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**CONESTOGA HIGH SCHOOL**  
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March 8, 2021

Dear Conestoga Families:

We are looking forward to welcoming students back on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> for the next phase of our instructional model! I want to recognize the hard work of the teachers and staff who have done an outstanding job during our hybrid learning. Thank you as well to our students and parents for your flexibility and support.

For families who have selected the virtual model of instruction, students will continue accessing their classes remotely and we will maintain our current “packet pick-up” at the bus circle. For families who have selected in-person instruction, we share the information below regarding the details of 4-day instruction at Conestoga:

### **4-Day Schedule**

Students who have selected in-person instruction will attend classes at Conestoga Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will remain virtual with morning synchronous instruction and afternoon asynchronous instruction. The [bell schedule](#) will remain the same. We will continue to follow our block schedule with alternating Garnet (periods 1/3/5/7) and Gray (periods 2/4/6/8) as well as our six-day cycle with each cycle day lasting for two days. The March calendar can be accessed [here](#).

### **Attendance**

Students are expected to attend school in-person unless they are not able to pass the health screening or for one of the state-approved absence reasons. Students who repeatedly choose to stay home and access classes virtually for other reasons will be switched to virtual instruction.

### **Testing**

We are implementing the following testing protocols to address both in-person and virtual learning environments:

- Teachers will make decisions based on the individual needs and expectations for their particular courses. Different courses and instructional units often demand different types of assessments.
- Teachers will consider project-based assessments, take-home tests, and partial take-home tests to use when appropriate.
- Academic integrity will be emphasized, and violations will be addressed per the Student Code of Conduct.

### **Health Screening Protocols**

Parents will continue to submit a daily health screening, within two hours of arrival, for each student attending in person. Students will be required to show proof of completion through Power School by showing their status on their phone, or by checking in with an attendant at each entry. Any student who does not have a completed daily health screening must complete an in-person screening by one of our nurses. Students are reminded to stay home if they are not feeling well.

### **Safety Protocols**

All aspects of the District’s Health and Safety Plan are still in effect for in-person students. Items of particular note include:

- **Masks** - All students and staff must wear a mask, snugly covering the mouth and nose. The CDC recommends two-ply masks for best protection. Gaiters are NOT permitted.
- **Social Distancing** – The Chester County Health Department has changed its guidance to allow for less than 6 feet of social distancing in schools as needed, but no less than 3 feet. We will strive for 6 feet of distance to the greatest extent possible. This will not always be feasible and will result in students sitting between 6 and 3 feet from classmates throughout the day (including lunch).
- **Contact Tracing** – We will continue to conduct contact tracing in the event of a positive COVID case. There will be a mandatory quarantine of 14 days for any student considered a close contact with an individual who tests positive for COVID-19. With less space in classrooms, students will likely be considered potential close contacts with several classmates throughout the course of a day.
- **Hallway Traffic** - Hallway traffic will flow one-way in each hall. Stairwells will be designated as “up” or “down”. Dismissals between periods will be staggered by grade.
- **Lockers** - NO lockers will be assigned during the 2020-2021 school year. Students should plan to carry all items with them in an appropriate bag.

### **Drop-Off and Pick-Up**

Students may enter the building at the bus circle, the main entrance or the front entrance by the Athletic Office. Students who have elected to ride the bus will receive a detailed communication from the Transportation Department about bus pick-up and drop-off times. Parents may drop students off at the front of the building or the bus circle beginning at 7:35am. Students will not be admitted prior to 7:30am to provide teachers time to open classrooms. All students must report directly to their first class upon arrival.

### **Student Parking**

We will be reissuing parking permits to seniors first and then juniors, as we are able. A senior parking survey will be sent out to ALL seniors this week. Once we determine the number of senior parking permits, we will make an announcement concerning junior parking.

### **Free Periods and Privileges**

All high school students, grades 9-12, will be eligible for free period privileges which entitles students to leave the building during an unassigned class period or study hall. This privilege will be extended to ALL periods of the school day for all grades. Lunch privileges will be available for juniors and seniors only, permitting them to leave campus during lunch. Parents will be required to submit a signed [privilege form](#), if they have not already done so or if they wish to change their child’s privileges. Students utilizing privileges must be transported by a parent/family member or utilize their assigned parking privilege. Students in grades 10-12 who remain in the building during free periods must report to either the cafeteria or library where they will sign-in and must remain for the entire period.

### **Lunch**

Students will eat lunch in their 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> period classroom during their assigned lunch period (A, B or C) to the fullest extent possible. Other spaces in the building may be used in order to maximize social distancing. Juniors and seniors are eligible for lunch privileges. Any unassigned student during 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> period who remains in the building should report to the cafeteria for lunch. Students will have the option to order a bag lunch each day (from a limited menu) which will be delivered to student classrooms. Orders will be taken as part of the screening form which parents will complete each morning. During the 2020-21 school year there will be no charge for school meals.

### **Student Orientation**

All students planning to attend in-person classes must attend a mandatory virtual meeting with their grade-level administrator on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. Links for the meeting will be shared on Schoology.

Any freshman coming to Conestoga for the first time, or any student in grades 10-12 new to Conestoga, is invited to attend an in-person orientation at Conestoga on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-4pm OR from 4-5pm. We will offer tours of the building as well as a brief introduction to Conestoga. Students should arrive at the main lobby and report to the cafeteria.

### **Medication and COVID-19 Cases**

Please communicate any positive or suspected COVID-19 cases or questions to our school nurse, Kim Meade, at [meadek@tesd.net](mailto:meadek@tesd.net). Additionally, Mrs. Meade is also the contact if you are new to in-person instruction and need to drop off medication.

Again, I cannot thank you all enough for the support you have shown to our teachers and staff throughout this school year. We look forward to welcoming many of our students back to the building as we continue to adjust our instructional model. Please reach out with any questions or concerns. See you all soon, take care and stay well!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy A. Meisinger".

Amy A. Meisinger, Ph.D.  
Principal