

August 31, 2020

**Good Morning Parents, Guardians, Faculty, and Staff.**

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It is the First Day of School! Today is the day that we begin a wonderful journey together. Everyone is brand new to the Coatesville Area Intermediate High School and we are all going to have that opportunity to grow as a family. My goal is to create a learning atmosphere that promotes academic, social, and emotional growth. For the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, this is the last year before you start high school so it is imperative that you take all of your classes seriously. For our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students this is the first chance you have to start out with obtaining and earning a high-grade point average. Take advantage of working with your teachers and counselors to reach your goals. We will ROCK this school year!

### **Faculty Spotlight:**



**Staff Name and Position:** Christine Connolly Daily, Psychology and History Teacher

**College:** B.A. in Psychology from Penn State, M. Ed. In Secondary Education from West Chester University

**Family:** Husband, Greg (He works in IT, and I hate technology, so he tries to quell my frustrations as much as possible.)

Daughter, Leah (10 years- old. She is starting fifth grade this year. She LOVES Harry Potter and has read the series at least 20 times.)

Two cats (Dara is 19 years old and this senior girl is thriving with us being home. Moon is an ornery five-year-old male. He believes people exist to lavish love and attention on him. He tends to start meowing, loudly, during Zoom sessions because he wants to know where the people are so he can get love.)

**Hobbies:** My number one hobby is collecting psychology related t-shirts and swag. 😊 I enjoy gardening. My flower gardens were added to extensively during the quarantine. I found that you could get mail order flowers. I ordered so many I had to start more flower beds in my yard. I also enjoy identifying the different birds that come to my bird feeders. I also love crafting, camping, swimming laps, and helping to coach my daughter's softball team.

**Favorite Author, book, movie, etc.:** I am an ardent Outlander fan. Whenever a new book comes out in the series, I re-read the series from book one in order to psych myself up for the new book. Yes, they are that good. I am also a Star Wars fan, and yes I liked the new movies, I love Rey as a strong female role!

**Favorite Teams:** Baseball! Yes please! We love the Phillies and the Reading Phillies. We are so bummed we did not get to see the R-Phils this summer. We normally go several times during the summer.

**Favorite Food:** We love to cook in the Daily house! We are always wanting to try out new recipes or experiment making our own dishes. I created a dish I call Tamale Casserole that is one of the favorites in our house.

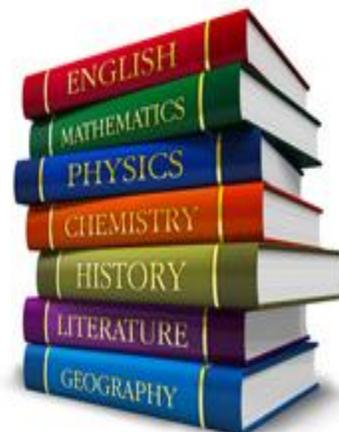
**Favorite Season and why:** I love Spring because all my flowers in my flower gardens start to bloom and their beauty just brings me so much joy.

**Textbook Pick Up:**

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Although this school year starts off in a virtual setting, we are committed to provide you with a world class education. Here at CAIHS, we have a dedicated and supportive administrative team, teachers, guidance counselors, and faculty who are here to assist you. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

To commence the school year in an efficient and effective manner, students will be provided textbooks and other required materials that can be picked up at CAIHS.

**On Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup> students will log into their classroom. During class, the teachers will inform each class if they will need a textbook or if the class will have an online textbook.** Collection days and times are in the schedule below. The materials will be separated by grade level and subject matter in the cafeteria.



To provide a healthy and safe environment, we are practicing the recommended social distancing and proper sanitation. While at the school, you will be required to wear a mask, keep social distancing to six feet, wash hands (rest rooms) or use hand sanitizers that will be available. If possible, we are asking that you please contact the school in advance to set a meeting and send one person into the school to pick up materials. The schedule is the following:

Date	Grade Level	Time
9/2	8 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
9/3	9 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
9/8	Make-Up Day 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
9/9	Make-Up Day 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

When coming to CAIHS, you will find parking available on the parking lot next to the school. Please enter the entrance next to the cafeteria. Someone will either buzz you in or open the door for you to enter the vestibule. Once in the school, you will walk to the left side of the entrance next to the attendance office and enter the cafeteria. From there, someone will guide you to your child’s classes.

To ensure a smooth process, please have a printed student schedule. If the printed version is not on hand, you may be able to access it on your phone or our faculty will help. Student schedules are available on Home Access Center.

Here at CAIHS, we pride ourselves on providing an efficient and safe plan that prioritizes the health students, faculty, parents, and stakeholders of the CASD community. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us.

**Fall Athletics:**

The Ches-Mont League Principals and Athletic Directors met Friday to make a league decision on the fall sports season. After much discussion and consideration of the member schools, the league is postponing fall sports competitions based on Chester County Health Department recommendations. If the CCHD changes their recommendations, we will reconsider all options. The Ches-Mont will grant the authority to District One PIAA committee to explore and propose alternative solutions for the athletic seasons of the Ches-Mont League and District One. Off-Season Voluntary workouts may continue per each District's Health and Safety Guidelines. (Please note that at this time we did not "opt out" of the fall season)

Although this is not the best news to share this still gives us the possibility of competing in the fall. The CASD Administration is committed to making every effort of having a fall season and to work in accordance with the recommendations set forth by the CCHD. As of now we will continue to follow our out of season voluntary work outs and the approved health and safety plan.

