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Greetings Parents and Guardians,

I hope this e-mail finds you and your family well.

Schedule for this week (9/25 – 9/29)

Monday, September 25, 2023	Tuesday, September 26, 2023	Wednesday, September 27, 2023	Thursday, September 28, 2023	Friday, September 29, 2023
Cycle Day 1	Cycle Day 2	Cycle Day 3	Cycle Day 4	Cycle Day 5
		Robotics Club will meet from 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.		End of Mid-Marking Period 1 Student Council will meet from 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

School Bus Expectations: We are starting to get an increase in bus misconducts. Please speak to your student regarding the appropriate way to conduct themselves on the school bus. For instance, all students must sit on the seat (not on their knees), no student should be moving around the bus or switching seats when the bus is in motion, students should not have their hands or head out the window, students must be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled, etc. I have attached the school bus expectations for future reference.

Home Football Games: Student in grades K – 7 are not permitted in football games without a parent or guardian. Upon entry, all spectators must sit in the stands and watch the game.

YMCA Walker Pass: Students who have gained membership at the YMCA must have a walker pass signed by their parent or guardian and this must be submitted to Ms. Kadel at kadelk@casdschools.org. Please see attached walker form.

Art Club: What is the NBMS Art Club? The Art Club is a gathering of students interested in spending additional time after school learning art history, practicing art techniques and exploring individual and/or group art projects. The Art Club will meet every other Thursday starting October 5 from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Gullatt at gullattb@casdschools.org. Attached, please find the permission slip.

Young Men and Women in Charge (YMWIC): EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS IN THE COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT. YMWIC Foundation, Inc., offers five academic Scholar groups for

students in Grades 3 through 12. Aligned with the Foundation's Mission, Scholar groups and activities aim to bridge the gap between academic study and real life by providing opportunities, projects, and challenges that simulate real world activities.

The Future Stars, Pluto, and Neptune Scholar Programs are designed to increase students' appreciation for math and science through hands-on projects that demonstrate the fun and challenging side of these subjects. Technical workshops in STEM are administered by staff or partners so Scholars can gain deeper insight and exposure to these careers and opportunities. Jupiter and Saturn Scholars participate in more leadership, college, and career-readiness activities as they prepare to transition to their post high school pathways. All Scholars complete scientific research projects to prepare them for the rigor of the STEM undergraduate curriculum. By embracing the YMWIC Credo, each Scholar is reminded about accountability and the importance of giving back. We are accepting applications for students in 3rd through 12th Grades! Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Information from Previous E-Mails

Water Bottles We encourage students to bring a refillable water bottle to school every day.

Chromebooks: Student must bring their Chromebook and charger to school every day. Students will be engaged on Chromebooks everyday so it is important that every student complies with this request. Please be aware of the following:

- Every student and parent must sign the 1:1 agreement and e-mail the completed form to Dr. Roberts (robertse@casdschools.org). I also attached the form for you to complete and return if you have not done so already.
- Every parent must pay the TIF which is \$40 per student, \$80 for 2 students and \$100 per family. Payment can be made on ReTrak at this link <https://coatesvillearea.revtrak.net/casd-technology/>. If the TIF is not paid, the cost will be added to your student's account as an obligation that must be paid as soon as possible (ASAP).
- If the TIF is not paid, and your student's Chromebook breaks or is destroyed, you will be responsible for the replacement (**\$325.00**).
- If you do not have the finances, you can apply for a fee waiver, if you qualify for free or reduced lunch with the State. If you feel you may qualify for a fee waiver please apply at [compass benefits](#).

Field Trip: Thank you for participating in our first field trip (The Renaissance Faire) scheduled for October 4.

YMCA Update: The YMCA offers all 7th grade students a free membership. For students to be considered, parents must take the application (attached) and documentation (student's schedule) to the YMCA. Parents must schedule a wellness Orientation prior to a student receiving their membership. If you want your student to go to the YMCA after school, the student must show their YMCA Key card and submit to NBMS a signed Walkers Form (attached).

21st Century After-Schol Program: The 21st Century free after school program is open. The program operates at NBMS, **Monday – Thursday from 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM**. Please consider enrolling your student in the 21st Century Program. Students receive homework assistance in ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and STEAM. Students will also participate in enrichment activities. This program is free, and we would like students to participate with

parental/guardian support. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Julie Dieffenbach: Coordinator of Program Activities for CASD at (484) 401 – 6385 or send an e-mail to JulieD@cciu.org. To apply for this free program, click the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/1qM7vY8EYE>

Pick up: If you are picking up your student, please e-mail Ms. Dadd (secretary) at daddg@casdschools.org, and Ms. Kadel (secretary) at kadelk@casdschools.org. When picking up your student, please present your identification. Additionally, we can only release your student to a nonparent with your permission, so please e-mail Ms. Dadd and Ms. Kadel the adult's name that you will authorize to pick up your student and they must present ID.

Attendance Policy #204: Roy Wilkins once said, "Nothing is more important than a good education." Therefore, every registered student must be in school every day that school is in session and attend their scheduled classes effective August 28, unless sick or there is an extenuating circumstance. Per Attendance Policy #204, "In order to obtain academic credit for a course, students must be in attendance and have their attendance recorded at least ninety percent (90%) of the time that a class is scheduled. Excuses and early dismissal notes must be e-mailed to nbattendance@casdschools.org.

§9.3 The Principal may deny a student credit for a course if the student fails to attend at least ninety percent (90%) of the scheduled classes of anyone (1) credit course (meets every day) or half (1/2) credit course (meets by semester). In determining whether to deny credit, the principal may take into consideration, among other things, the recommendation made by the SAIP Team and whether the student is complying with the School Attendance Improvement Plan."

YI: The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has mandated that all public schools must deliver *180 days* of instruction and *990 hours* of instruction this academic year. Therefore, it is imperative students attend school and inform their teacher if they do not understand and set up a plan to get additional assistance. Research has proven that once students get behind in their academics, they begin to lose interest in attending school.

Homework: Teachers will assign homework; however, if homework is not assigned, students can still work on Lexia, IXL and XtraMath. If teachers assign homework, and students do not have a Chromebook, teachers must provide an alternative assignment (paper). Homework assignments are graded assignments.

NBMS Cell Phone Policy: All cell phones must be away and concealed. Students are not permitted to walk around with their cell phones in their hand nor have their cell phone on their desk. Cell phones can be in a student's pocket, locker, or bookbags. Students can use their cell phone at lunch; however, they must be concealed prior to leaving the cafeteria.

Guidance Counselor: Ms. Dzedzy is our Guidance Counselor and she is available to assist you with academic questions and social and emotional assistance. Additionally, throughout the year, Ms. Dzedzy will also explore college and career readiness information so students can start to think about their future. Feel free to contact Ms. Dzedzy at dzedzyj@casdschools.org.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send me an e-mail at robertse@casdschools.org.

Kind Regards,



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