

AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Robotics Team Makes Face Shields

The Coatesville Area School District Robotics team, in conjunction with Serv-I-Quip, Inc., has been making face shields to donate to medical personnel on the front lines in the war against COVID-19.

The face shields are made with donated overhead project slide material and 3-D printers are used to print the headband section. To date, over 400 face shields have been manufactured and distributed to doctors, nurses, ambulatory and EMS staff, and one soon-to-be new father.

The face shields have been donated to facilities such as hospitals, fire companies, and doctor and dental offices. Some local recipients are Brandywine, Bryn Mawr, and Paoli hospitals as well as the VA hospital, Chester County Dental Arts, and Bayada Home Health Care Services.

This team was supposed to be heading to “Worlds for Worlds” Robotics Competitions in April in Detroit, Michigan. However, the COBO center has been turned into a makeshift hospital for those sick with the COVID-19 virus. This team is now competing against the invisible enemy in a fight to prevent the spread of the virus.

Kudos to our Coatesville students helping to support and protect those who are protecting us!

HIGHLIGHTS

2 CASD Donates Masks



2/3 Online Learning Begins



4/5 Student Spotlight



Coatesville Community Teams Up to Make Masks

Our very own high school FCS teacher, Tracey Parker, is putting her sewing skills to good use during this COVID-19 crisis. She has teamed up with CASH Paraprofessional, Voncille Gray, and community parent, Melissa Parker, to make face masks for the Chester County Hospital as they are currently experiencing a shortage.

The team used surgical material from the hospital and two of the high school sewing machines to make 160 masks to donate on behalf of the Coatesville Area School District.

Thank you, Tracey, Voncille, and Melissa for keeping our doctors and nurses safe!



Coatesville Students Begin Online Learning



Our teachers and staff sure do miss seeing their students in school every day but they are finding fun ways to stay connected. Be sure to check our CASD Facebook page every day for updates, story reading, and other fun videos prepared by our teachers and administrators.



East Fallowfield Principal, Mrs. Willis, created this fun video with her sons. Look on the bright side kids, your parent could be a school principal! Click to watch the video >>>



April 14th was our official first day back for students and it is great to see them working so hard. Keep up the good work Coatesville students!



Special Thanks to our Technology Department

Of course, all of this would not be possible without our dedicated team in the Technology Department! They have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that every one of our students has a Chromebook to stay connected and to complete their virtual instruction for the remainder of the school year.



They maintained a safe distribution process for our families and will continue to be available for assistance. If your child experiences technical difficulties with their Chromebook, our IT department is just an email away at IThelpdesk@casdschools.org.

CASH Senior Turned Entrepreneur

Dominic Miranda, a senior at CASH, found a way to keep busy during the quarantine by running his own business, Issa Vision. Issa Vision's focus is a brand which emphasizes "building for yourself, and not others". Dominic believes that everyone should strive to be their own unique individual. His product line offers a selection of designs with his company logo or he offers complete customization.



Dominic is also using his business to help keep people safe during the COVID-19 crisis by adding face masks to his list of available products. He is currently offering face masks with the CASD logo so that you can continue to represent our district during this time of closure.

To learn more about Dominic's business or to shop online, visit his website at <https://issa-vision.com/> or follow his company on Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/issa_vision/

Much of Dominic's inspiration came from his experience in the Coatesville Area School District. In 10th grade, Dominic selected the Entrepreneurship class as one of his course electives and, through that class, he joined the Junior Achievement program. Junior Achievement teaches students the principles of Entrepreneurship from marketing, sales, and finance to selling stock to raise capital to start a business. Junior Achievement, through its partnership with Voya Financial, has afforded Dominic this great opportunity to grow and explore different avenues of the business world.

In November 2019, the program celebrated their 100th anniversary with a Gala at the Loews Hotel in Philadelphia. Dominic was invited to be a presenter at the Gala where he delivered a speech in front of 270 guests. Not something most of us would have done at 17!

Congratulations Dominic! You have a bright future ahead of you and we are excited to see what you do next as a Coatesville graduate!



CASD Students Perform at Outback Bowl

CASH students Kylie Berkheimer (12th grade) and Gabby Glemser (11th grade) traveled with the Victoria J. Ireys dance team to Tampa, Florida to dance at the Outback Bowl pregame and halftime shows on New Year's Day 2020. This was Kylie's third bowl game performance in the past four years, having danced with her team at the Russell Athletic Bowl in Orlando in 2016 and the Holiday Bowl in San Diego in 2017. This was Gabby's second bowl game performance, having also danced at the Russell Athletic Bowl in 2016.

We love seeing Coatesville students' talents shine beyond the classroom!



Kylie Berkheimer (far left), Gabby Glemser (5th from left)

2020 Census Information

What is the Census?

The United States Census is a national SURVEY conducted every 10 years by the U.S. Census Bureau to COUNT the population and is required by law. The survey has nine questions and takes about 10 minutes. The questions are simple:

- How many people were living in your house on April 1, 2020?
- Do you rent or own your home?
- Gender, race, age, ethnic group, and relationship to you?

The survey asks for people's names to ensure that each household member is counted only once. Names are replaced with a random # when your information is input, and NO PERSONAL INFORMATION is shared with any other federal agency, including ICE and law enforcement.

Why does being counted matter?

For Chester County, EACH person counted, including newborns and children, brings approximately \$2,093 into your Community,

every year for 10 years! This money funds programs like Special Education, Head Start, SNAP (food stamps), Section 8 housing and Women's Infants and Children (WIC), plus health programs serving our veterans, seniors, and the most vulnerable populations in our community. And with the unprecedented impact of COVID-19, we need those funds more than ever!

The Census data also help determine where new roads, supermarkets and schools will be needed in your Community.

How do I take the survey?

You have 3 options: You can use the *paper form* mailed to you, or go *online* at www.census.gov, or call and complete your survey *on the phone*:

English: 844-330-2020

Spanish: 844-468-2020

TDD (Telephone Display Device) 844-467-2020

CASD Announcements

Food Distribution Changes

The Coatesville Area School District is continuing to offer Grab-and-Go Breakfast and Lunch for Coatesville kids. However, beginning Wednesday, May 6th, we will be moving to a one day per week distribution.

Meals will be distributed every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the following locations: Coatesville Area Senior High School, Scott, and Rainbow Elementary. Meals must be pre-ordered at <https://bit.ly/CASDmeals>. As a reminder, meals are for children under the age of 18 and are free of charge.

These changes will allow us to continue providing meals in the safest way possible for our children, community, staff, and volunteers.

West Chester Food Cupboard

The West Chester Food cupboard has started serving individuals and families outside the West Chester Area School District. Please use the link below for food distribution information. <https://westchesterfoodcupboard.org/>

Kindergarten Registration Underway

CASD Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now available under Quick Links on the District's website. Please go to: <https://www.casdschools.org/Page/1>



Sign Up to Receive District Emails

Many taxpayers have expressed interest in receiving email communications from the District. If you would like to keep up to date with communications that the District sends to students' families and staff members, you can sign up using the link below.

If you already have a student enrolled in the District, you do not need to sign up again. This list is for taxpayers who live within the District who do not have any children currently enrolled in the District (retirees, business owners, etc.). To enter your contact information, please click on this link: <https://forms.gle/E5qeqjmWEZjxi2zv8>.

Learn More about CASD Programs

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