

# Junior High Announcements

October 3, 2023



## ALL TCA PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

## **Federal Impact Forms**

Dear Parents and Students,

Each year, D20 distributes Federal Impact Aid Forms to families beginning October 2, 2023. You may receive this purple form from a teacher, administrator, or through parent/teacher conferences. The form must be completed and returned no later than **Tuesday, October 31, 2023**. Because the information requested on this form can vitally affect the federal funding our district and schools receive, TCA strives for a 100% response rate. The survey must be completed even if it does not apply to your child (Box #4).

Please Confirm student information is correct.\* Then complete the following steps, checking one of the boxes listed below. Sign, date, and return the form to your student's school:

- Box #1: **Active-Duty Member** of the Uniformed Services complete this box, sign, date, and return the form.
- Box #2: **Foreign Military** complete this box, sign, date, and return the form.
- Box #3: **Civilian Employed on Federal Property**, complete ALL fields in the box, sign, date, and return the form. *Note: The name of the company and the physical address of your place of employment are required. You must write in the street address, even if it's on base.*
- Box #4: If you are **not military affiliated**, check box 4, sign, date, and return the form.

### **\*Incorrect Home Address on the Form?**

TCA cannot change your address in D20's Infinite Campus system. In order to update your address with D20, please complete a [D20 Change of Address Form](#) and return it to the campus office manager

or to the TCA Registrar's Office. The completed form will be sent to D20 Central Registry, who will update your record.

If you have any questions, please contact your campus administration or the Registrar's Office at [TCARegistrar@asd20.org](mailto:TCARegistrar@asd20.org). Thank you for assistance and continued support of TCA.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Junior High Parent-Student Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 5th from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM

and

Friday, October 6th from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

*In-Person Conferences at TCA North Secondary Commons*

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to you meeting with your child's teachers at our Parent- Child - Teacher Conferences in about two weeks. **We encourage all students to attend the conferences with their parents.** Personal responsibility and ownership of their academic success is very important during the junior high years and beyond. As you prepare for conferences, the following procedures and scheduling information will help maximize the value.

#### **Thursday and Friday Conferences: Arena Style Conference in-person meetings**

To afford parents and their child the opportunity to meet with up to nine teachers, secondary conferences are conducted using the "arena" system rather than scheduling individual conferences as is the practice in our elementary schools. This means all teachers are available to all parents at all times during the conference sessions\*. Parents do not sign up for conferences in advance. Junior High teachers will be located in the Student Commons / Secondary Café by the main entrance, so you can meet with them on a drop-in basis. As we cannot predict when the heaviest traffic will be, it is impossible to precisely estimate how much time you will need. It is reasonable to budget 15-20 minutes per teacher for both waiting time and a conference. Usually, you can gauge the line for each teacher and adjust accordingly to maximize your conference time and minimize your waiting time.

*\*Teachers who are unable to attend some or all of our pre-established conference times may notify their students and families of alternate conference dates and times.*

#### **THE CONFERENCE: What to Expect:**

Teachers will share a little about your child's academic success and involvement in their class. They will often ask some questions of your child (if they are attending with you) or you to get to know them better. This is a great time for you to share something we would not otherwise know about (IE: they love the subject, they are nervous about being called on, they struggle with tests, ...). Typically ending the conference with any questions you or your child might have about the class, their assignments, or their assessments. Conferences typically take about five minutes, but teachers will need to end the conference after ten minutes to make sure that there is enough time for all our families to meet with them.

I have included a link to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal below for you to prepare for the conferences. Infinite Campus is a great resource throughout the year to keep up on your child's

homework completion, grades, and attendance. Throughout the school year you can call or email your child's teacher when you have a question or concern.

