

Dear rising Seventh-Graders and Parents,

We are excited that your student will be joining us three short weeks from today at BOOT Camp, our 7th Grade Orientation day. In the hustle and the bustle of summer's end, I wanted to make sure that you had this information so that your student (and you) can have a wonderful start to the TCA Junior High experience. There are still some volunteer opportunities available. See my previous email (included below) for all of the details about **BOOT Camp**, the start of school, updated **Carpool procedures** at North Campus, **Secondary Dress Code**, **Padlocks**, **Nicknames** (if the name above isn't what you prefer to be called), and more.

We are glad to have parents come join us for the Parents' Lunch at 11:15 in the cafeteria, where Mr. DiPretore will speak to the parents. We will order pizza for all 7th grade students and we will order some for parents who RSVP for the event via this form: <https://signup.com/go/czTcHCX>

I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks!

Sincerely,
Michael Pollard
Assistant Principal
TCA Junior High School

Previous message follows

Hello 7th Grade Parents!

This email has a lot of information about BOOT Camp (orientation for 7th graders), which is coming up soon!

BOOT Camp Information - Wednesday, August 16

- Students arrive between 7:15 and 7:40 for check-in, where they will receive their packet for the day including a BOOT Camp T-Shirt, which they will change into. Please be patient with carpool as you arrive and leave for the day (detailed [Carpool information for North Campus can be found here](#)). Junior High pick-up is in the West Loop--the **GREEN highlighted zone** on the map.
- Students should bring all their school supplies.

One of the rotations for the day is a time to organize lockers with support from staff, mentor students, and parent volunteers, so by the end of the day, every student will have an organized locker.

- **PADLOCKS -- all students will be issued a school-provided padlock for their academic locker; you will still need your own padlock for PE.**
- Students may wear uniform pants, shorts, or skirts ([dress code information can be found on page 31 and following of the Student Handbook](#)) along with their BOOT Camp T-Shirt, which they will receive and change into at check-in.

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- BOOT Camp will be dismissed at 3:00, and students will begin heading out to carpool shortly after their release. Again, please be patient with the carpool process. Junior High Students will be picked up in the West Loop of the school--the GREEN highlighted zone on [the map](#).
- Thursday, August 18 will be a regular school day for 7th and 8th grade.

Volunteers -

- We have a variety of opportunities to provide supplies for or volunteer at BOOT Camp and some of the days leading up to it. You can register to volunteer here: <https://signup.com/go/QhEoQEr>
- I am so thankful for all of you who have volunteered to help with student check-in, organizing supplies, helping out with team-building activities, supporting students with the locker rotation, taking photos of our day, and bringing a variety of foods and supplies--from NUT-FREE salads and desserts to utensils, water, and coolers. We couldn't pull this off without you.
- We will have some light breakfast snacks to prepare us for our day.
- Morning Session Activity Volunteers will meet at 7:00 on Wednesday the 18th for training in room 3302.
- Team-building mentor volunteers will meet at 10:30 to learn how to run the team-building activities, break for a quick lunch and then go to the field to lead 4 rotations of team-building activities.

Nicknames & Abbreviated Names

- Students wear nametags throughout BOOT Camp and we pre-print labels for some items that students will use during BOOT Camp and all year long. I know that several of our students go by something different than what is "official" on Infinite Campus. For some students, having the wrong name on the name tag causes anxiety. We would like to alleviate this anxiety by having the correct name on day one.
- If your child goes by a nickname, middle name, or an abbreviated version of his/her name, please email me by noon on Wednesday, August 9th at mpollard@asd20.org. This will give me enough time to make those adjustments.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Michael Pollard
Assistant Principal
TCA Junior High School