



Casey Corner

Casey Middle School Weekly Newsletter |
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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 12/15	Tuesday 12/16	Wednesday 12/17	Thursday 12/18	Friday 12/19
8 Period Day	8 Period Day	8 Period Day	Odd Block Day 1, 3, 5, 7	Even Block Day 2, 4, 6, 8
	 FC Cubs Boys Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm	 Winter Social @ 4:00-5:30 pm in Casey Gym	 FC Cubs Boys Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm  Extended Learning Opportunities @ 3:45-4:30 pm	 FC Cubs Girls Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm

Message from Dr. Shaw

Happy Friday!

It is hard to believe we are already approaching the final stretch of the first semester. Mid-year assessments in both Mathematics and English Language Arts are showing positive trends, and our students are beginning to reflect on their progress, set new goals, and talk with their teachers about how to start next semester strong. I encourage you to join them in these conversations. While middle schoolers may not always show it, they truly do appreciate hearing, "Great job! what's next?" The pride they feel when they recognize their own growth is one of the most rewarding parts of our work, and your engagement at home makes a meaningful difference. We have a week left and we are going to finish strong!



I am aware that as the holiday season approaches, many families are managing travel plans and logistics. If your scholar will be starting the break early, I ask that you review the information below to ensure all necessary steps are taken. This will help us support your student in staying current with their coursework, and maintain clear communication with teachers and our front office. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or if you need assistance planning for your student's absence.

Absence Request Forms

NEW- Extended Leave of Absence (LOA) Request

BVSD has implemented a new policy for absences of any student gone **longer than 10 days**. Parents must complete a Leave of Absence form with the Registrar prior to leaving, and all requests for a Leave of Absence must be approved by the Principal. BVSD will withdraw your student's enrollment for non-medically necessary absences, then upon your return *if within four weeks*, you will need to complete a Student Re-Enrollment Form for their enrollment to be reinstated. Please attach a recent proof of residency with the completed Re-Enrollment Form and

return it to Victoria Santucho-Lopez. Students withdrawn for more than four weeks must complete the online enrollment process.

With a LOA, Teachers will not be providing work for students.

Casey Pre-Arranged Absence Form

The Pre-Arranged Absence Form is for absences of any student gone for 3-10 school days. Please complete this request at least 3 weeks prior to travel. With a pre-arranged absence form, students are expected to complete the work they are missing while they are gone.

Forms are available from the Main Office. Please reach out to Victoria Santucho-Lopez with any questions about the LOA process, or Elizabeth Portillo in regard to the Pre Arranged Absence form or general attendance questions.

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

Important: Temporary Pause on Infinite Campus Payments

Infinite Campus payments will be unavailable on December 18th from approximately 9:00–10:00 a.m. MST due to system updates.

After this update, parents will need to set up a new default payment method the next time they log into the Parent Portal to pay fees.

You can find [step-by-step instructions here](#). If you have any questions, please contact your school principal.

BVSD Share-a-Gift Toy Shop Dec. 20 (new location)

Share-A-Gift provides toys, books, and bicycles for children of low-income families in the Boulder Valley School District. Please note the [2025 Share-A-Gift Toy Shop](#) on Saturday, December 20 has a new location: 5777 Central Ave in Boulder.

Gifts are FREE for parents or guardians of children 14 or younger who attend school in BVSD or live within the BVSD attendance area. Many BVSD schools are collecting donations onsite.

Learn more at shareagift.org.

PTA News

- **Casey Winter Student Social** : Wednesday December 17th 4-6pm.
Next PTA Meeting: February 3, 5:00–6:00 PM, School Cafe. **No meeting in January.**
Next Principal Coffee: Monday, Feb 9th, 9:00–9:30 AM, Library. **No meeting in January.**

Volunteers needed for the social!!

- Musical Chairs/orchestra room
- Backpack and coat storage
- Monitor front area and bathrooms
- Gym

If interested please fill out volunteer form [volunteer link](#)

If you are unable to volunteer your time but still want to help with the social , 360 will also be having a bake sale . The profits will benefit the school store where students can start learning financial responsibility through the PBIS student store. Treats should be individual and labeled with ingredients. **They can be dropped off at the school starting Tuesday 12/16.** To sign up please click [bake sale sign up](#)
Students have been earning points through out the year to purchase items at the store. Students may also bring a suggested \$5 to purchase items and help support the store.

lastly donations of any old holiday decorations that we can put up and celebrate all. These can be labeled if they need to be returned or donated for future use!

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

My name is Lily Lujan, the new Community Liaison here at Casey Middle School. Here is my schedule in case you need help filling out the BVSD benefits applications, remember this application is not only for free or reduced lunch—it also covers materials, computers, sports...fees.

My schedule is:

- Monday: 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday and Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

My phone number is 720-561-4567

Email is ana.lujancastillo@bvsd.org.

I would like to share these Boulder County winter events with you, and I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy some of them.



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8th Grade Dedication

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

Counseling Corner

Attention current 6th and 7th grade families:

Dawson Summer Initiative (DSI) offers a **free** summer academic program that follows a thematic approach and is geared to high-achieving, independent, collaborative, and creative thinkers who are **currently in Grade 6 and Grade 7**.

Over the past 16 summers, we have enjoyed working with students from your school and over 30 different schools predominantly in the St. Vrain, Boulder Valley, and Adams 12 School Districts. The program is geared toward effective collaborators and independent thinkers who seek opportunities to work with peers from other schools, sharing like-minded goals. DSI feels that students benefit from engaging with a diverse group of advanced learners to solve current complex issues affecting us all.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please follow [this link](#) for more information and to find out how to apply.

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*



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.](#)

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

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!



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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! ♥

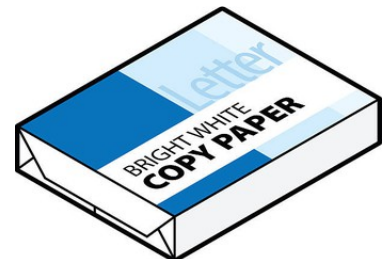
Requested Supplies Include:



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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