



June 1, 2009

Word from the Superintendent



The 2009-2010 school year will be the start of significant changes to our transportation system. Last year the board approved new start and end times for our schools to increase instructional time at the elementary level, simplify our current transportation routes and transfers, and increase professional development time for teachers. The new start and end times are 9:00 to 3:45 for elementary and 8:00 to 2:45 for secondary.

To facilitate this major change in operations, we hired a transportation consultant who recommended a new software system be purchased to handle the necessary modifications. That system is currently being implemented, new bus routes are being designed, and all student and geographic data is being carefully imported by our technology and transportation experts.

We are acutely aware that families need transportation information as soon as possible. Please know we are doing all we can to work through this change efficiently and accurately. The targets we have designed the software to meet are to deliver students to CASHS by 7:30, Faust and CAMS by 7:40, and elementary schools by 8:40.

As always, we will mail busing information home to every family by August 15. We have been working for most of the year to anticipate and minimize any unnecessary disruptions a system change of this magnitude will bring, and we appreciate the patience and cooperation of each family.

- Joe

Reminder: Self-Injury Panel Discussion on June 2

Could your children turn to hurting themselves to cope with life? A [discussion about self-injury](#) (cutting, burning, head-banging, biting, skin-picking, hair-pulling, hitting the body with objects or objects with the body) will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 in the administration building.



A panel from the Mental Health Association, New Visions, Momentum Services, and CASD will offer personal testimonies and discuss why children and adults injure themselves, who is likely to do it, what signs to look for, and how to help. A question and answer time will follow the presentation.

This event is being sponsored by the Parent Advisory Council.

Grant, Scholarship Recipients Announced



Last week the [CASD Foundation](#) announced more than \$18,000 in teacher/staff grants to fund 12 projects in elementary and secondary schools throughout the district. Also announced were the student recipients of 21 named scholarships held by the Foundation and 10 Foundation general scholarships. Congratulations to all those who received funding!

[List of grant recipients](#)

[List of scholarship recipients](#)

Students Recognized for College Efforts



CASHS seniors **Derek Goodhart**, **Tess Hafer**, and **Mike Heckman** were recognized at last Wednesday's school board meeting for their dual enrollment status in a math course at [Penn State Mont Alto](#). Out of 30 students enrolled in the class this spring, Derek, Tess, and Mike had the highest averages.

"Much of the credit for their excellent attitudes must certainly go to their parents, but I would also like to give some much-deserved credit to their high school teachers," says instructor Don Morton. "These students already 'get it.' They were three of the nicest students that I have ever worked with."

AP Exams Now Required for AP Classes



After a thoughtful and in-depth discussion between school board members and district administrators, the board has approved a [three-year plan](#) that will require all students enrolled in AP classes to take the AP test associated with the class by the 2011-2012 school year. Students, teachers, parents, and community members contributed valuable feedback to this discussion via a blog that was set up on the district website.

Tickets on Sale for Drum Corps Performance

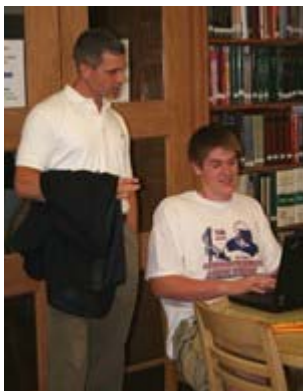
Five world-class drum corps will perform "Music in Motion: A Drum and Bugle Corps Competition" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 19 in Trojan Stadium. Featured groups will be the Cadets, Carolina Crown, the Boston Crusaders, the Glassmen, and the Colts.

General admission tickets are \$10 and are available in the CASHS band room, at any Franklin County McDonald's, by calling 1-877-512-TUBA (mention the Chambersburg band ticket plan), or by visiting www.yea.org/chambersburg. Higher priced



premium and reserved tickets are also available in the CASHS band room or at the above website.

Classrooms for the Future Host "Flip the Switch"



The CASHS Classrooms for the Future program hosted "Flip the Switch" on May 26. Thirteen VIPs attended the event, including state Rep. Rob Kauffman, IU Coach Mentor Ann Johnston, and various district administrators. The day was comprised of a student-led tour through the CFF classrooms followed by presentations from 14 student ambassadors and a light luncheon in the school library.

Seats Available for Professional Development



Seats are currently available for graduate courses offered through Wilkes University and hosted by the Lincoln IU. One seat is available in the Monday course (ED580) held at the York Learning Center, and several seats are available in the Tuesday course (ED526) held at the New Oxford Training Center.

For additional details, visit <http://gradclass.iu12.org>. To register for a course, contact Teila Geesey at (717) 718-5920.

Science Curriculum Gains Approval



The science department has been working all year to develop a new curriculum under the leadership of Melissa Cashdollar, K-12 Science Supervisor. The curriculum is a key ingredient for improvement here in CASD and will be followed by new curricula for all content areas in the next two years.

These documents, recently approved by the board, were developed by CASD teachers and field tested throughout the year. This curriculum is designed based on the Pennsylvania Academic Science Standards and will help guide all CASD science teachers toward consistency and coherence as our students move from grade to grade.

Please take time to examine [this document](#), regardless of what you teach, because it exemplifies the future of CASD curriculum documents: "guiding teachers on precisely what to teach, but not how to teach it."

Budget Hearing Scheduled Before Final Approval



Steve Dart gave a brief overview last week of the [tentative final budget](#), homestead/farmstead exclusions, and the unknown variables affecting all school budgets in Pennsylvania. Even though we don't know what the state revenue to Chambersburg will be, our district must build a 2009-2010 budget, present it to the public, receive board approval, and submit it to the state before July 1, 2009.

