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Greetings Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Schedule for this week (9/18 – 9/22)

Monday, September 18, 2023	Tuesday, September 19, 2023	Wednesday, September 20, 2023	Thursday, September 21, 2023	Friday, September 22, 2023
Cycle Day 2	Cycle Day 3	Cycle Day 4 – Earl Dismissal Parent pick-up – 11:20 a.m.	Cycle Day 5	Cycle Day 6

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

**Chromebooks:** Student must bring their Chromebook and charger to school every day. Students will be engaged on Chromebooks everyday so it is important that every student complies with this request. Every student that does not have a Chromebook should have one by next week. Please be aware of the following:

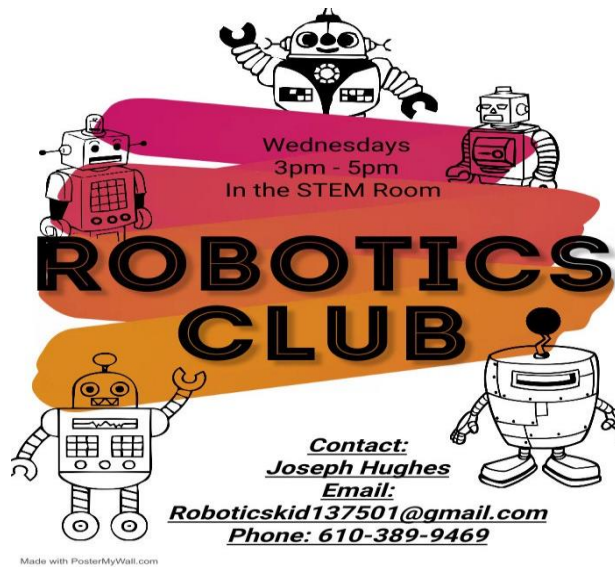
- Every student and parent must sign the 1:1 agreement and e-mail the completed form to Dr. Roberts ([robertse@casdschools.org](mailto:robertse@casdschools.org)). I also attached the form for you to complete and return, if you have not done so already.
- Every parent must pay the TIF which is \$40 per student, \$80 for 2 students and \$100 per family. Payment can be made on ReTrak at this link <https://coatesvillearea.revtrak.net/casd-technology/>. The cost will be added to your student’s account as an obligation that must be paid as soon as possible (ASAP).
- If the TIF is not paid, and your student’s Chromebook breaks or is destroyed, you will be responsible for the replacement (**\$325.00**).
- If you do not have the finances, you can apply for a fee waiver, if you qualify for free or reduced lunch with the State. If you feel you may qualify for a fee waiver please apply at [compass benefits](#).

**Fundraising:** We will know by Tuesday, September 19, the balance on student accounts.

**Field Trip:** Thank you for participating in our first field trip (The Renaissance Faire) which is scheduled for October 4.

**Art Club:** The NBMS Art Club will meet on Thursday, September 28 from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. and they will meet every other Thursday.

**Robotics Club:** A new Robotics Club is starting at NBMS. If you missed last week's meeting, do not worry, they will meet again on Wednesday, September 27, and every Wednesday, except early dismissal Wednesday's, from 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the STEM classroom. Thank you in advance for your participation.



**Previous Information presented in e-mails is listed below.**

**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. No student is permitted to run around and every student must sit in the stands.

**YMCA Update:** The YMCA offers all 7<sup>th</sup> 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).

**21<sup>st</sup> Century After-Schol Program:** The 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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>

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:daddg@casdschools.org), and Ms. Kadel (secretary) at [kadelk@casdschools.org](mailto: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 [dzedzyj@casdschools.org](mailto:dzedzyj@casdschools.org).

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

Kind Regards,



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