



NEWS & NOTES

CEC's weekly newsletter to keep you informed.

Please be sure to spread the word and feel free to share this newsletter!
If there is any news you wish to add or include, please email news@conwell-egan.org.

We encourage you to keep your contact information (including e-mail address) up to date so that you continue to receive important CEC news and information. Please call our Main Office at 215-945-6200 Ext. 400 to report any changes to your contact information.



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| Sunday, February 14 | Happy Valentine's Day! |
| Monday, February 15 | President's Day NO SCHOOL |
| Wednesday, February 17 | Ash Wednesday |
| Friday, February 19 | "B" Students in School, "A" Students Virtual |

For the full calendar of events, please visit www.conwell-egan.org/calendar



LAST CHANCE TO VOTE!

Voting in the [2021 Bucks Happening List](#) closes this Monday, February 15!

CEC is once again nominated in two categories: Best Private School & Best High School. Help us defend our title as the best private school in Bucks County!

>>> CEC currently holds a strong lead in the High School category with 89% of the vote but is now in third place in the Private School category with just 12% of the vote. **We need your votes to help us defend our title!** <<<

Cast your vote for CEC now from every valid email address you own! Every vote counts. Please be sure to share with your friends to maximize our chances of winning!

- [Kids - Private School](#)
- [Everything Bucks - High School](#)

Please click the links above and vote for CEC with every valid email address you own. Voting closes on February 15, 2021.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Hello CEC Families,

The second semester is underway, but we cannot seem to be able to escape the snow! Through the unfavorable weather, we have continued to pursue the prospective CEC Class of 2025. All trends point towards enrollment growth again for CEC in the fall of 2021!

We were able to complete two major projects on campus during the first semester: the new turf field and the gymnasium. We are currently in the assessment stage in trying to determine what upgrades can be made to the fields in the back of the building. We also intend on upgrading our Biology and Physics labs in the near future. We firmly believe that the environment plays a major role in the experience our students have while at CEC, so we will continue to invest in our campus.

There are a lot of things going on at CEC right now! Winter sports teams are participating in their PCL seasons. Spirit Night practices are running Monday through Thursday. Auditions for a spring performance in the Performing Arts are coming up soon. Our Robotics team has been preparing each weekend for their competition season. Although things are far from ideal, there are still many ways for students to be active in our school community.

We have been going through different scenarios for what spirit night, the spring show, the spring arts festival, prom, and graduation will look like this spring. We have to continue to work within the safety guidelines that we adhere by in order to keep our hybrid model going. Although these events will likely look different than they traditionally would under normal circumstances, we will be creative and adapt in trying to ensure our students experience a positive spring semester.

As always, please reach out to us at any time with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

#SOAR

Tom Lynch '72
President

Matthew Fischer '04
Principal
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FROM THE OFFICE OF ACADEMICS

GREAT NEWS, EAGLES:

Our proficiency levels in both Reading and Mathematics have drastically improved from this time last year to this year despite the circumstances. These proficiency levels are assessed through **Performance Series Tests** which are benchmarks administered to students three times per year (fall, winter, spring). In Reading, CEC students proficiency increased 11% (72 --> 83) and in Mathematics we've improved 12% (76-->88). **CEC had the most improvement (one of only two schools to improve) across the entire**



Way to go, Eagles!

Mr. Joshua Bower
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FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

ATTENDANCE

This is a reminder that if your child is unable to attend in-person classes and would like to be virtual on a given day due to illness, a parent or guardian must call the Student Life attendance line(215 945-6200 ext 440) before 7:30am that morning. It is not acceptable for a student to call themselves virtual or out under any circumstance. **If communication is not received by a parent or guardian by 7:30am then the student will be marked as an unexcused absence.**

Also, the virtual option is reserved for illnesses ONLY, not for transportation issues, recreational or leisure activities, or family trips. The expectation is that students are to be present at CEC on their in-person days. If your child misses a week worth of their in-person days in a given week, a doctor's note is required.

Please be aware that per school policy, if a student is fully virtual they can not participate in extracurricular activities. Also if they are absent or virtual on a in person day. The reason I say this is because a few students that were virtual on an in person day showed up to practice.

SPIRIT NIGHT

Spirit Night practices have started! If this is new to a student or parent you are encouraged to CHECK IT OUT and get involved. Contact overall Spirit Night Moderator Bob Dinan (rdinan@conwell-egan.org) if interested!

Practice Schedule

- Mondays - only White UNDERclassmen 5:30-7:30 pm
- Tuesdays - only Blue UPPERclassmen, 5:30-7:30 pm
- Wednesdays - only White UPPERclassmen; 5:30-7:30 pm
- Thursdays - only Blue UNDERclassmen; 5:30-7:30 pm

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The weather tried to throw a wrench in the activities this year with snow days and the hybrid schedule. We were not able to do all the great events that usually do but there was still enough to have a fun and successful week!

All freshmen reported to CEC for a full day of fun and learning on Friday, Feb. 5. We were able to celebrate Mass with Bishop Fitzgerald. We also had presentations from Minding Your Mind through the guidance department and ReEngaged Ministries through our campus ministry program. Students were also able to have lunch together and get to know more about each other through ice-breaker sessions.

Rounding out the week, students were treated to pretzels during lunches, dress down days, and Teacher Swap. We had a great Catholic Schools Week celebration!

Mr. Christopher DiLeonardo
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FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid applications for the 2021-2022 school year are now open!



CEC utilizes one, comprehensive financial aid application available online via FACTS.

- Visit <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid> to apply online.
- After completing their application, families will be provided options (mail, fax, or online upload) for submitting their supporting tax documents (most recent tax return; FACTS will contact families who do not file a tax return to confirm what documents they need to provide).
- 2021-2022 application is now open and awards are given on a rolling basis
- \$35 application fee per family
- Requires supporting documentation (most recent tax return)
- For more information, call 215-945-6200 ext. 410.

Mrs. Kate Rice '04
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Welcome to Semester 2 and 2021!

Bishop Fitzgerald came to visit the Freshman class on Friday, February 5 and celebrate Mass with them.

Follow School Ministry on Instagram! @CECSchoolMinistry
Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about Lent and exciting new partnerships!

In Christ,

Ms. Ashley Bennett
Director of School Ministry
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FROM THE OFFICE OF ATHLETICS



Undeclared CEC Wrestling Competing in PCL Individual Championships!

Your 6-0 Eagles will compete in the PCL Individual Wrestling Championships this **Saturday, February 13, 2021 at LaSalle College High School!**

- Wrestling starts 8:30 am
- FloArena:
 - <https://arena.flowrestling.org/event/97d375cb-1562-f783-b669-8fb1473a1c5f>
- Guest WIFI network:
 - LaSalle Wrestling
- Live Event Links:
 - Main Gym - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIIPF0tEgkLsbsdjA7e2EGw>
 - Wrestling Room - https://twitter.com/LaSalle_Sports?s=20

Good luck, Eagles!

For full team schedules, visit www.conwell-egan.org/athletics

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FROM THE PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT



Auditions for the Spring Drama Production, *An Evening in New York*, are next week after school!

This Spring's production will be a little different, with scenes and songs highlighting Broadway and The Big Apple.

Reach out to Mr. Kuchler at tkuchler@conwell-egan.org to sign up for an audition slot!

ENJOY YOUR
WEEK!

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