

# 2023-2024 Cottage School Program

Weekly News--Week of January 22

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.  
~ Maya Angelou

There are countless examples all around us of the transformation our world has undergone to get to its present state: changes in our natural world (the erosion of the red sandstone at Garden of the Gods...); changes in our man-made urban landscapes (the growth of Colorado Springs over the past 10 years...); and the myriad changes in ourselves (we are all well aware of the physical toll on our bodies over time). While we cannot prevent change, as hard as we may try, perhaps it is best to not only acknowledge change is inevitable, but more importantly, to also embrace the struggle and stress that ultimately lead to our transformation. There is beauty and wisdom in recognizing life is a constant process of refinement only time can provide.

If you were to look at a picture of yourself from 20 years ago, what life lessons have you learned that you could share with your children?

As we continue into the spring semester, we are grateful for your continued partnership and trust.

In Partnership,

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## Announcements

**NEW and STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**1. CSP ART NEEDS** - Parents, if you have an extra skein of yarn and would like to donate it to the art room, we would be grateful.

**2. JANUARY LUNCH MENU** can be found [here](#).

**3. LANDSHARKS REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1** - CSP students have two options for participating in Landsharks. There is a homeschool-specific team, the Homeschool Hammerheads (see flyer below for dates and coach contact info), as well as a team with TCA East Elementary students. To register, please go to [www.landsharksrunningclub.com](http://www.landsharksrunningclub.com). Other dates specific to the TCA East team are as follows:

1/30 – Financial Aid closes

2/1 – Spring track registration opens

3/17 – Registration price increase

3/27 – Registration closes

4/9 – First practice begins at 7:10am on the east turf field

4/21, 4/28, 5/5 – 3:00 meets at Chinook Middle School

5/7 – Final practice/season celebration

Please contact Mandy Souder (719-258-7786) if you have any questions.

**4. NOON DISMISSAL, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7** - All Wednesday students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will be dismissed at noon on Wednesday, February 7th, due to a CSP teacher in-service. (Kindergarten schedule is normal with an 11:30 AM dismissal time.) ALL CSP students (including kindergarteners) are permitted to wear denim bottoms and a uniform top on noon dismissal days. Students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will **not** have lunch on this day. Carpool will go very quickly for students in grades 1, 3, and 5 since they will be the only ones releasing at noon.

**5. TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS, FEBRUARY 12 AND 15** - The annual Talent Show is approaching! Students from 2nd through 6th grade are welcome to audition. A student from CSP must be in the act, but CSP students may include Mom, Dad, siblings, or friends in the act with them. Auditions will be held in room 126, Gold Hallway. Parents, please sign your student up for an audition on Signup using this link: <https://signup.com/go/LYkdwsY> Contact Mrs. Socolofsky with any questions ([jsocolofsky@asd20.org](mailto:jsocolofsky@asd20.org)).

**6. Our next SAC (School Accountability Committee) meeting** will be on Tuesday, February 13, 10 - 11 AM in the TCA East Conference Room (childcare not provided). Meetings are held each quarter throughout the year with the purpose of discussing budget priorities, safety, the school improvement plan, and other items pertaining to the operation of both CSP and CP. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**7. CSP OPTIONAL STANDARDIZED TESTING FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3 AND 5** - All students in grades 3 and 5 will be sent home with information this week about upcoming standardized testing options. The state of Colorado requires that home school students complete a nationally standardized test in the "odd" numbered grades beginning with third grade. The information being sent home provides details about the testing offered at CSP as well other testing options should you choose not to test through CSP. (An electronic version of this information will also be emailed to all 3rd and 5th grade families by the end of the week.) A practice test packet will be made available to any families who request it (whether a student tests with us or not). These packets may be requested from your child's teacher starting the week of January 22nd. We will let families

know when the option to pay online is available in Infinite Campus. Cash or check may be turned in at any time. Cost of testing is \$16.

**8. TCA High School's theatre will be performing The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940** on February 1st thru February 3rd at 7:00 pm. Tickets are: \$6 for students/children, \$8 for staff/senior citizens and \$12 for adults. You can purchase your tickets online:

<https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/31499>

**9. 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](mailto:TCARegistrar@asd20.org).*

**10. ALL TCA Elementary Sock Hop** - Friday, March 8, 2024, 4:00pm – 5:30pm, North Campus Tickets can be purchased at [www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/29611](http://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/29611) Cost is \$18.00 per Elementary Student / \$5 per Parent. Elementary students must be accompanied by a ticketed ADULT/Parent. **Presale tickets must be purchased by noon on March 7, \$5 Discount on Elementary Student tickets** if purchased by February 15th. Use discount code: **SOCK24** when checking out.

