



# CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, November 19, 2019

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### Board of Education Highlights

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



The Board of Education welcomed Concord Elementary School students, Jimmy Hetue and Mason Ghrist, to lead the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance. The students were two of the readers that helped Concord Elementary School to win the Indian Prairie Library Summer Reading Contest for the third year in a row.

#### *In other action, the Board*

- Approved a generous donation from Cass Resources for Education (CARE) in the amount of \$2,866.60 to go toward the Mock Newbery Program and Art Boards.
- Approved Employee Health, Dental and Life Insurance Proposals.

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 8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333  
 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
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[www.CassD63.org](http://www.CassD63.org)

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*The next regular Board of Education meeting will  
be held Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 7:30 p.m.  
at the District Administrative Office  
8502 Bailey Road in Darien, Illinois.*  
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### **Administrators' Addendum**

Dear Cass School District 63 Families:

First, we would like to wish you and your family a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving and break. We are thankful for the educational partnership we have with you in providing the best possible educational services for your child(ren).

Second, with winter one month away, there is always a chance for significant snow fall and/or extremely cold temperatures in the near future. As always, we would like school to be in session as scheduled. However, our number one goal is the safety and security of all in our school community.

If for any reason, when school is in session, you feel the weather elements are too challenging and possibly unsafe for your child(ren) to attend school on that day, please keep your child(ren) at home and call in to report the absence to the respective School Office. Your child(ren), upon return to school, will be afforded the right to complete all the curriculum that was missed. As their parent or guardian, you are in the best position to determine what is best for your child(ren) and as a school district, we will support and completely respect your decision.

In addition, if school is in session when the weather elements are very challenging, please always make sure your child(ren) is/are dressed appropriately and anticipate the possibility of our bus service running a little behind schedule depending on the severity of the weather. On days such as this, we will send out an email notification stating that our morning B.A.S.E. (before school care starting at 6:45 a.m.) at both Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School, will be available to all school families at no charge. This could allow some families the option of taking their child(ren) to school on their way to work, instead of having

them wait at the bus stop during inclement weather. Please remember, B.A.S.E. is available at both of our schools, to all school families, every school day in the morning, starting at 6:45 a.m. and after school until 6:00 p.m. for a very nominal hourly fee. More information may be found on the District website under [Before and After School Experience \(B.A.S.E.\)](#).

If school is closed, we will send out a phone and email communication notification to all school families as soon as a decision is made, which will be no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of the closing. We will also text and tweet out (<https://Twitter.com/Cass63Tweets>) closing information, as well as post this information on our website ([www.CassD63.org](http://www.CassD63.org)). Additionally, when school is closed it will be posted at the Emergency Closing Center. ([www.EmergencyClosingCenter.com](http://www.EmergencyClosingCenter.com)).

Finally, please remember to be extra cautious when driving in our around our school facilities, especially during inclement weather.

Thank you for your understanding, patience and support with our emergency closing process to ensure the safety of all in our school community.

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



## Do Not Forget

- NO SCHOOL**  
Wednesday, November 27 –  
Friday, November 29  
Thanksgiving Break
- Early Release Day**  
Friday, December 20, 2019  
Concord Elementary School, 11:15 a.m.  
Cass Junior High School, 12:00 p.m.
- NO SCHOOL**  
Monday, December 23 –  
Friday, January 3  
Winter Break
- NO SCHOOL**  
Monday, January 6  
Staff Institute Day

## Emergency Closing



Cass School District 63 utilizes a notification service for emergency school closings notification. All District families and staff will be notified by telephone, by email and by text with a prerecorded message from the District Administration of the emergency closing information. School closing information will still be available via the radio and TV stations, on the District website at [www.CassD63.org](http://www.CassD63.org) or at [www.EmergencyClosingCenter.com](http://www.EmergencyClosingCenter.com).

If you change your family's contact information, please make sure your school office has the updated information.

In the unlikely event that school needs to be dismissed early, a pre-recorded message, an email and a text from Cass School District 63 Administration will be sent to each family in the District. Families are encouraged to have plans in place in case school needs to be closed or dismissed early.