

November 25, 2019

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Good Morning Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a great weekend and are preparing to enjoy the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. On behalf of the faculty and staff at the Intermediate High School, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you are able to spend some time this week with your family and friends. We are thankful to be able to have your child as a student at the Intermediate High School and appreciate all of your support in his or her education. Please be reminded that students will not be in session from this Wednesday, November 27 – Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving recess. School will be back in session on Monday, December 2.



Last Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, The Intermediate High School had the privilege of hosting Victoria Wyeth as a guest speaker. Victoria Wyeth is the granddaughter of iconic Chester County artist Andrew Wyeth and the niece of painter Jamie Wyeth. She presented periods 2 and 3 in the auditorium. Our art classes as well as some additional students from the Senior High School attended the presentations. Prior to the presentation, Mrs. Presser's class had the opportunity to write questions for Jamie Wyeth. Victoria asked him and replied with his answers. Here is a sample question:

**What do you do when you are frustrated with your painting?**

**Answer:** A lot of times I destroy things. Other times I put it away and come back to it later. Frustration is a major part of it. Out of difficulty good things come.

During the presentation, Victoria spoke about her family, her grandfather and the work of her uncle. She showed students the variety of techniques her uncle uses to paint super realistic paintings of animals and other subjects. She had some great advice for our budding artists. Some of the advice she shared included: "Art has no rules", "Write on your drawings to remember the moment", and "Paint your life."



Last Thursday our Spanish classes had the opportunity to travel to the University of Pennsylvania to visit a live show featuring Latin American music and dancing. They saw a Mariachi band and original dancers as well as sang songs from various Spanish speaking countries. Students finished the trip a little closer to home with an authentic lunch at Casa Herrera in Thorndale.

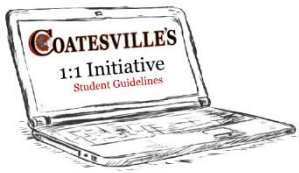




Winter Keystone Exams are a week away (December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>). The winter wave will be administered to students who scored 1485 or higher in a prior attempt as well as to those who may not have taken the exam last Spring. A letter was mailed on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> identifying which exam(s) your child is assigned to take. An email was also sent on the same date with a sample letter. If your child is not scheduled to test, then they will attend their classes as they would on a daily basis. Those who are testing will take module 1 of the

assigned exam(s) during periods 1-2 then report their periods 3 and 4 classes and lunch period, and then take module 2 during periods 5-6, and report to period 7. Please note that this is a slight schedule change as I indicated previously to follow the recommended tested time per the PA Department of Education.

Keystone supplemental instruction and materials can be found under our quick links section on our website at [www.casdschools.org/caihs](http://www.casdschools.org/caihs). Please also be reminded that we have AM tutoring session available in our CAIHS library in Algebra and Geometry that may also assist with the Algebra exam. Additional parent resources on the Keystone exams can be found under the News section of our website. For your convenience I have attached the parent letter and parent resources to this communication.



Our teachers are beginning to do many classroom activities utilizing the student chromebooks. Our chromebook distribution is ongoing so if your child still has not received his or her chromebook please complete the form found below have it returned to his or her advisory teacher. If you have not already submitted the Technology Insurance Fee (TIF), the revtrak system remains open to receive these payments. You can access revtrak and the 1:1 handbook and FAQs can be at the following link:

<https://www.casdschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=6548>



Did you know that children can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of the school year? That's just 18 days, or 2 to 3 days a month. Students who miss 10% of the school year are considered chronically absent. The research shows us that absences add up. That's as true for kindergartners as it is for 12th graders. It's as true for excused absences as it is for skipping school or taking a family vacation. That being said, please see the letter on page 5 below for a special thank you and an additional attendance reminder.



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 during the week of January 27th. 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 this week and please see below for the 1:1 form if needed and the Thanksgiving attendance letter. Have a great week!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian M. Chengler".

Brian M. Chengler

Principal

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move closer to distribution of the Chromebooks on **November 6, 2019**, we wanted to remind you and your students about the importance of reading over the Technology 1:1 Handbook as well as getting in your Technology Insurance Fee (TIF). Students are to be responsible when handling the device and are required to follow the Technology 1:1 Handbook usage guidelines as well as Board Policies (Board Policies 235).

Your child’s Chromebook is the district’s investment, therefore should be cared for properly or you as the parent/guardian will be held liable for the damages. No student should cause intentional damage to a device. If the device or accessories are returned damaged, or not returned at all, you as the parent/guardian will be held responsible to pay for the repair or replacement of those items.

The CASD highly recommends that parent/guardians invest in protecting your child’s device whether or not they take the device home. Any student can and will be held liable for any damage to his or her device according to board policies, however by paying the TIF your student will be covered if an accident should occur. Any student with an unpaid TIF will be held liable for any accidental damages to his or her device, including on school property. \*\*\* **Financial Hardships:** *If the technology fee creates a financial hardship on the student or parent, please contact the Main Office about payment options.*

For additional information, please see the CASD website for the Technology 1:1 Handbook, TIF information, and 1:1 FAQs

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## **IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID OR SIGNED, PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL**

This will act as a signed 1:1 agreement. Check or money order may be sent in with this form. Payment may also be made via RevTrak.

I have enclosed the TIF payment for my child for the 2019-2020 school year.

(\$40 for one student, \$80 for two students, \$100 for 3 or more students)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Building: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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I will pay via Revtrak, and am signing the 1:1 agreement below.

I decline to pay the \$40 TIF and accept full responsibility for damaged or loss of the district’s device. I understand my child will not be allowed to bring the device home.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Your signed 1:1 agreement and your TIF payment are required prior to being issued a device for at home use.**

**AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are thankful!

As we prepare to take a short break from school for Thanksgiving, we want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for as many students as possible to come to school every day, on time, ready to learn. We thank:

- Our students and families for making daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well in the classroom and eventually in a job.
- Our wonderful teachers who pour their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge so children do not want to miss out on learning
- Our support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need



We appreciate each one of you so much. We look forward to seeing you after the Thanksgiving holiday. We also hope you will keep in mind that school is closed on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 and reopens Monday, December 2, 2019.

We especially appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra days off during the Thanksgiving holiday. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and leave your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Chenger

Principal