

# Junior High Announcements

February 27, 2024



## ALL TCA PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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!**

## **State Assessment Schedule (Grades 7-11) and Exemption Deadline**

- Specific grade-level emails have been sent to all TCA secondary families (7-11).

**Schedule:** As part of the Colorado School Day assessment in partnership with CollegeBoard, the PSAT9, PSAT10, and SAT (now in digital format) will be administered on school-managed devices.

- Due to limited devices at TCA, we will be administering these tests over the course of two days for 9th, two days for 10th, and 1 day for 11th graders.

- The CMAS (7,8, and 11th grade) will still be a paper-based test and administered in 6 mornings for 7th, 9 mornings for 8th, and 1 day for 11th graders.
- 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”.

**Exemption:** In accordance with the policy [IKA-R-TCA](#), the parent/guardian of a student enrolled at TCA may request that his or her child be exempt from participating in one or more state assessments. **To meet state registration deadlines for planning purposes, it is necessary for families to complete the online exemption form/survey [Secondary Exemption Form](#) (link) by Friday, March 15, 2024.** Located at [tcatitans.org](http://tcatitans.org) – Family tab – “Secondary State Assessment”, top right margin.

**TCA Band's Chili Dinner and Silent Auction.** This year's events will be held at the North Campus on Saturday March 16th. The Silent Auction will begin at 4:45pm with the dinner starting at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$12 per person. You can purchase your tickets at <https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/32401>

**TCA's Theatre Department** will be performing their One Acts on March 13th thru 16th at 6:30 pm and March 17th at 2:30 pm. The One Acts will be performed in the black box and the seating is general admission. Come early to reserve your seat. Tickets are \$6.00. You can purchase the tickets at <https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/31688>

### **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).

### **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**

### **Parent Survey**

**February 1 through February 29, 2024**

Dear Junior High Parents,

We feel honored that you have entrusted us to partner with your family in the education of your child(ren). We know that many of your busy schedules make it difficult to connect with the school and don't want to miss the valuable feedback that you can provide. This being the case, we ask that every junior high parent take a few minutes to answer our eleven question survey to provide us with the necessary feedback to reflect on your child's experience at the junior high and how to make it better. I have listed the questions below so that you can take a minute to discuss them with your child before taking the survey.

The survey should take about 5 minutes and will be available to parents starting today through Thursday, February 29, 2024. Know that we look forward to seeing the distribution of responses and comments for each question. I will send a few reminders during February, but ask that you complete the survey as soon as possible. Please also know that you can contact me through the Junior High Office (719-484-0091) if you would like to share your thoughts in a more conversational model over the phone.

### [2024 Junior High Parent Survey](#)

Survey window open February 1- 29, 2024

Sincerely,

Hugh Di Pretore  
Junior High Principal  
The Classical Academy

### Survey Questions

1. If I were to name the best thing overall about TCA, it would be:
2. TCA is making adequate progress with facilities to support its educational mission.
3. My Child feels safe at school.
4. TCA's classes and grade-level coursework are appropriately preparing my child academically.
5. I feel that TCA adequately communicates with parents.
6. TCA successfully partners with parents to develop virtuous character in its students.
7. Recent studies about mental health, especially for young people, show concerning trends nationwide. No student populations are immune to this challenge. In our efforts to partner with parents, in support of students' wellness, what topics listed below would you like TCA to prioritize via Parent Academy training or resources on the TCA website? Please check your top four items of interest.: (List of topics provided on the survey)
8. My child is in grade: Seventh Grade or Eighth Grade
9. Based upon homework expectations from the student handbook, indicated beneath each grade level, how effective is TCA in the assignment of relevant and necessary homework for your child's academic success?
10. My Child feels comfortable approaching a teacher, school counselor, or administrator for help or guidance.
11. My child expresses to me/us that they feel their teachers and administration care about them.

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

Dinner Dance Dress Expectations

[Download](#)

## NAVY/CRIMSON A/B Rotation This Week

**Monday: Crimson**

**Tuesday: Navy**

**Wednesday: Crimson**

**Thursday: Navy**

**Friday: Crimson**

### **NEW:**

#### **Ms. Osborne's Latin Exam Students**

7th grade Latin exam takers were supposed to have a meeting in her room, 3313, at lunch today but unfortunately, she is out. She is rescheduling for Friday this week, March 1, instead.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

#### **Tuesday, February 27th**

4:00- JH Wrestling Home vs. Mountain Ridge (no early release)

#### **Thursday, February 29th**

3:45- JH Wrestling @ Lewis-Palmer MS (Early Release 2:40)

### **Announcements:**

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

### **YEARBOOK UPDATE!**

It's your last chance to purchase a yearbook and/or an 8th grade ad!

Go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://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! The last day to purchase an ad is 3/1/2024!**

### **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>

## **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

**LIBRARY MARCH MADNESS is back!** There are two ways to participate- pick one or both! 1. Starting on Tuesday, February 20th students AND STAFF can pick up a book bracket in the library. Fill it in and return it to the library by Thursday, February 29th. Brackets that are returned on time will be eligible to win prizes. 2. Voting for the first round will begin February 26th. Come to the library to vote for your favorite books - no bracket required to vote each week! Questions? See a librarian.

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

### **Attention Rising 9th Grade Parents:**

High School course registration has started. Course registration will be completed online starting February 13th – 24th. Registration forms will be emailed to the parent/guardian with inserted links to the course catalogue, course information videos, resources and honor forms. Course registration can also be accessed on TCA website HS page/Course Registration link.

**8th grade High School informational meetings were held on Friday, February 9th during history classes.** Meetings will be covering the 24-25 course scheduling and graduation requirements for up-and-coming 9th graders. We hope this overview is helpful as your student begins the HS course registration process.

Questions about scheduling and graduation requirements, please contact Scheduling Specialist, Mrs. Norman (HS office #2268), email: [tcaschedulduling@asd20.org](mailto:tcaschedulduling@asd20.org).

## **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**

#### **FEBRUARY**

Thursday, February 29 -- JH SAC meeting

#### **MARCH**

March 25 – 29, 2024 – Spring Break

#### **APRIL**

Friday, April 12, 2024 –NO STUDENTS -- Staff Inservice

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(Non-TCA Sponsored Events)**



#### **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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