



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Raiderbots Visit the PA State Capitol

The Coatesville Area School District Raiderbots Robotics Team traveled to Harrisburg to demonstrate their robotics prowess in the Capitol building on January 31 at the invitation of Pennsylvania State Representative Dan Williams.



Williams said he was impressed by the nationally ranked team's success, along with the school district's commitment to what's known as STEM education – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Williams treated the team to lunch and a tour of the Capitol.

The Raiderbots bested 15 other teams from across the state to qualify for the state championship, scheduled for March 4 in Saucon Valley, PA. The team is comprised of students from Coatesville Area Intermediate High School and Senior High School.

Important Upcoming Dates

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2023

PRESIDENTS DAY - NO SCHOOL
February 20, 2023

Students Excel at District Science Fair

Congratulations to all the students who presented at the District Science Fair last Saturday. The scientific minds at work astounded the judges! Winners will be announced and presented with their medals at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.



Scott Celebrates Their Second Quarter ROCKStars

On Friday, February 3, Scott 6th Grade Center celebrated the 274 students who consistently demonstrated good behavior throughout the second quarter.

Students and teachers were invited to the gym to play Medic. Mr. Altland and Mrs. Lamothe joined in the fun as well as the teachers. Students played in small groups with their classes and a great time was had by all. Mrs. Lamothe and Mr. Altland are so proud of the students that continue to follow the Scott expectations of Respect, Ownership, Courage, Kindness, and Safety. They are looking forward to celebrating with even more students next quarter!



Superintendent Dr. Catherine Van Vooren Sworn In



Dr. Catherine Van Vooren was sworn in as Coatesville Area School District's Superintendent of Schools on Tuesday, February 7 at the Chester County Justice Center in West Chester. We look forward to welcoming her when she officially starts on Tuesday, February 21!



COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Coatesville Facilities At A Crossroads

Master Facilities Plan Task Force

Update - February 10, 2023

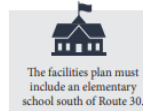
The Coatesville Area School District is at a financial and facilities crossroads. The District's facilities are aging and facing numerous challenges, despite a significant preventative maintenance plan. More than 60 staff, parents, and community members are considering options for the District's schools, as prepared by architectural and facilities use firms that specialize in K-12 facilities and that have studied our buildings.

The Task Force has agreed on 'guiding priorities' for the plan:

- As a first priority, the plan must address the critical infrastructure systems within the buildings (ensuring all buildings are able to keep students and staff safe, warm, and dry.)
- The District's facilities are in a state that requires action. This cannot be delayed or deferred.
- The facilities plan must be focused on helping the District save money on operating costs.
- The facilities plan must not reduce the District's investment in the other three pillars of their strategy to improve: Academic achievement, Finances, Climate.
- The facilities plan must address the curb appeal and aesthetics of the buildings in order to compete with charter schools.
- The plan must geographically defend against charter school locations.
- The plan must reconfigure the grade structure to better meet educational needs.
- The plan must fit the School Board's ability to fund the improvements within its current Act 1 taxing authority, and not force them to go to a voter referendum for additional funding.

As the Task Force has honed in on its work, the School Board has also been asked to provide a financial limit for the plan. This will help to set additional direction. They will consider this at their February 14 meeting.

After several months of work, the Task Force has also honed in on additional priorities for its facilities plan:

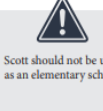


The facilities plan must include an elementary school south of Route 30.



The plan should focus on new construction instead of renovations/additions, if possible.

9 - 12
The CAHS and CASH campus should ideally accommodate grades 9 - 12.



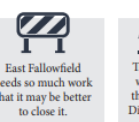
Scott should not be used as an elementary school.



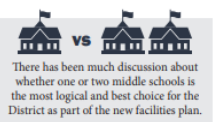
Classroom trailers should be replaced with a more permanent solution if at all possible.



Cain Elementary needs so much work that it may be better to close it.



East Fallowfield needs so much work that it may be better to close it.



There has been much discussion about whether one or two middle schools is the most logical and best choice for the District as part of the new facilities plan.

We will continue to update our community as we move forward.

The Task Force is still on track to present a recommendation for a new facilities plan to the School Board in May, 2023.

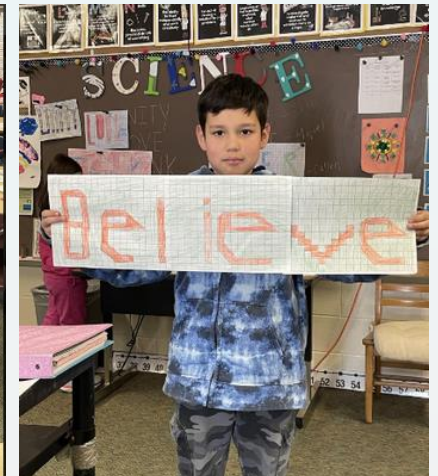
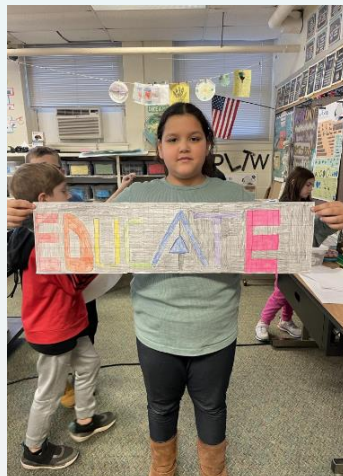
www.casdschools.org

STEM Club Celebrates Black History Month



Last week in STEM club, East Fallowfield kicked off Black History Month by reading the story Martin's Big Words by Doreen Rappaport. Students got to pick a word that represents what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood for.