Although our state educational subsidy won't be determined until the state budget is approved, our tentative final budget is based on the amount proposed in the governor's budget. The Senate has proposed and passed a different state budget that would result in approximately \$2.1 million less revenue for CASD than the governor's budget. Information presented throughout this complex and difficult budget cycle can be found in the [attached budget documentation](#).

May Students of the Month



Jonathan Papoutsis, 4th grade, Guilford Hills
 Alana Cosey, 5th grade, Falling Spring
 Jennifer Maxwell, 6th grade, CAMS
 Tia Pattillo, 7th grade, CAMS
 Ayodele Adjibaba, 8th grade, Faust
 Kelsie Miller, 9th grade, Faust
 JoAnn Heckman, 12th grade, CASHS
 Maaiz Khan, 12th grade, CASHS

Istation President Visits CASD



Dr. Reid Lyon, president of [istation](#), and Dr. Kevin Kalinowski, istation's director of research, visited Chambersburg on May 27 to speak to CASD staff members about reading instruction and assessment. Dr. Kalinowski summarized a correlational study between istation data, DIBELS data, and PSSA data. The study demonstrates a correlation between the three assessment pieces in place at the elementary level in Chambersburg.

This data provides us with a great picture of student performance to change instruction to meet students' needs. Dr. Lyon's presentation summarized current research on reading development, reading difficulties, and effective reading instruction. He emphasized the conditions of an effective reading program and how to implement each component of reading to best meet each student's ability level.

(Pictured from left to right are istation representative Faith Conti, Assistant Superintendent Cathy Dusman, Dr. Reid Lyon, Data Coach Dionne Martin, Dr. Kevin Kalinowski, and Assistant Superintendent Eric Michael.)

Buchanan Receives Target Grant



Andrew Buchanan Elementary has been selected by Target stores in Chambersburg and Carlisle to receive a \$1,000 grant due to the school's Title I status. The money will be used to purchase new books for the school library and for individual classroom libraries.

Faust Students Plant Hundreds of Trees



CASD students along with other volunteers planted 700 native trees and shrubs along a tributary of the west branch of Antietam Creek on May 2. They braved the rainy forecast to help extend the buffer plantings that have been put in place over the last couple of years.

Partners included the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Antietam Watershed Association, Antietam Creek Watershed Alliance, Quincy Village, and Franklin County Conservation District, with funding by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

(Pictured from left to right are Faust 8th graders Logan Peiffer, Jonathan Creager, and Conner Orr.)

CASHS Student Government Report



Last Wednesday Rebecca Van Horn delivered her final school board report before she graduates from CASHS and was thanked for her service by board president Stanley Helman. Rebecca gave board members an update on recent high school events such as AP testing, prom, new yearbooks, and the upcoming plans for commencement.

Summer School and Career Advancement



The board recently approved [plans for summer school](#) and for a new process allowing students to apply for credit advancement programs. After seeking approval, a student will be able to receive credits by taking classes through a certified educational program, such as a course taught by a highly qualified teacher, a college or university program, or an online program. This option is designed to give our students greater choices for completing their CASD education.

Photography Contest Winners Named

Congratulations to the following CASHS students for winning the recent Energy Conservation Photography Contest at the senior high school. Their entries will be made into posters and hung in schools throughout the district.



1st place: Brad Gillespie, [Thinking Green?](#)

2nd place: Joe Hawbaker, [Think Green, Act Green, See Green](#)

3rd place: Devin Jones, [Turn Em Off](#)

Honorable mention: Andrew Kern, [Radical Recycling!](#)

Honorable mention: Cam McClure, [Fight Pollution! Recycle](#)

Honorable mention: Kayla Souder, [Be Bright: Turn off the light](#)

Honorable mention: Emily Madeira, [Everyone lives upstream](#)

Red Cross Seeks Blood Donations



The Chambersburg area's American Red Cross Blood Services is marking its 60th birthday this month, and you're invited to give blood at a Red Cross drive near you. Donors will be entered in a drawing to win one of 30 \$60 gift cards; see the [list of dates, times, and locations](#) where you can give blood. It takes just one donation to save the lives of three people!

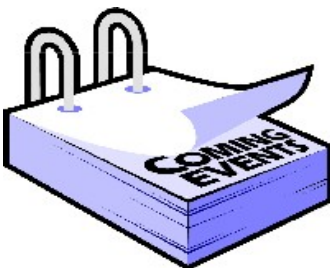
Quest Employee Assistance Program Flyers



Quest Employee Assistance Program has provided two flyers that those with elderly loved ones may find helpful: [Use Common Sense When Caring for a Stroke Survivor](#) and [Reverse Mortgages: A Quick Financial Fix?](#)

In addition, the June 2009 [FrontLine Employee newsletter](#) features water safety tips and information on quitting smoking and dealing with stress. June's [Frontline Supervisor newsletter](#) answers questions about bullied employees, effective communication techniques, the anxiety of downsizing, and more.

District Calendar Review



CASD strings concert: 6/4

Scotland field day: 6/5

Falling Spring field day: 6/8

Lurgan field day: 6/9

CAMS talent show: 6/10

School board meeting: 6/10

Baccalaureate: 6/11

Commencement: 6/12

Senior all-night party: 6/12 - 6/13

[Complete district calendar](#)



For information about school board business, including meeting agendas and documents, visit [BoardDocs](#) under the school board link on the district website.

[Personnel actions for May 27](#)

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