



# CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

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**Leland Wagner**, *Assistant Principal*  
**Robert Strande**, *District Director of Financial Services*

### Board of Education Highlights

*At the February 19, 2019 Board of Education Meeting, the Board:*



The Board of Education welcomed the winner and runner up of the recent Cass Junior High School Spelling Bee, Fatima Qureshi and Eva Louis, to lead the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Approved Make-Up Days for 2018/19 School Year Calendar Emergency Days

The Board of Education approved the use of E-Days to address the four emergency days that have been utilized this school year.

#### Approved the 2019/20 School Calendar

The Board of Education approved the 2019/20 School Calendar. The calendar can be found on page 4 of this Newsletter.

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### Approved the 2019/20 School Fees

The Board of Education approved the school fees, B.A.S.E. fees, lunch fees and bus fee. School and bus fees will remain the same as they are for the 2018/19 school year if fees are paid in full on or before June 4, 2019. If they are paid on or after June 5, 2019, the newly approved increase will take effect.

### In other action, the Board

- Approved a Letter of Understanding with BWP and Associates.
- Presented the five-year financial plan that assists the Administration in formulating the budget for the 2019/20 school year.



*The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, March 19, 2019 7:30 p.m. at the District Administrative Office 8502 Bailey Road in Darien, Illinois.*



### Administrators' Addendum

Dear Cass School District 63 Families:

As you know, we had to close school four times this school year because of extreme weather. This number of closings for any one given school year is the most we have experienced in recent school years. As you probably also know, we are required to reschedule these missed school days.

Traditionally, when we had emergency closings, we added the make-up days at the end of the school year. This school year, the law has changed and gives schools more flexibility in what constitutes a school day.

Considering the current legal definition of a school day, we are looking to reschedule this year's missed school days in a way that we believe is more relevant and meaningful to our students' studies than tacking on four days at the end of the school year.

Last night, our Board of Education approved the Administration's recommendation to address our missed school days this year with four E-Days. An E-Day, by our definition, would constitute students being assigned by their teacher a current, relevant and meaningful curricular assignment to be completed outside of school. The assignment should take approximately two and a half hours of study time and will be due approximately one week after the assignment is given. During the given time, there will be designated times teachers will be available for questions and support, if needed. The first of these four E-Days will begin on March 1, with the other three E-Days to be scheduled by the end of April.

Teachers will communicate in more detail with students about the upcoming E-Days and will send home additional, specific information. After receiving their communications, please contact teachers directly with questions.

We are excited about this new learning opportunity for our students and we appreciate your patience and support as we begin this program, which could be a start to a great foundation for additional learning opportunities in years to come.

*Kerry J. Foderaro  
Laura Anderson • Christine Marcinkewicz  
Robert Strande • Leland Wagner*



# Do Not Forget

- NO SCHOOL  
Friday, March 1, 2019  
DuPage County Teachers' Institute Day
- EARLY DISMISSAL  
Friday, March 22, 2019  
Concord Elementary School, 11:15 am  
Cass Junior High School, 12:00 pm
- NO SCHOOL  
Monday, March 25 – Friday, March 29, 2019  
Spring Break
- CLASSES RESUME  
Monday, April 1, 2019



Mark Your Calendar . . .  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**  
Remember To Move Your  
Clocks Ahead One Hour  
At 2:00 a.m.  
Sunday, March 10, 2019

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

## 2019/20



Friday, August 16, 2019 Monday, August 19 Tuesday, August 20 Wednesday, August 21 Thursday, August 22 Wednesday, August 28	NO SCHOOL - New Staff Orientation NO SCHOOL - Staff Institute Day Parent/Student Orientation Day NO SCHOOL - Staff Institute Day First Day of Student Attendance for Grades Kindergarten through Eight First Day of Student Attendance for Blended Prekindergarten Students
Monday, September 2 Friday, September 13	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM
Friday, October 11 Monday, October 14 Friday, October 25 Thursday, October 31	EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day First Quarter Ends EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM
Friday, November 1 Thursday, November 7 Thursday, November 7 Friday, November 8 Friday, November 8 Monday, November 11 Tuesday, November 26	Report Cards Issued EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM Parent/Teacher Conferences E-Learning Day Parent/Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL - Veterans' Day Observed Thanksgiving Break Begins at Close of School Day
Monday, December 2 Friday, December 20 Friday, December 20	Classes Resume Winter Break Begins at Close of School Day EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM
Monday, January 6, 2020 Tuesday, January 7 Friday, January 17 Monday, January 20 Friday, January 24	NO SCHOOL – Staff Institute Day Classes Resume Second Quarter Ends NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King's Birthday Report Cards Issued
Friday, February 14 Monday, February 17 Friday, February 28	EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL – Staff Institute Day
Friday, March 27 Friday, March 27 Friday, March 27	EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM Third Quarter Ends Spring Break Begins at the Close of School Day
Monday, April 6 Thursday, April 9 Friday, April 10 Monday, April 13	Classes Resume Report Cards Issued NO SCHOOL - Local School Holiday NO SCHOOL - Local School Holiday
Friday, May 1 Friday, May 22 Monday, May 25	EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
Thursday, May 28 Tuesday, June 2 Tuesday, June 2 Tuesday, June 2	Eighth Grade Graduation Report Cards Issued EARLY DISMISSAL – Concord 11:15 AM/Cass 12:00 PM Last Day of School *