

2023-2024 College Pathways

Weekly News--Week of September 25

Grandparents are both our past and our future. In some ways they are what has gone before, and in others, they are what we will become.

~ Fred Rogers

Over the last two weeks, East Campus has hosted CSP's Grandparents' Week and East Elementary's Grandparent's Day, annual events that celebrate the role grandparents play in our students' lives. Beneath the physical appearance that represents a life long lived lies a depth of understanding and insight that brings immense value to the stories they tell. We must continue to listen to their words, to glean what we can to better understand who we are and what connects us generation to generation. Our grandparents are a gift to our schools and essential to binding us together as a community. If your family was able to share a grandparent with us in the past or over the last two weeks, thank you. As TCA's Core Values state, "We value the wisdom and life experience of the senior citizens in our community."

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October Count begins this week!

- We ask that all CP students be at school each day they have class from September 25th-October 6th. October Count is a critical time for every public school as it's when the state verifies enrollment for the purpose of school funding. If a student is absent during this window, an "Intent to Return to School" form may be required. Please thoroughly read any October Count emails you receive from our Registrar's Office. Thank you for your help in this matter!
- Monday, October 2, is the official Count Day. All CP students taking at least one CP class will need to complete a 5-question student reflection in Schoology **on this day**. This reflection cannot be completed earlier. Students/Families will be contacted individually if they do not complete this reflection on this day.

Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, September 26 - Saturday, September 30

- Homecoming Spirit Week - Dress up theme days have been decided and lots of fun events are planned for the week, outlined below! **Waivers are required for dodgeball, volleyball, and football; these waivers can be found in the Student Council course in Schoology:

Tuesday, September 26th

Pajama Day

Junior High ONLY Dodgeball Tournament (3:30-5:00 PM)

Wednesday, September 27th

Barbie and Ken Day

Thursday, September 28th

Twin Day

Peach Fuzz Volleyball Game (High School Guys Only) (3:30 - 5:30 PM)

Friday, September 29th

Album Cover Day

Powder Puff Football Game (High School Gals Only) (3:30 - 5:30 PM)

Movie Night (All CP Students/Grades Welcome) (6:30 - 8:30 PM)

Saturday, September 30th

Homecoming Dance at TCA East (High School Students Only) (7 - 10 PM)

Tickets for the homecoming dance can be purchased with cash or check from Ms. Toma in the Hutt or they can be purchased online. To buy tickets online, log into IC, choose "Store" on the left, and then select the Homecoming Tickets product. Add one or two tickets to your cart and purchase. Ticket price is \$15 in advance and \$25 at the door. If you purchase at the door, you must bring cash or a check.

Monday, October 2

- Parent - Teacher Conferences. More info below.

Tuesday-Friday, October 3-6

- Talent Show Auditions. More info to come.

Monday, October 9-Friday, October 13

- Fall Break - No school this week.

Friday, October 20

- "Soup"er Talent Show - 6:30 PM. More info below.

NEW INFORMATION:

- **Parent - Teacher Conferences** - Monday, October 2, 8 AM - 7 PM. Open, drop-in sessions from 8 - 10 AM; scheduled 10-minute blocks from 10:15 - 7 PM. Signups can be accessed [here](#). We encourage students to attend conferences with parents this year to be an active part of the conversation!
- **Let's Get Organized!** Starting this week CP's counselor, Tammy Wehrman, will lead a group called Let's Get Organized (Tuesdays (JH) and Wednesdays (HS) in her office). The group will explore organization and time management with a focus on equipping students with skills and tools for

success. 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

- **Costa Rica Trip with EF Tours** - Come explore the natural wonders of Costa Rica on an EF Tours trip! College Pathways teachers Maura Huddleston and Nikki Upchurch will be leading a tour to Costa Rica at the end of May 2024. Highlights of the trip will include ziplining, snorkeling, whitewater rafting, visiting Rincon de la Vieja National Park, and more! **Please join us for an informational meeting (both parents & students welcome) on Tuesday, September 26th, at 6:00 pm in College Pathways room 217.** Please RSVP for the meeting here: [RSVP link](#). We hope to share this amazing experience with you!
**This trip is open to high school students.*
- **"Soup"er Talent Show** - CPs 8th annual "Soup"er Talent Show is coming up Friday, October 20th 6:30 – 8:30 in the East Campus Gym! This National Honor Society sponsored tradition benefits the local community soup kitchen for the Holidays. Homemade soups, hot bread and the generous gift of our students sharing their extraordinary talents make for a heart-warming, impacting, memorable evening of togetherness for the whole CP Community! **Auditions** for the Talent Show will be held Tues, Oct 3rd – Friday, Oct 6th from 3:45 – 5 PM (10-minute slots) in the East Campus Gym. Sign up sheets are posted on the NHS bulletin board to reserve your audition. Acts may include outside (non-CP student with CP student) participants and can be up to 3 ½ minutes long. For more information, please email Nikki Upchurch (nupchurch@asd20.org) or Brie Weger (bweger@asd20.org)
- **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.

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) SAT, PSAT10, PSAT9 and CMAS score reports are here!**
NEW - Score reports for students who tested at TCA North last school year, are available for pick-up from Mrs. Steiner. Check-in with the CP office and they will direct you to her office. If you tested with College Pathways in March/April of last school year, your score report is no longer available in the CP office. Please see Mrs. Steiner for your archived report. If you attended a non-TCA school last year, please contact them for your scores. Contact Mrs. Steiner with questions – psteiner@asd20.org
- **Affidavit of Residency (required for ALL CP students; one per student).** Completion of this form is now done electronically in Infinite Campus. Directions to complete this form can be found [HERE](#).
- **Please do not drop your students off prior to 9:30 AM on Fridays.** There are no supervised classrooms on Friday mornings due to various staff meetings. Students arriving prior to 9:30 cannot sign into a study hall; the first available study hall begins at 9:45 AM.
- **Donations for movie license** - CP hosts 4 movie nights during the year and an annual license through Swank Movie Licensing is required. If you would like to donate money to help purchase this year's license, you can bring cash or a check (made out to TCA) to the CP front office. Thank you!



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