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**LUNCH IS NOT PROVIDED.** Students, Chaperones & Parents need to bring their own lunch.

A Special Session For Parents Will Be Held From 10:00 To 11:00 AM And Will Focus On The Role Of Parents In Fostering Leadership.

A Special Session For Teacher Chaperones Will Be Held From 10:30 To 11:30 AM.
(There Is No Charge For Parents Or Teachers)

**Activities**

Activities are used to help develop a child’s skill in making predictions are the subject of each of the following strands:

**Productive Thinking**

A productive thinker must be an inventor who thinks of new ideas, new ways of looking at his/her world, and new ways of solving problems.

**Communication**

Communication training involves six different but related skills. They are: descriptions, comparisons, feelings, empathy, nonverbal, and network of ideas.

**Decision Making**

In everyone’s life, there is a need to make decisions. Some are of a split-second nature while others are long-range. It has been found that in training a child to make good decisions, four main skills are helpful:
1) Have the child think of many possible things he/she can do;
2) Ask the child to think more carefully about each of these things;
3) Let the child choose one; and
4) Have the child give you many different reasons for his choice.

**Creative Problem Solving**

Creative Problem Solvers use multiple approaches to arrive at solutions. In addition to hypothetical proposed solutions based upon observations, they “go out of the box” to find new and exciting ways to problem solve.

**REGISTRATION**

- Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Registration Fee is $90.00 per CAS member school which covers one team of six (6) students, advisor, and parents.
- All four programs sell out, so register early!
- Non-Member Fee is $175.00
- Participants are strongly encouraged to wear their school colors, spirit tee-shirts, etc.

You Must Register To Attend!! Registrations must be completed on-line. Register at www.casciac.org/register. **Deadline is December 7, 2018.**

Make Checks Payable to: CAS, Mail to: Connecticut Association of Schools
30 Realty Drive Cheshire, CT 06410 Attention: Anna Flores
Regretfully, No Refunds will be made after December 14, 2018.

Register online: http://casciac.ac/3778