



CASEY CORNER

Casey Middle School Weekly Newsletter | October 10th, 2025

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The Casey Connection is Casey Middle School's family newsletter. Typically, it will be sent out every Friday afternoon and will include important information about things happening at school. Our [school website](#) is also filled with lots of information to keep you updated and connected.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 10/13	Tuesday 10/14	Wednesday 10/15	Thursday 10/16	Friday 10/17
NO SCHOOL!	NO SCHOOL!	8 Period Day 7th Grade Shakespeare School Performance / Workshop A2A 3:45-4:30 pm Cross Country Meet @ Southern Hills Middle School 5:15 pm	Odd Block Day 1, 3, 5, 7 Cafecito with Dr. Shaw 5:30-6:00 pm FET Meeting @ Casey 6-7:30 pm Cross Country Practice 3:40-5:00 pm	Even Block Day 2, 4, 6, 8 Cross Country Practice 3:45-5:00 pm

MESSAGE FROM DR. SHAW

Dear Casey Community,

Happy Friday! We have made it to the end of the First Quarter! I hope you were able to make a connection with the staff at Parent Teacher Conferences. It is both a great yet exhausting event, but well worth the time spent. As we move into the second quarter, raising the level of academic rigor and building stamina will be an intentional focus. It might be challenging and uncomfortable at times. This Productive Struggle should be the right amount of challenge—work that's a bit beyond the comfort zone, with support.

It's not "sink or swim." It's coached effort that builds problem-solving, confidence, and long-term learning.



What it looks like in class

- Students try first, then get hints, guiding questions, or models (not the answer).
- Mistakes are used as feedback, and students revise.
- Peers explain how they solved something, not just the answer.
- The teacher monitors and steps in when a student is stuck too long.

What it's not

- Endless frustration or busywork.
- Unclear directions or no chance to get feedback.
- Doing 30 problems the same way without thinking.

How you can help at home (5 quick ideas)

- Ask, don't tell: "What have you tried?" "What's the first step?"
- Use class tools: Check notes, anchor charts, or examples before Google/YouTube.
- Praise effort + strategy: "I like how you checked another method," not just "you're smart."
- Set a timer: Try for 10–15 minutes, then break, then try one more strategy.
- Know when to pause: If there are tears or total confusion, stop and message their teacher.

When to contact our staff

- Your student can't explain what the task is.
- They tried two strategies and are still stuck after 20 minutes.

- Materials are missing (notes, login, etc.).

We'll partner with you—productive struggle should feel challenging but doable, never defeating.

I hope the 4 day weekend is joyful and restful! We will see your scholars on Wednesday.

Until next time- Dr. Wm. Bryant Shaw

REGISTRATION FOR 8TH BOYS' BASKETBALL DUE BY 10/23

   **Clubs & Athletics** ([more info](#))

- Boys' Basketball (8th grade) registration is open and closes on October 23rd

Sports require:

- [Arbiter registration](#) (Create an account and upload any documents you had in rSchool. Contact Elizabeth.portillo@bvsd.org with questions)
- [CHSAA Physical Form](#). (page 4 needs to be submitted to the school)
- [RevTrak payment](#). Fees: \$125 (interscholastic), \$60 (intramural). Family max \$600.

*****All Interscholastic and Intramural sports require the student to complete and submit a medical physical in order to participate.**

******* If families need support with participation fees, please contact Ms. Ellie at Elizabeth.portillo@bvsd.org or Mrs. Gutierrez at Brittney.gutierrez-me@bvsd.org

ATTENTION 7TH GRADE FAMILIES!

7th Grade students will be watching a performance of *Hamlet* on Wednesday, October 15 and then participating in small group discussions. The performance and discussions will conclude prior to lunch. We are excited to welcome the Colorado Shakespeare Festival again for this wonderful opportunity for our students.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE FAMILIES!

8th Grade students will be taking a field trip to APEX (formerly known as Boulder TEC) the morning of Thursday, October 23, 2025. Students will tour the facility and learn about educational programs available to high school students. Students will leave Casey at 9:00am and return prior to lunch. Please reach out to your student's counselor if you have any questions!

