

August 26, 2019

Good Morning Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! The Coatesville Area Intermediate High School Faculty, Staff, and Administration is excited to be a part of your child's team and are looking forward to working together to ensure your child's success. Last week our teachers were welcomed back and if you attended our back to school event, noticed that they prepared diligently to set up their classrooms. In addition to teachers having time to set up their classrooms, a number of other professional development sessions occurred.

Teachers engaged in our building's welcome back meeting and we were proud to introduce several new faculty members to the Intermediate High School. I opened our teacher's school year with our school's mission statement which is found below:

The mission of the Coatesville Area Intermediate High School is to provide a quality education focused on instruction through best practice, building positive relationships, and a commitment to ensure all students are promoted to the next grade level.

DO IT RIGHT, DO YOUR BEST, TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WANT TO BE TREATED

As we progress through the school year, we revisit this mission statement often and do our best to make our decisions with this statement in mind.

Our faculty also were provided training in our emergency procedure plan and practice safety drills to ensure they were aware of what to do in the event that an emergency occurs in the building. Our students will also be practicing emergency drills on a monthly basis throughout the school year and we will be sure to notify you as much as possible before and after these drills. A special thank you to our CASD Police Department for being on site during our training and drills to observe and note areas of improvement. Teachers also participated in a day long training in google classrooms and related applications as a means to begin to prepare them for the roll out of our 1:1 devices. (Please see below for more information on our 1:1 plans). Our teachers also



participated in a review of our expectations of them in the classroom, the code of student conduct, and then participated in a collaborative reflection opportunity led by the Youth Mentoring Partnership. Teachers transitioned from their professional development sessions in the library to our gym where the YMP led the faculty in exercises that asked teachers to reflect as to why they became a teacher and the importance of creating positive memorable feelings that will last a lifetime with our students. YMP also spoke specifically about goal setting with our students and creating relationships that could change a child's trajectory in life by having high expectations and providing the appropriate supports and multiple opportunities for students to meet those expectations. Our teachers also participated in child abuse training through the Stewards of Children training program followed by a review of our school improvement plan and the process of the plan. The week was successfully concluded by all CASD faculty and staff members coming together for a welcoming address by our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Richard Dunlap.



ADMINISTRATION

Principal: Brian M. Chenger

Assistant Principals: Joseph L. MacNamara, Jr., Eileen T. Rudisill, Shannon D. Downing

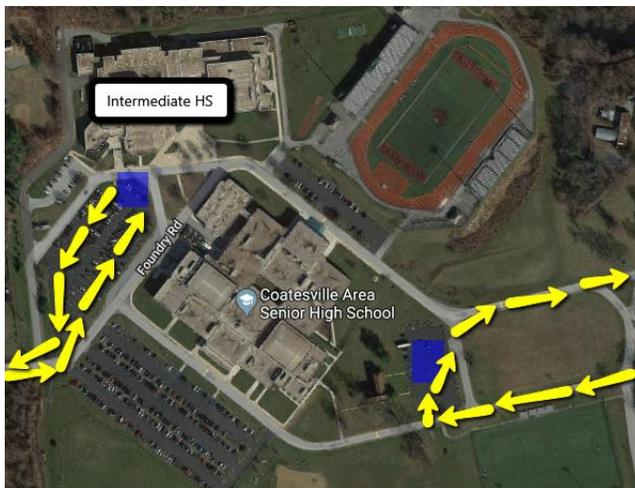
Thank you to all of you who attended our annual back to school night event. The evening again was a tremendous success and hope that it provided a glimpse of your child's academic day as well as extra-curricular opportunities at the vendor event prior to following your child's class schedule. Speaking of extra-curricular opportunities, I will be meeting with our fall student-athletes with the next week or two to ensure they are aware of the responsibility that comes with being a student-athlete and representative of the Coatesville Area School District.



Today, our teachers will be reviewing expectations throughout the day with our students. Third period teachers will be reviewing lunch procedures. Students are expected to be in the cafeteria on time during their scheduled lunch period. Students should be seated throughout their entire lunch period and should only get up to either dispose of trash, use the vending machine, and/or use the restroom. Restroom use will be limited to two students at a time. All students will be asked to remain seated for the final five minutes of the lunch period (vending machines and restrooms will be closed at that time) to allow for our faculty to begin the dismissal process. Students are responsible to dispose their trash and dismissal will occur by table. Seventh period teachers will be asked to review the PM bus maps and students will be dismissed five minutes early today and tomorrow for students to locate their bus locations. Buses will depart approximately at 2:27pm daily.



