

November 18, 2019

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Good Morning Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a great weekend. The first marking period report cards were distributed last week to your child so hopefully you received it and were able to review your child's grades with him or her. Please be reminded that students will not be in session from Wednesday, November 27 – Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving recess. School will be back in session on Monday, December 2.



Winter Keystone Exams are a little over two weeks away (December 3rd and 4th). The winter wave will be administered to students who scored 1485 or higher in a prior attempt as well as to those who may not have taken the exam last Spring. A letter was mailed on Wednesday, November 6th identifying which exam(s) your child is assigned to take. An email was also sent on the same date with a sample letter. If your child is not scheduled to test, then they will attend their classes as they would on a daily basis. Those who are testing will take module 1 of the assigned exam(s) during periods 1-3 then report their period 4 class and lunch period, and then take module 2 during periods 5-7. Keystone supplemental instruction and materials can be found under our quick links section on our website at www.casdschools.org/caihs. Please also be reminded that we have AM tutoring session available in our CAIHS library in Algebra and Geometry that may also assist with the Algebra exam. Additional parent resources on the Keystone exams can be found under the News section of our website. For your convenience I have attached the parent letter and parent resources to this communication.

The Coatesville Area Intermediate High School has once again been selected for the Career Connection Academy. The Career Connection Academy is an after school program that provides healthcare workshops, field trips, life skills, and job shadow day experiences for 35 9th grade students who qualify. The program runs on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30pm – 4:30pm. Students who successfully complete the registration process will receive a \$25 gift card, and those who complete the program with a 70% attendance rate and obtain two healthcare certificates will receive an additional \$50 gift card. To learn more about this exciting opportunity provided to our students by the Chester County Economic Development Council in partnership with CEO Academy for Youth see below and the attached information. Ms. Lee and Mrs. Dantzler are Math teachers in the CAIHS and Site Coordinators for the program and can be contacted at leec@casdschools.org and dantzlers@casdschools.org.

After-School Program in MEDICINE

This program is for freshmen students only. Interested students should submit their application to Christina Lee or Sheena Danzler by **November 20, 2019**. For more information email Marrea Walker-Smith at mwalker-smith@ccedc.com or call 610-321-8233.



A very important component of being a high school student is the ability for students to set goals and to be able to create a system to achieve those goals. This year, all of our 9th grade students began this process last month with setting a SMART goal for themselves in the area of college and career readiness. This goal could have included their academic performance, attendance, or participation status for the 2019-2020 school year. As a means to follow up on these goals, our Youth Mentoring Partnership coaches (Alex and Calvin) will be meeting with every 9th grade advisory four times throughout the school year. This process started last Wednesday and Thursday morning and I had the opportunity to sit in on one of the sessions and was impressed with the students' responses and believe that they will have a solid goal and plan in place by the end of this school year for future success.



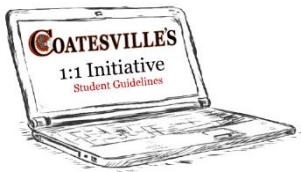
S M A R T	<u>Specific</u> : Clearly defined
	<u>Measurable</u> : quantifiable numbers
	<u>Attainable</u> : realistic, achievable outcomes
	<u>Reaching</u> : stepping outside of your comfort zone and challenging yourself
	<u>Timely</u> : target a date for achievement

Twenty-four students in year two of the Historical Research and Preservation program recently visited Winterthur Gardens and Museum. The second year of the program emphasizes historic preservation procedures and laws. Students were able to go behind the scenes and into the preservation labs where they learned first hand from the professionals. Winterthur is the foremost museum for American Decorative arts and the students were able to look at quality furnishings and learn about construction of furniture. The visit will serve as a great resource for the rest of this year when they are learning the “book work” of preservation.



Winter Sports

Today is the first official practice date for winter sports. Please be reminded that student-athletes will not be able to participate in any team activities, including try outs, until all the necessary PIAA paperwork (Comprehensive Initial or Recertification Pre-Participation Evaluation) is signed by all necessary parties to include parent/guardians, authorizing physician, and student-athlete. All CASD paperwork (extra-curricular code of student conduct, emergency procedure card) is also needed along with the PIAA paperwork.