BVSD EMERGENCY ALERT TEST: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

During the late start period on the Wednesday following fall break (8:00 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time) BVSD will operate a test of its emergency alert system. All BVSD parents, staff and high

school students will receive a test alert via [School Messenger](#) that will include a phone call, text message, and email. The message will only be a test, no response is required. Users can then adjust their communication preferences as desired via these instructions.

Parents, students and staff should ensure they are opted in to receive text messages from the district and schools through SchoolMessenger. Opting-in is a two-step process:

- The person's cell phone number must be in a cell phone field in Infinite Campus or Infor/Lawson.
- They then send a text message from their cell phone to "67587" with the word "yes" in the message.
- They may opt-out at any time by texting "STOP" to 67587.

Learn more on the [School Messenger support page](#)

FAMILIES & EDUCATORS TOGETHER (FET) NEWS

 **Next Meeting:** Thursday October 16, 6:00–7:30 PM, Cafeteria

 **Cafecito with Dr. Shaw:** Thursday October 16, 6:00–7:30 PM, Cafeteria

Dinner and childcare will be provided!

Families and Educators Together (FET) is a group dedicated to strengthening the partnership between home and school. We meet regularly to share ideas, celebrate our community, and collaborate on ways to support student success. All families and staff are welcome — your voice matters!



INVITACIÓN

OCTUBRE

Casey Middle School

Jueves 16 de octubre del 2025

5:30-6:00 pm Café con el Director

6:00- 7:30 pm Reunión FET

Familias y Educadores Juntos (FET)

Le invitamos a formar parte del equipo de familias y educadores que colabora para apoyar en el éxito y el bienestar de sus estudiantes en Casey.

Las reuniones están completamente dirigidas en español

Presentaciones:

- ★ Isabella Huang (Robótica)
- ★ Erin Mayer (Ciencias)
- ★ Jules Dickinson (Lectura en Inglés)
- ★ Lori Miller (Matemáticas)
- ★ Gerardo Dillehay (Inglés como segundo idioma)

¿Cómo ayudamos a nuestros estudiantes en casa para que tengan éxito en la escuela?

Habrà cuidado de niños

STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunizations are Due

The Boulder Immunization Clinic holds weekly clinics for children who have Medicaid, no insurance, or have insurance that does not cover vaccinations.

Boulder County Public Health Clinic information:

3482 Broadway, Boulder

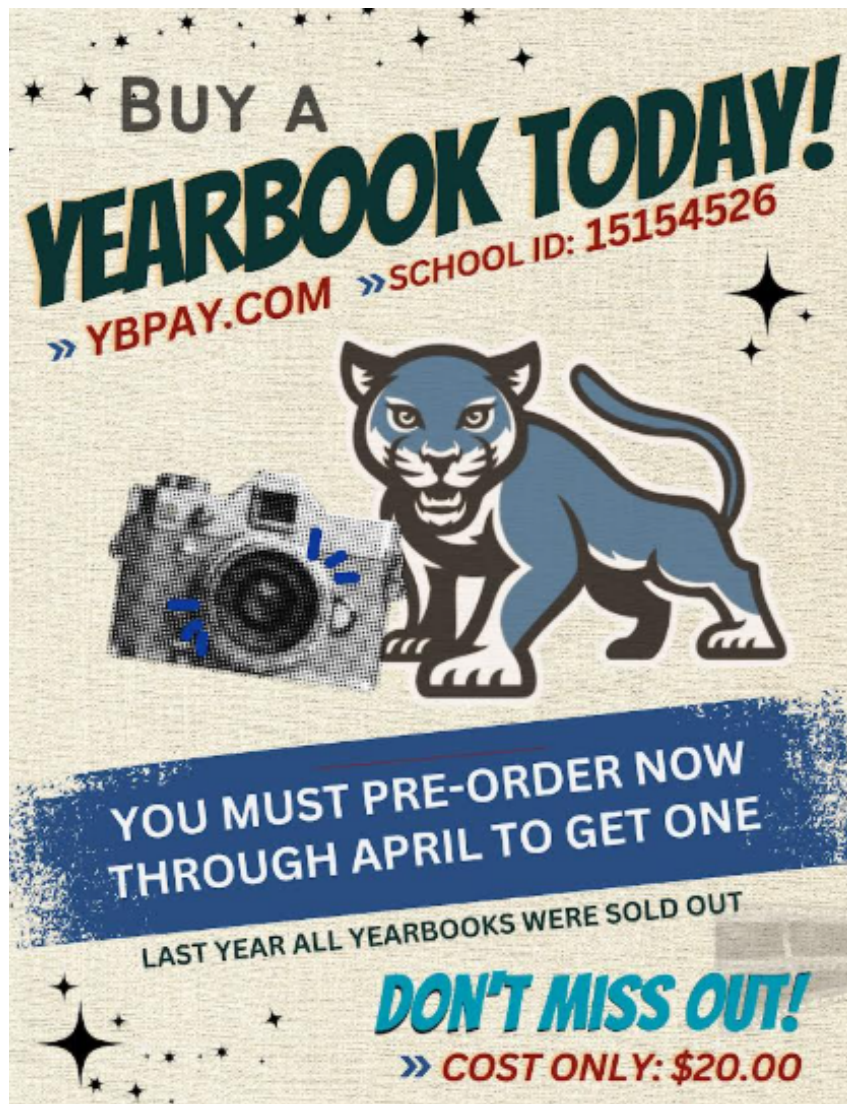
Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. – appointments recommended, walk-ins are welcome

