

Greetings Senior Families,

I hope this email finds you all healthy and well. I write to you today as we anticipate the start of 4-day instruction for our students. We are eager to welcome students back as we move into the next phase of reopening and hope that our seniors are looking forward to the excitement that the end of the year brings. We plan to provide the seniors with many of the traditions that past seniors have enjoyed at Conestoga and have begun working with our student officers to discuss options and possibilities. To that end, we would like to provide an update on where we stand with senior items at this time. As we continue to make preparations, please remember that we will continue to adhere to the changing guidelines from the Chester County Health Department and the TESD Health and Safety Guidelines.

Senior Parking

Upon return to 4-day instruction, seniors will be given priority for parking privileges. Only seniors returning to in-person instruction will be eligible for parking. New parking permits will be issued once we have a final count of students planning to return. It is our hope that we will be able to offer seniors parking privileges every day. If the number of seniors is higher than we can accommodate, we will return to a rotating schedule so seniors will have parking on the maximum days possible. Juniors would only be eligible for parking privileges if we are able to accommodate all seniors every day and still have open spots. Dr. Boyle will coordinate the distribution of new permits in the coming weeks.

Senior Privileges

Seniors will continue to be offered the following privileges: late arrival, early dismissal, free periods and lunch privileges. Students wishing to take advantage of privileges will be required to submit the Student Privilege Form signed by a parent if they have not done so already. All students using privileges must leave/arrive through the main lobby for our electronic sign-in/sign-out process. Again, Dr. Boyle will coordinate the submission of privilege paperwork and will provide an additional opportunity for parents to submit paperwork.

Senior Internship: May 10 – June 4

As you are likely aware, the Senior Internship program is moving forward, and many seniors are reaching out to potential Sponsors and working to secure internships. We are providing more flexibility this year due to COVID, giving seniors the ability to do in-person, virtual or hybrid internships. In addition, they may choose independent research projects in lieu of an internship. Students should reach out to Mrs. Braun with any questions at braunj@tesd.net or drop-in to her Q&A every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00pm on Teams.

Senior T-Shirts

The Class of 2021 student leaders have designed a class T-shirt and they will be available for sale. Look for more info to be distributed in the spring.

Senior Lip Dub

Seniors have already begun planning for the Senior Lip Dub with filming occurring at a variety of outdoor locations around Conestoga. Thank you to Ms. Ferriola for coordinating this event with our senior class! Additional information will be shared about sign-ups and getting involved in this exciting production.

Snow Day in May

Snow Day in May is a long-standing Conestoga tradition sponsored by the senior parents on the senior's last day of school, Friday, May 7th. On this day, seniors have a picnic-like celebration on the Track where

they can say goodbye to their classmates and teachers. Senior class parents have already formed a committee and begun working on this memorable event.

Senior Prom

The senior class officers and school administration are in the process of exploring possibilities for a Senior Prom to take place in May. We have reached out to several venues about the possibility of an outdoor event while still maintaining all health and safety guidelines. We look forward to sharing more information as the planning progresses.

Reflections

Reflections is an annual event for seniors and their parents which takes place the evening before Graduation at Daylesford Abbey. It is an evening of music and words of reflection by our students. We will not be able to have this event at Daylesford Abbey this year, but the Reflections Parent Committee is working to provide a virtual presentation that can be shared by all students and parents. Information on performing or speaking for Reflections will be forthcoming to the students via Schoology.

Graduation

We are pleased to announce we will proceed with our graduation ceremony on Teamer Field Tuesday, June 8th with rain dates on June 9th and 10th, as needed. As the date of graduation approaches, we will determine if we are able to hold one ceremony with all graduates and their families or if we will need to divide the class into two or three ceremonies in order to adhere to social distancing and capacity restrictions. Again, stay tuned for more information later this spring!

We want to thank all of our seniors and families for their patience and flexibility over the past year. We hope that the coming months will provide our seniors an opportunity to close out their time at Conestoga in a positive and memorable way. We will continue to update our students and families on a regular basis over the next several months. Additionally, we will post those updates on the Conestoga website on the Class of 2021 tab. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns that might arise. We certainly miss seeing our students at the Big C and look forward to reconnecting in the coming weeks and months. Best to all and stay well!



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