

# Junior High Announcements

March 11, 2024



## ALL TCA PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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!**

### State Assessment Information

**Exemption (due this Friday):** Policy [IKA-R-TCA](#) states that the parent/guardian may request that their child be exempt from participating in one or more state assessments.

- Online exemption form/survey [Secondary Exemption Form](#) (link) is due by Friday, March 15, 2024.

**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>

**TCA's Theatre Department** will be performing their One Acts on March 13th thru 16th at 6:30 pm and March 17th at 2:30 pm. The One Acts will be performed in the black box and the seating is general admission. Come early to reserve your seat. Tickets are \$6.00. You can purchase the tickets at <https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/31688>

### **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 If you apply and receive the choice, your child will be automatically withdrawn from TCA.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](mailto: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 <https://www.applitrack.com/tcad20/onlineapp/> and submit an application for Substitute

### **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

## **HEALTHY MEALS FOR ALL**

Healthy Meals for All will begin in the 2023-24 school year. For more information, [Colorado Healthy School Meals for All program](#) .

## **Program Student Fees Assistance**

For more information <https://www.asd20.org/nutrition-and-food-services/free-and-reduced/>.

**TCA North Campus Carpool** -This system works efficiently if we all do our part. Following these guidelines will make our peak traffic times both efficient and safe for all. For more information [click here](#)

## **TCA's Mental Health Resources Page**

TCA realizes the importance of mental health and has created a page of resources for parents and students to utilize. [Click here to view the page](#). This link can also be found under the "Helpful Links" at the bottom of each page on this website and under the "Family" tab at the top of the page.

**The Seventy-Sixth Volume of the PALMARIUM** is provided for your review. [click here](#). This first volume of this school year includes an article from Dr. Robert Thomason, the graduation speeches from both Michelle Drake and Stefani Hille, plus other interesting information.

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Junior High Parents,

Each year during the month of March we administer a Student Climate Survey at all our Secondary Campuses. The Junior High is planning on administering our annual student climate survey starting March 13 during your child's Computer class. This survey is created through the Director of Academic Services Office to provide feedback to administrators around the topics of discrimination, harassment, relational tension, and sexual harassment/discrimination. The survey is anonymous with the data only being looked at in aggregate groups by TCA. Students can make comments but are coached to not include their name in any response.

We would like to get feedback from our students, but also want to respect students and families regarding sharing information that they might find a little uncomfortable. Here is a [link to a preview of the survey](#). Please don't hesitate to call me if you have questions about this survey. Parents can always opt their child out of this survey by sending me a signed letter or email letting me know that you do not want your child to participate.

Sincerely,

Hugh Di Pretore  
Junior High Principal  
The Classical Academy

### **Dinner Dance Dress Expectations.pdf**

Dinner Dance Dress Expectations

[Download](#)

93.9 KB

## **NAVY/CRIMSON A/B Rotation This Week**

**Monday: Crimson**

**Tuesday: Navy**

**Wednesday: Crimson**

**Thursday: Navy**

**Friday: Crimson**

## **NEW:**

**7th graders taking the National Latin Exam** have the test on Wednesday! To help prepare we will have study session in Ms. Osborne's room Monday and Tuesday during lunch.

## **PI Day**

On March 14th, staff and students are welcome to wear TCA Pi Day shirts. Uniform is still required for the bottom of the outfit.

## **Library News**

March Madness book brackets are down to the Elite 8 and some of your favorites got upset. Top student brackets are Bella G. and Alex G. Top staff brackets are Maximas Kueck and Mrs. Osbourne. Stop by the library to vote and check on your bracket. Voting will end Friday at noon.

## **YEARBOOK UPDATE!**

This spring, the yearbook staff would like to feature students who participate in sports and activities outside of TCA! This can be dance, club sports, chess club, youth groups, etc, and we'd LOVE to feature your student, but we need your contributions to make it happen. To submit photos, please submit images via [hjeshare.com](http://hjeshare.com) and enter code tcjsh (case sensitive). When submitting pictures, it is immensely helpful to include your student's name, along with their grade and activity. You're welcome to include any other details that might help our staff to write captions worth reading to make the feature of your students even better!

