

2023-2024 Cottage School Program

Weekly News--Week of January 29



Nature is full of genius, full of divinity; so that not a snowflake escapes its fashioning hand.

~ Henry David Thoreau

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2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CLASS SCHEDULES

- On Thursday, February 1, the Registrar's Office will send out class request emails for the 2024-2025 school year to *rising* 1st - 6th grade students (current Kinder - 5th grade students).
- You will have until Thursday, February 8, to respond, and the Registrar's Office will inform you on Friday, February 9, which class your student has been assigned to.
- Rising 7th grade students (current 6th grade students) will be emailed a link to request a College Pathways 7th grade class schedule on Thursday, Feb. 15.
- Offers for **NEW** CSP Kinder - 6th graders will begin in late February/early March.
- Be on the lookout! TCA's Registrar's Office highly encourages you to submit your child's class request *as soon as you receive the email with the link to the request form*. CSP seats fill up fast!

FOR RISING 7th GRADERS: We recommend 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

NEW and STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. CSP ART NEEDS - Parents, if you have an extra skein of yarn and would like to donate it to the art room, we would be grateful.

2. JANUARY LUNCH MENU can be found [here](#). **FEBRUARY LUNCH MENU** can be found [here](#).

3. LANDSHARKS REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1 - CSP students have two options for participating in Landsharks. There is a homeschool-specific team, the Homeschool Hammerheads (see flyer below for dates and coach contact info), as well as a team with TCA East Elementary students. To register, please go to www.landsharksrunningclub.com. Other dates specific to the TCA East team are as follows:

1/30 – Financial Aid closes

2/1 – Spring track registration opens

3/17 – Registration price increase

3/27 – Registration closes

4/9 – First practice begins at 7:10am on the east turf field

4/21, 4/28, 5/5 – 3:00 meets at Chinook Middle School

5/7 – Final practice/season celebration

Please contact Mandy Souder (719-258-7786) if you have any questions.

4. NOON DISMISSAL, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - All Wednesday students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will be dismissed at noon on Wednesday, February 7th, due to a CSP teacher in-service. (Kindergarten schedule is normal with an 11:30 AM dismissal time.) ALL CSP students (including kindergartners) are permitted to wear denim bottoms and a uniform top on noon dismissal days.

Students in grades 1, 3, and 5 will **not** have lunch on this day. Carpool will go very quickly for students in grades 1, 3, and 5 since they will be the only ones releasing at noon.

5. TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS, FEBRUARY 12 AND 15 - The annual Talent Show is approaching! Students from 2nd through 6th grade are welcome to audition. A student from CSP must be in the act, but CSP students may include Mom, Dad, siblings, or friends in the act with them. Auditions will be held in room 126, Gold Hallway. Parents, please sign your student up for an audition on Signup using this link: <https://signup.com/go/LYkdwsY> Contact Mrs. Socolofsky with any questions (jsocolofsky@asd20.org).

6. 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.

7. CSP OPTIONAL STANDARDIZED TESTING FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3 AND 5 - All students in grades 3 and 5 will be sent home with information this week about upcoming standardized testing options. The state of Colorado requires that home school students complete a nationally standardized test in the "odd" numbered grades beginning with third grade. The information being sent home provides details about the testing offered at CSP as well other testing options should you choose not to test through CSP. (An electronic version of this information will also be emailed to all 3rd and 5th grade families by the end of the week.) A practice test packet will be made available to any families who request it (whether a student tests with us or not). These packets may be requested from your child's teacher starting the week of January 22nd. The option to pay through Infinite Campus is now available. To pay online, log into IC, navigate to the Fees tab and choose "Optional Payments" (make sure the correct child is selected from the dropdown in the top right corner); add the testing fee to the cart and pay. Cash or check payments may be turned in at any time. Cost of testing is \$16.

