



July 14th, 2021

Dear CASH School Community,

It is with a very sad heart that I'm writing to let you know of a tragedy that touched our high school community last night.

As members of our CASH football team were warming up for a 7 on 7 voluntary activity (permissible by PIAA) on our field last evening against the West Catholic High School football team from Philadelphia, one of the West Catholic players collapsed. Emergency service providers responded immediately and were on the scene within two minutes, joining with two of our parents who had medical training and had already begun performing CPR on the player. We are very sad to share with you that this young man was pronounced dead at Brandywine Hospital. The Chester County Coroner is completing an investigation into the full cause of death.

Our hearts and prayers go out to this young man's family and to the entire West Catholic High School community. This is such a tragic loss, and I was so touched by the response of coaches from both teams and school administrators who gathered at the hospital to offer support to the family of this student. Our own school counselors are reaching out to our Coatesville football players and will be available to talk with them about this. All out of season football related activities for today, July 14, were canceled out of respect for the tragedy these players witnessed. We want to be sure we are offering full support to help them process this.

If you have questions or concerns, please direct them to our athletic director, Brian Chenger at chengerb@casdschools.org.

Tomás Hanna
Superintendent