



Casey Corner

Casey Middle School Weekly Newsletter | January 2nd, 2026

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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.

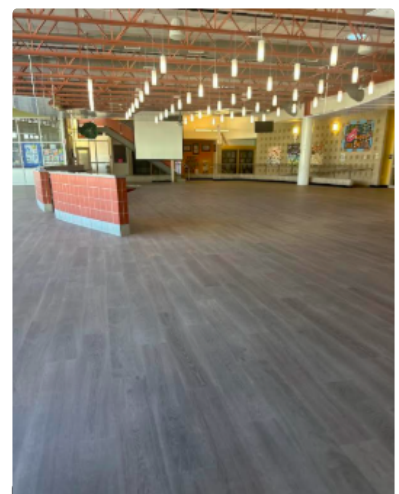


Message from Dr. Shaw

Happy Friday & New Year!

I hope the break provided time for rest, renewal, and meaningful connection with family and loved ones.

As we begin the second semester, I want to share how excited we are to turn the page and move forward with renewed focus and energy. Like many schools in the area, we experienced unexpected power issues just before the break. Thanks to the incredible efforts of our maintenance teams, contractors, and custodial staff, the building has been fully prepared and is ready to welcome scholars and staff back safely.





Throughout the first semester, our scholars spent significant time building foundational academic skills, stamina, and learning habits that position them for success. This next quarter will be focused on applying those skills with greater confidence, independence, and depth as students continue to grow as learners and thinkers.

We are grateful for your continued partnership and look forward to a strong, focused start to the semester ahead. Time to get back to work!!!

- Dr. Wm. Bryant Shaw



Monday 1/5	Tuesday 1/6	Wednesday 1/7	Thursday 1/8	Friday 1/9
NO SCHOOL!	8 Period Day  FC Cubs Boys Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm	8 Period Day  Winter Social @ 4:00-5:30 pm in Casey Gym	Odd Block Day 1, 3, 5, 7  FC Cubs Boys Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm  Cafecito with Shaw 5:30-6 pm  FET Meeting 6-7:30 pm	Even Block Day 2, 4, 6, 8  FC Cubs Girls Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm



The Winter Social THIS Wednesday 1/7/26

We're excited to announce that we have rescheduled the **Winter Social** to **Wednesday, January 7th, from 4:00 – 5:30 PM**. The event will feature music, food, and games, and we'd love for you to join us in celebrating the semester with our students.



Clubs & Athletics

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

- **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.**

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

Next Meeting Information

- **FET Meeting:** January 8th, 6:00–7:30 PM, School Cafe.
- **Cafecito with Shaw:** January 8th, 5:30-6:00 PM, School Cafe

During this month's meeting, we will be listening to presenters from the I Have Dream organization and the Centro Amistad organization. We will have childcare available as well. If you have questions, please reach out to Lily Lujan, our community liaison.

Our New Community Liaison

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,



Casey Middle School
Jueves 08 de enero del 2026
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
• Andrea Nieto , Community Center Coordinator "I Have A Dream" Foundation of Boulder County
• Lupita Jaime , Centro su Amistad Tema "Lo que las bebidas azucaradas le hacen a tu cuerpo y quizás no sabías"

sports...fees.

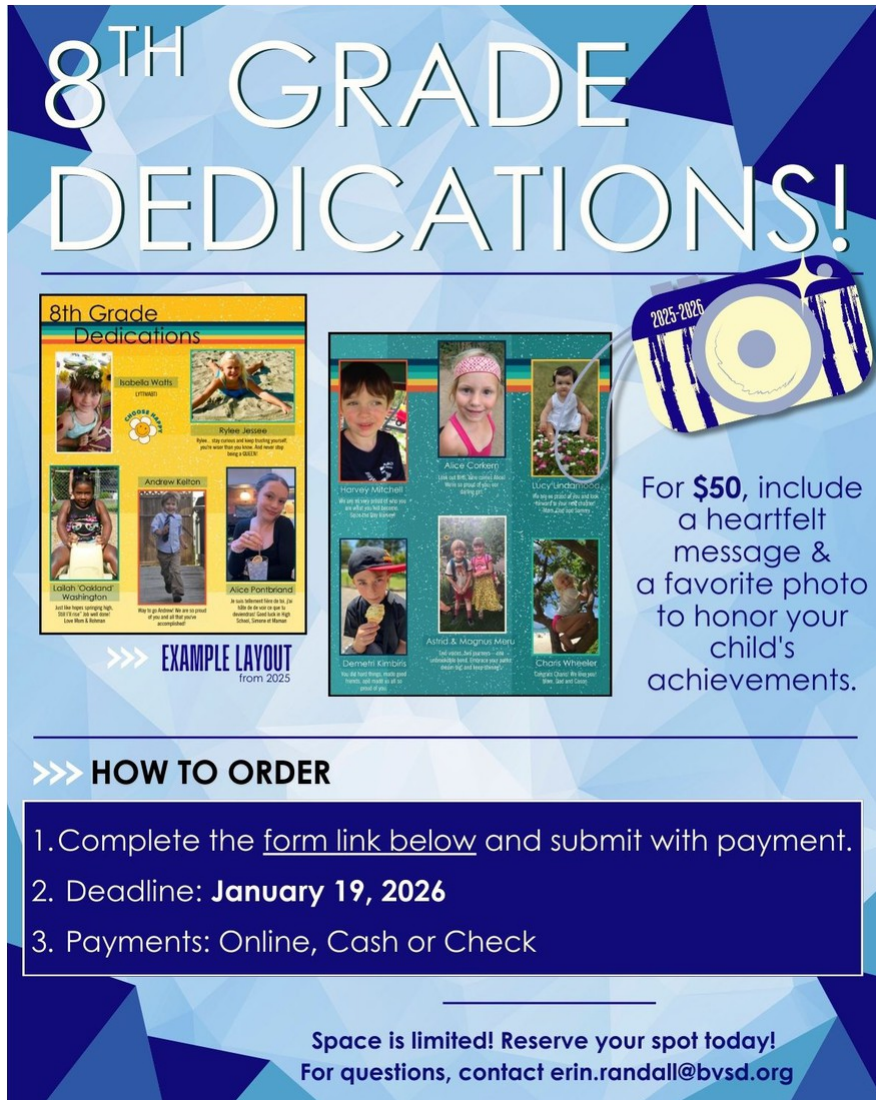
My schedule is:

- **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.

8th Grade Dedication



8TH GRADE DEDICATIONS!

8th Grade Dedications

EXAMPLE LAYOUT from 2025

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@bvsd.org

The poster features two example dedication cards. The first is yellow and titled '8th Grade Dedications'. It includes photos of students and their names: Isabella Watts, Pyrene-Jessie, Andrew Kellon, Lailah 'Oakland' Washington, and Justice Romblon. The second is green and includes photos of students and their names: Harvey Mitchell, Alice Corbett, Lucy Lindstrom, Astrid & Magnus Mieru, Darinelli Karamis, and Charis Wheeler. A graphic of a camera with '2025-2026' on it is also present.

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.

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.](#)

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 Lily Lujan (ana.lujancastillo@bvsd.org or 720-561-4567).

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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