

# Junior High Announcements

May 1, 2024



## **ALL TCA PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TCA Carnival – Friday, May 3, 2024, from 11:30am-2:30pm**

TCA Junior High proudly presents -TCA Day Carnival! Come one! Come all! Proceeds of the event will benefit St. Jude's Hospital. Click [here](#) for more info. **Pre-Sale Ticket CLOSED. CASH ONLY ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT**

### **TCA SUBSTITUTES NEEDED:**

Types of jobs available: Teacher, Tutor, Office/Kiosk/Health Room, Test Proctoring

#### **Requirements:**

TEACHER: Bachelor's degree in any subject **or** HS Diploma + CDE Substitute Teacher Authorization

PARAPROFESSIONAL: High School Diploma or GED

OFFICE/KIOSK/HEALTH ROOM: High School Diploma/GED and additional training in the specific area

PROCTORING: Bachelor's degree in any subject and additional training in the specific area

To apply, please visit TCA's employment site at <https://www.applitrack.com/tcad20/onlineapp/> and submit an application for Substitute

### **TCA ATHLETIC GAME SAFETY**

***All Elementary and Junior High students who attend TCA athletic events must sit with an adult during the event for supervision purposes.*** Unfortunately, we have noticed types of behavior that could lead to injury or students getting in trouble. We desire to promote a safe atmosphere for all spectators; thus, ***no personal sporting or toy ball of any kind will be allowed into events.*** We thank you for your partnership in this endeavor.

### **HEALTHY MEALS FOR ALL**

Healthy Meals for All will begin in the 2023-24 school year. For more information, [Colorado Healthy School Meals for All program](#) .

### **Program Student Fees Assistance**

For more information <https://www.asd20.org/nutrition-and-food-services/free-and-reduced/>.

**TCA North Campus Carpool** -This system works efficiently if we all do our part. Following these guidelines will make our peak traffic times both efficient and safe for all. For more information [click here](#)

### **TCA's Mental Health Resources Page**

TCA realizes the importance of mental health and has created a page of resources for parents and students to utilize. [Click here to view the page.](#) This link can also be found under the "Helpful Links" at the bottom of each page on this website and under the "Family" tab at the top of the page.

**The Seventy-Sixth Volume of the PALMARIUM** is provided for your review. [click here.](#) This first volume of this school year includes an article from Dr. Robert Thomason, the graduation speeches from both Michelle Drake and Stefani Hille, plus other interesting information.

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Eighth Grade Course Registration Form**

***Due by Friday, May 10, 2024***

## **EIGHTH GRADE REGISTRATION FORM**

Dear Seventh Grade Families,

It has been a joy having your child at the junior high this year. We are looking forward to the year ahead and want to get information from you to help us create your child's schedule. Please talk about this information with your child and then fill out the registration form using this [REGISTRATION FORM LINK](#). We will need your family to complete this form by Friday, May 10, 2024. Completing the form should only take a few minutes.

I have included general information about the eighth grade classes on the Registration Form, but here is an overview of a eighth grade student's scheduling options as well.

### **ALL STUDENTS WILL TAKE:**

English

History

Math\*

Science

Electives (Attend every other day)

Art

Computers

Classics (Latin)

Physical Education

Fine Art / Study Hall: Families will select if their child will continue with band/choir or replace this class with a study hall.

*\* Students with passing grades in their current math class will be placed in the next sequential math class. Students that received a fail in either semester will repeat their current math class in an eighth grade classroom. Please reach out to your child's current math teacher with any questions.*

### **ENRICHMENT CLASSES**

Your child's seventh grade teacher in English, history, and science might recommend them for the enrichment class in their discipline using the criteria below. You might receive an additional email over the next two weeks from your child's teacher letting you know if your child has been recommended for the Enrichment section. Students can take enrichment classes in two of the three areas. We ask you to prioritize these subjects on their digital registration form to help us schedule them into the enrichment classes that they are most interested.

