



# Casey Corner

Casey Middle School Weekly Newsletter | January 23rd, 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.



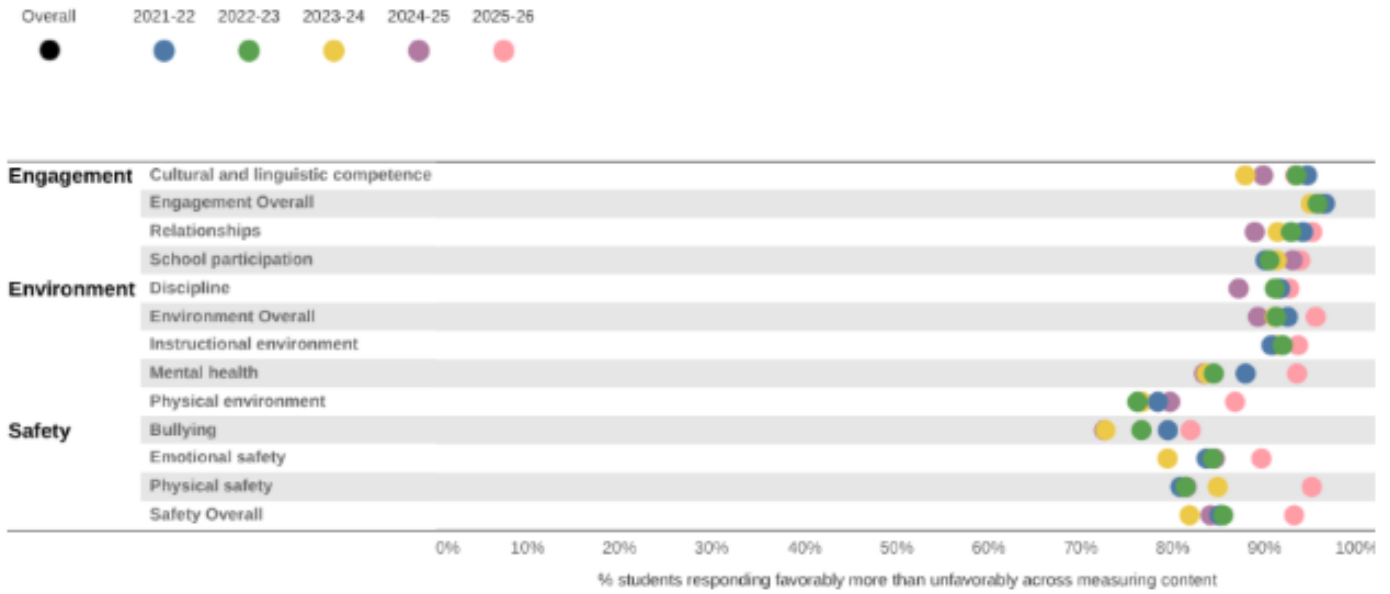
## Message from Dr. Shaw

### Happy Friday!

Each year, we gather student feedback through a school climate survey to better understand our scholars' learning experiences. We believe schools improve most when families and schools partner together using honest, meaningful feedback. Climate and culture remain a focused priority at Casey and will continue to guide our work.

This feedback is thoughtfully reviewed with our staff, and we intentionally reflect on how to refine our practices and systems to ensure a safe, inclusive environment that fosters both belonging and learning for all scholars. We are proud of the many positive experiences our students report and remain deeply committed to continuous improvement. This data allows us to celebrate what is working well while staying attentive to areas where we can continue to grow. Next week I will be sharing Math and English Language Arts progress. As always, I am honored to have the opportunity to work with you in service of our great community.

Selected School: Casey



Until Next Time- Dr. Wm. Bryant Shaw

Monday 1/26	Tuesday 1/27	Wednesday 1/28	Thursday 1/29	Friday 1/30
<b>8 Period Day</b>	<b>8 Period Day</b>	<b>8 Period Day</b>	<b>Odd Block Day</b> 1, 3, 5, 7	<b>Even Block Day</b> 2, 4, 6, 8
	FC Cubs Boys Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm  FC Cubs Girls Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm  A2A 3:45-4:30 pm	A2A 3:45-4:30 pm  7th & 8th Grade Orchestra Fest @ Boulder High 6pm	FC Cubs Boys Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm  ELO 3:45-4:30 pm	FC Cubs Girls Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm

## Clubs & Athletics

**Registration For 6th/7th/8th Wrestling Registration is Open!** 🏪🏪🏪

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

- 6th, 7th, and 8th grade wrestling registration is open and closes on February 5th.
- Sports require:
- [Arbiter registration](#) (Create an account and upload any documents you had in rSchool. Contact [elizabeth.portillo@bvsd.org](mailto: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 [brittney.gutierrez@bvsd.org](mailto:brittney.gutierrez@bvsd.org) or Ms. Ellie at [elizabeth.portillo@bvsd.org](mailto: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](mailto:julie.dickinson@bvsd.org)

Jen Adams [jennifer.adams@bvsd.org](mailto: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:** February 12th, 6:00–7:30 PM, School Cafe.
- **Cafecito with Shaw:** February 12th 5:30-6:00 PM, School Cafe

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, 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](mailto:ana.lujancastillo@bvsd.org).

