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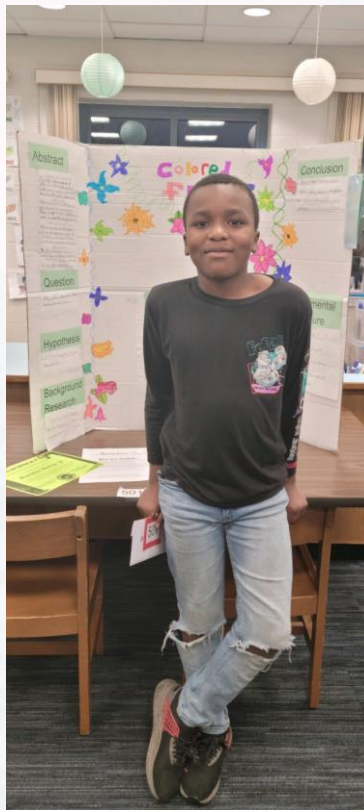
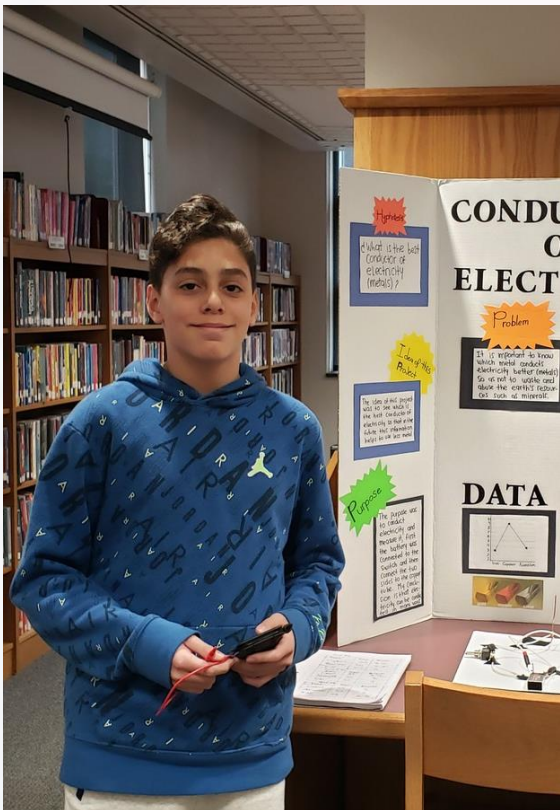
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### Future Scientists Showcase Their Findings

Coatesville Area School District has been bustling with scientific discoveries over the last few weeks! Students had the opportunity to display their science fair projects to their buildings and were judged on critical components of the scientific process. They asked questions, made hypotheses, and carried out experiments to make a final determination.

Students in fourth grade and above can enter their project for judging in the District Science Fair held on February 4, as well as the Chester County Science and Engineering Fair held on March 8. All students are eligible to place in the District and County competitions, so based on the feedback received during the judging of the building level science fairs, students can make changes and improvements to their project before advancing. Students in kindergarten through third grade are welcome to showcase their projects at the District Science Fair, but will not be judged.

Mrs. Canning, our STEM teacher at Reeceville Elementary, said, "I hope that all of our students will start observing the world around them for questions to answer and problems to solve in next year's fair!"



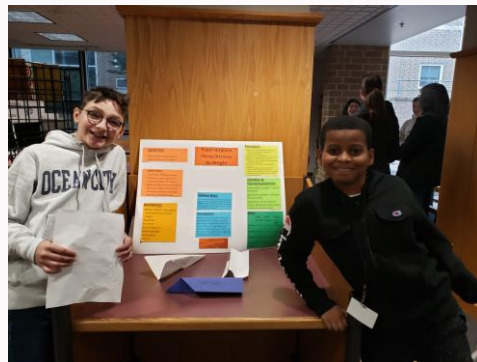
### Important Upcoming Dates

DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR  
February 4, 2023

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
February 14, 2023



*Science Fair, continued.*







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## CASH Senior Class sponsors "Mr. Coatesville" Competition



Congratulations to Quinn Hewson, who was crowned "Mr. Coatesville" for the Class of 2023. The Senior Class sponsors this event annually. It is a friendly competition that our students look forward to all year.

Attendees were treated to a fun and entertaining evening featuring Quinn Hewson, Owen Ellis, Joshua Miller, Alvin Tolden, Dany Pacheco, and Gavin Raezer. Events included a best dressed contest, a question game, and a minute to win it challenge.