All of this at this time also applies to Middle School sports - so as of now, they will not be starting on 9/7. We will be sure to send out a mass communication to our district once the statement is released by the league.

### **Technology:**

If you are in need of a replacement Chromebook, please use the following link to schedule an appointment:

[http://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdq1N1KtPsoIFlyk7IQTO-z12nT\\_ihnSVF7NVFNFF\\_5N4pBw/viewform](http://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdq1N1KtPsoIFlyk7IQTO-z12nT_ihnSVF7NVFNFF_5N4pBw/viewform)

### **New Student Chromebook Distribution**

I would like to welcome our new students to the Coatesville Area Intermediate High School. We are excited to work with you and your child and I look forward to a great start for the 2020-2021 school year.



Per the Coatesville Area School District Health and Safety Plan, CASD will **begin the year virtually**. To ensure our new students are equipped to go virtual, we will be offering times for parents and their child to come to the Coatesville Area Intermediate High School to pick up their Chromebook. Families will be able to register for a date and time to come to the Coatesville Area Intermediate High School to pick up their Chromebook using this link CAIHS - <https://forms.gle/HpqzNGguGKWgFvBd6>

Please remember these appointments are for new students to the Coatesville Area Intermediate High School.

If you are in need of a replacement Chromebook, please use this link (<https://forms.gle/PkRcTng5yrj2TYHM8>) to schedule an appointment for a replacement or contact us at [ITHelpdesk@casdschools.org](mailto:ITHelpdesk@casdschools.org).

### **Naviance Program**

The Coatesville Area Senior High School and the Coatesville Area Intermediate High School are pleased to introduce Naviance Student – CASH and CAISH are now providing students, grades 8-12, access to Naviance Student. Naviance Student is an online college and career readiness platform that helps students find their best-fit path after high school. Learn more by watching the Naviance [Student Tour and Overview video](#).

Naviance Student allows you to:

- Get involved in the planning and advising process – Build a resume, complete online surveys, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers

- Research colleges – Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted in the past
- Research careers – Research hundreds of careers and career clusters, and take career assessments
- Create plans for the future – Create goals and to-dos, and complete tasks assigned to you by the school to better prepare yourself for your future college and career goals

Currently, student data is being uploaded. More information will come with specific student log-in, college search process and the college application process.

### **B.R.I.D.G.E.E Club**

The Brothers Reaching Individually Determined to Generate Excellence in Education “B.R.I.D.G.E.E is a club offered to males at Coatesville Area Intermediate High School and Coatesville Area Senior High School designed to provide support and mentoring to improve and maintain high academic achievement, instill brotherhood and community service, teach leadership and critical thinking skills, and spread awareness of African American Culture. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Chavous at [chavousb@coatesville.k12.pa.us](mailto:chavousb@coatesville.k12.pa.us).



ADOPT-a-  
Coatesville  
TEACHER

Adopt-a-Teacher is back! Over the last four years this program has encouraged families to engage in our school community and organized this fun experience for both families and teachers and staff here at Coatesville Area School District. It is so important to encourage the amazing individuals who shape our kids’ lives.

When you adopt a Coatesville teacher and/or staff member, not only are you positively impacting those who are on the front-line every day educating our kids, you are also sewing into the life of our community.

If you are new to this program and would like to learn more about how you can adopt, please head over to the Adopt-a-Coatesville Teacher [Facebook Page](#) or read more about this program on their [new website](#). If you have any questions about the program you can also email them at [adopt-a-teacher@outlook.com](mailto:adopt-a-teacher@outlook.com).

**Ready to Adopt?** That’s great! To read up on how you can adopt today - [click here](#) to read about the process.

Don’t forget to Adopt-A-Coatesville-Teacher



Just a reminder that there is still time to adopt a teachers and/or staff member!

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Before you adopt make sure to check the building list to see if a staff member has already been adopted. If you see they haven't been adopted go ahead and adopt them there: (you can either put the images in

### **Returning Student Information Update**

We hope you and your family are healthy and safe.

As we begin to gear up for another period of remote learning, it is important for the Coatesville Area School District to maintain accurate contact information. The school district is excited to announce the launch of our online "Returning Student Information Update" form powered by PowerSchool Enrollment. This system is a secure and green process, which allows the school district to verify student contact information. The form is scheduled to "go live" on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. You will receive an email with a unique snapcode link for each child. The snapcode will serve as the key to accessing your child's online form.



### **Schedules**

As you know, our home access center is opened for schedule viewing. Just a brief reminder that schedules will be changed for the following reasons ONLY: **A missing class (hole in your schedule, ie: no period 2 scheduled), a level change, and a duplicate class.**

Stay Healthy,

Mr. Maloney