Thursdays, 9 a.m.-3 pm. – walk-ins only

Please call ahead.

303-413-7799

GET YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!



PREVENTATIVE DENTAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AT CASEY

This school year BVSD is partnering with Clinica Family Health to provide preventative dental services at our school. Dental services may include screenings, fluoride applications, sealants, and referrals for additional care not available at schools.

All students are eligible to participate and there is no cost to families. To receive these services for your child, please fill out the attached consent form. No action is needed if you do not want to participate. If a paper consent form is completed, please return it to the school office. For questions regarding this school-based dental program, please contact:

Clinica Family Health - School Based Oral Health Team: sboht@clinica.org

Or

Joanna Harrison, BVSD Medicaid Resource Nurse: joanna.harrison@bvsd.org, 720.561.8545

[Link to Electronic Consent Form \(English\)](#)

[Link to Consent Form \(pdf version English\)](#)

CASEY'S BATTLE OF THE BOOKS IS STARTING SOON!

We're excited to kick off *Battle of the Books*! Many families may already be familiar with this BVSD program, which runs across grades K–12. This club fosters a love of reading by engaging students with great books and friendly competition.

This season, students will read **6 titles** and then “battle” with their peers.

- **District Battle:** Saturday, March 28
- **Regional Battle:** Saturday, April 18 in Loveland (for qualifying teams)

Teams will be formed at all grade levels, and meetings will be held **during lunch** so participation is easy and accessible. Students should bring their lunch, discuss books, and exchange copies weekly.

Meeting Times:

- **6th Grade** – A Lunch on Wednesdays (starting 10/7) with Ms. Dickinson in C115
- **7th & 8th Grade** – B Lunch on Thursdays (starting 10/9) with Ms. Adams in the library
(If your student has A Lunch, we'll make it work!)

We can't wait to see your child join this fun and enriching experience! [Click here to sign up.](#)

Questions?

Julie Dickinson julie.dickinson@bvsd.org

Jen Adams jennifer.adams@bvsd.org

PTA NEWS

We need your support! 💖 This year, the PTA has already invested nearly **\$7,000** in teacher grants — funding classroom materials and activities that directly benefit our students.

With your help, we can keep providing these valuable resources!

 Contribute online via [PayPal](#)

 Or drop off a check at the Casey front office (made out to *Casey Middle School PTA*).

Our suggested donation is **\$50 per student**, but every contribution — big or small — makes a difference.

Stay tuned for an updated **HelpAtSchools** page with even more ways to support Casey teachers and students!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BVSD is the Place to Be Showcase Wednesday, October 22

This Fall, BVSD will once again offer a one-stop shop for students and families to learn more about everything its schools and district have to offer. Whether new to the area or just curious about BVSD, all are invited to the CU Events Center on **Wednesday, October 22 from 5-8 p.m.**



during the [BVSD is the Place to Be Showcase](#).

Representatives from all 56 schools will be in attendance, as well as Enrollment, Transportation, Sustainability, Community Schools, Gifted and Talented and Special Education departments to share about their services and answer questions. Along with free, delicious food from BVSD's School Food Project! Learn more on the [BVSD Showcase webpage](#).

