

December 2, 2019

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Good Morning Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and that your child was able to receive a few days rest to have an outstanding three weeks of school prior to the winter recess. We enter December with a busy week of testing for some of our students. In addition to our two days of testing this week, our Holiday concert series also begins this week. I have included the concert and testing information below.

Mark your calendars for the beginning of the Coatesville Area Intermediate and Senior High School Winter Concert Series. Please come out and support our musicians and artists as they ring in the sounds of the season. See the dates below for the schedule:

Friday, December 6 Winter Orchestra Concert for students in grades 5 – 12. Concert begins at 7:00 PM in the CASH Auditorium.

Saturday and Sunday, December 13 -14 Meistersinger's Carol Service begins at 7:00 PM for Saturday and 3:30 PM for Sunday.

Both services will be held in the CASH Auditorium with information how to purchase tickets coming soon.

Thursday, December 19 Winter Celebration of Music begins at 7:00 PM in the CASH Auditorium.



Winter Keystone Exams will be this Tuesday and Wednesday, 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 on 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 1-2 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. Any TCHS student scheduled to take the exam should not report to TCHS on these dates and remain in the Intermediate High School.

Please continue to have conversations with your child about the appropriate use of social media outlets and monitor their accounts. The authorities are still investigating the incident from Sunday, November 24th. As a follow up to Dr. Dunlap's message yesterday we will have a police presence throughout the district. As we receive any updates on the status of the investigation, we will let you know. The safety of our students and staff is our first priority. If you have any information on this investigation, please contact the local police department that supports your municipality, or you can contact the Coatesville Area School District Police Department at 610-466-2400. Thank you to those students and parents who did the correct action in contacting police or us directly and by using the Safe To Say anonymous reporting system.

Our student council students and advisor Mr. Carson will be working with our building's Equity Team member/trainer, Mrs. Holley-Sheppard, and others to develop a winter spirit week to occur from Monday, December 16 – 20. The purpose of this spirit week is to bring our students together to celebrate the upcoming winter season. Thank you to our student council for creating this week and the opportunity for our student body to share some common themes going into the winter recess. An official weekly schedule will be released soon and would ask that you please disregard any draft schedules that may have been released to this point.





Speaking of equity and student led initiatives, a special thank you to one of our Assistant Principals, Mr. Macnamara, for attending the PA ASCD conference in Hershey last Monday. Mr. Macnamara not only attended the conference, but also did a phenomenal presentation on our Student Problem Identification and Resolution of Issues Together (SPIRIT) group and the SPIRIT conference that the group hosted last spring. The presentation gathered a lot of interest from participants from all over the state – great job to Mr. Macnamara in highlighting another proud Coatesville initiative!



The Intermediate High School will be having mobile dentists come to the building from January 6-10. If your child is in need of a routine check up or to see a dentist for any reason please return the attached application to Nurse Taylor as soon as possible so that she can arrange for an approximate date and time that your child may be able to see the dentist.

Our high school campus had the opportunity to show off it’s first class facilities this past Friday night by hosting the PIAA State Semi-Final 6A Playoff Football Game. As the game manager for the PIAA I appreciated all the assistance provided by many of our faculty and staff members who worked the game for a successful event. Thank you to our football booster club and Coatesville Parent Music Club who operated our concession stands for the game. Even though it was not our team playing this year, it was great to see many of our students attend the game and also gain an appreciation of what an incredible Coatesville community and fan base we have for our events as the energy and fan support wasn’t the same that Red Raider fans bring to our events!

I will be soon meeting with our 9th and 10th grade students who are on one of our winter sports teams. It is important that our student-athletes understand the importance of representing our community, school, and families with pride at all events that they participate (home and away). During these meetings, I will also be discussing our school’s high expectations of them as school ambassadors and the importance of them working together to be a valuable member of our school and community by “doing it right”, “doing their best”, and “treating one another as they would want to be treated”.



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 3 below for an additional attendance reminder as it relates to the upcoming winter recess.



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 and hope you have a great week!

Sincerely,

Brian M. Chenger

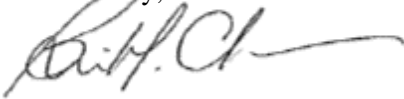
Principal

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Are you planning a family trip for the holidays? As you think about your arrangements, we want to stress the importance of sending your child to school every day possible. Every year, absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. It's time to break that cycle. We know that just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success and eventually for graduation.

We recognize that holidays are an important time for reconnecting with families far away. The costs of plane tickets often influence when you want to travel. But keep in mind the costs to your children's education if they miss too much school— and the message you will be sending about the importance of attendance. Even if you've got a homework packet from the teacher, it doesn't make up for the interaction and learning that happens in the classroom. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning, right up until vacation starts and the first day back. You can help us convey that message. This holiday season give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian M. Chenger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian M. Chenger

Principal