesd.net by clicking on Activities.

**School Supplies**
At the high school, teachers differentiate school supplies based on needs of the curriculum. During the first week of school, your teachers will tell you what is needed in their course. Because we will be starting school in a virtual environment, teachers may have different requests once we are able to return to the building. Each teacher will communicate what is needed in both the virtual and in-person environment.

We understand the start of this school year is unlike any other we have had. We certainly hoped we would be able to welcome the Class of 2024 in person to start the year. Each year, we provide special orientation programs for our incoming freshmen, so they have a chance to acclimate to Conestoga. We will continue to provide opportunities for orientation during the opening weeks of school using virtual gatherings. In addition, we will release a “Welcome Class of 2024” Flipgrid which will provide a special welcome to our freshman. Finally, Dr. Meisinger will present a “Principal’s Welcome” for the entire student body which will be available on the Conestoga website beginning on Monday, August 24th. We are also committed to offering in-person orientation opportunities once we are able to return to the building. We look forward to the day when we can be together again! Until then, we look forward to “seeing” you at our virtual programs to start the school year. Enjoy the final weeks of summer!

Sincerely,

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