Please call the Junior High Office at 719-484-0091 if you have any questions about Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Sincerely,  
Hugh Di Pretore  
Junior High Principal  
The Classical Academy

**INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL:**  
[Campus Portal Login \(infinitecampus.org\)](https://infinitecampus.org)

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

**Monday: Navy**  
**Tuesday: Crimson**  
**Wednesday: Navy**  
**Thursday: NO SCHOOL--PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**  
**Friday: NO SCHOOL--PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

### **NEW:**

**ALL JH STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT AT ALL HS SPORTING EVENTS AND MUST SIT WITH THAT PARENT.**

**\*\*PLEASE HAND OUT FEDERAL IMPACT FORMS TODAY--ASK STUDENTS TO GET SIGNED AND RETURN TOMORROW\*\***

### **WHITE OUT WEDNESDAY!**

Wednesday we will have an assembly during flex and acknowledge our fall sports and celebrate the last football game. To show our school spirit, we encourage students to dress for a "white out". Students can dress in a white shirt (7th grade has their bootcamp shirts) or all white to show their school spirit.

### **JH White-Out Wednesday!!**

Show up to support our Football and Softball teams as well as the Junior High Band who is playing the National Anthem.

Softball B Team is starting at 3:30  
7th Grade Football starts at 4pm  
8th Grade starts at 5:30 pm

Come to school and the games dressed in white tops and jeans! Want the student section overfilled with a sea of white!!!

Sources is going to buy candy bars for everyone at half time who shows up and supports the teams. Hope to see everyone there as that will kick off your Fall Break!!

### **Library**

Would you be surprised to know we had over 1900 visits to the library in September? And a LOT of them - you - played L'Wordle (Thanks!) and we have our winners this month - come collect your prize, Ashley Thompson and Ashton Thurber. And... Need to stock up for all those days of doing nothing - wait, I mean reading - over the Break? We have books for that, come see us.

### **Cell Phones and National Emergency Alert Test this Wednesday.**

FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) will be conducting a national test of the Integrated **Public Alert Warning System this Wednesday, October 3 at 12:20**. This means that every cell phone in the building that is powered on will sound an alert, even if it is muted. Please turn OFF your cell phones on Wednesday so they are not disruptive.

<https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/integrated-public-alert-warning-system/national-test-2023>

### **7th Grade Soldiers who shared your shovels for Trench Day:**

If you haven't picked up your shovel already, please go to Miss Connelly's room to find yours and take it home after school today or Wednesday.

Thanks for letting us borrow it!

### **ACTIVITIES:**

#### **Wednesday, October 4th**

3:30- A-Team Softball @ Mountain Ridge MS

3:30- B-Team Softball Home vs. Mountain Ridge MS

4:00- B-Team Football Home (TCA North) vs. Mountains Ridge MS

5:30- A-Team Football Home (TCA North) vs. Mountains Ridge MS

#### **Announcements:**

JH Boys' Basketball Practice started yesterday! Please see the schedule online or contact Coach Dorny or Coach Patrick for more information.

**Here is a list of ideas for our collection for care packages for Hope and Home:**

Items due no later than November 30th.

[About Hope & Home - Reinventing Foster Care in Colorado \(hopeandhome.org\)](http://hopeandhome.org)

These are some ideas of things you might fill your Team Hope Christmas Shoebox with:

<p><b>WRITE</b></p>  <p>Pens/Pencils Crayons Paper/Copy Books Colouring Books Markers Sharpeners Erasers</p>	<p><b>WASH</b></p>  <p>Soap (wrapped) Hairbrush Comb Toothbrush Toothpaste Facecloth</p>
<p><b>WEAR</b></p>  <p>Socks Underwear Flip Flops Hat Scarf Gloves</p>	<p><b>WOW</b></p>  <p>Cuddly Toy Skipping rope/Yo-yo Sweets (in date until April next year) Musical Instrument Sunglasses Toy Car Doll Ball</p>

**WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:**  
Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food/chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.

## REPEAT:

### ACTIVITIES

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

Picture Make Up Day -- Wednesday October 18th

This day is for students who missed the first picture day or if parents ordered a packet and were not happy with it. Please bring your picture packet with you to turn in to the photographer.