The challenge was for them to use graph paper to write a word. Each letter of the word must be made up of complete boxes, or for more of a challenge, students could use half of a box! Everyone did a great job!



FLY EAGLES FLY

Students and staff are ready to cheer the Eagles on to victory this Superbowl Sunday! Fly Eagles fly!



Students Care for Hydroponic Garden

Fifth grade students at East Fallowfield have been working so hard on their school hydroponic garden. The students have been planting the seeds, watering them, and checking the garden's pH and nutrients levels in the garden. They will continue to take care of the garden and the plants until they are ready for harvest in about 3-4 weeks! We are so proud of their dedication!



Me We City Visits CASH

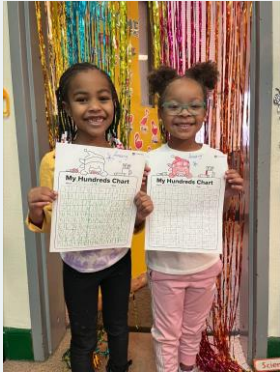


Last Friday, members of local churches arrived at Coatesville Area Senior High to greet our students with positivity and inspiration! Many CASH students gave our local pastors and local church members positive praises in return, and they appreciated the warm welcome and encouragement!

"Me We City" has visited Scott, North Brandywine Middle School, and Coatesville Area Intermediate High School in recent weeks, and they will return to CASH again soon! We want to extend our sincere thanks to them for supporting our students and positively promoting mental health and goal-setting.

CASD Celebrates 100 (and 101) Days of School

A classic milestone in the school year is the 100th Day of School! Students celebrated in various ways, such as dressing like a 100-year-old or wearing something with 100 items attached. The first graders at Rainbow Elementary decided to celebrate the 101st Day of School by dressing as dalmatians!



- ✓ Fun. *Diversión.*
- ✓ Friendship. *Amistad.*
- ✓ Her Big Future. *Su gran futuro.*

Girl Scouts have it handled!
¡En Girl Scouts lo encontrará!

Life can be complicated, but keeping your girl curious, active, and happy doesn't have to be. Come see all that Girl Scouts of Eastern PA has to offer your family.

La vida puede ser complicada, pero mantener a tu niña activa, contenta y llena de curiosidad no tiene por qué serlo. Ven a ver todo lo que Girl Scouts of Eastern PA tiene para ofrecerte a tu familia.

Greater Coatesville Girl Scouts Service Unit 607

Adult Volunteers Needed!

Contact us to find out how YOU

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

https://www.gsep.org/en/events/recruitment-events/learn_more.html

¿Te gustaría ser voluntaria?

Envíame un correo electrónico o envíame un mensaje de texto

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Teléfono: 610-996-0135

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Snow Makeup Day

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

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD OUR
REVISED SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



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.



Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of Oliver, Jr.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Oliver, Jr. on two great performances! Thank you to Mr. DiGuiseppe and Mrs. Harvey for their guidance, time and work to make this production a success. The dedication of our students and staff to put on the best show possible was evident in every scene!



The Coatesville Youth Initiative's
Youth & Community Clothing Closet and Resource Outlet

The Benner Building
545 E Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320

The "Outlet" was developed in partnership with the Coatesville Area School District, as a place for youth and community members to get free clothing, school supplies, non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies and other resources.

What's in the Outlet?

In the Outlet you will find

- School Supplies
- Clothing –youth, adults, male & female.
- Bicycles
- Cleaning Supplies
- Non-perishable Food Items
- Miscellaneous Items



If you are interested in volunteering or donating to *The Outlet*, please contact Charlotte at 610-380-0200 ext. 205 or charlotte@coatesvilleyouthinitiative.org

Youth & Community Clothing Closet and Resource Outlet



Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Friday
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Tuesdays
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Tuesday evenings are By Appointment Only!



Operated by
The Coatesville Youth Initiative
545 E Lincoln Highway,
Coatesville PA 19320.

www.coatesvilleyouthinitiative.org

The Coatesville Youth Initiative is an independent 501(C)3 organization.

COATESVILLE FIELD HOCKEY & LACROSSE @ASC

HOSTED BY CASH COACHES AND PLAYERS

| | FIELD HOCKEY | LACROSSE |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| SUN. FEB. 19 | 11-1:00 PM | SAT. FEB. 25 |
| | | 9-11:00 AM |

\$55 PER CLINIC — **PLAYERS GRADES 3RD – 8TH**
REGISTER @ bit.ly/3wdDaKN
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT CASH FH & LAX

QUESTIONS? EMAIL COACH.MANDYPITT@GMAIL.COM
ACADEMY SPORTS COMPLEX • 3527 LINCOLN HIGHWAY, THORNDALE PA

SCAN TO REGISTER

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 |



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

BOYS DIVISIONS: AGES 5-14 YEARS
U6, U8, U10
U12, U14

register ON OUR website!

GIRLS DIVISIONS: GRADE LEVELS
K-2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8
GIRLS REGISTRATION ***CLOSING FEB. 3

NO EXCEPTIONS. PAGLA member rules.

We welcome volunteers to assist with making the experience a positive one for all. Interested in getting involved, contact us at admin@coatesvilleyouthlacrosse.com
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!! / JOIN AT ANY LEVEL

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO
Program details & practice schedules!

COATESVILLEYOUTHLACROSSE.COM
Keep checking in on our social media for updates, link and sign wear rules! LIKE US BOTH ON FACEBOOK!