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CONESTOGA HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Conestoga Families:

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year and a big welcome to the Class of 2026! I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and refreshing summer. The close of summer always brings the excitement and anticipation of a new school year. In preparation for the start, we are writing to share information regarding the details of our opening.

Safety Protocols

School safety remains a priority for our district with annual enhancements and updates. To that end, a secure vestibule was installed this summer which provides double locked doors with a reception desk in the main lobby foyer. Visitors with a legitimate reason for entering the building will only be permitted to do so after providing identification and registering with our greeter. Parents dropping off items will be instructed to leave them in the designated foyer area. Additionally, students will see an enhanced electronic hall pass system and sign-in procedure during unassigned periods. It is through these efforts that we work to ensure that student and staff safety remain paramount in our daily work.

Health Protocols

Last week the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), provided updated guidance to schools regarding COVID safety protocols. Our COVID-19 resources continue to [be posted on our website](#). Masking continues to be optional and welcome. We ask that students and staff respect the choices made by others. If your child is not feeling well, please inform the attendance office (chsattendance@tesd.net) to report their absence.

2022-23 Schedule

We will continue with our 8-period day schedule on a 6-day cycle. Our bell schedule can be found [here](#). Student schedules were released on Monday, August 15th through Power School. Any students having trouble viewing their schedule should email the familyhelpdesk@tesd.net. We will remain with our semester grading system, with grades administered mid-year and at the end of the year. We will also continue our practice of not administering any midterm or final exams. Each teacher will communicate expectations with their students as well as details about grading at the start of the year. It is essential that families continue to partner with the school in monitoring students' wellbeing. School counselors and mental health specialists are always available to assist students and parents throughout the year.

Opening Week & Orientation Programs

School begins for all students on Monday, August 29th. We are pleased to offer an expanded orientation program this year which will run from 7:50AM – 11:15AM. **All ninth graders and students new to Conestoga should report directly to the auditorium by 7:50AM on the first day.** Returning students in grades 10, 11 and 12 will have a delayed start and should report to their homeroom by 11:20AM on Monday, August 29th. Lunch will only be served to those attending orientation. Transportation will be provided for the 7:50AM arrival and the 11:20AM arrival. A summary of the opening day schedule is as follows:

- 7:50AM – 11:15AM: Orientation for 9th/New Students. Bag lunch outdoors, weather permitting!
- 11:20AM – 2:50PM: All students grades 9 -12 attend each class, beginning with homeroom.

In addition, the next two days, August 30th and August 31st, we will follow a modified schedule to complete our orientation activities. During these programs, students will hear from their grade level administrator and school counselor as well as complete their annual health screenings and review necessary information and expectations. A reminder that picture day will take place on Friday, September 2nd.

Textbooks and Laptops

At this time, all families received information about laptop pick-up times. Many students have already done so. For those who have not, please be sure to get your laptop during one of the upcoming dates. The schedule can be found [here](#). Once school starts, laptops will be available for pick up in the library at the Tech Deck.

Clubs & Activities

We know many students are eager to get involved in the many clubs and activities Conestoga has to offer. We will hold a Club Fair the week of September 19th which includes online signups. Clubs will officially begin to meet the following week, so stay tuned for more details!

We hope this information has been helpful in answering some of the questions regarding this year's school opening. Again, we are incredibly excited to have students back. As always, we welcome your involvement, questions and input. Please feel free to contact me or any administrator at any time. We look forward to seeing our students on Monday, August 29th. Enjoy the final days of summer, and as always, Go 'Stoga!

Sincerely,

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

Amy A. Meisinger, Ph.D.
Principal