8. TCA High School's theatre will be performing The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 on February 1st thru February 3rd at 7:00 pm. Tickets are: \$6 for students/children, \$8 for staff/senior citizens and \$12 for adults. You can purchase your tickets online: <https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/31499>

9. 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.*

10. ALL TCA Elementary Sock Hop - Friday, March 8, 2024, 4:00pm – 5:30pm, North Campus Tickets can be purchased at www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/29611 Cost is \$18.00 per Elementary Student / \$5 per Parent. Elementary students must be accompanied by a ticketed ADULT/Parent. **Presale tickets must be purchased by noon on March 7, \$5 Discount on Elementary**

11. Our SilverGraphics Online Art Shop is Still Open! Find the perfect gift for any special occasion, preserve a memory of your child's school year, and proudly display your child's art on beautiful keepsakes. You can still order beautiful personalized products featuring your child's artwork through our SilverGraphics Art Fundraiser. Our **ONLINE ART SHOP** is open through **June 30th**. Now's your chance to place additional orders. You can also **UPLOAD NEW ART & PHOTOGRAPHS!** Products will ship direct to you (or whatever address you enter at Checkout), with shipping fees added. Your order will continue to support our school.

To place your order:

1. Go to: www.silvergraphics.com/shop

2. Enter our School Access Code: ArtCottage23

Contact Michelle Dalrymple at mdalrymple@asd20.org if you have any questions.

12. 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.

13. 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.



Homeschool Hammerheads

Landsharks Running Club

Spring Track Series

We offer a non-competitive youth program to introduce running to young athletes in a safe and fun environment. The focus is on self-improvement, being an encouraging teammate, and making new friends. The Spring Track Series is a fun running program led by a teacher, parent or coach and is open to students in kindergarten through 6th grade. Please remember to purchase a team race shirt if this is your first season running.

FIRST PRACTICE: WEEK OF APRIL 8, 2024

PRACTICE DAYS: FRIDAY EVENINGS, 2ND PRACTICE EVENING TBD

PRACTICE TIMES AND LOCATION: CENTRAL AND NORTH COS, TBD

RACES: Meets are tentatively scheduled at Lewis Palmer High School on the following Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm: April 21st, April 28th, May 5th, 2024

Meet #1- All runners will run the 50m dash, followed by either the 400 or 800m

Meet #2- All runners will run the 100m dash, followed by either the 400 or 800m

Meet #3- All runners will run the 200m dash, followed by either the 400 or 1600m

Registration opens February 1, 2023 at 9am and closes March 27, 2024

Runners must be registered prior to their first practice

Please register online at www.landsharksrunningclub.com

(\$68 registration fee until March 17, 2024 when \$15 late fees apply)

We look forward to working with your athletes. If you have any questions, please contact us!

Coaches Danny & Leah Wicks

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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 CSP's snow day and 2-hour delay policy. As a reminder, TCA follows D20's delay and closure status.

SNOW DAYS

CSP will follow Academy School District 20 closure status. When ASD20 administration cancels school due to inclement weather, several radio/TV stations will be contacted to broadcast the closure or delay. TCA uses the Blackboard Connect™ service to notify the TCA community in the event of a delay or closure. COTTAGE SCHOOL PROGRAM DOES NOT MAKE UP SNOW DAYS.

2-HOUR DELAYS

Periodically throughout the winter, school will be delayed two hours due to inclement weather. Students may wear blue denim on these days. Hot lunch will still be available on delay days, or students may bring a sack lunch. All students should bring a snack and water bottle. Carpool as usual.

2-Hour Delay Schedule:

Grades 1-6: 10:15 - 3:30 pm

Kindergarten: AM class—10:15 - 12:30 pm

Typing Pal Log-In Instructions (Grades 3-6)

Typing Pal is a learn-to-type program that we offer at no charge to all of our upper elementary students. There is no requirement to participate; it's simply something families may use as part of their home school curricula if students desire to learn/master basic typing skills. Log-in instructions are below.

1. Go to <https://clascott.typingpal.com>
2. Each student's **user name** is the first letter of his/her first name (as given in Infinite Campus; not a nickname) followed by the student's last name (i.e. shille would be the username for Stefani Hille).
3. The **password** is identical for each student—*titans*—UNLESS a student was with us previously and changed his/her account to a unique password. Once students are logged in, they may change their password to something unique to them.
4. Questions or trouble logging in? Contact Stef Hille at shille@asd20.org.



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