Our school district police and security officers will be out doing traffic duty to ensure that our students arrive safely into the building. If you plan to drive your child to school please use the entrance that comes in from the west (Foundry Road) so that you can access the parking lot to the parent drop off location (see below). Depending on the time, if you enter off Veteran's Drive from the east side of campus you may not be permitted past the Gardner – Beale House (Farmhouse) and may need to drop off your child at that parking lot which would then require your child to walk in front of the senior high school and football stadium to the Intermediate High School.



Adopt a teacher is back for the 2019-2020 school year. This year's goal a goal to get every teacher and administrator



adopted. Your help would truly be appreciated. Please use the link below if you are interested in supporting our teachers and administrators. Once at the site you will be able to view the list of teachers and administrators that can be adopted and supported by you. Thank you for your support and dedication to our educators.

https://coatesvillecap.blogspot.com/p/blog-page_27.html

In addition to the 2019-2020 advisories, I have also included the 2019-2020 school calendar for you to reference as needed throughout the year. Please do your best to avoid scheduling anything during our two testing windows (one in December for re-testers and one in May) so that we can administer the Keystone Exams in an efficient and organized manner with minimal make ups. Attendance is an extremely important factor in student success so again, please reference the calendar when scheduling family trips and appointments to minimize days out of school for the 2019-2020 school year.



Student picture day is only a few weeks away. The Lifetouch photographers will be at the Intermediate High School all day on Friday, September 6th taking photos for those interested in purchasing a photo package and for school identification cards. All students are required to have their

photo taken regardless if they plan to purchase a package or not for ID purposes. Package options can be viewed on our school website at www.casdschools.org/caihs.

We have also again partnered and registered with Giant Food Stores and their A+ school rewards program for the 2019-2020 school year. Our school ID number is 23944. Please consider signing up today at giantfoodstores.com to support the Intermediate High School!



OUR SCHOOL Coatesville Area Intermediate High School
OUR ID# 23944

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Student Code of Conduct

On August 13, 2019 the Board of School Directors approved the 2019-2020 Code of Student Conduct. By now you should have received the Code of Student conduct via email. Please review the Code of Student Conduct with your child to ensure he/she understands district expectations and responsibilities as a student of the Coatesville Area School District. The signature page titled Acknowledging Receipt of the code will be sent home with all students during the week of August 26th. In addition, the User Agreement for acceptable use of internet, computers, and Network Resources and the Publicity Release form will be sent home with your child. Please review these forms, sign, and return to your child's teacher.

Technology & 1:1 Initiative

The Coatesville Area School District (CASD) is proud to announce our new 1:1 technology initiative, thanks in part to the [T-Mobile EmpowerED](#) grant. The Coatesville Area School District recognizes the significance of providing a technology-infused learning environment. This opportunity has allowed CASD to create a new 1:1 device program that will ultimately provide our students the appropriate technological tools necessary to access educational materials both inside and outside the classroom.

What this Means for your Student

In early October, each student will receive a laptop to be used both at school and at home throughout the 2019 – 2020 school year. CASD will distribute these laptops to each student from kindergarten through 12th grade. Your student will either receive a Dell or a HP Chromebook 11G6. These laptops are Google-based and selected for their ease of use, portability and durability. In addition, each student will receive a T-Mobile hotspot with 2 gigs of data per month, for home use with the laptop, allowing students home access to educational materials.

Responsibility

All equipment provided to the students is owned by the CASD and will be distributed to the students for educational purposes only. CASD believe this program allows us to promote responsibility amongst our students when it comes to caring for the new equipment. The technology taskforce has been working weekly to exploring options to cover ongoing costs such as the T-Mobile hotspots, two (2) gigs of data per student per month, technical and maintenance support for district issued devices and insurance that will cover the District's cost of repairing and/or replacing damaged equipment, as well as loaner devices.

Coming Soon

More information will be coming soon on policy and guidelines. To insure your child can participate you must sign a policy agreement with the district. This will be handed out a few weeks before devices are distributed. Our program has drawn upon and incorporated best practices of successful 1:1 programs from around the nation.

Thank you for reading and I look forward to a outstanding 2019-2020 school year!

Sincerely,

Brian M. Chenger

Principal



