



Casey Corner

Casey Middle School Weekly Newsletter | January 30th, 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! Another month is behind us, and we are entering a stretch of the school year where routines can feel repetitive and the climb toward spring can feel steep. As we move closer to the testing season, we do so with confidence, knowing our scholars are building the skills and habits needed for continued growth and success.

This time of year also brings what we often refer to as the “winter blues.” For middle school students especially, shorter days and colder weather can impact energy, motivation, and mood. We want to be proactive in supporting our scholars during this season by encouraging consistent routines, movement, connection, and positive reinforcement, both at school and at home.

Here are a few simple ways families can help support their scholars during this season:

- **Keep routines steady.** Consistent bedtimes, wake-up times, and homework routines help provide stability when days feel shorter and motivation dips.
- **Prioritize movement and fresh air.** Even brief walks, outdoor play, or indoor activity breaks can boost mood and energy.









- **Encourage connection.** Make space for conversation at meals or before bed, and help your scholar stay socially connected with peers and trusted adults.
- **Support healthy habits.** Nutritious meals, hydration, and limiting late-night screen time all play a role in emotional well-being.
- **Celebrate small wins.** Acknowledge effort like finishing homework, showing up to school, or trying something challenging. These moments build confidence and momentum.
- **Check in on feelings.** Let your child know it's okay to feel off sometimes, and remind them that support is always available—at home and at school.

If you notice ongoing changes in mood, sleep, or engagement, please don't hesitate to reach out to our counseling team. We're here to partner with you in supporting your scholar's well-being and success, every season of the year. I am grateful for the continued partnership as we work together to support your scholar's well-being and learning.

[Data Share and Conversation](#) - We have been sharing data with our learning community over the last few weeks. Our scholars are continuing to see that their work is yielding positive results. We are always striving to create the conditions to support continuous improvement individually as well as collectively.

Until Next Time!! Dr. Wm. Bryant Shaw



Monday 2/2	Tuesday 2/3	Wednesday 2/4	Thursday 2/5	Friday 2/6
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  FC Cubs Girls Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm  A2A 3:45-4:30 pm  PTA Meeting 5-6 pm	 A2A 3:45-4:30 pm	 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 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 or Ms. Ellie 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

- **PTA Meeting:** Tuesday, February 3, 5:00–6:00 PM, School Cafe.
- **Next Principal Coffee:** Monday, February 9, 9:00–9:30 AM, Library.
- **8th Grade Continuation Social Planning Committee:** Contact Ellie Geilhufe (egeilhufe@gmail.com) and/or Sam Penrose (sampenrose143@gmail.com) to join the committee. Help coordinate refreshments, decorations, and activities to make the social a memorable experience for our soon-to-be high schoolers.
- **Support the Casey PTA:** Many ways to give:
 - o Contribute online via [GiveButter](#) (Venmo, PayPal, credit card, bank transfer)
 - o Contribute online via [PayPal](#)
 - o 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.

2025-2026 Yearbook

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**YOU MUST PRE-ORDER NOW
THROUGH APRIL TO GET ONE**

LAST YEAR ALL YEARBOOKS WERE SOLD OUT

DON'T MISS OUT!
» COST ONLY: \$20.00

Yearbooks are \$20 and quantities are limited, so we encourage you to order soon as they can sell out quickly. Orders can be placed at YBpay.com using Code: 15154526.

Counseling Corner

Upcoming Course Selection Information

Welcome to February! It is already time for us to start planning for next school year, and with that, our rising 7th and 8th grade students will be filling out their course selection forms for classes for next year soon.

Counselors will visit classes for our current 6th and 7th grade students on **Wednesday, February 11th** to tell students about their elective options for next year and to hand out Course Selection Forms. Students may return their forms to their math teachers as soon as they fill them out or by **Wednesday, February 25th**. Course offerings and schedules are built upon what students request, so it is important that they choose carefully, particularly since class changes will not be possible. Please feel free to reach out to your student's counselor with any questions!

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

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

Community News

8th Grade Transition Night is February 4, 2026 ❖ 5:30 pm



BOULDER HIGH SCHOOL

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

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8th Grade Transition Night is February 4, 2026 ❖ 5:30 pm

Welcome Panthers and Parents! This night is specifically designed to welcome you to the Panther pride and to help begin to transition you to the next step in your educational journey. We will introduce our new Panthers to all that Boulder High has to offer from advanced course work to clubs and athletics, and more.

WHAT: Boulder High Administrators, Counselors and Teachers will deliver a presentation on the core classes needed for graduation, specific course offerings, how and when to register for classes, extracurricular activities, and more.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 4, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

WHERE: All events will take place at Boulder High School (Remember that parking is limited around the school).

- 5:30-5:45 Welcome to Boulder High
- 5:45-6:15 Presentation in the auditorium.
- 6:15-7:00 Families will have the opportunity to learn more about the academic departments in the small gym (the PIT), additionally we will be welcoming families to explore our clubs, activities, and athletics in the library and cafeteria.

La Noche de Transición de 8° grado es el 4 de Febrero, 2026 ❖ 5:30 pm

¡Bienvenidos Panthers y Familias! Esta noche está específicamente diseñada para darles la bienvenida al orgullo de los Panther y ayudarles a comenzar la transición al siguiente escalón del proceso educativo. Presentaremos a los nuevos Panthers con todo lo que Boulder High tiene para ofrecerles desde los cursos avanzados así como los distintos Club y las modalidades de Deportes y demás.

QUÉ: Los Administradores de Boulder High, Consejeros y Maestros harán una breve presentación sobre las clases que son necesarias para la graduación, los cursos específicos que se ofrecen, cómo y cuándo se deben inscribir a las clases, actividades extracurriculares, y mucho más.

CUÁNDO: El miércoles 4 de febrero de 2026 de 5:30 a 7:00 de la tarde.

DÓNDE: Todos los eventos tendrán lugar en la escuela Boulder High.(Recuerde que el aparcamiento es limitado en nuestra escuela).

- 5:30-5:45 Bienvenida a Boulder High
- 5:45-6:15 Todas las familias deben asistir a la presentación en el Auditorium
- 6:15-7:00 Las familias pueden visitar y charlar con los representantes de los departamentos académicos en el gimnasio pequeño (PIT) y con los entrenadores y el departamento de Deportes en la cafetería.

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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 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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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 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

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.

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