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Greetings Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Schedule for this week (9/4 – 9/8, 2023)

Monday, September 4, 2023	Tuesday, September 5, 2023	Wednesday, September 6, 2023	Thursday, September 7, 2023	Friday, September 8, 2023
School is Closed	Cycle Day 5	Cycle Day 6	Cycle Day 1	Cycle Day 2

Water Bottles We encourage students to bring a refillable water bottle to school every day.

Fundraising: Friday, September 8 is the deadline to turn in fundraising money and order forms. Please remember to add the sales tax (included in attached chart). Orders that are short will not be processed unless the proper amount of money is received. Per the vender, students will earn 40% of what is sold. You will receive an e-mail regarding how much profit was awarded to your student.

Field Trip: Our first field trip is scheduled for October 4 to the Renaissance Faire. We will leave at 7:30 a.m. and return at 2:00 p.m. The trip cost \$58.00 and the payment is due by Wednesday, September 13, 2023 (lunch is included). If you did not participate in the fundraiser to cover the cost, please pay via REVTRAK (<https://coatesvillearea.revtrak.net/ms/nbm/#/v/nbms-renesaince-field-trip>), cash or check. Please complete and submit the Permission slip (<https://forms.office.com/r/P0Ujtx2HhK>) with payment or verification of how you paid.

Football Games: Please be advised that students will not be permitted to enter middle school football games and high school football games without a parent or guardian.

Technology: The CASD has a 1:1 Device Initiative. Students should bring their fully charged Chromebook and charger to school every day. If your student is **new to the CASD**, you must read the Student and Parent/Guardian 1:1 Handbook & Expectations which has the Agreement that must be signed and returned to Dr. Roberts at robertse@casdschools.org. Parents/Guardians must also submit \$40.00 for one student, \$80 for 2 students or \$100.00 for a family (discount is applied at check-out). Please remit payment as soon as possible via RevTrak at <https://coatesvillearea.revtrak.net/casd-technology/>, as indicated in previous correspondence from the CASD. Parents can also pay cash so we suggest that your student submits payment in an envelope with their name on it and reports to the main office upon entry into the building. You could also qualify for a waiver based on income, if you apply for [compass benefits](#). Once everything is completed, your student will receive a Chromebook to take home.

Returning students to the CASD must sign the 1:1 Student & Parent/Guardian Agreement and submit to Dr. Roberts at robertse@casdschools.org. The annual technology insurance fees for the 2023 – 2024 school year are \$40.00 per student, \$80.00 for 2 students, or \$100.00 per family (discount is applied at check-out). Please remit payment as soon as possible via RevTrak at <https://coatesvillearea.revtrak.net/casd-technology/>, as indicated in previous correspondence from the CASD. Parents can also pay cash so we suggest that your student submits payment in an envelope with their name on it and reports to the main office upon entry into the building. To have your insurance fee waived, parents must qualify for free or reduced lunch based on

their income which is separate from every student receiving a free breakfast and lunch. To qualify for compass benefits, please apply to [compass benefits](#)

YMCA Update: The YMCA offers all 7th grade students a free membership. For students to be considered, parents must take the application (attached) and documentation (student's schedule) to the YMCA. Parents must schedule a wellness Orientation prior to a student receiving their membership. If you want your student to go to the YMCA after school, the student must show their YMCA Key card and submit to NBMS a signed Walkers Form (attached).

21st Century After-Schol Program: The 21st Century free after school program will open Tuesday, September 12. The program operates at NBMS, **Monday – Thursday from 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM.** Please consider enrolling your student in the 21st Century Program. Students receive homework assistance in ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and STEAM. Students will also participate in enrichment activities. This program is free, and we would like students to participate with parental/guardian support. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Julie Dieffenbach: Coordinator of Program Activities for CASD at (484) 401 – 6385 or send an e-mail to JulieD@cciu.org. To apply **for this free program, click the following link:** <https://forms.office.com/r/1qM7vY8EYE>

Previously sent e-mails.

Drop off and pick up: We have two lanes in front of NBMS. The lane closest to the building is the bus lane so parents must use the 2nd lane. If the police see you in the bus lane, you will receive a ticket. In the morning, staff will be available to assist students crossing the bus lane.

Pick up: If you are picking up your student, please e-mail Ms. Dadd (secretary) at daddg@casdschools.org, and Ms. Kadel (secretary) at kadelk@casdschools.org. When picking up your student, please present your identification. Additionally, we can only release your student to a nonparent with your permission, so please e-mail Ms. Dadd and Ms. Kadel the adult's name that you will authorize to pick up your student and they must present ID.

Attendance Policy #204: Roy Wilkins once said, "Nothing is more important than a good education." Therefore, every registered student must be in school every day that school is in session and attend their scheduled classes effective August 28, unless sick or there is an extenuating circumstance. Per Attendance Policy #204, "In order to obtain academic credit for a course, students must be in attendance and have their attendance recorded at least ninety percent (90%) of the time that a class is scheduled.

§9.3 The Principal may deny a student credit for a course if the student fails to attend at least ninety percent (90%) of the scheduled classes of anyone (1) credit course (meets every day) or half (1/2) credit course (meets by semester). In determining whether to deny credit, the principal may take into consideration, among other things, the recommendation made by the SAIP Team and whether the student is complying with the School Attendance Improvement Plan."

YI: The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has mandated that all public schools must deliver *180 days* of instruction and *990 hours* of instruction this academic year. Therefore, it is imperative students attend school and inform their teacher if they do not understand and set up a plan to get additional assistance. Research has proven that once students get behind in their academics, they begin to lose interest in attending school.

Homework: Teachers will assign homework; however, if homework is not assigned, students can still work on Lexia, IXL and XtraMath. If teachers assign homework, and students do not have a Chromebook, teachers must provide an alternative assignment (paper). Homework assignments are graded assignments.

NBMS Cell Phone Policy: All cell phones must be away and concealed. Students are not permitted to walk around with their cell phones in their hand nor have their cell phone on their desk. Cell phones can be in a student's pocket,

locker, or bookbags. Students can use their cell phone at lunch; however, they must be concealed prior to leaving the cafeteria.

Guidance Counselor: Ms. Dzedzy is our Guidance Counselor and she is available to assist you with academic questions and social and emotional assistance. Additionally, throughout the year, Ms. Dzedzy will also explore college and career readiness information so students can start to think about their future. Feel free to contact Ms. Dzedzy at dzedyj@casdschools.org.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send me an e-mail at robertse@casdschools.org.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Roberts', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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