



Casey Corner

Casey Middle School Weekly Newsletter | February 20th, 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!

This short week has been full of adventure and meaningful learning. Our 6th graders had the opportunity to travel to CSU Spur in Denver, where they engaged in a hands-on experience that extended learning beyond the classroom. It was a wonderful way to connect real-world applications to their studies, and our scholars represented Casey with pride through their curiosity, engagement, and positive presence in that space.

State Testing on the Horizon

Yes!!! it's that time of year! As we look ahead to April, we are preparing for CMAS state assessments. Our testing window will run from **April 6 through April 23**. Over the next several weeks, we will continue to share important information, including schedules, ways to support your scholar, and what to expect during testing.

If you have any questions or would like to connect, please don't hesitate to reach out at **720-561-2700** or bryant.shaw@bvsd.org. We are here to partner with you to ensure every student feels

confident, supported, and ready to show what they know.
Thank you for your continued partnership and support

Until next time, Dr. Wm. Bryant Shaw



Monday 2/23	Tuesday 2/24	Wednesday 2/25	Thursday 2/26	Friday 2/27
8 Period Day  Parent Teacher Conferences in the gym @ 4:00-8:00 pm	8 Period Day  A2A 3:45-4:30 pm	8 Period Day  A2A 3:45-4:30 pm  Parent Teacher Conferences in the gym @ 4:00-8:00 pm	Odd Block Day 1, 3, 5, 7  FC Cubs Boys Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm  ELO 3:45-4:30 pm	Even Block Day 2, 4, 6, 8  FC Cubs Girls Practice @ 3:45-5:00 pm



Student Snacks

As a reminder, we ask families to please send an extra snack with their student when possible. As students get older, we encourage them to take responsibility for bringing what they need for the day. While we are always happy to support students in true emergencies, many daily snack requests are not related to food insecurity. Sending an extra snack from home helps minimize classroom disruptions and ensures students stay focused and ready to learn. Thank you for your support and partnership!



Clubs & Athletics

Track & Field Season Is Almost Here!

We're excited to kick off Track & Field season from April 9 through May 13!

Practice Details:

- **Location:** Boulder High School Track
- Time: 7:00 AM–8:00 AM
- After practice, students will walk or bike themselves to Casey Middle School.

We practice in the morning so we can have full access to the track at Boulder High School. Please make arrangements to ensure your student arrives on time. One hour goes by quickly, and every minute counts.

Because this is a short, five-week season, we recommend that students begin building their fitness now to get the most out of practices and help prevent overuse injuries. This is encouraged, not required, but it makes a big difference.

To Participate:

- Complete the online sign-up.
- Make sure your child's physical is current and meets all school requirements.

If you have questions, please reach out to Coach Lisa Norton or Coach Megan Rossman.

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

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PTA News

- **Next PTA Meeting:** Tuesday, March 3, 5:00–6:00 PM, School Cafe.
- **Next Principal Coffee:** Monday, March 9th 9:00–9:30 AM, Library.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Sign up to bring desserts, and drinks for our teachers: [sign up](#). The PTA will provide the main dishes. 2/19, 2/23 & 2/25.
- **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.
- **Casey Dining Out :** Fringe Tuesday 3/10. Dine in or Take out! Percentage of proceeds go back to PTA

Support the Casey PTA: 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*)



Next Meeting Information

- **FET Meeting:** March 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:

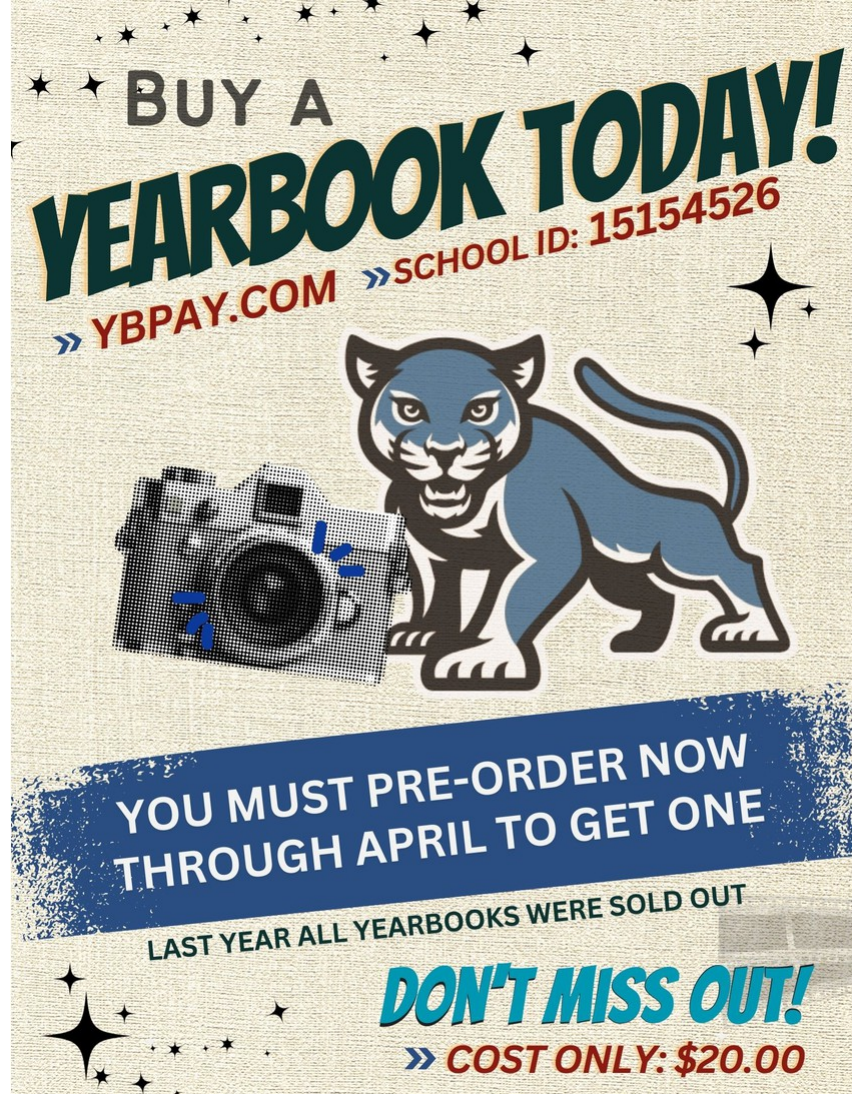
- **Monday:** 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- **Thursday and Friday:** 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

My phone number is 720-561-4567

Email is ana.lujancastillo@bvsd.org.

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2025-2026 Yearbook



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**.

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Counseling Corner

Course Selection Reminders

It's hard to believe that planning for next year is so far underway, but we are well into the season of course selection. As a reminder, 8th grade students will enter course selections for high school the morning of February 24. 6th and 7th grade students were given their course selection forms when counselors visited their classrooms this past Wednesday to talk about elective options and choosing classes for next year. These forms can be turned in to counselors as soon as they are completed. We will follow up with any students who are missing course selection forms by February 25. 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 when school starts next year. 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

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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!



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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.

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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