



Casey Corner

Casey Middle School Weekly Newsletter |
December 5, 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 12/8	Tuesday 12/9	Wednesday 12/10	Thursday 12/11	Friday 12/12
8 Period Day	8 Period Day	8 Period Day	Odd Block Day 1, 3, 5, 7	Even Block Day 2, 4, 6, 8
 Principal Coffee in Library @ 9:00 am	 A2A 3:45-4:30 pm	 A2A 3:45-4:30 pm	 Band Concert @ 6:00 pm	 FC Cubs Girls Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm
 Boys Basketball Game HOME vs Centennial 5:00 pm	 Orchestra Concert @ 6:00 pm	 Choice Enrollment Night @ 5:00-7:00 pm	 FC Cubs Boys Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm	
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Message from Dr. Shaw

Happy Friday!!

This month is flying by, and our scholars are currently completing their Middle of the Year Assessments in both Math and English Language Arts. These assessments give us an important snapshot of each student's growth and progress so far. We will be completing these assessments by the end of the semester. In the event you have questions about scores or what they mean when your scholar has their scores, do not hesitate to reach out to their content teacher.



Over the past week, many scholars have excitedly shared their results with me and are proud of how far they've come and are already thinking about the habits and focus they want to bring into the next semester. It has been inspiring to see so many students taking greater ownership of their learning and reflecting on what helps them succeed.

I encourage you to continue these conversations at home as well. Your support and partnership make a meaningful difference in keeping our scholars motivated and confident.

8th Grade Parents:

As we reach the midpoint of the year, the high school transition is quickly approaching. We are excited to invite the principals of New Vista (Mr. McCluskey), Fairview (Dr. Chopin), and Boulder High School (Dr. Morales) to join us for our Casey Principal Coffee on **December 8th from 9:00–9:30 a.m.** This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to connect with them directly, learn more about the transition to high school, and ask any questions you may have as we support your students through this important next step.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Until next time, Dr. Wm. Bryant Shaw

Clubs & Athletics

Girls Basketball Registration Due by 12/16

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

- Girls' Basketball (8th grade) registration is open and closes on December 16th

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

PTA News

- **Next PTA Meeting:** February 3, 5:00–6:00 PM, School Cafe. **No meeting in January.**
Next Principal Coffee: Monday, December 8, 9:00–9:30 AM, Library. **Principals from Boulder High School, Fairview High School, and New Vista High School will be in attendance!**

Support the Casey PTA in reaching our **fall fundraising goal of \$20,000** at <https://givebutter.com/CaseyPTA>.

Donations of any size ensure the PTA can continue providing teacher grants, sponsoring school dances, and catering meals during teacher conferences. At that [url](#), you can donate via credit card, PayPal, Venmo, or check. Remember, some employers will match employees' donations to registered nonprofit organizations, such as the Casey PTA. We are registered on the workplace-giving platform Benevity and are happy to answer questions about employer matching.

Many ways to give:

- Contribute online via [GiveButter](#) (Venmo, PayPal, credit card, bank transfer)
- Contribute online via [PayPal](#)
- Drop off a check at the Casey front office (made out to *Casey Middle School PTA*).

FET News

The IPT (Immigrant Partnership Team) and El Centro AMISTAD invite you to a presentation on the Family Emergency Preparedness Plan Package.

There will be volunteer notaries from the IPT team to notarize documents.

Claudia Mariscal will be available to answer questions about Medicaid, Medicare, and private health insurance.

We will have dinner and childcare.

📅 Monday, December 8 🕒 5:00pm-7:00pm

📍 The location will be shared after registration

Register Here: <https://forms.office.com/r/Kmy1LVTkBn>

If you have any questions, please contact Ana at (303) 995-2318



Clínica de Bienestar y Justicia

PLAN DE PREPARACIÓN FAMILIAR EN CASO DE EMERGENCIA

 **Lunes 8 de Diciembre**
5:00pm-7:00pm

 **La ubicación se compartirá después del registro**



<https://forms.office.com/r/KmyILVTkBr>

- Presentación: Paquete de Plan de Preparación Familiar en Caso de Emergencias.
- Notarias Voluntarias con el equipo de IPT (Immigrant Partnership Team) estarán presentes para notarizar documentos.
- Claudia Mariscal especialista en seguros médicos estará presente para hablar con cualquier familia que tenga preguntas sobre Medicaid, Medicare y seguros médicos privados.
- Tendremos Cena y Cuidado infantil

¿Usted es un inmigrante?

¿Tiene hijos?

¿Quiere informarse sobre sus derechos y estar listo para proteger a su familia?

Nombre completo	
Dirección	
Ciudad	
Estado	
Código Postal	
Teléfono	
Correo electrónico	
Fecha de nacimiento	
País de nacimiento	
Fecha de llegada a los EE.UU.	
Fecha de entrada al país	
Fecha de expedición de la tarjeta de residencia	
Fecha de expedición de la tarjeta de ciudadanía	
Fecha de expedición de la tarjeta de naturalización	
Fecha de expedición de la tarjeta de ciudadanía por nacimiento	
Fecha de expedición de la tarjeta de ciudadanía por matrimonio	
Fecha de expedición de la tarjeta de ciudadanía por inversión	
Fecha de expedición de la tarjeta de ciudadanía por otros medios	



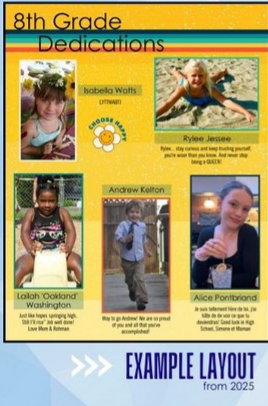
La Clínica de Bienestar y Justicia tiene como objetivo ofrecer un espacio donde la comunidad pueda acceder a información y apoyo de manera integral, abordando tanto el bienestar emocional como la justicia social de forma holística.



