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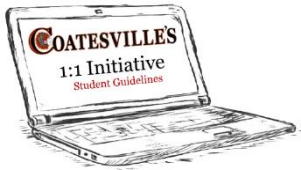
Good Morning Parents and Guardians,

I would like to wish all of our current and past parents, alumni, faculty and staff members who have served our country a happy Veterans Day and thank you for your service in protecting our freedom.



Thank all of those who took time out of their day last Monday to attend Parent-Teacher conferences. Our teachers have been finalizing their 1st Marking Period grades and report cards are scheduled to be distributed this Wednesday, November 13. I will be sure to send out a notice about the report card distribution.

Last week our advisory teachers began the process of distributing chromebooks to our students. Students who submitted a signed form should have received their chromebook. Moving forward, chromebooks will only be distributed in the morning during advisory regardless of when the TIF or permission form is returned or received. I appreciate your patience as we will continue to distribute devices as students return their signed completed form. I have again attached the parent/student acknowledgement sheet and ask that you and your child sign this and return it to his/her advisory teacher if not already submitted. 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>



Congratulations to our October students of the month Diana Blancas (9) and Dylan Genco (9). Biology teacher, Mrs. Rocco, nominated Diana Blancas for student of the month. Diana always comes to biology class with a positive attitude and shows enthusiasm for learning. Diana actively participates in class and completes all assignments. Diana has done an outstanding job assisting with her peers in class and invaluable to their success as well as her own.



English teachers, Ms. Perri and Ms. Trimboli nominated Dylan for going above and beyond to do what he can for his education as well as those around him. He is always positive and is an asset to the classroom. Ms. Perri and Ms. Trimboli added that he is always prompt to class and willing to assist his peers and teachers any way possible.

Congratulations to our TCHS Students of the Quarter. The following students been recognized for their outstanding leadership, attitude, skills and knowledge in their specific program at the Technical College High School. We are proud in their accomplishment and thank them for representing our school with pride!

Technical College High School
Brandywine Campus

Students of the Quarter

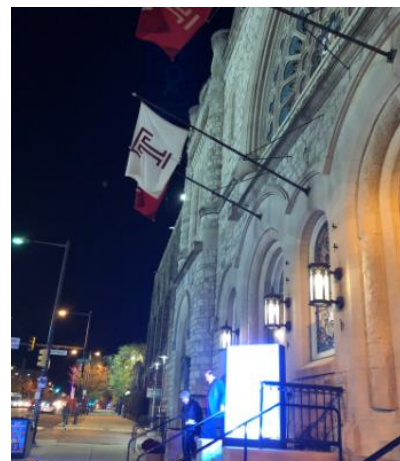
First Marking Period of 2019-2020

McKenzie	Davis	10	Health Career Pathways
Alexander	Gensamer	10	Computer Information Systems-Networking
Nathan	Gonzalez	10	Robotics & Mechatronics
Trinity	McMillan	10	Health Career Pathways
William	Rogers	10	HVAC & Refrigeration Technology



Winter Keystone Exams are less than a month away (December 3rd and 4th). 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 last Wednesday, November 6th 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 1-3 then report their period 4 class and lunch period, and then take module 2 during periods 5-7. Keystone supplemental instruction and materials can be found under our quick links section on our website at www.casdschools.org/caihs. You can also find additional parent resources on the Keystone exams under the News section. For your convenience I have attached the parent letter and parent resources to this communication.

On Saturday, November 2, over 20 of our Intermediate High School music students traveled to the Temple Performing Arts Center to attend “One World Concert 2019- Together We Play for Peace.” The concert, presented by the Harmony for Peace Foundation, was a part of their 10th Anniversary celebration. Tomoko Torii, President, Executive Director, and Founder of Harmony for Peace, invited students from Coatesville to attend the performance through their “Gift of Music” grant. The concert included solo performers, choirs, and jazz ensembles representing various ages and genres of music, from 12 year old classical pianist Isabella Florendo (Junior Peace and Music Ambassador 2019), and The Settlement School’s Advanced Study Jazz Ensemble, to ChildrenSong (Choir) of New Jersey, and the Singing City Choir of Philadelphia, just to name a few. The main attraction was BRONZE Doushin, a jazz/rock performing group from Yurihonjo City, Akita Prefecture in Japan, as a part of their first tour of the United States. Bronze Doushin’s music is created to “express the people’s minds and the landscape of the Tohoku region.” Tohoku was devastated by Japan’s great earthquake in 2011. Through their music, Bronze Doushin hopes “to pursue their mission of contributing to their hometown (Tohoku, by) creating the sound that reflects the Tohoku spirit. To learn more about Harmony for Peace, please visit www.harmonyforpeace.org.



Winter Sports

The winter sports season is only one week away. The first official practice date is Monday, November 18th. 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.



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 annual Citadel Heart of Learning Award nomination period is now open! We have tremendous teachers at the Intermediate High School and I strongly encourage everyone to nominate one or more of our teachers for this prestigious award. The Citadel Heart of Learning Award is a teaching excellence award that recognizes Chester County teachers who show dedication both in and out of the classroom.



The Citadel Heart of Learning Award recognizes teachers who make a difference in our community, support students beyond the call of duty, and encourage full potential. The nomination form can be found by clicking the link below.

<https://www.citadelbanking.com/giving-back/citadel-heart-of-learning/citadel-heart-of-learning-nomination-form>

Thank you for reading this week and please see below for the 1:1 form if needed and a Thanksgiving attendance letter. Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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

Brian M. Chenger

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

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.

The Coatesville Area School District does not discriminate in employment, educational programs, or activities based on race, sex, handicap, or national origin. This policy of non-discrimination extends to all other legally protected classifications in accordance with state and federal laws including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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