## Funding Approved for Youth Mentoring Partnership

The Youth Mentoring Partnership (YMP), a local organization that partners with our school district, was awarded more than \$420,000 in state funding to provide trauma-informed mentors, safe havens, and social emotional learning curricula in partnership with local schools and community organizations.

YMP aims to leverage fitness and sports to cultivate healthy relationships, develop critical emotional intelligence skills, and foster opportunities for mentorship with positive figures like community educators, teachers, coaches, civic leaders, and law enforcement.

"Our youth deserve opportunities to succeed, no matter what their circumstance, and YMP is going to do our best to give it to them," said Mark Mintzer, CEO and Founder of Youth Mentoring Partnership.

The funding was awarded through the Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Competitive grant program through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). The program provides grants and technical assistance to address community violence throughout the Commonwealth.

The funding will be used for site coordination, personnel, supplies, and operating expenses for the organization's fitness and sports programming.

For more information on Youth Mentoring Partnership, visit their website: [www.youthmp.org](http://www.youthmp.org)

**YOUTH MENTORING  
PARTNERSHIP**



# North Brandywine Students Experience the PA Farm Show

Seventh grade students were able to experience agriculture firsthand at the 107<sup>th</sup> annual Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg earlier this month. This event aims to showcase the quality and extent of Pennsylvania's agricultural industry. Our students were able to participate in a celebration of the accomplishments of this industry while learning more about all that farming entails.

Principal Dr. Eugenia Roberts said, "I love that our students were provided with the opportunity to experience agriculture – up-close and personal!"

This year's show theme was "Rooted In Progress," which honors the industry's roots and goals for the future.





# E-A-G-L-E-S

In a big year for Philadelphia sports fans, students and staff enjoyed celebrating the Eagles' 38-7 win over the New York Giants, sending them to the NFL Conference Championships this weekend. Go Eagles!



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- ✓ Her Big Future. *Su gran futuro.*



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and your Daisy (Grades K-1) can become Girl Scouts at

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# Snow Makeup Day

**SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023**

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REVISED SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR





# Coatesville's Air Force Junior ROTC Program Thriving After Crosstown Agreements with Other Districts



After several years of low enrollment, the Air Force Junior ROTC program at the Coatesville Area School District is on solid footing. Recent “Crosstown Agreements” with two local school districts have boosted participation, and after receiving the highest rating at a recent inspection, the program is thriving.

In 2020, low enrollment threatened to decommission the program. U.S. Representative Chrissy Houlahan, herself an Air Force Veteran, reached out to the Air Force and helped secure a two-year probation period

to raise the program's numbers. A crosstown agreement with the Oxford Area School District boosted student enrollment in the 2020-21 school year, as did an agreement during the 2022-23 school year with Downingtown West and Downingtown East High Schools.

Crosstown students are transported to Coatesville each day to take the AFJROTC class and can stay after school for extracurricular activities. After starting an experimental 8th grade program and bringing Oxford Area students into the program, the agreement with Downingtown has brought enrollment up to 108 students, which released the program from “probation” by the Air Force. In December, 2022, a comprehensive program evaluation by Air Force Junior ROTC Headquarters resulted in an ‘Exceeds Standards,’ the highest possible rating, for the program. “The Exceeds Standards rating is a testament to the dedication of the cadets,” said Retired Master Sergeant Chris Sidoli, the unit's Aerospace Science Instructor. “They are truly an asset to the school and community.”

“The program appears to have a bright future in our region,” said retired Lt. Colonel James Turnbull, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor at Coatesville Area High School. “The cadets worked tirelessly, staying long after the school day ended and coming in on weekends to prepare the unit for the evaluation. Their efforts really paid off as they showcased the many excellent facets of our program.”

“My cadets and I were very proactive in preparation for this inspection,” said Cadet Colonel Nathanael Sweeney, a 12th grader at Coatesville Area High School. “Every cadet put in the work in their own way and it definitely paid off.”

AFJROTC cadets from Coatesville, Oxford and Downingtown participate in activities at all three schools as well as take part in community projects in each of the three districts, and attend field trips to service academies, national battlefields, museums, and historic sites. The cadets unfurl a large American Flag on the field during football games and provide Color Guards at various school and community events.

Only a small percentage of Junior ROTC students pursue a future with the military. The citizen development program provides participants with a sense of belonging and what Turnbull says is a family atmosphere. “Cadets develop leadership skills, organize activities, learn to work as a team, and build a strong resume,” he said.

