

February 18, 2020

Good Morning Parents and Guardians,

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I hope you enjoyed the weekend and had sometime to spend with your child over the long weekend. Thank you to all of our students who entered their course requests on time the past couple of weeks. Our counselors will be following up with students who may not have entered any requests or who may need additional assistance with the process. The window officially closed last Thursday at the end of the day. Our next step will be to review the requests and analyze which courses need how many sections for the 2020-2021 school year. I want to remind you that the scheduling process is just that, a process that occurs over a period of time to ensure that we develop a master schedule that meets students interests and aligns with teacher certifications and the requirements for graduation. We will keep you posted on this process as we continue to plan for next school year.

Please keep in mind that we offer a tremendous opportunity for our students to earn college credit and possibly an Associate Degree through our Delaware County Community College (DCCC) Dual Enrollment program. This program offers students the opportunity to travel to DCCC – Exton Branch daily to take college courses. If interested students will first need to apply (see the link below to apply online or one of our counselors for a paper application) then students will need to test as college ready through an exam which will be administered in early March. Applications are due this week - by February 21 so if interested please act today! I also included the accuplacer practice exam link below which may help students perform better on the DCCC exam. I know some of you indicated difficulty connecting through the links that I provided last week, so here I listed them below in a different format.



[https://dcccapply.force.com/TX\\_SiteLogin?startURL=%2FTargetX\\_Portal\\_PB](https://dcccapply.force.com/TX_SiteLogin?startURL=%2FTargetX_Portal_PB)

<https://accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org/login>



Congratulations to our January Students of the Month, **Alexander Gensamer (10) and Ashley Stringer (9)**. English teacher **Mrs. Holley-Sheppard** nominated Alex for being a hardworking, dedicated, kind, considerate and congenial student. According to Holley-Sheppard, Alex comes to class everyday prepared, with a positive attitude, and an eagerness to learn something new. Alex is committed to doing the right thing, doing his very best, but most of all, Alex is committed to helping others. Whenever he finishes his work early, Alex assists his classmates with their research projects, poetry or challenges with technology. He is always willing to share his knowledge and resources with others. Alex Gensamer is definitely a Shining Star and an Outstanding Student!

Biology teacher **Mrs. Cubit** nominated Ashley and indicated that she is an energetic and motivated student who continually shines in both her progress and presence in biology class! Ashley is an outstanding "seeking" student, wanting to do whatever she can to make herself the best student she can be. Ashley has improved her performance in class since the beginning of the year, yet she has many more incredible qualities. Ashley always comes to class with a smile on her face, and an enormous enthusiasm which carries over that helps not only her but her fellow students! When you think of a student who is going to reach her goals and is a wonderful Coatesville achiever, Ashley is that shining example.



Some of our CAIHS students joined students from CASH to celebrate Black History Month by attending the sixth annual African American Read-In event held at the Ferguson Building in Philadelphia last Wednesday. English teacher **Mrs. Herman**, assisted in organizing and arranging the trip for students to listen to and speak with New York Times bestselling author Jason Reynolds. Reynolds is also a Newbery Award Honoree, a Printz Award Honoree, a National Book Award Honoree, a Kirkus Award winner, a two-time Walter Dean Myers Award winner, and the recipient of multiple Coretta Scott King honors. Mr. Reynolds was recently appointed the Ambassador for Youth Literature by the Library of Congress. Every year, hundreds of celebrations of the African American Read-In take place across the country and around the world. These events feature the texts, talks, and discussions by and about African American authors and serve as a way to recognize and amplify their work.

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 hosting a parent and student-athlete meeting this Thursday evening (February 20) at 6pm in the Intermediate High School auditorium to review all the forms required for participation as well as to communicate our expectations of our student-athletes and coaches. In addition to this, our Certified Athletic Training staff will be present to speak about training room procedures, injury prevention, signs and symptoms of a concussion and warnings within athletic programs.



Congratulations to 10<sup>th</sup> grade student-athlete **Michael Windle** who registered his first varsity career win last Wednesday with a pin over his opponent from Church Farm School at 152 pounds. Math teacher in the CAIHS and head wrestling coach, **Jeff Bowyer**, added “You never know when hard work is going to pay off” in reference to Windle’s win. “You can work hard for a year or six years and you never know when that one match is the turning point for your career. He’s worked hard and he’s a good example of if you keep working hard, good things happen.”

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 6 to reference. To view the flu season notice and review the differences between the flu, a cold or allergies please click on the following link:

<https://www.casdschools.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=1364&ModuleInstanceID=6855&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=9231&PageID=5613>

Thank you for reading and hope you have a great week. Please also see page 3 for an important invitation and sign up information for girls in an exploration of STEM activities (GETT), pg 4 has the February upcoming dates – including our Center Stage Drama Club’s performance of “The Wizard of Oz” in the CAIHS Auditorium on Friday, February 28 and Saturday, February 29 with showtimes at 7pm on both evenings.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Chengler

Principal



The spring parent-teacher conference website and registration is now open! To register for a conference on Thursday, March 12 please click on the link below.

<http://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Coatesville Area Senior High School>



# SAVE the DATE

**March 28, 2020**

12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

[www.gettpa.org](http://www.gettpa.org)

at Great Valley High School

- Explore a hands-on STEM career exploration day just for girls in grades 5-10
- Join in over 100 interactive activities during the GETT Expo
- Discover new ways to connect your passions to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

**Registration begins February 14, 2020**

[2020GETT.eventbrite.com](https://2020GETT.eventbrite.com)





Day	Start Date	Start Time	Sport	H/A	Opponents/Title	Facility
<b>Tuesday</b>	18-Feb	7:00 PM	BOYS BASKETBALL (2 <sup>nd</sup> rd PIAA District One Playoff)	H	Boyertown or Plymouth Whitemarsh	CAIHS Gym
<b>Friday</b>	21-Feb	6:30 PM	GIRLS INDOOR TRACK	A	Meet of Champions	Lehigh University
	21-Feb	TBD	BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING	A	3A District I West	Oxford High School
	21-Feb	TBD	BOYS BASKETBALL (Quarterfinals or Playback Playoff Game)	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Saturday</b>	22-Feb	TBD	BOYS INDOOR TRACK	A	Meet of Champions	Lehigh University
	22-Feb	TBD	BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING	A	3A District I West	Oxford High School
<b>Saturday</b>	22-Feb	TBD	Drumline	A	Hatboro-Horsham HS	
<b>Tuesday</b>	25-Feb	TBD	BOYS BASKETBALL (Semi-finals or Playback Playoff Game)	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Friday</b>	28-Feb	TBD	BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING	A	PIAA 3A South East Regionals	Souderton High School
	28-Feb	7:00 PM	DRAMA		Wizard of Oz	CAIHS Auditorium
<b>Friday or Saturday</b>	28-Feb or 29-Feb	TBD	BOYS BASKETBALL (Playback Playoff Game or District Championship)	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Saturday</b>	29-Feb	TBD	BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING	A	PIAA 3A South East Regionals	Souderton High School
	29-Feb	7:00 PM	DRAMA		Wizard of Oz	CAIHS Auditorium
<b>Saturday</b>	29-Feb	TBD	Drumline	A	Downingtown East HS	

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,



Brian M. Chenger

Principal