

# Junior High Announcements

March 19, 2024



## ALL TCA PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### State Assessment Exemption reminder/extension and Schedule

**JH Exemption deadline (due to snow days) extended through Wednesday, March 20, 2024.**

Policy [IKA-R-TCA](#) states that the parent/guardian may request that their child be exempt from participating in one or more state assessments.

- Online exemption form/survey [Secondary Exemption Form](#) (link) is due 3/20.

### Schedule:

The JH CMAS is a paper-based test and administered in **6 mornings for 7th, 9 mornings for 8th.**

- Click [HERE](#) and scroll down the page for a detailed JH/HS testing schedule:
  - At [tcatitans.org](http://tcatitans.org) – Family tab – “Secondary State Assessment”.

### Secondary English Curriculum Review

Dear TCA Parents,

It is curriculum review time at the secondary for our English courses and we want your input. Over the last 8 months our secondary English teachers have been working hard reviewing their curriculum and for some courses the teachers have presented their case for new literature. All the new books that are up for consideration will be available for you to look at and evaluate from March 13th – March 22nd. Books will be available in the North High School office. The same evaluation form that the teachers use will be available for your use as well. We look forward to your input.

**BLAKE GALVIN, MA**

Dean of Secondary Educational Philosophy

Head Men's Soccer Coach

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**Titan of the Year – Call for Nominations!** Have a favorite teacher or staff member who has made a difference in you or your child's life this school year? If so, nominate them for "Titan of the Year!" This special award is given annually to a teacher or staff person who embodies the mission, values, and spirit of TCA. To submit your nomination, simply click [here](#) to fill out the form or go to the front page of TCA's Website! **DEADLINE to Submit is March 21, 2024, at 3pm!**

**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**

Dear Junior High Parents,

Each year during the month of March we administer a Student Climate Survey at all our Secondary Campuses. The Junior High is planning on administering our annual student climate survey starting March 13 during your child's Computer class. This survey is created through the Director of Academic Services Office to provide feedback to administrators around the topics of discrimination, harassment, relational tension, and sexual harassment/discrimination. The survey is anonymous with the data only being looked at in aggregate groups by TCA. Students can make comments but are coached to not include their name in any response.

We would like to get feedback from our students, but also want to respect students and families regarding sharing information that they might find a little uncomfortable. Here is a [link to a preview of the survey](#). Please don't hesitate to call me if you have questions about this survey. Parents can always opt their child out of this survey by sending me a signed letter or email letting me know that you do not want your child to participate.

Sincerely,

Hugh Di Pretore  
Junior High Principal  
The Classical Academy

## **Dinner Dance Dress Expectations.pdf**

Dinner Dance Dress Expectations

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93.9 KB

## **NAVY/CRIMSON A/B Rotation This Week**

**Monday: Navy**

**Tuesday: Crimson**

**Wednesday: Navy**

**Thursday: Crimson**

**Friday: Navy**

## **NEW:**

**8th Grade FANTASTICS Teams:** If you have not yet paid for your FANTASTICS fee, please do it today!

<https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/31750>

The link is also available on the 8th grade web page.

## **Library News**

March Madness: We are down to the final four books. Visit the library to vote for your favorites. Voting ends Friday at noon. Currently the top brackets are Jack H. and Aiden A. The top staff brackets are Ms. Osbourne and Mrs. Davenport.

## **From Mr. Pollard:**

Students should not use the wrestling hallway between classes. Please use band hallways. Thank you.

## ***STUDENTS –***

- *Please check the Lost and Found. It will be emptied over Spring Break.*
- *Be sure to remove any food, lunch bags, and PE clothing from your locker before Friday 3/22.*
- *If you borrowed ANY clothing from Mr. Pollard, please clean and return those immediately.*

## **ACTIVITIES:**

### **Announcements:**

JH Track and Field registration is open and will close on March 25th .

## **YEARBOOK UPDATE!**

This spring, the yearbook staff would like to feature students who participate in sports and activities outside of TCA! This can be dance, club sports, chess club, youth groups, etc, and we'd LOVE to feature your student, but we need your contributions to make it happen. To submit photos, please submit images via [hshare.com](https://hshare.com) and enter code tcjyh (case sensitive). When submitting pictures, it is immensely helpful to include your student's name, along with their grade and activity. You're welcome to include any other details that might help our staff to write captions worth reading to make the feature of your students even better!

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At the time of this announcement update, there are only **45 books available for purchase!** Online yearbook sales (the guaranteed way to make sure you get a book) end on 3/23! To order, go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](https://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and enter code 16022 to order for TCA Junior High. If you have questions about whether you've already ordered a book/ad, you can search your email for a confirmation from our publisher, Herff Jones! It would come from [yearbookordercenter@herffjones.com](mailto:yearbookordercenter@herffjones.com). You may also email the JH Yearbook advisor, Amanda Squier at [asquier@asd20.org](mailto:asquier@asd20.org).

**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!**

### **JH PARENTS: JH Staff Lounge Stock-Up**

Team Titan! Let's keep our staff strong as we round the corner and enter the final stretch! Your contributions are greatly appreciated and needed!! Please help out by looking at the sign-up link attached and choosing any item/s you or your student can bring in. Please drop off your contribution at the FRONT OFFICE anytime between Tuesday, April 2nd, to Tuesday, April 16th. Thank you in advance for your help and support!

<https://signup.com/go/RudNVKy>

### **REPEAT:**

#### **ACTIVITIES**

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

#### **Fantastics Practice Schedules:**

Brunk—everyday at lunch

List/Rockey/Leaf—Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday at lunch

Rhody/Radersma/Ballard—Wednesday/Thursday at lunch

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

### **REMINDER:**

#### **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

Deadline to purchase tickets – March 20, 2024

Tickets are Non-Refundable.

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

## **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**

### **MARCH**

March 25 – 29, 2024 – Spring Break

### **APRIL**

April 8 -19 CMAS Testing Days

Friday, April 12, 2024 – In-Service Day NO STUDENTS

Friday, April 12, 2024 – 8th Grade Fantastic Dinner Dance

Thursday, April 25, 2024 – JH SAC

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Non-TCA Sponsored Events)

From your Connections (HS Career and College) Center:

[Colorado Springs Middle School Pre-Collegiate Programs | UCCS](#)

Workshops are opportunities for Pre-Collegiate middle school scholars to learn and practice skills related to academic success, for example: time management, note-taking, and prioritizing tasks. Workshops also cover concepts and skills related to life leading up to and during high school, for instance, social-emotional awareness, communication, and leadership. All workshops occur on the UCCS campus one Friday per month, during school hours. There are also two optional Saturday morning workshops during the Spring semester.

### STEM Program

This program became part of the Pre-Collegiate Success and Support Center in 2016. It is a series of academic programs for regional 7-12th grade students designed to motivate and expose students to a variety of STEM activities, careers, and programs. [Learn More About STEM Programs.](#)



### 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](http://www.tcatitans.org/schools/junior_high)

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

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



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