

January 21, 2019

Good Morning Parents and Guardians,

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I hope everyone had a great weekend. We are officially into the second half of the school year. Report cards are tentatively scheduled to come home with your child on Wednesday, February 5. If there is a change to this date I will be sure to communicate that as well as inform you once the report cards have been distributed.

SAVE THE DATE! Please save the date. We will be hosting a campus wide scheduling information night on Monday, February 3rd at 6:30pm in the Senior High School Auditorium for parents and students currently in grades 8-11. This informational session will provide useful information on the course selection process which we anticipate to begin early next month. For your convenience I have attached a letter with additional details to this communication.



Congratulations to this year's District Science Fair Participants! The CASD District Science Fair was held on Saturday, January 25. We had close to 30 projects entered for judging and 25 displayed as honorable mentions. We want to thank all of our students who participated in their class competition and school competition. We had record numbers of entries this year and hope to see that continue next year!



It is hard to believe that the spring sports season is only a little over a month away. The first official practice date is Monday, March 2. Please be reminded that student-athletes will not be able to participate in any team activities, including try outs, until all the necessary PIAA paperwork (Comprehensive Initial or Recertification Pre-Participation Evaluation) is signed by all necessary parties to include parent/guardians, authorizing physician, and student-athlete. All CASD paperwork (extra-curricular code of student conduct, emergency procedure card) is also needed along with the PIAA paperwork. We will be offering physical exams on Feb 24th from 10:30-1 and Feb 25th from 8-10. Please make an appointment with Mrs. Taylor in the CAIHS nurse's office. Remember – students must have a completed PIAA form with them during their appointment. In addition to the physicals, I will be soon releasing information about a parent/student-athlete meeting evening to provide you with important information on procedures and expectations of our student-athletes. As soon as I schedule the date I will make sure it is communicated.

The Coatesville Area School District honored 23 fall student-athletes this past Friday evening at halftime of the boy's basketball game. Among the 23 student-athletes honored that evening, we had three sophomores at the Intermediate High School among those who received a post season award in their respective sports. Congratulations to the following sophomores for their achievements on the field as well as being a positive ambassador for our school district and community:

Lainey McGaughey – Field Hockey (2nd Team All Ches-Mont, Honorable Mention All-Area)

Allison Ringsdorf - Soccer (Honorable Mention All Ches-Mont, Honorable Mention All -Area)

Lily Willard - Field Hockey (Honorable Mention All Ches-Mont)



Even though our academic day ends at 2:20pm our building is still very much busy afterwards with many students attending one of the various extracurricular activities or after school academic support opportunities offered. Please speak to your child and remind them that if they are remaining after school for an activity or extra help that he or she must be under the direct supervision of a teacher or a coach at all times. We want to make sure our building remains safe and that students are always being appropriately supervised. Thank you in advance for encouraging your child to take advantage of these opportunities as well planning with your child to be transported home as soon as these activities are complete.

One upcoming opportunity is our Girls Star mentoring program The goals of this mentoring program are for the girls to have increase self-esteem as well as an increased ability to cope with stress and other challenges. The program teaches skills to help girls make healthy choices. Some topics include friendships, body image, stress and school, and managing emotions. The group will meet from 2:30-3:45 pm on Thursday afternoons in the 9/10 Center Library. We will begin the week of February 13th, 2020 and run for 8 weeks. There is no fee for this group; however, for your daughter to participate we need your permission.

Please see Mrs. Norman in the Guidance office or Mrs. Holley-Sheppard in room 207 for permission slips or page 5 of this communication.

Winter is one of the times of the school year where student absences can spike impacting academic performance. Please be sure that your child is making as many efforts as possible in staying healthy so that their school attendance is not impacted. I have included some useful information related to attendance on page 4 to reference.



The Coatesville Area School District is excited to inform you that kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now available under Quicklinks on the CASD website <https://www.casdschools.org/Page/1> .

In addition to the online registration, parents can schedule appointments to register your child in CASD beginning this week. You can find your child's elementary school using the School Lookup link located on the CASD's website under Quicklinks. Please share this information with your family, friends, and neighbors who may have a student entering into Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year!

Thank you for reading and hope you have a great week.