“These students, led with selfless service by Lt Col. Turnbull, have demonstrated their character and commitment to our community time and again,” said Representative Chrissy Houlahan. “I very much wish this program continued success.”



# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Welcome Class of 2036!

Kindergarten Pre-Registration is officially open!

The Coatesville Area School District is so excited to begin its partnership with you to prepare your child for his or her future. A child's early years are the foundation for success both academically and emotionally. The kindergarten registration process can be completed online. Please access the **2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration** form by clicking on links here:

[English](#) [Spanish](#)

In addition to basic information about your child, please be prepared to upload copies of the following documents: (1) Birth Certificate (2) Immunization Records (3) Proof of Residency

Please click [here](#) to determine which Elementary School your child will attend. Check that school's website for upcoming in-person registration dates.

Should you have any general questions or concerns pertaining to the online registration process, please do not hesitate to contact our central registration team at 610-466-2400.



**COATESVILLE  
FIELD HOCKEY  
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HOSTED BY CASH COACHES AND PLAYERS

FIELD HOCKEY	LACROSSE
SUN. <b>FEB. 19</b> 11-1:00PM	SAT. <b>FEB. 25</b> 9-11:00AM

**\$55** PER CLINIC

PLAYERS GRADES 3<sup>RD</sup> — 8<sup>TH</sup>  
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SCAN TO REGISTER

**CYL** COATESVILLE  
YOUTH  
LACROSSE

Coatesville Youth Lacrosse (CYL) is a volunteer run organization whose goal is to provide, develop & spread the skills of lacrosse to the youth of our community.

**INVITING BOTH BOYS & GIRLS** residing in the Coatesville Area School District. CYL strives to maintain a program where every participant has the opportunity to learn the game; develop and improve skills; and be prepared for the next level of lacrosse!

**SPRING 2023 SEASON / REGISTER TODAY!**

REGISTER AT [www.coatesvilleyouthlacrosse.com](http://www.coatesvilleyouthlacrosse.com)

BOYS	register ON OUR website!	GIRLS
DIVISIONS: AGES 5-14 YEARS U6, U8, U10 U12, U14		DIVISIONS: GRADE LEVELS K-2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8 GIRLS REGISTRATION ***CLOSING FEB. 3

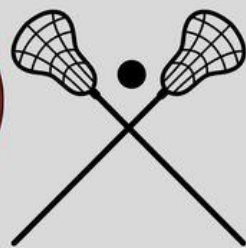
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We welcome volunteers to assist with making the experience a positive one for all. Interested in getting involved, contact us at [admin@coatesvilleyouthlacrosse.com](mailto:admin@coatesvilleyouthlacrosse.com)  
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## School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, January 17 and 24, 2023. The full meeting agendas can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recording of the meeting [here](#).

A Special Board Meeting was called on January 17, 2023 for the Board to vote on the appointment of Catherine Van Vooren, Ed.D. as the new Superintendent of Coatesville Area School District. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0. You can view Dr. Van Vooren's employment agreement [here](#) and read more about her appointment [here](#).



Alison Scheivert, Senior Class Representative, and Isabella Imburgia, Junior Class Representative provided the student representatives' report. You can watch their presentation [here](#).

Dr. Richard F. Dunlap, Interim Superintendent, provided his final Superintendent's Report, as Dr. Catherine Van Vooren will soon be sworn in as the new Coatesville Area School District Superintendent. You can watch his presentation [here](#).

Kathryn Lamothe, Principal at Scott 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, provided a Special Report about the student teams that raise and lower the flag each day. You can view her presentation [here](#).

Board Member Amelia Mills had a few special shout outs to share in regard to the District Spelling Bee and building Science Fairs. You can hear her statement [here](#).

Public comment can be viewed here: [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#) [\[3\]](#) [\[4\]](#)

Coatesville Area School District Presents



## Special Education Parent Nights

Date	Time	Location	Topic
September 21, 2022	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	IEP 101: Understanding the Special Education Process
October 5, 2022	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	How to Know if My Child is Making Progress
November 9, 2022	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	How to Communicate with School District Staff
December 7, 2022	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	Transition to Kindergarten
January 11, 2023	6:00 – 7:00pm	Virtual	Understanding Disabilities (Autism)
February 8, 2023	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	Preparing for Graduation
March 8, 2023	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	Transition Planning-Post Secondary Resources
April 12, 2023	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	How to Help My Child Learn to Advocate for Themselves



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