## 8th Grade Dedication



**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DEDICATIONS!**

**8th Grade Dedications**

**EXAMPLE LAYOUT** from 2025

**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](mailto:erin.randall@bvsd.org)

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

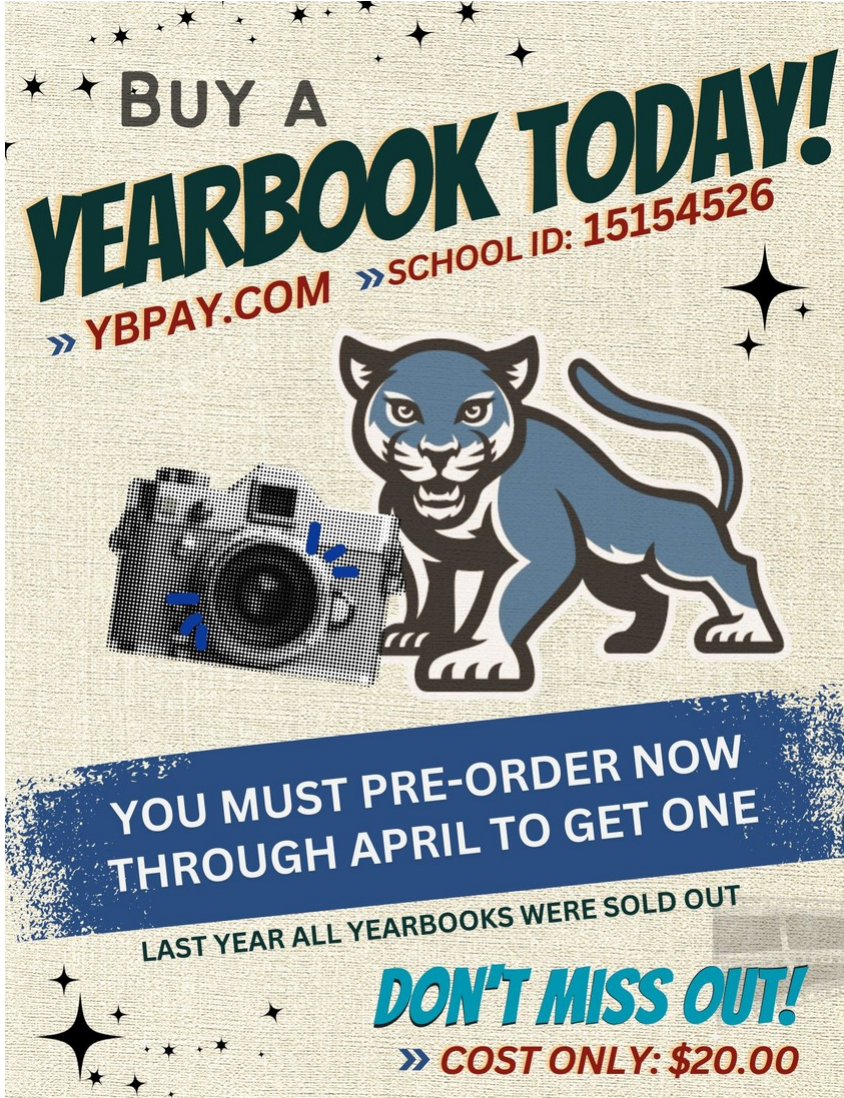
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## Counseling Corner

### Upcoming High School Transition Events

It's hard to believe that our 8th graders are already getting ready for high school registration! Next week, on Tuesday, January 27, students will attend an assembly to hear from high school counselors regarding the transition to high school, as well as high school courses and opportunities. On February 4, Boulder High will host the rising 9th grade transition night, and students will be given their course selection forms for 9th grade just prior to this event. Information on transition events at other high schools can be found [here](#). High school and Casey counselors will help students enter their class requests in Infinite Campus on the morning of February 24th. This is an exciting time for students and families, and we are looking forward to supporting this transition process. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your student's counselor if you have any questions!

Students with last name A-L - Betty Delgado, [betty.delgado@bvsd.org](mailto:betty.delgado@bvsd.org), 720-561-2775

Students with last name M-Z - Jen Valenzuela, [jen.valenzuela-slige@bvsd.org](mailto:jen.valenzuela-slige@bvsd.org), 720-561-2770

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## Rising 8th graders and families, get excited!

In 2027, Casey 8th grade students will have the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. and experience U.S. history where it happened. From iconic monuments and museums to powerful civic landmarks, this is a once-in-a-middle-school experience.

Join us for a **parent information meeting** on **Wednesday, January 28 at 5:00 PM** in the **Casey Middle School cafeteria**. Please enter through the **main doors**.

### **Bonus savings:**

- Receive a **\$100 discount** just for attending the parent meeting
- Get an **additional \$100 discount** if you sign up by **February 4**

We hope to see you there and can't wait to share more about this amazing trip!

Contact [Lisa Norton](#) for more information.



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## LEAP is open for Applications

LEAP is open for applications! LEAP helps eligible Colorado families pay a portion of their winter heating costs. The average benefit is \$200 - \$1000. Visit [cdhs.colorado.gov/leap](https://cdhs.colorado.gov/leap) or call 1-866-HEAT-HELP (432-8435) to learn more and apply. Applications accepted through April 30, 2026.

Here is a fantastic [new opportunity](#) for parents and caregivers interested in learning English. It is free!

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## Vision and Hearing Screening- January 29th!

Our annual Vision and Hearing Screening is coming up on Thursday, January 29th. Please contact [Natalie Roman](#) if you want more information on this or to do an exemption for your student.



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## Casey 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 toiletry items 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](#)

The form opens on Sunday of every week and closes on Wednesday afternoon.


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

Warmly,

Casey Middle School Team

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## 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](mailto:victoria.santucho-lo@bvsd.org) directly so we can make sure your student's record is up to date.

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## 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.](#)



## 📣 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**

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## 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](mailto:ana.lujancastillo@bvsd.org) or 720-561-4567).

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# 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!



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## ? 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](#)

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

[BVSD Academic Calendar 2025-2026](#)



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### Casey Middle School

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