

2023-2024 College Pathways

Weekly News--Week of February 26

Time does not change us. It just unfolds us.

~ Max Frisch

This week ushers in the month of March and the 7th week of the semester (and the 25th week of the school year!). Has the school year felt fast to you? The general feeling amongst staff and students is it has, and the prevailing sentiment is we're looking forward to Spring Break, a common feeling when we've made it two thirds of the way through the year. In light of Frisch's quote above, are you any different now at the end of February than you were in August when the school year began? What about your child(ren)? What "folds" in who they are and in their habits have gotten smoother over the last six months? As we head into March, the weeks will undoubtedly feel faster and faster, and we will all feel the rush to make it to the end of another school year. In the midst of the busyness, we must remember to always reflect on the experiences and circumstances that encouraged us to grow. Those moments are ever-present and they are a gift time gives us.

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LAST CHANCE...CP Parent Survey!

Each year, CP gathers valuable input from our families through our annual parent survey. **This year's parent survey is available [HERE](#) and open through Thursday, February 29.** We appreciate you taking time to provide feedback that will help us serve and partner with our families in the most effective way possible. Thank you!

St. Jude Lunch Assembly - THIS FRIDAY!

We're fortunate to hear from one of our own CP students, Kaylee Chavez, about her journey with St. Jude during a lunch assembly this Friday to help kick off our fundraising season during the month of March. Please see information below about RSVP'ing for pizza! **EVEN IF YOUR STUDENT IS NOT SCHEDULED TO BE ON CAMPUS ON FRIDAY, THEY CAN STILL ATTEND THE ASSEMBLY!**

Spring Student Surveys

Each spring, TCA secondary students complete the following two surveys:

- The first survey is a harassment/bullying survey that will be given to CP students in March and completed online. This survey is anonymous and gathers information about the level of bullying and harassment that occurs at TCA. The survey can be viewed here: [OCR Student Climate Survey](#).
- The second survey is a 7-question screening tool that we administer as part of our SOS (Signs of Suicide) program. This survey will be given in April and will ask CP students about their current mental/emotional state so we can determine how best to offer support. The survey screener can be viewed here: [SOS Screener](#)

Please let Justin Peterson (jpeterson1@asd20.org) know if you would like your student to not participate in either survey. Our goal in offering these surveys is to understand and continue to improve the student climate at TCA/CP.

Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 22-March 21

- Titan of the Year nominations open. More info below.

Month of March

- Fundraising for St. Jude...More info below!
- Assembly during lunch on Friday, March 1. **RSVP below if your student will eat pizza at the assembly.**

March 16

- TCA Band Chili Dinner. More info below.

Week of April 15

- CP State Testing Week. More info below.

Week of May 20

- CP Finals Week. More info below.

NEW AND STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Fundraising for St. Jude:** This year's TCA-wide fundraising focus will be for St. Jude. At CP, fundraising efforts will begin the week of March 4 and will run through March 22 (until Spring Break). **We'll kick off fundraising with a lunch assembly on Friday, March 1, to hear from one of**

our own CP students about her journey with St. Jude. More information about St. Jude can be found [HERE](#), and watch for an online donation link soon.

Enough pizza will be ordered for students already scheduled in a lunch or 6th period class on Friday. If your student plans to attend the assembly and eat pizza but they're NOT scheduled for a lunch or 6th period class on Friday, please RSVP [HERE](#) so I know how much extra pizza to order. Please RSVP by Thursday at noon!

- **Immediate Need for CSP and CP** - It's that time of year when we find ourselves running low on both Kleenex and paper towels. If you would be able to pick up an extra box/roll and have your student bring it to the front office, we would be so grateful! Thank you!
- **"Wall of Wow"** - The College Pathways' yearbook team wants YOUR student to be part of the yearbook! Whether it is athletic, artistic, academic, or another hobby, we would love to highlight how your student's hard work and persistence has paid off this year. If you are interested in having your student featured, please send a 50-word or less description of your achievement and include a photo of your student (ie. performing, playing sport, or holding an award) to Dr. Gefreh at tgefreh@asd20.org Every student submission is greatly appreciated. Go Titans!
- **2024-2025 School Year Class Schedules** - Offer letters for all returning 7th - 12th grade students have been sent. If you are still completing the schedule request process (proposed schedules must be submitted within 5 days of receiving an offer), use the following resources to help: A blank schedule worksheet can be found [here](#); Course descriptions can be found [here](#); Weekly course list can be found [here](#); Weekly course schedule can be found [here](#)
- **Yearbook Orders** - Click [here](#) to order and enter code 25097. Cost is \$55. (Note that the cost is higher this year because we will be producing a hard cover yearbook.)
- **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 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.payschoolevents.com/events/details/32401>
- **CP State Testing in April** - As you plan for the second half of the school year, please note that we will have a week for state testing at CP from April 15-19 for all full-time CP students in 7th-11th grade. For details on state testing and what to expect at College Pathways, please visit the [CP State Assessments webpage](#). If you would like your part-time students in 9th – 11th grade to participate, please email Mrs. Steiner. If you have a part-time student in 7th-8th grade please read the information on our testing webpage. Here is the link to the [testing schedule for each grade](#). If you have any questions about state testing for your student, contact Mrs. Steiner, psteiner@asd20.org
- **CP Finals Week** - Please make sure your student is present at school during finals week, May 20th-24th. Finals start on Monday, May 20th. No finals will be administered early. Students missing a final will need to make it up after the exam date has passed. More information will be provided in the spring.
- **Understanding Stress Today** - Stress is an ever-present part of life, and Mrs. Wehrman, CP's

read the article [here](#).

- **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.

- **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 [here](#) and submit an application for Substitute.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **Looking for ways to bless our staff?** Food is always welcome! We have a "Sunshine Cabinet" in the Staff Lounge that we like to keep stocked with snacks and goodies for staff members to enjoy throughout the week. If ever you want to contribute a treat to the cabinet (whether store bought or homemade, savory or sweet), items can be dropped off in the CSP/CP office.
- **UPDATED CP school calendar** - Due to a change to the state testing week in April (now April 15 - 19), the CP school calendar has been updated. The new calendar can be found [HERE](#).

SNOW DAY AND 2-HOUR DELAY POLICY

Winter weather will undoubtedly impact the school week at some point in the coming months, so I wanted to send out CP's snow day and 2-hour delay policy. As a reminder, TCA follows D20's delay and closure status.

SNOW DAYS

CP functions as an online school. Therefore, snow days or delays are not considered a day off. Students should expect to communicate with teachers via Schoology, Math XL, email, etc., and remain engaged and productive *as per teacher direction* in those classes affected by inclement weather. College Pathways, along with TCA, will follow District 20 closure status.

2-HOUR DELAYS

In the event of a delayed start, the following schedule will apply:

- Classes scheduled prior to 9:45am will be cancelled for meeting on campus – students should expect to communicate with teachers via Schoology, Math XL, email, etc., and to

remain engaged and productive *as per teacher direction* in those classes affected by inclement weather.

- Classes scheduled at or after 9:45am will be conducted according to their regular schedule.
- Students may wear blue or black jeans with a CP/TCA approved logo shirt/sweatshirt or an appropriate solid color shirt/sweatshirt.



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