Sincerely,

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Brian M. Chenger

Principal



Monday	27-Jan	5:30 PM	GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL	H	Chichester	9/10 Center Gym
Tuesday	28-Jan	3:15 PM	9th Grade - Black	H	Kennett High School	CASH Gym
	28-Jan	3:15 PM	9th Grade - Red	A	@ Great Valley HS	GVHS Main Gym
	28-Jan	5:30 PM	BOYS JV BASKETBALL	A	@ Downingtown East HS	
	28-Jan	6:45 PM	BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL	A	@ Downingtown East HS	Downingtown East HS
	28-Jan	6:45 PM	VARSITY CHEERLEADING	A	@ Downingtown East HS	Downingtown East HS
	28-Jan	5:30 PM	GIRLS JV BASKETBALL	H	Downingtown East HS	9/10 Center Gym
	28-Jan	6:45 PM	GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL	H	Downingtown East HS	9/10 Center Gym
Wednesday	29-Jan	7:00 PM	BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING	A	@ Faith Christian Academy	Faith Christian Academy
Thursday	30-Jan	3:15 PM	9th Grade - Black	H	West Chester East HS	CASH Gym
	30-Jan	3:15 PM	9th Grade - Red	A	@ Kennett High School	Kennett High School
	30-Jan	5:30 PM	BOYS JV BASKETBALL	A	@ Henderson HS	Richtert Gymnasium
	30-Jan	6:45 PM	BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL	A	@ Henderson HS	Richtert Gymnasium
	30-Jan	5:30 PM	GIRLS JV BASKETBALL	H	Henderson HS	9/10 Center Gym
	30-Jan	6:45 PM	GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL	H	Henderson HS	9/10 Center Gym
Friday	31-Jan	3:45 PM	9th Grade - Red	A	@ Church Farm School	Ware Field House
	31-Jan	6:30 PM	GIRLS INDOOR TRACK	A	DVGTA OF GP #6	Lehigh University
	31-Jan	4:30 PM	SWIMMING AND DIVING	A	@ Avon Grove HS	Lincoln University
	31-Jan	7:00 PM	DRAMA		Les Miserables	CASH Auditorium

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope you and your family are settled in after the holidays. This is the time of year when the winter takes a toll on school attendance. Snow and slushy weather can keep parents from getting their children to school. So can colds, fevers and earaches that often come with winter months.

These absences even if they are excused, can add up to academic trouble. If it is a snowy or rainy day but school is still open, students miss out on learning if they aren't in class. These absences can result in lower test scores and grades.

There's not much we can do about the weather, but there are steps every family can take to help keep your children healthy:

- Dress children warmly for the cold weather and make sure they have hats and gloves.
- Encourage them to wash their hands regularly.
- If your children do get sick, talk to a doctor or the school nurse about whether they should come to school and when it is okay for them to return.
- Keep an open line of communication with school nurse. The more the school nurse knows about your child's health, the better prepared everyone will be to work together for your child.

Above all, let us know how we can help. We want your children and all of our students to succeed. And that means attending school every day possible.

Sincerely,

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Brian M. Chenger
Principal

Girls Star Program

Girls Star is a non-profit organization started in 1997 in Downingtown, PA. The goals of this mentoring program are for the girls to have increased self-esteem as well as an increased ability to cope with stress and other challenges. We teach skills to help girls make healthy choices.

The group will meet from 2:30-3:45 pm on Thursday afternoons in the 9/10 Center Library. We will begin the week of February 13th, 2020 and run for 8 weeks. There will be an 11th and 12th grade mentor who meets with a small group of 8th, 9th and 10th grade girls for part of that time. The remainder of the time is spent in the whole group. Adult facilitators (Mrs. Kelly Duffy, Mrs. Holley-Sheppard, Mrs. Lindelow, Mrs. Norman, and Ms. Struk) will always be present and supervising during the meetings.

There is no fee for this group; however, in order for your daughter to participate we need your permission. Please complete the form below and return or send it to: Mrs. Duffy, North Brandywine Middle School. Please contact Mrs. Duffy (610-383-3745 or duffykc@casdschools.org) Mrs. Holley-Sheppard (610.383-3735 x61207 or holleysheppardc@casdschools.org), Mrs. Norman (x61534 or normanf@casdschools.org), Ms. Struk (x 81120 or struki@casdschools.org, or Mrs. Lindelow (x81541 or lindelowc@casdschools.org) if you have any questions.

WHO: Middle and High School Girls

WHAT: Girls Star

WHEN: Thursdays beginning February 13th – April 2nd, 2020 2:30 – 3:45pm

WHERE: 9/10 Center Library

Student Name _____

I give my daughter permission to participate in the Girls Star program from February 13th, 2020 through April 2020. **I agree to provide or arrange for transportation for my daughter to leave the group at promptly 3:45 pm from Coatesville 9/10 Center on the above dates.**

Does your daughter have any allergies or any other health concerns that we need to know? YES / NO

If yes, please list: _____

Parent Name _____ **Phone** _____

Parent Signature _____