



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Dear Coatesville Area School District,

We are eagerly preparing for the opening of school, in person, on August 30 with a normal schedule. Registration is still open for the Coatesville Cyber Academy (grades K - 12) for any of our families who are interested in cyber education.

Our School Board has approved updates to our Health and Safety Plan that will set masking guidelines beginning August 25 until further notice.

The new guidelines require masks for both students and staff in our schools and buildings until further notice. Masks may be removed for outdoor recess and outdoor physical education classes. Masks will be required on school buses, and for indoor sports.

We will notify parents when transmission rates drop, and masks are no longer required. We are very pleased to be able to provide in person instruction and look forward to a more normal school year and consistent schedule.

A few other important highlights from our plan:

- We will socially distance when possible.
- Masks will be available for anyone who forgets them.
- We ask that students bring refillable water bottles to school.
- Our nursing staff are ready to support our students and staff, and to assist with contact tracing. Per the CDC, contact tracing will not apply to students who are wearing masks.
- Our HVAC systems are running with new filters.
- Regular disinfection and sanitizing will continue.

We ask that you please take a few moments to read our [2021-22 School Year Frequently Asked Questions](#) that contain a lot of important information about the school year, as well as information about our bus transportation. We do anticipate buses will likely be running with some delays the first two weeks of school, as drivers and students acclimate to their routes. We are also facing a nationwide bus driver shortage that is likely to impact schedules. Thank you in advance for your patience. We have contracted with Krapf Bus to improve our scheduling this year, and our transportation department is to respond to questions and concerns.

Thank you, as always, to our parents, students, staff, and community members who support the Coatesville Area School District. We look forward to seeing our students back in our schools next week.

Sincerely,
Tomás Hanna, Superintendent

Important Upcoming Dates

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Monday, August 30th, 2021



LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL
Monday, September 6th, 2021



**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING**
Wednesday, September 8th, 2021

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS &
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING**
Tuesday, September 14th, 2021

EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS
Wednesday, September 15th, 2021

Kindergarten Orientation at Rainbow

On August 24th, Rainbow welcomed their newest Wildcats for Kindergarten Orientation. These students are ready to have a great year!



New Teacher Induction



On Friday, August 20th, we welcomed new teachers and their mentors to the District Office for Induction. Throughout the morning, they met district administrators and heard presentations led about our school district.

New teachers had the opportunity to visit their schools and get a jump start on preparing for the school year. We can't wait to see all the great things these educators will bring to Coatesville!



Teachers Returned Monday, August 23rd



Coatesville Area School District welcomed teachers back on Monday, August 23. Everyone was invited to the Senior High School for breakfast and district-wide meetings.

Superintendent Tomás Hanna kicked off the 2021-2022 school year by the faculty and staff. As we move into a new school year, he reminded everyone to take the lessons we have learned throughout the pandemic and commit to upholding the same resiliency as we return to the classroom.



“Let us not lose sight of what we learned, and commit to building upon these new tools you all worked hard to successfully develop as we move forward and focus on how to best equip our students with the skills they need to be lifelong learners. Let us commit to remaining resilient, persistent, and focused on what works for our students.”



Curriculum Corner

The related arts (art, music, PE, and library) and elective teachers for grades kindergarten through sixth grade started the ongoing process of curriculum work for their respective subject areas. This will be an extensive process, but the related arts teachers are up for the task. As they begin this process, they are taking a close look at the state standards and eligible content that CASD students need to be well rounded citizens.

Integrating related arts into the curriculum is extremely important to the academic and social growth of CASD students. Working in the arts helps learners develop creative problem-solving skills. Studying the Arts helps students develop powers of analysis and expression. It also helps to prepare them for future jobs that require good communication skills, logical reasoning and analytical ability.

As related arts teachers start their curriculum work, their focus will be on the standards while basing instruction on building capacity in the areas of motor skills, language skills, social skills, decision-making, risk taking, and inventiveness. CASD administration and teachers are eager to start this work and provide CASD students with a rigorous yet supportive related arts curriculum.

Acadience Training

Classroom teachers in grades K-5 and 6th grade English Language Arts teachers participated in training on Acadience Reading, a universal screening tool that helps teachers identify students at risk for reading difficulties.

Acadience also offers progress monitoring measures that will enable teachers to closely track the progress of students who have been identified for tiered support to determine the effectiveness of intervention and instruction.



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Caln Elementary is Spreading Positivity



Caln can't wait to welcome all their students into the building! Here's a sneak peak of their Motivation Hallway. They're excited to continue to fill it with positive words, messages, and phrases!

You are the reason we are here!

Learning to Ride the School Bus at East Fallowfield Elementary



East Fallowfield's newest students learned about how to ride the bus during Kindergarten Orientation this week. If anyone needs a refresher, please watch the video (click below) on the CASD YouTube channel created by East Fallowfield students Sophia and Dylan along with bus driver Ms. Eva Scott.

[BUS 101: INTRODUCTION TO RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS](#)

Make Our School
a Safe Place for
Everyone!



Congratulations!

We are excited to announce the selection for the Junior Board Representative for the 2021-2022 school year:

Alison Scheivert

Coatesville Area Senior High School Principal, Michele Snyder said, "Alison did an outstanding job on her application and interview. I am confident that she will serve her peers well in this position."

Congratulations Alison!

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Adopt a Teacher

Just a reminder that there are still time to adopt a teachers and/or staff member! Make sure to check the '[Teacher Lists](#)' to see if the staff member you want has already been adopted.

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 [website](#). If you have any questions about the program, you can also email them at adopt-a-teacher@outlook.com.



Recognizing Raiders

We are so lucky in the Coatesville Area School District to have some of the most dedicated and caring teachers and staff in the world! This year, we want to highlight a few of our favorite teachers and staff who help us learn and grow every day.

Nominations are welcome from anyone who recognizes the excellence in someone who dedicates their time to our schools and always goes the extra mile! Please use the form below to nominate someone to be recognized in our next issue!

[EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FORM](#)



WE LEARN, WE LOVE, WE LAUGH...
Thank You Teachers & Staff!

School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recording [here](#).

The School Board recognized the accomplishments of the Raiderbots, who you can read more about in Issue 1 of this newsletter. Coaches Octavia Warren-Ward and Andy Moscarelli made a few remarks about the hard work the team put in over the last year, and 12th grade student, Chaelee Crane introduced the team, who demonstrated their robot's capabilities to all those in attendance. Go Raiderbots!

Tomás Hanna, Superintendent, provided updates on the reopening of schools. This included information about teacher professional development, curriculum, food service, transportation, and the Health & Safety Plan.

Many public comments were made on both sides of the COVID Health & Safety Plan discussion. Some community members wanted to have masks be optional in our schools while others wanted them to be mandatory for all individuals.

Several Board members made a remark concerning their vote on the Health & Safety Plan. To hear these remarks, visit the CASD YouTube account for the recording of the meeting. The Board of School Directors authorized the Health & Safety Plan be revised to include universal masking K-12 for students, staff, and visitors regardless of vaccination status beginning August 25 until further notice, with a vote of 4-2.

The Board of School Directors is seeking candidates for a Region I vacancy. More information can be found [here](#).



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