UPDATED CODE for INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER 79190BA

1pm-7pm Thursday October 5th

8am-11 am Friday October 6th

\*see note above under From the Principal

### **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA—CASUAL FOR A CAUSE OCT 19th**

For several years, TCA has purchased wreaths to lay at Veterans' gravesites at Memorial Gardens on Airport Road for National Wreaths Across America Day on December 16.

TCA Junior High is supporting Wreaths Across America by hosting a "Casual for a Cause" day on Thursday, October 19th (the Thursday after Fall Break), where students may choose to donate \$5 to this effort, and they may wear casual clothing instead of their usual TCA school wear.

Naturally, students may wear their regular approved school wear if they choose not to participate in the Casual for a Cause day.

If students choose to participate in Casual for a Cause day, please select appropriate clothes for the day. As always, respect and modesty are our top priorities:

- Clothing should be free of holes
- Clothing should not be tight or revealing.
- Sweatpants and blue jeans are permitted, but they must not have rips or tears or holes in them.
- Leggings, "jeggings," "yoga pants," and tights are not appropriate as the outermost layer but may be worn under a skirt or shorts of appropriate length. A long sweater or sweatshirt is **not** an approved substitution for a skirt or shorts of appropriate length as a top layer over leggings.
- "Onesies", pajamas, robes, and other nighttime wear are not permitted.
- Shorts, dresses, and skirts must still meet dress code guidelines (dresses and skirts must touch the kneecap, and shorts may be up to four inches above the kneecap)
- Clothing must not have messages or imagery that are disrespectful, violent, or demeaning.
- Students may not wear hats during the school day.
- Students may wear their regular approved school-wear if they choose not to dress casually.
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If students or parents have any questions about whether a particular casual item is overly casual or potentially unapproved, please contact Mr. Pollard or Mr. DiPreto.

**Junior High is looking out for acts of kindness!** There is a board at the front doors of the junior high with kindness cards. If you see an act of kindness that stands out to you, give that person a shout out! Come to the board to get a kindness card, write down what you saw, and turn it in at Ms. Osborne's room. We'll be posting some next week. Maybe your act of kindness meant more than you realize!

### **[Picture Day Guide Website](#)**

The Picture Day Guide Website is your resource for printer-friendly handouts, Social Media graphics and posts, answers to FAQs and more!

Picture Day is coming up on 9/1/23! Order before Picture Day to receive free shipping to the school. Order online at <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/79189XF>.

Parents, yearbooks are officially on sale!

Go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and enter code 16022 to order for TCA Junior High. Here you can also purchase an ad for your 8th grader (only 8th graders). You can take \$10 off your purchase by entering the code EARLYBIRD at checkout until 9/30! After that, books will be full price.

We'd also LOVE to have any photos from Boot Camp and the first days of school! Bonus if these photos are candid, and of students in the moment! To submit, you can either go to [hjeshare.com](http://hjeshare.com) or get the EShare app wherever you get apps. Once there, enter code tcajh (case sensitive) to submit your photos!

**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!

*TCA JH ACTIVITIES NEWSLETTER* [click here](#)

## 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

Math Lab - ROOM 3310 Thibault

#### **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



*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

### OCTOBER

Monday, October 2 - OCTOBER COUNT DAY

Thursday, October 5– Friday, October 6 – Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, October 9 – Friday, October 13 – NO SCHOOL--FALL BREAK

### NOVEMBER

Friday, November 3 – NO SCHOOL--Staff In-Service Day

Monday, November 20 – Friday, November 24 – NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



(Non-TCA Sponsored Events)



### The Classical Academy Junior High

Support Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

 975 Stout Road, Colorado Sprin...  719-484-0091

 [tcatitans.org/schools/junior\\_hi...](https://tcatitans.org/schools/junior_hi...)