Our teachers are beginning to do many classroom activities utilizing the student chromebooks. Our chromebook distribution is ongoing so if your child still has not received his or her chromebook please complete the form found below have it returned to his or her advisory teacher. If you have not already submitted the Technology Insurance Fee (TIF), the revtrak system remains open to receive these payments. You can access revtrak and the 1:1 handbook and FAQs can be at the following link:

<https://www.casdschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=6548>

attendance MATTERS

Did you know that children can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of the school year? That's just 18 days, or 2 to 3 days a month. Students who miss 10% of the school year are considered chronically absent. The research shows us that absences add up. That's as true for kindergartners as it is for 12th graders. It's as true for excused absences as it is for skipping school or taking a family vacation. That being said, please see the letter on page 5 below for a special thank you and an additional attendance reminder.



The Coatesville Area School District is excited to inform you that kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now available under Quicklinks on the CASD website <https://www.casdschools.org/Page/1>.

In addition to the online registration, parents can schedule appointments to register your child in CASD during the week of January 27th. You can find your child's elementary school using the School Lookup link located on the CASD's website under Quicklinks. Please share this information with your family, friends, and neighbors who may have a student entering into Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year!

Thank you for reading this week and please see below for the 1:1 form if needed and the Thanksgiving attendance letter. Have a great week!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian M. Chenger".

Brian M. Chenger

Principal

COATESVILLE AREA INTERMEDIATE HIGH SCHOOL'S



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We are in need of the following items to donate to the Chester County Food Bank to support families in need this Thanksgiving:

- Canned Beans
 - Canned Fruit
 - Macaroni and Cheese
- *All cans are accepted



Starts: Monday, November 11

Ends: Friday, November 22

The homeroom with the most cans wins a catered breakfast!!!!



COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move closer to distribution of the Chromebooks on **November 6, 2019**, we wanted to remind you and your students about the importance of reading over the Technology 1:1 Handbook as well as getting in your Technology Insurance Fee (TIF). Students are to be responsible when handling the device and are required to follow the Technology 1:1 Handbook usage guidelines as well as Board Policies (Board Policies 235).

Your child’s Chromebook is the district’s investment, therefore should be cared for properly or you as the parent/guardian will be held liable for the damages. No student should cause intentional damage to a device. If the device or accessories are returned damaged, or not returned at all, you as the parent/guardian will be held responsible to pay for the repair or replacement of those items.

The CASD highly recommends that parent/guardians invest in protecting your child’s device whether or not they take the device home. Any student can and will be held liable for any damage to his or her device according to board policies, however by paying the TIF your student will be covered if an accident should occur. Any student with an unpaid TIF will be held liable for any accidental damages to his or her device, including on school property. *** **Financial Hardships:** *If the technology fee creates a financial hardship on the student or parent, please contact the Main Office about payment options.*

For additional information, please see the CASD website for the Technology 1:1 Handbook, TIF information, and 1:1 FAQs

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID OR SIGNED, PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL

This will act as a signed 1:1 agreement. Check or money order may be sent in with this form. Payment may also be made via RevTrak.

I have enclosed the TIF payment for my child for the 2019-2020 school year.

(\$40 for one student, \$80 for two students, \$100 for 3 or more students)

Student Name: _____	Building: _____	Grade: _____
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I will pay via Revtrak, and am signing the 1:1 agreement below.

I decline to pay the \$40 TIF and accept full responsibility for damaged or loss of the district’s device. I understand my child will not be allowed to bring the device home.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature _____

Parent/Guardian’s E-mail address _____

Parent/Guardian’s Phone Number _____

Your signed 1:1 agreement and your TIF payment are required prior to being issued a device for at home use.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are thankful!

As we prepare to take a short break from school for Thanksgiving, we want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for as many students as possible to come to school every day, on time, ready to learn. We thank:

- Our students and families for making daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well in the classroom and eventually in a job.
- Our wonderful teachers who pour their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge so children do not want to miss out on learning
- Our support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need



We appreciate each one of you so much. We look forward to seeing you after the Thanksgiving holiday. We also hope you will keep in mind that school is closed on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 and reopens Monday, December 2, 2019.

We especially appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra days off during the Thanksgiving holiday. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and leave your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Chenger

Principal