

2023-2024 College Pathways

Weekly News--Week of March 4

Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.

~ Oscar Wilde

Cottage School Program families and friends were fortunate to see roughly two dozen acts last Thursday performed by our elementary students that included original piano pieces, dance routines, magic tricks, hand bells, singing, and the like. There was a festive spirit in the air and a true display of creativity. There was also a vulnerability that was evident as each student took the stage and faced the large crowd. Microphones were tested, props were set, piano bench heights were adjusted...and then the students were off, performing their talents bravely for the audience. Do we lose that sense of innocence and boldness as we get older, worried about being embarrassed or our peers not appreciating our interests and skills? If we believe each of us is truly unique, then it is vital that we embrace what sets us apart and makes us our own person. When we see our students in their element, it is a beautiful thing. That is true for us as adults too.

In Partnership,

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St. Jude Fundraising Starts THIS WEEK!

We officially kicked off our fundraising efforts on Friday during a lunch assembly where we got to hear from Kaylee Chavez, current CP student and St. Jude patient. Penny Wars starts TOMORROW, which will be a fun competition between the grade levels to bring in as many coins as possible to raise money for St. Jude and for one grade to claim victory for the most money raised!

Want to donate to St. Jude online? You can do that [HERE](#). Thanks for your support during the next three weeks as we help give back to an organization that has helped countless children for the

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!
- Penny Wars begins TODAY! Each grade level is encouraged to bring in coins and bills to raise money for St. Jude while competing in a fun way against other grade levels!

March 9

- CP MORP Dance for High School Students only. 7-10 PM. See STUCO tile in Schoology for guest form.

March 16

- TCA Band Chili Dinner. More info below.

March 25-29

- Spring Break. No school.

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:

- **(UPDATED) CP State Testing in April** - As you plan for the second half of the school year, please note that the CP state testing week is from April 15-19 for all full-time CP students in 7th-11th grade. There will be no regularly scheduled classes during this week. Please see the email sent from Mrs. Steiner on February 8 or 9 for your student's individual testing schedule. Here is the link to the [testing schedule for each grade](#). Please visit the [CP State Assessments webpage](#) for College Pathways state testing details. The deadline for CP part-time students to request to participate in state testing is passed; your PT student is scheduled if you received the Feb email mentioned above. If you have any questions about state testing for your student, contact Mrs. Steiner, psteiner@asd20.org
- **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.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/32401>
- **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.

- **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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