Enrichment Criteria for TCA Junior High

- Students should be high performing, self-motivated, possess good work ethics and habits. High test scores and grades should be considered, but they should not be the only criteria.
- Less than highest performing students can at times be excellent enrichment candidates if they possess passion for the subject, consistently complete their homework throughout the school year, and be able to come to class each day ready to learn and discuss.
- Students are able to function with minimal parent support (lots of parent interest is always encouraged, i.e., asking what did you do in class today at the dinner table, applauding effort, etc.)

Please reach out to the Junior High Office at 719-484-0091 if you encounter any problems or have any questions about the scheduling process.

Sincerely,  
Hugh Di Pretore  
Junior High Principal  
The Classical Academy

## **NAVY/CRIMSON A/B Rotation This Week**

**Monday: Navy**

**Tuesday: Crimson**

**Wednesday: Navy**

**Thursday: Crimson**

**Friday: TCA Day CARNIVAL**

### **NEW:**

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

##### **Thursday, May 2nd**

3:45- JH Track and Field @ Timberview MS (Early Release- 2:40)

#### **Announcements:**

**Attention all current 8th graders!** Starting May 1st , you can start attending HS off-season training. Please see the coach contact information below if you are not already on their email list.

Baseball - Bart Jennings [bjennings@asd20.org](mailto:bjennings@asd20.org)

Cheer - Jenna Kester [jkester@asd20.org](mailto:jkester@asd20.org)

Cross Country - Matt Norton [mnorton@asd20.org](mailto:mnorton@asd20.org)

Football - Justin Rich [jrich@asd20.org](mailto:jrich@asd20.org)

Men's Basketball - Kevin Wenger [kwenger@asd20.org](mailto:kwenger@asd20.org)

Men's Golf - Bob Gravelle [bgravelle@asd20.org](mailto:bgravelle@asd20.org)

Men's Soccer - Blake Galvin [bgalvin@asd20.org](mailto:bgalvin@asd20.org)

Softball - Wyatt Miller [wmiller@asd20.org](mailto:wmiller@asd20.org)

Track - Tim Daggett [daggett@asd20.org](mailto:daggett@asd20.org)

Volleyball - Layne Witmer [ewitmer@asd20.org](mailto:ewitmer@asd20.org)

Women's Golf - Bob Gravelle [bgravelle@asd20.org](mailto:bgravelle@asd20.org)

Women's Soccer - Blake Galvin [bgalvin@asd20.org](mailto:bgalvin@asd20.org)

Women's Basketball - Frank Haist [fhaist@asd20.org](mailto:fhaist@asd20.org)

Wrestling - Sean Collins [sacollins2003@gmail.com](mailto:sacollins2003@gmail.com)

-TCA Summer Athletic Camp brochures available in the JH office and at the Secondary Security Kiosk.

#### **NEW**

**\*\*\* Attention all 8th grade girls! If you are interested in playing Girls' Flag Football next Fall, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Activities Office. The sign-up sheet will be available until May 10th .**

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<https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/33251>

#### **PRE-SALES DISCOUNT ENDED**

**Day of Carnival Sales (CASH ONLY for as long as supplies last):**

**Tickets only – 5 tickets for \$1**

**Meal only - \$7**

**Meal/20 Ticket package: \$10**

**Wristbands - \$20 to include unlimited games and meal**

**TCA DAY – CARNIVAL – This Friday, May 3rd**

**TCA DAY – Carnival FOOD OPTIONS**

- The cafeteria will be open on Friday for hot lunch for those not getting a Carnival meal.
- If you want a wristband, meal, or tickets for the Carnival, make sure to get online and prepay for them. Pre-purchasing will stay open through midnight, April 30th. If you purchase a wristband for \$20, you get unlimited tickets for booths and lunch which includes a hot dog or hamburger with a water and chips. If you have any questions, please see List or Brunk.
- If you do not pre-purchase food, wristbands, and tickets will be on sale for cash while supplies last.

**TCA Day Carnival Schedule--normal school day, must arrive at 7:45 and stay through 3:00 to clean up their booth.**

**TCA DAY – Carnival DRESS CODE:**

All students are required to wear their TCA Day shirt, which will be handed out to classes Wednesday mornings before Flex. Shirts may NOT be modified at all. Students may wear shorts that are mid-thigh or longer. Denim shorts or sweatpants are allowed but must have no rips, tears, or holes. Students may also wear regular uniform pants or shorts if they prefer. However, it is important to note that students are to wear their TCA Day shirts and will not modify them. Sunscreen and water bottles are highly recommended for them to bring for the day.

