

Seventh Grade Families,

I hope that your family is enjoying all that Summer Break has to offer. We are excited to have you join us at the junior high. We are about two weeks away from BOOT Camp and your official first day at the Junior High. The last days of summer break are often cluttered with buying 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. Please make sure that you have recently visited our [7th grade website](#) for details about BOOT Camp.

Looking forward to the year together,

Hugh Di Pretore  
The Classical Academy  
Junior High Principal

**Important dates:**

**Wednesday, August 16th from 7:45 AM - 3:00 PM** - 7th Grade BOOT (Basic Optimal Organizational Training) Camp

Our 7th graders should arrive no earlier than 7:15 AM. Schedules will be given out to students during BOOT Camp.

Our potluck lunch will be available to our 7th grade students and their parents. Parents will eat separately from their child.

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

All junior high students on campus for the 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 Seventh Grade Families,

Welcome to Junior High! Summer is a great time for family, rejuvenation, and putting things in place for a successful transition next year. I am excited to have our new seventh graders join us at the Junior High. Over this summer you will want to explore the information below about school supplies, summer reading, purchasing clothing, preparing for our Basic Optimal Organizational Training (BOOT) Camp, and making sure your Infinite Campus information is correct. Starting some of these areas early in the summer (summer reading, checking your Infinite Campus Information, and completing the BOOT Camp) will benefit both you and your new seventh grader.

Looking forward to next year with excitement,

Hugh Di Pretore  
Junior High Principal  
The Classical Academy

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.

**Basic Optimal Organizational Training (BOOT) Camp:** Information has been going out to 7<sup>th</sup> grade families about our first day of school with seventh graders only to help them prepare for a success transition to junior high. Please visit the Seventh Grade Website by [clicking here](#) . Use the links on this site to sign up for opportunities to volunteer, provide information about your child, and start meaningful conversations about next year.

**Summer Reading:** Students will have summer reading each year during their time at the secondary school. All seventh grade students read "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry" by Mildred Taylor and one other book from the seventh grade list. Summer Reading information can be directly accessed by [clicking here](#).

**Summer Supply Lists:** Seventh 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, Writing Workshop, 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)