**11. Our SilverGraphics Online Art Shop is Still Open!** Find the perfect gift for any special occasion, preserve a memory of your child's school year, and proudly display your child's art on beautiful keepsakes. You can still order beautiful personalized products featuring your child's artwork through our SilverGraphics Art Fundraiser. Our **ONLINE ART SHOP** is open through **June 30th**. Now's your chance to place additional orders. You can also **UPLOAD NEW ART & PHOTOGRAPHS!** Products will ship direct to you (or whatever address you enter at Checkout), with shipping fees added. Your order will continue to support our school.

To place your order:

1. Go to: [www.silvergraphics.com/shop](http://www.silvergraphics.com/shop)

2. Enter our School Access Code: ArtCottage23

Contact Michelle Dalrymple at [mdalrymple@asd20.org](mailto:mdalrymple@asd20.org) if you have any questions.

## **12. 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 [here](#) and submit an application for Substitute.

**13. Looking for ways to bless our staff? Food is always welcome!** We have a "Sunshine Cabinet" in



throughout the week. If ever you want to contribute a treat to the cabinet (whether store bought or homemade, savory or sweet), items can be dropped off in the CSP/CP office.



**Homeschool Hammerheads**  
**Landsharks Running Club**  
**Spring Track Series**

We offer a non-competitive youth program to introduce running to young athletes in a safe and fun environment. The focus is on self-improvement, being an encouraging teammate, and making new friends. The Spring Track Series is a fun running program led by a teacher, parent or coach and is open to students in kindergarten through 6th grade. Please remember to purchase a team race shirt if this is your first season running.

**FIRST PRACTICE:** WEEK OF APRIL 8, 2024

**PRACTICE DAYS:** FRIDAY EVENINGS, 2<sup>ND</sup> PRACTICE EVENING TBD

**PRACTICE TIMES AND LOCATION:** CENTRAL AND NORTH COS, TBD

**RACES:** Meets are tentatively scheduled at Lewis Palmer High School on the

following Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm: April 21<sup>st</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Meet #1- All runners will run the 50m dash, followed by either the 400 or 800m

Meet #2- All runners will run the 100m dash, followed by either the 400 or 800m

Meet #3- All runners will run the 200m dash, followed by either the 400 or 1600m

Registration opens February 1, 2023 at 9am and closes March 27, 2024

**Runners must be registered prior to their first practice**  
**Please register online at [www.landsharksrunningclub.com](http://www.landsharksrunningclub.com)**  
**(\$68 registration fee until March 17, 2024 when \$15 late fees apply)**

We look forward to working with your athletes. If you have any questions, please contact us!

Coaches Danny & Leah Wicks

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## ***SNOW DAY AND 2-HOUR DELAY POLICY***

Winter weather will undoubtedly impact the school week at some point in the coming months, so I wanted to send out CSP's snow day and 2-hour delay policy. As a reminder, TCA follows D20's delay and closure status.

### **SNOW DAYS**

CSP will follow Academy School District 20 closure status. When ASD20 administration cancels school due to inclement weather, several radio/TV stations will be contacted to broadcast the closure or delay. TCA uses the Blackboard Connect™ service to notify the TCA community in the event of a delay or closure. COTTAGE SCHOOL PROGRAM DOES NOT MAKE UP SNOW DAYS.

### **2-HOUR DELAYS**

Periodically throughout the winter, school will be delayed two hours due to inclement weather. Students may wear blue denim on these days. Hot lunch will still be available on delay days, or students may bring a sack lunch. All students should bring a snack and water bottle. Carpool as usual.

2-Hour Delay Schedule:

Grades 1-6: 10:15 - 3:30 pm

Kindergarten: AM class—10:15 - 12:30 pm

## Typing Pal Log-In Instructions (Grades 3-6)

Typing Pal is a learn-to-type program that we offer at no charge to all of our upper elementary students. There is no requirement to participate; it's simply something families may use as part of their home school curricula if students desire to learn/master basic typing skills. Log-in instructions are below.

1. Go to <https://clascott.typingpal.com>
2. Each student's **user name** is the first letter of his/her first name (as given in Infinite Campus; not a nickname) followed by the student's last name (i.e. shille would be the username for Stefani Hille).
3. The **password** is identical for each student—*titans*—UNLESS a student was with us previously and changed his/her account to a unique password. Once students are logged in, they may change their password to something unique to them.
4. Questions or trouble logging in? Contact Stef Hille at [shille@asd20.org](mailto:shille@asd20.org).



### TCA Cottage School Program

Website: [tcatitans.org](http://tcatitans.org)

Location: [12201 Cross Peak View, Colorado Springs, CO, USA](https://www.google.com/maps/place/12201+Cross+Peak+View,+Colorado+Springs,+CO,+USA)

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