**YEARBOOK UPDATE**

The Yearbook Sale in Infinite Campus is LIVE, and we've added a few more books now that the order has shipped! However, **please note, once they're gone, that's it.**

To access the IC sale, login to Campus Parent and tap "School Store" on the left side. You'll be able to add a yearbook to your cart and complete the purchase from here.

**Lastly, our yearbook is complete!** Thank you for all your photo submissions! The books will be distributed on May 17th.

Questions? Email [asquier@asd20.org](mailto:asquier@asd20.org)

Musical Auditions for the high school fall musical *Singin in the Rain* will be held on May 13th from 3:15pm – 8:00pm in the auditorium. Please sign up for an audition time in the Black Box and pick up an audition packet. You will sing a provided song selection from the show or a song of your choice. There is also a short dance combination that you must learn for the auditions. 8th graders are encouraged to audition. Callbacks will be held May 15th from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. Please see Mrs. von Kessel if you have any questions.

**REPEAT:**

**ACTIVITIES**

**Reminder, all JH students MUST be accompanied by a parent at ALL HS sporting events and must sit with that parent.**

## **Library News**

Join the conversation. Be part of The Great Debate starting May 1st. Ask a librarian how.

**All library books are due by Thursday, May 2nd.**

Congratulations to April's Wordle winners: John Reeder in the High school and Juliet Love in the Junior High. Come to the library to get your prize. There is only one month left to play.

### **From Mr. Pollard:**

**Students should not use the wrestling hallway between classes. Please use band hallways. Thank you.**

**If your padlock is giving you trouble, please check in with Mr. Pollard**

## **JR. HIGH AFTER SCHOOL LABS**

**After School Workshop:** There are three workshops to assist students who are struggling to complete their homework or need extra support in English, mathematics, or organization. We provide free support in a workshop format with a teacher present four days a week. Please see the schedule below for the workshops available to your child each week.

### **Afterschool Support Lab hours 3:05 PM -4:00 PM**

#### **Monday**

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

#### **Tuesday**

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

English - ROOM 3308 King

Math - ROOM 3309 Smith

#### **Wednesday**

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

English - ROOM 3306 Finch

Math - ROOM 3307 Welton

#### **Thursday**

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

English - ROOM 3316 Cai

*Parents can call their child on their cell phone or call the General Workshop at 719-488-6222 to let them know that they are here to pick them up.*

## **MONTH AT A GLANCE**

### **MAY**

Friday, May 3 – TCA Day Carnival

Wednesday, May 15 – Mid-Day Dismissal with Staff In-Service Afternoon

May 20-24 – Eighth Grade Finals Week

Thursday, May 23 – 7th Grade Picnic

Thursday, May 23 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, May 24 – Staff Inservice

Monday, May 27 – NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Non-TCA Sponsored Events)

**From your Connections (HS Career and College) Center:**

[Colorado Springs Middle School Pre-Collegiate Programs | UCCS](#)

Workshops are opportunities for Pre-Collegiate middle school scholars to learn and practice skills related to academic success, for example: time management, note-taking, and prioritizing tasks. Workshops also cover concepts and skills related to life leading up to and during high school, for instance, social-emotional awareness, communication, and leadership. All workshops occur on the UCCS campus one Friday per month, during school hours. There are also two optional Saturday morning workshops during the Spring semester.

### STEM Program

This program became part of the Pre-Collegiate Success and Support Center in 2016. It is a series of academic programs for regional 7-12th grade students designed to motivate and expose students to a variety of STEM activities, careers, and programs. [Learn More About STEM Programs.](#)



### The Classical Academy Junior High

Support Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Website:** [http://www.tcatitans.org/schools/junior\\_high](http://www.tcatitans.org/schools/junior_high)

**Location:** [975 Stout Road, Colorado Springs, CO, USA](#)

**Phone:** [719-484-0091](tel:719-484-0091)



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