



CASEY CORNER

Casey Middle School Weekly Newsletter | October 31, 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 11/3	Tuesday 11/4	Wednesday 11/5	Thursday 11/6	Friday 11/7
8 Period Day	8 Period Day	8 Period Day	Odd Block Day 1, 3, 5, 7	Even Block Day 2, 4, 6, 8
 Boys Basketball Practice 3:45-5:00 pm	 Boys Basketball Practice 3:45-5:00 pm  A2A 3:45-4:30 pm  PTA Meeting 5-6 pm	 Boys Basketball Practice 3:45-5:00 pm  A2A 3:45-4:30 pm	 Boys Basketball Practice 3:45-5:00 pm	 Boys Basketball Practice 3:45-5:00 pm

MESSAGE FROM DR. SHAW

Dear Casey Community,

We've barreled through the month of October and are already gearing up for our **midyear assessments in December**. Watching our scholars grow academically is one of the greatest joys of this work.

I encourage you to take a few moments to talk with your learner about their progress and growth — you might be surprised by the insight and pride they share when reflecting on their learning journey.

As many of you know, the recent government shutdown has affected families across the country in a number of ways. One immediate impact is the expiration of SNAP benefits for many households, which can increase food insecurity in our community.

At Casey Middle School, we're working proactively to support families who may be impacted. If you are in a position to help, we would greatly appreciate donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, or other essential supplies.

Donations can be sent with your scholar or dropped off at the main office. All contributions will go directly to our Casey Middle School Food Pantry, helping us ensure that every family in our community has what they need.

Thank you for your continued generosity and care for one another.

This is a quick reminder that we are falling back (daylight savings) this weekend! This adjustment can be a challenge for some. Here are some things to consider to support your scholar.

- In the morning: let in natural light or turn on strong lighting early to help reset the circadian rhythm.



- In the evening: dim the lights and reduce device use to support the natural release of melatonin.
- Be patient and supportive: Remember that adjustment takes some time. Children (and adults) may be more tired, irritable, or unable to focus for a few days after the time change. Acknowledging this and providing extra support helps.
- Encourage physical activity during the day: Getting some exercise, ideally outdoors in natural light, helps regulate sleep patterns and supports alertness during the coming school day. Avoid vigorous activity too close to bedtime.

BVSD Climate and Healthy Kids Survey Administration Coming Up

Casey will be administering the BVSD Climate and Healthy Kids Surveys on Monday, November 17, 2025. These surveys provide students with an important opportunity to share their voice around issues of school culture and climate (Climate Survey) and ask students about health-related attitudes and behavior (Healthy Kids Survey). These surveys are anonymous and provide us with useful data at the school and district level about how we can best serve our students. Be on the lookout for more detailed communication to follow, and if you have any questions about either survey feel free to reach out to Jen Valenzuela-Sliger at jen.valenzuela-sliger@bvsd.org.

PTA Shout Out

I want to take a moment to recognize the incredible work our PTA does to support our students, teachers, and school community. From funding classroom grants and school dances to providing meals for teachers during conferences, the PTA plays a vital role in making Casey a vibrant and supportive place to learn.

This year, the PTA has received an outpouring of teacher grant requests - nearly \$10,000 - but current fundraising falls short of meeting that need. I encourage every family to contribute what they can to help sustain these meaningful programs.

If you've already donated, thank you! If not, please consider giving today, either through [PayPal](#) or by dropping off a check for the Casey Middle School PTA at the front office.

Please consider contributing your ideas or learning more by attending the next PTA meeting - November 4, from 5:00–6:00 p.m. in the Casey Café.

Your support, no matter the amount or form, directly benefits our students and staff.

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EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

Centaurus High School Open Enrollment Night; November 4th

Centaurus is hosting our open enrollment and showcase night on November 4th at 6pm.

Fairview High School Choice Enrollment Night; November 18th

Join us for [Fairview's Showcase Night](#) on **Tuesday, November 18, from 6:00–8:00 PM** to explore our programs, meet our staff, and discover what makes Fairview exceptional. **Choice Enrollment** allows families to apply to attend Fairview even if it's not their neighborhood school. Families

attending the tours will have the opportunity to complete their Choice Enrollment application or receive guidance from staff. [Reserve Your Spot for a Choice Enrollment Tour](#)



Boulder High Showcase

**Thursday, November 6th
5:00 - 8:00 pm**

Join us for Boulder High's annual Showcase on Thursday November 6th from 5:00-8:00 pm!

This open house event invites prospective students and families to explore our campus, meet our administration, and learn about the wide range of academic programs, activities, and opportunities available at Boulder High. Discover what makes our Panther community such a special place to learn and grow!