There will be free parking available near the Event Center and [free shuttle service from locations around the district: north and east Boulder, Lafayette/Louisville, and Broomfield](#).

Application deadline extended for the BVSD Youth Equity Council: Apply by Oct. 22

The [BVSD Youth Equity Council](#) is made up of diverse young leaders who will help to provide district leadership and the Equity Council important feedback, as we collaboratively work to make the Boulder Valley School District more equitable. We know that it is extremely important that students, especially those most impacted, be involved in the conversation. 8th-12th graders who are interested in social change, inclusion, & belonging, are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by Oct. 22. [Apply online here](#).

Read more: [Youth-Led Change: BVSD Students Lead the Way in Equity and Sustainability](#)

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donate Books & Help Casey Middle School!

Have books you've finished that are still in good shape? Donate them to **The Bookworm** in Boulder and ask that the credit be applied to **Casey Middle School's account**!

Your donation helps us:

- ✓ Refresh our classroom and library collections
- ✓ Support student literacy

- ✓ Partner with a local business
- ✓ Promote sustainability

Who: Anyone with gently used books

Where: The Bookworm – 3175 28th Street, Boulder

When: Mon–Fri 10–6 | Sat 10–5 | Sun Closed

It's an easy, eco-friendly way to support Casey students — and a win-win for everyone! ♡



Celebrate Our Public Libraries!

We are so fortunate to have fantastic public libraries in our community! With the opening of the newest branch—**The NoBo Library in North Boulder**—our local library system has expanded its events and programming for families outside of school hours.

There's truly something for everyone—**engaging activities for all age groups**, and best of all, **every event is free!**

Take a few moments to check out the **Boulder Public Library Newsletter** and consider joining in the fun. It's a great way to stay connected, learn, and explore as a family!



BOULDER
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Classroom Supply Donations Welcome!

Our school is always in need of essential supplies to keep our classrooms running smoothly. If you're able to contribute, we kindly ask families to consider donating any of the following items to support our students and teachers.

Donations can be **dropped off at the front office anytime during school hours**. Every item makes a difference and helps us create a better learning environment for our students.

Thank you for supporting our school community! ♡

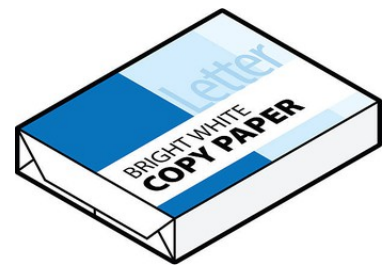
 Requested Supplies Include:



Tissues / Kleenex



Hand Sanitizer



White Copy Paper



Black Expo Markers



#2 Pencils



Wide Ruled Lined Paper

Free & Reduced Benefits

We are grateful that all students have access to free breakfast and lunch each day at school. Even though breakfast and lunch is now free, it is still very important that all our families complete the Free & Reduced Price School Meal application, as it waives and reduces fees (including athletics/activities and school technology fees) district-wide for many families, can impact transportation for some families, can provide schools with more resources and could possibly increase funding for schools.

This application can be completed online through our parent portal on [Infinite Campus](#). Our community liaison is also available to meet with families and help them fill out the application. If you would like to schedule a time to get help with the application, please contact our community liaison Robert Mosqueda (jose.mosqueda@bvsd.org or 720-561-2725).

WAYS YOU CAN HELP CASEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

King Soopers

[Register](#) your King Soopers card online and you can choose Casey to be the recipient of some extra cash from King Soopers. This does not interfere with fuel points!



Longmont Dairy Milk Caps

If you get Longmont Dairy products, bring your caps to Casey. There is a drop location in the office to collect them. We receive 5 cents per cap!



? ASK AN ADMINISTRATOR

Casey's Administration team would like to hear from you! Are there questions or wonderings that you have regarding the functioning of the school or decisions made? Ask your question here and we will either reach out to you directly or answer your questions through an FAQ in future newsletters. We look forward to hearing your questions and connecting with you.

FAQ

Casey Middle School Bell Schedule

Casey Middle School Cell Phone / Electronic Policy

Casey Middle School Tardy Policy

Casey Spiritwear Online Store - Click [HERE!](#)

BVSD Academic Calendar 2025-2026



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