Para más información: (303) 443-9899

8th Grade Dedication

8TH GRADE DEDICATIONS!





For **\$50**, include a heartfelt message & a favorite photo to honor your child's achievements.

>>> HOW TO ORDER

1. Complete the [form link below](#) and submit with payment.
2. Deadline: **January 19, 2026**
3. Payments: Online, Cash or Check

Space is limited! Reserve your spot today!
 For questions, contact erin.randall@bvsvd.org

8th Grade Dedication Form: <https://forms.gle/mchnRmXp7kJZTn2P7>

Counseling Corner

Attention 8th Grade Families! We hope that you and your student are looking forward to the exciting transition to high school. We also know that this can be a stressful and challenging time with many questions. If you have questions about feeder high school contact information, classes, etc, please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

Students with last name A-L - Betty Delgado, betty.delgado@bvsvd.org, 720-561-2775

Students with last name M-Z - Jen Valenzuela, jen.valenzuela-slige@bvsvd.org, 720-561-2770

A Note of Gratitude from Casey Library

Thank you to our generous parent volunteers who have contributed in countless ways to improving the efficiency and quality of our library space this year! Thank you, Carrie Lipton and Christina Toronyi (alumni parent!) for all that you do and all that you give for our students.

I'm also so grateful for the enthusiasm and positivity I see in our students each and every day in the library! I have engaged in many more conversations about books and reading than ever before in my previous four years at Casey, and it is great to see student engagement, pride, and sense of ownership over our library space grow. Keep up the great work, Casey Cubs, and keep feeding that desire to read more and more! *-Jennifer Adams, Teacher Librarian*



Reduce Emissions - Turn off Your Car While Waiting

BVSD buses turn off instead of idling while waiting for students. You can too! Because vehicle idling is a significant source of air pollution, BVSD has an operating procedure that prohibits buses and transportation support vehicles from idling for more than 5 minutes within any given 1 hour period.

Although it is tempting to keep cars and buses running, especially during colder weather, please turn off vehicles while waiting to pick up students. (*An exception to this is Food Service vehicles with refrigeration that need to remain on to maintain food quality)

Infinite Campus: Need to Change Information

💡 **Reminder:** Families can update their own email addresses and phone numbers directly in the Parent Portal.

If your **household address** or **emergency contact information** changes, please reach out to Victoria Santucho-Lopez victoria.santucho-lo@bvsd.org directly so we can make sure your student's record is up to date.

Benefits of Reading ~ So Much More than Meets the Eye

Current trends and studies may show that rates of daily reading for pleasure have declined over the past 20 years in the US, but the benefits of reading have not changed. In fact, the benefits of reading are extensive and may be even more important in today's ever faster-paced world. Take a look at the following link...You may be surprised to learn about all the diverse ways in which reading can help your child! [Click here to learn more](#); this document briefly explains the important benefits all students gain when taking the time to engage with a book. So continue to encourage your Casey student to pick up a choice book everyday!



"Extensive research has explored the benefits of reading, from direct gains in comprehension skills, vocabulary, logical reasoning, imagination, emotional intelligence, and empathy, to links with

academic achievement, financially rewarding employment, career growth, and involvement in civic life.

Reading may also promote health, reducing stress, anxiety, and depressive symptoms, supporting better sleep and slowing cognitive decline in older adults. . . Impacts of reading can also extend beyond the individual level, with shared experiences in reading being important for bridging cultural gaps, increasing understanding, and building a sense of belonging and identity.”

Source: <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12496190/>



Community Announcements

Casey Community Food Pantry

We are pleased to announce that Casey Middle School offers a Food Pantry to support our families in need. The pantry provides free food and basic toiletries to families who need them. If you are interested in receiving support, please fill out the Google Form below. All information will be kept confidential.

[Casey Food Bag Weekly Sign-up](#)

We are here for you and your family. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need additional support.

E-Bike Information & Safety

Below is information that can provide insight into what types of requirements are needed based on bike class.

Please refer to this website in the event you have wonders about what type of [Boulder E-Bike Information](#).

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!



Boulder Valley Regional Spelling Bee officials - volunteers needed

Parents and community members, we are looking for volunteers for this year's BVSD Regional Spelling Bee which will take place on March 7th in the New Vista High auditorium.

Volunteer Roles and duties include: On the day of the spelling bee, organizers are needed to do everything from checking in spellers, setting up the stage and physical event space, and receiving appeals and communicating them to the officials, to answering questions from parents, spellers and audience members. We cannot do this work without our amazing volunteers! [Please fill out this interest form if you are interested.](#)

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Health Insurance Resources for BVSD families

BVSD Health Services is sharing the following information for families who may be in need of health insurance or would like to explore their options, knowing that preventive and supportive services provided through this coverage helps keep students healthy and ready to learn. Open Enrollment for health insurance through Connect for Health Colorado is happening now through January 15, 2026. This is the time when individuals and families can find affordable health coverage for the coming year.

We've included helpful flyers with information about both [Connect for Health Colorado](#) and [OmniSalud](#), a program that offers health insurance options for Coloradans regardless of immigration status.

Families who would like support can contact the Boulder County Enrollment Center for free assistance with Connect for Health Colorado, OmniSalud, Health First Colorado (Medicaid), and CHP+. The Enrollment Center provides confidential, unbiased guidance in English and Spanish, and in other languages through an interpreter.

To schedule an appointment with a Health Coverage Guide, visit boco.org/HealthCoverage, call 303-441-4530, or email HealthCoverage@BoulderCounty.gov.

Questions? Contact Joanna Harrison(joanna.harrison@bvsd.org), Resource Nurse

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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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