- Open House 5:00 - 7:00 pm**
Come and Meet with representatives from our various clubs, sports teams, and school activities
- Administration Welcome 6:00 - 6:30 pm and 7:00 - 7:30 pm**
Hear from Dr. Morales and the rest of the Administration Team
- Campus Tours and Department Presentations 6:15 - 8:20 pm**
Tour campus with BHS Student Leaders and stop in for presentations with our academic departments

Can't make it to the Showcase? No problem! Join us for one of our other Choice Enrollment Events!

Enrollment Tours:

Nov 6th 10:30 - 11:30 am
Nov 12th 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Nov 18th 10:30 - 11:30 am
Dec 4th 1:00 - 2:00 pm



Coffee with the Principal

Nov 5th 9:30 - 10:30 am
Nov 13th 10:30 - 11:30 am (Virtual) - meet.google.com/xwm-wceh-tiz
Nov 19th 2:00 - 3:00 pm (Virtual) - meet.google.com/qlt-jzfn-ofg
Dec 3rd 2:00 - 3:00 pm



Shot for Tots and Teens: Free or Low Cost Immunizations

- Vaccines for Children (VFC) provides low cost and free vaccines for children and teens who are uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid eligible, American Indian or Alaska Native.
- Unable to see clients with CHIP, older than 18 or with private insurance.
- Parent or legal guardian must be present. Bring vaccine records to update files.
- Flu and recommended immunization schedule vaccines available.

Hours: Saturday, November 1st
11 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Location:
515 Coffman St.
Floor 2
Longmont, CO

www.boco.org/vaccineclinics

If you have a foreign immunization record contact us at 303-413-7799 or email your record to PHIMM@bouldercounty.gov

Shots for Tots and Teens

See flyer for more information about free or low cost immunization.



Youth Group Support

Connect with peers while doing a fun craft and learning about stress and anxiety!!

Free!

Youth Ages 13-18 Welcome!

Dinner Provided!

Questions? Email Amanda Trinh: atrinh@bouldercounty.gov
Need help finding the location? Call: 303-413-7567

DATE: November 12th, 2025
TIME: 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
LOCATION: 3482 Broadway
Boulder, CO 80304
Sundquist building
Baltic conference room

FREE

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Girls Basketball Registration Due by 12/17

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

- Girls' Basketball (8th grade) registration is open and closes on December 17th

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 Mrs. Gutierrez at brittney.gutierrez-me@bvsd.org or Ellie Portillo at elizabeth.portillo@bvsd.org

Battle of the Books

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 Tuesday (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!*)

Questions?

Julie Dickinson julie.dickinson@bvsd.org

Jen Adams jennifer.adams@bvsd.org

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PTA NEWS

 **Next PTA Meeting:** Tuesday, November 4, 5:00–6:00 PM, **Cafeteria**

 **Next Principal Coffee:** Monday, November 17, 9:00–9:30 AM, **Library**

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!



 COUNSELING CORNER

Did you know that many high school seniors submit their college applications in the first week of November? Students are encouraged to participate in **College Spirit Day** this Monday, November 3! Remind your student to wear a college/university/technical school or Casey AVID shirt this Monday!



 COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BVSD Board Supports Ballot Measures to Extend Free Meals Beyond 2025

This November, voters will consider two ballot measures, Propositions LL and MM, that aim to secure funding to continue the Healthy School Meals for All (HSMA) program, which was originally approved by voters in 2022, via Proposition FF. High participation and rising food costs statewide have required a funding adjustment to continue the program, which has provided free, nutritious meals to all students since the 2023-2024 school year. Since school meals have been free, lunch participation increased by 40% and breakfast by 90% district-wide. [Read more](#).

Reminder: Breakfast is free every day at school!

We want to remind all BVSD families that in addition to free lunch, we offer a full breakfast every morning at schools. Breakfast schedules vary by site, so be sure to check in with your school office about how and when it is served at your school. You can find the [2-week breakfast cycle](#) on our website, or toggle to “Breakfast” on our [interactive menu calendar](#) to see what is served each day!

Career event for Construction and Building Industry: Building Futures Expo: Thursday, November 6

The Boulder MOD and [Apex, BVSD's Career and Technical School](#) are proud to host an exciting event aimed at connecting young talent with real career opportunities in the trades this upcoming **Thursday, November 6 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** at the Boulder MOD/Apex Campus at 6500 Arapahoe Rd, Building D in Boulder. All students and families are welcome to network, learn, and grow in a dynamic and forward-thinking construction and building industry. [Learn more about the Boulder MOD](#).



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! ♥

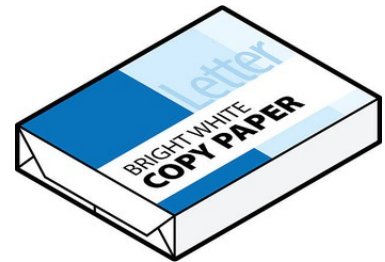
Requested Supplies Include:



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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