

Dear 8th Grade Families,

I hope you are enjoying all that Summer Break has to offer. I am excited to have our eighth graders return to the junior high. We have about two more weeks until the start of school. The last days of summer break are often cluttered with buying our uniform appropriate clothes and school supplies. I sent the information below at the start of summer, but thought it would be a good idea to send it out again in case it got lost among the busyness that usually ushers in the new school year.

Looking forward to the year together,

Hugh Di Pretore
The Classical Academy
Junior High Principal

Important dates:

Tuesday, August 15th - 8th Grade Schedule Pickup and Locker Setup - Eighth grade students can come to campus anytime from 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM to pick up their schedules, drop off supplies, and organize their locker. Schedules will be made available online on Wednesday, August 16th.

Thursday, August 17th from 7:45 AM - 3:00 PM - 8th Grade first day of school

Tuesday, August 22nd from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Junior High Back-to-School Night

Important updates:

- Fees are accessible for all junior high families through the Infinite Campus [Parent Portal](#) and should be paid prior to the first day of school.
- The Secondary Parent/Student Handbook is accessible through the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#). Please read and digitally sign before the first week of school.

Handbook adjustments to note this year:

- You will notice that all levels of TCA have updated their digital device guidelines. These guidelines are consistent with past year's enforcement the junior high. The only additional guideline is that students are encouraged to leave all digital devices (including cell phones) off and in their lockers during the entire school day. Students bringing them to class will need to place them in a digital device box during class time. Students desiring to call home during the school day will need to do so while in the office.
- Pickup information has been adjusted to work around construction and support the adjustments to the elementary pickup time. All junior high students that are not attending a junior high afterschool workshop must be picked up within 20 minutes of the end of the school day. Specific guidelines for students that pick up their elementary siblings will be sent in a separate email after the first day of school.
- Carpool Information / Guidelines to help you navigate around the construction will be sent in a separate email closer to the start of school.

INFORMATION SENT AT THE START OF SUMMER

Dear Eighth Grade Families,

I hope you are enjoying summer and the extra time it affords for family. I am excited to spend another year with your child at the junior high and always look forward to seeing the amazing growth that takes place over summer. Over this summer you will want to explore the information below about school supplies, summer reading, purchasing clothing, the secondary calendar, and making sure your Infinite Campus information is correct. Starting some of these areas early in the summer (summer reading and checking your Infinite Campus Information) will benefit both you and your eighth grader.

Looking forward to next year with excitement,

Hugh Di Pretore
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All the information and links below are available on our Junior High Website at <http://tcatitans.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=765275&pageId=4637807>.

You might want to bookmark this site to help you stay informed about the junior high.

Summer Reading: Students will have summer reading each year during their time at the secondary school. All eighth grade students read "Treasure Island" by Robert Lewis Stevenson and one other book from the eighth grade list. Summer Reading information can be directly accessed by [clicking here](#).

Summer Supply Lists: Eighth grade teachers provide parents with a list of supplies to allow them to shop for the best deals over the summer and be prepared for the first day of school. Supplies are listed by course. Some classes are student specific like Band or Choir, and your child's specific math class. Summer Supply List information can be directly accessed by [clicking here](#).

Dress Code for Junior High: The dress code at the secondary school is similar to the elementary with a few more options with respect to color and outerwear choices. Within the Secondary Dress Code policy, you will notice that Oxford shirts are defined, the length of shorts are to be no more than 4 inches above the knee, skirts need to touch to the top of the knee, and there are also guidelines on outerwear and pants. Secondary Dress Code information can be directly accessed by [clicking here](#). Please use this information to make any new wardrobe purchases over the summer.

Secondary Calendar 2017 - 2018: This information can be used to help you plan for school holidays and breaks. The Secondary School Calendar can be directly accessed by [clicking here](#).

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Information: Junior high information throughout the year will be sent home digitally to your email address in Infinite Campus. That being said, please follow the instructions below to get your year started off on the right foot and give the junior high staff a chance to serve you more effectively.

Insuring that your phone and address are correct:

- Go to the ASD20 website and sign in to access your [Parent Portal](#) (<https://mycampus.asd20.org/campus/portal/academy20.jsp>).
- Please make sure that your information for your phone number and email address are accurate. (your phone number can be changed on the "Household Information" page and your email address can be changed on the "Contact Preferences" page)