

2023-2024 College Pathways

Weekly News--Week of January 8

As parents and mentors, it's vital to see ourselves not as static role models but as imperfect human beings, continually developing, in our dynamic relationships with our children, our own moral and mentoring capacities.

~ Dr. Richard Weissbourd

The power of parenthood and mentorship comes when we are open and honest with those we are guiding about our own mistakes and journey of growth. We all, at times, fall short and regret decisions we have made, yet it is these challenging times that foster meaningful change. Children can often look at us "grown ups" as being impervious to mistakes or having never messed up as badly as they have. When they know the opposite is true, the natural tendency to preserve one's pride weakens and the door to humility opens. The true joy of working with children, whether as a parent, staff member, coach, youth leader, etc., is not only understanding how our own life lessons can positively influence those around us but in recognizing we are all on a path to being better and doing better.

Enjoy this last week of 1st semester! We are nearly halfway through the school year!

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Thank you!

Thank you for blessing the CSP and CP staff this holiday season with gift cards and donations. Your thoughtful giving was incredibly generous and kind, and we are grateful. Thank you!

Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 10-11

- Cash-4-Casual. Cost is \$3 for casual dress. Rules of modesty apply, so no jeans with holes/rips, camisoles, or bare midriffs.

January 11

- CP/CSP Prospective Parent Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, TCA East Gym. Know someone interested in one of our non-traditional schools? Please encourage them to attend this informational event.

January 27

- Winter Formal - Saturday, 7 - 10 PM, in the gym. Stay tuned for more information, and please see the dance dress guidelines [here](#). Guest forms will be available this week in the front office and in the weekly student news. Please note that all requirements on the form (such as due date and check-in process) will be enforced. **Thank you for reading these requirements closely before signing a guest form for your student.**

NEW AND STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **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](#).
- **YEARBOOK ORDERS are open! LAST CHANCE for early bird pricing** Click [here](#) to order and enter code 25097. Cost is \$45 if ordered by the end of the first semester (January 12, 2024). The price increases to \$55 if ordered after January 12th. (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
- **Spring semester registration for 7th – 12th grade CP students has begun.** Frank Haist, CP Registration and Pre-College Advisor, has sent out an email initiating Spring Registration. If you plan to request a spring semester CP course, please reply to his email with your request. The spring semester CP course offerings are attached to the email.
- **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 areaTo 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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