

# 2023-2024 College Pathways

Weekly News--Week of February 5

There are some things you learn best in calm, and some in storm.

~ Willa Cather

It's natural for us to think of learning in a school context because we are, after all, a school. From August to May, learning happens in myriad ways in the gym and classrooms across CSP and CP, and all occur in a calm and relatively quiet environment. We cherish these months and moments trusting that our students will end each school year with more knowledge and understanding than when they began. We know, from our own experiences as adults, that plenty of learning happens in non-academic contexts too, learning that is invaluable to our growth as individuals. These experiences can be uncomfortable and downright challenging, and we often wish we could swoop in and spare our children from any hardship or stress. Doing so robs them of life-shaping circumstances that in the long term build resilience and perseverance. We value classroom learning, of course, but hopefully we also genuinely appreciate the trying times. Learning in a school environment will eventually end for all us; learning in life continues indefinitely.

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## 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!

## 2025-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CLASS SCHEDULES

We will begin sending offers to returning students to make student schedules for the 2024-2025 school year using the following timeline:

- Rising 12th graders - February 1st
- Rising 11th graders - February 2nd
- Rising 10th graders - February 6th
- Rising 9th graders - February 8th
- Rising 8th graders - February 13th
- Rising 7th graders (current CSP 6th graders) - February 15th

We recommend you be watching for this communication from our Registrar's office and have your student's schedule for the next school year planned out ahead of time. A blank schedule worksheet can be found [here](#), course descriptions can be found [here](#), the weekly course list can be found [here](#), and the weekly course schedule can be found [here](#).

## Announcements

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### **February 7 and 8**

- Cash-4-casual. \$3 gets students casual dress (modesty applies; no rips, tears, holes, or distressed fabric)

#### **February 8**

- CP Junior High Jingle Jangle - Thursday, February 8, 3:45 - 6 PM, in the gym. This event is for CP junior high students only (guests are not allowed). Stay tuned for more info!

#### **February 9**

- National Honor Society (NHS) applications are due! More information below!

#### **February 13**

- SAC Meeting. 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:

- "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](mailto:tgefreh@asd20.org) Every student submission is greatly appreciated. Go Titans!
- **Building Resilience Peer Group** - Starting February 6 (Junior High) and February 7 (High School) CP School Counselor, Tammy Wehrman, will lead a group called Building Resilience (during lunch in her office). The group will explore resilience, what it is, why it is important and ways to build and strengthen it to allow for success in facing adversity now and in the future.

Please feel free to pass this info to your student. No rsvp is needed. All students are welcome to attend! If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Wehrman at [twehrman@asd20.org](mailto:twehrman@asd20.org)

- **Attention 10th, 11th, and 12th graders! National Honor Society Applications DUE THIS WEEK!** **National Honor Society** (NHS) is a nationwide organization that recognizes students *currently* in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades for academic excellence, leadership, service, and character. Our College Pathways chapter, which began in 2010, is beginning the application process for qualifying students soon! To be considered for NHS, interested 10th-12th grade students must complete an **NHS application**, available in the CP office beginning January 22nd. Applications (including a letter of reference, an essay, and forms) should be submitted directly to **Ms. Upchurch or Mrs. Weger**, the NHS advisors, or placed in their staff box in the CP teachers' lounge. You can also reach out to either of them if you have questions. **The due date for all applications is Friday, February 9th.** New NHS members will be notified of acceptance mid-February, and inducted at the National Honor Society Banquet, Feb. 20th.
- **Spring semester fees are now loaded in Infinite Campus.** Fees can be seen and paid online in the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#); information about how to pay fees in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal can be found [HERE](#).
- **Our next SAC (School Accountability Committee) meeting** will be on Tuesday, February 13, 10 - 11 AM in the TCA East Conference Room (childcare not provided). Meetings are held each quarter throughout the year with the purpose of discussing budget priorities, safety, the school improvement plan, and other items pertaining to the operation of both CSP and CP. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- **YEARBOOK ORDERS are open!** Click [here](#) to order and enter code 25097. Cost is now \$55. (Note that the cost is higher this year because we will be producing a hard cover yearbook.)
- **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](mailto: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 school counselor, has written another article making sense of what impacts all of us. You can 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](mailto:TCARegistrar@asd20.org).*

- **TCA SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!**

## 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](#).

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## ***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.



### **TCA College Pathways**

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