

Junior High Announcements

February 15, 2024



ALL TCA PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Titan of the Year – The call for nominations is coming February 22nd! Be thinking about that special teacher or staff member to nominate for Titan of the Year 2023-24, someone who embodies the mission, values, and spirit of TCA.

D20 Choice Information

Each year, D20 offers choice enrollment opportunities beginning in January for the upcoming school year. TCA is not a D20 choice option. We are a waitlist school and currently enrolled students automatically move on to the next grade level each year. If your child is enrolled at TCA, and you want to remain at TCA, do NOT submit a D20 Choice application for another school. If you apply and receive the choice, your child will be automatically withdrawn from TCA. Per policy, you will not be able to change your mind about staying at TCA.

If you submit a choice application to D20 and change your mind, you must notify D20 before enrollment notifications are sent out. Questions? Please email TCARegistrar@asd20.org.

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

Parent Survey

February 1 through February 29, 2024

Dear Junior High Parents,

We feel honored that you have entrusted us to partner with your family in the education of your child(ren). We know that many of your busy schedules make it difficult to connect with the school and don't want to miss the valuable feedback that you can provide. This being the case, we ask that every junior high parent take a few minutes to answer our eleven question survey to provide us with the necessary feedback to reflect on your child's experience at the junior high and how to make it better. I have listed the questions below so that you can take a minute to discuss them with your child before taking the survey.

The survey should take about 5 minutes and will be available to parents starting today through Thursday, February 29, 2024. Know that we look forward to seeing the distribution of responses and comments for each question. I will send a few reminders during February, but ask that you complete the survey as soon as possible. Please also know that you can contact me through the Junior High Office (719-484-0091) if you would like to share your thoughts in a more conversational model over the phone.

[2024 Junior High Parent Survey](#)

Survey window open February 1- 29, 2024

Sincerely,

Hugh Di Pretore
Junior High Principal
The Classical Academy

Survey Questions

1. If I were to name the best thing overall about TCA, it would be:
2. TCA is making adequate progress with facilities to support its educational mission.
3. My Child feels safe at school.
4. TCA's classes and grade-level coursework are appropriately preparing my child academically.
5. I feel that TCA adequately communicates with parents.
6. TCA successfully partners with parents to develop virtuous character in its students.
7. Recent studies about mental health, especially for young people, show concerning trends nationwide. No student populations are immune to this challenge. In our efforts to partner with parents, in support of students' wellness, what topics listed below would you like TCA to

prioritize via Parent Academy training or resources on the TCA website? Please check your top four items of interest.: (List of topics provided on the survey)

8. My child is in grade: Seventh Grade or Eighth Grade
9. Based upon homework expectations from the student handbook, indicated beneath each grade level, how effective is TCA in the assignment of relevant and necessary homework for your child's academic success?
10. My Child feels comfortable approaching a teacher, school counselor, or administrator for help or guidance.
11. My child expresses to me/us that they feel their teachers and administration care about them.

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NAVY/CRIMSON A/B Rotation This Week

Monday: Crimson

Tuesday: Navy

Wednesday: Crimson

Thursday: Navy

Friday: NO STUDENTS--Staff Inservice

NEW:

8th Grade Mass Band Rehearsal

8th Grade band students will have a mass rehearsal on Tuesday, February 20 during Flex. Students should report directly to the auditorium. You do not need to check in with your flex teacher first.

LIBRARY MARCH MADNESS is back! There are two ways to participate- pick one or both! 1. Starting on Tuesday, February 20th students AND STAFF can pick up a book bracket in the library. Fill it in and return it to the library by Thursday, February 29th. Brackets that are returned on time will be eligible to win prizes. 2. Voting for the first round will begin February 26th. Come to the library to vote for your favorite books - no bracket required to vote each week! Questions? See a librarian.

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

This Friday 2/16 and Next Monday 2/19—NO SCHOOL. Friday is a staff Inservice and Monday is President's Day—ENJOY!

Attention Rising 9th Grade Parents:

High School course registration starts next week. Course registration will be completed online starting February 13th – 24th. Registration forms will be emailed to the parent/guardian with inserted links to the course catalogue, course information videos, resources and honor forms. Course registration can also be accessed on TCA website HS page/Course Registration link. **8th grade High School informational meetings will be held on Friday, February 9th during history classes.** Meetings will be covering the 24-25 course scheduling and graduation requirements for up-and-coming 9th graders. We hope this overview is helpful as your student begins the HS course registration process.

Questions about scheduling and graduation requirements, please contact Scheduling Specialist, Mrs. Norman (HS office #2268), email: tcaschedulduling@asd20.org.

REPEAT:

ACTIVITIES

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

8th Grade Celebration and Dinner Dance

Friday, April 12, 2024

Time: 6:00pm – 9:30pm – Doors open at 5:45pm

Location: TCA North

Ticket Price - \$25.00

Dress: See Dress Guidelines in the JH Office

To receive a discount, purchase your ticket by February 26, 2024 using the code "Class2028"

Deadline to purchase tickets – March 20, 2024

Tickets are Non-Refundable.

<https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/29610>

YEARBOOK UPDATE

The deadline for ordering a yearbook is nearly here! Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter code 16022 to order for TCA Junior High **Please note: We sold out last year!** The only way to guarantee that your student has a yearbook is to make your purchase EARLY! Yearbooks will be on sale through the spring, **but we can't guarantee any leftover books after the online order center closes on 3/23/2024!**

Yearbook is currently excited to receive your winter sports and activity submissions! To submit photos, go to hjeshare.com and enter the code tcjrh (case sensitive). Then, feel free to upload your images for consideration! Thank you for all your help to make this year's book a success!

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

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 16 -- NO STUDENTS -- Staff Inservice

Monday, February 19 -- NO SCHOOL -- President's Day

Thursday, February 29 -- JH SAC meeting

MARCH

March 25 - 29, 2024 - Spring Break

APRIL

Friday, April 12, 2024 -NO STUDENTS -- Staff Inservice

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Non-TCA Sponsored Events)



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

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

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



