

# 2023-2024 Cottage School Program

Weekly News--Week of November 13

Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world.

~John Milton

There is no singular season of expressing gratitude, though one could argue the Thanksgiving holiday ushers in a time of abundant gratefulness unlike any other time during the year. On Saturday, our nation expressed its gratitude to our veterans, honoring their sacrifice and selflessness in service to our country. To our veterans connected to TCA, across the United States, and across the globe, thank you for protecting the freedoms we hold so dear. Next Thursday we will celebrate Thanksgiving, a time when our nation pauses to give thanks, gather with loved ones...and eat. We hope this time with family and friends is a reminder of the richness of relationships.

We are undoubtedly in a season of thanksgiving. Thank you, CSP and CP families, for your partnership and commitment to TCA, its mission, and the Core Values that guide all we do. Enjoy the break from school next week! Happy Thanksgiving!

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## Announcements

### **NEW and STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**1. The SILVER GRAPHICS CATALOG IS NOW AVAILABLE!** It's time for our annual CSP art fundraiser through SilverGraphics! Proceeds benefit the CSP art program and allow materials to be purchased each school year so Mrs. Dalrymple and Mrs. Benjamin can prepare a variety of projects that enable students to grow as artists. **The deadline to order - Wednesday, November 15th - to receive items**

**before the winter holiday break is fast approaching.** The Silver Graphics online store can be accessed [HERE](#); please use **ArtCottage23** for the school access code.

**2. THIS WEEK! Our next SAC (School Accountability Committee) meeting** will be on Tuesday, November 14, 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.

**3. CSP WINTER CONCERT - GRADE 1, 3, and 5!** All 1st, 3rd, 5th, grade students will be in the Winter Concert on Friday, December 1. The concert starts at 3:30 PM, but all students need to be at school by 3:10. Please enter the building at the southwest doors (by the gym). First grade students will meet in room 118, third grade students will meet in room 117, and fifth grade students will meet in room 116. (All these classrooms are directly across from the gym; they are not our students' regular classrooms.) Students should dress up for the concert (dresses, slacks, ties; heavy sweaters are not recommended) or come in uniform.

#### **4. 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.

**5. November Lunch Menu** can be found [here](#).

**6. TCA Band Greenery Sale** - Choose from trees, wreaths, and poinsettias. You can purchase greenery and butter braids online now until November 15th.

- Greenery Link: <https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/28380>
- Butter Braid Link: <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/2c9d2794-195f-45cb-a20d-16e735a6d87c>

**7. TCA High School Theatre Department presents the Anastasia Musical.** Shows are November 9th, 10th, and 11th at 7:00 pm and November 12th at 3:00 pm and November 16th, 17th, and 18th at 7:00 pm. Tickets for Adults are \$12, Children and Students are \$6, Staff and Senior Citizens are \$8 and Titan Club Members no cost. Purchase your tickets online at:

<https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/28379>

**8. THANKSGIVING BREAK is November 20 - 24.** There is no school this week.

#### **9. WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

As TCA continues to support the Wreaths Across America Program, there are several ways you can participate. TCA Families can donate a wreath to be placed at Pikes Peak National Cemetery (deadline Nov. 28th) or volunteer for the wreath laying ceremony on Saturday, December 16th @ 9:00am. Please click [wreathscrossamerica.org/co0024](http://wreathscrossamerica.org/co0024) for more information.

**10. 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.

## 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 Only)

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](mailto:shille@asd20.org).





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