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Greetings Parents and Guardians,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

Schedule for the week.

Monday, November 13 – Cycle Day 3	Tuesday, November 14 – Cycle Day 4	Wednesday, November 15 – Cycle Day 5	Thursday, November 16 – Cycle Day 6	Friday, November 17 – Cycle Day 1
		Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m./Parent Pick-up 11:20 a.m.	Drama Rehearsal 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Art Club 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Student Council Meeting 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Report cards will be available vis Home Access today, November 14, 2023.

The Robotics Club will not meet on Wednesday due to early dismissal; however, they will meet next Wednesday.

Coatesville Area Senior High School Flower Power Fundraiser (October 15 – December 18): Please join us in making a difference! The CASH Music Department is raising money to benefit their music programs and any purchase you make will help make an impact. The website for the fundraiser is <http://cpmc.fpfundraising.com/>. Attached, please find the flyer.

NBMS Chief Science Officers: The Coatesville Area School District’s Chief Science Officers attended their Fall meeting on Wednesday, November 8th at West Chester University. All three CSOs are North Brandywine Middle School seventh grade students. They are Colby, Harlow, and Stanley. The Chief Science Officer Program is a worldwide initiative that is sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Every CSO gets to experience: the Leadership Training Institute, Cabinet Meetings and Mentorship Opportunities. Thank you, Ms. Canning, for chaperoning.

The West Chester University Nanotechnology Lab hosted the meeting with students from both Chester and Delaware Counties in attendance. Students participated in laboratory activities with nanoparticles of gold and about learned how laser and microscope technologies are being combined along with real-world applications for both. They got to work through a variety of STEM stations on light and filtering, microscopes, and robotics using electrodes and conductive gel to control a prosthetic grabber using their own arm and hand muscles. CSOs also had the opportunity to meet and hear several science professors talk about their areas of research and their pathways to get to their current roles.



Winter Sports: To Participate - Online Registration and Physicals Are NEEDED!

Official Winter Season for **Girls Middle School Basketball starts on Friday, November 17.**

- **Preseason Workouts** for **Girls Basketball** will be held Nov 13th-14th and Nov. 16th 2:20-4:30 p.m.
- **OFFICIAL Practice/Try Outs** for Girls Basketball will begin **Friday, Nov. 17th** 2:20-4:30 p.m.

Official Winter Season for Girls/Boys Middle School Wrestling starts on Friday, November 17

- Middle School Girls/Boys Wrestling will start practice on Friday Nov 17th **5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in 8/9 Axillary gym (wrestling room)**

Winter Sports Additional Information

- Middle School Boys Basketball will start in Mid-December.
- Website for more information: <https://www.smores.com/3dpfw>
- The CASD will not be offering free sports physicals so please make sure your student's physical is completed prior to their season.

Information from Previous E-Mails

Save the Dates Band and Chorus Concerts:

- Winter Concert on December 19th at 7:00 p.m.
- Spring Concert on May 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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 TIP 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](#).

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 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 – 5:00 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."

II: 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eugenia Roberts', written in a cursive style.

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