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At the time of this announcement update, there are only **51 books available for purchase!** Online yearbook sales (the guaranteed way to make sure you get a book) end on 3/23! To order, go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and enter code 16022 to order for TCA Junior High. If you have

questions about whether you've already ordered a book/ad, you can search your email for a confirmation from our publisher, Herff Jones! It would come from [yearbookordercenter@herffjones.com](mailto:yearbookordercenter@herffjones.com). You may also email the JH Yearbook advisor, Amanda Squier at [asquier@asd20.org](mailto:asquier@asd20.org).

**Please note: We sold out last year!** The only way to guarantee that your student has a yearbook is to make your purchase EARLY! Yearbooks will be on sale through the spring, **but we can't guarantee any leftover books after the online order center closes on 3/23/2024!**

**Who's got your back photos will be Tuesday the 12th** with a modified schedule of combine flex and lunch. Students will have a free dress day to wear all black. **NO LEGGINGS.**

• **STUDENTS –**

- *Please check the Lost and Found. It will be emptied over Spring Break.*
- *Be sure to remove any food, lunch bags, and PE clothing from your locker before Friday 3/22.*
- *If you borrowed ANY clothing from Mr. Pollard, please clean and return those immediately.*

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Announcements:**

JH Track and Field registration is open and will close on March 25th .

**REPEAT:**

**ACTIVITIES**

**Reminder, all JH students MUST be accompanied by a parent at ALL HS sporting events and must sit with that parent.**

**Fantastics Practice Schedules:**

Brunk—everyday at lunch

List/Rockey/Leaf—Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday at lunch

Rhody/Radersma/Ballard—Wednesday/Thursday at lunch

**If your padlock is giving you trouble, please check in with Mr. Pollard**

**REMINDER:**

**8th Grade Celebration and Dinner Dance**

Friday, April 12, 2024

Time: 6:00pm – 9:30pm – Doors open at 5:45pm

Location: TCA North

Ticket Price - \$25.00

Dress: See Dress Guidelines in the JH Office



Deadline to purchase tickets – March 20, 2024

Tickets are Non-Refundable.

<https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/29610>

## **JR. HIGH AFTER SCHOOL LABS**

**After School Workshop:** There are three workshops to assist students who are struggling to complete their homework or need extra support in English, mathematics, or organization. We provide free support in a workshop format with a teacher present four days a week. Please see the schedule below for the workshops available to your child each week.

### **Afterschool Support Lab hours 3:05 PM -4:00 PM**

#### **Monday**

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

#### **Tuesday**

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

English - ROOM 3308 King

Math - ROOM 3309 Smith

#### **Wednesday**

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

English - ROOM 3306 Finch

Math - ROOM 3307 Welton

#### **Thursday**

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

English - ROOM 3316 Cai

*Parents can call their child on their cell phone or call the General Workshop at 719-488-6222 to let them know that they are here to pick them up.*

## **MONTH AT A GLANCE**

### **MARCH**

March 25 – 29, 2024 – Spring Break

### **APRIL**

April 8 -19 CMAS Testing Day

Friday, April 12, 2024 – In-Service Day NO STUDENTS

Friday, April 12, 2024 – 8th Grade Fantastic Dinner Dance

Thursday, April 25, 2024 – JH SAC

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(Non-TCA Sponsored Events)**

## From your Connections (HS Career and College) Center:

### [Colorado Springs Middle School Pre-Collegiate Programs | UCCS](#)

Workshops are opportunities for Pre-Collegiate middle school scholars to learn and practice skills related to academic success, for example: time management, note-taking, and prioritizing tasks. Workshops also cover concepts and skills related to life leading up to and during high school, for instance, social-emotional awareness, communication, and leadership. All workshops occur on the UCCS campus one Friday per month, during school hours. There are also two optional Saturday morning workshops during the Spring semester.

#### STEM Program

This program became part of the Pre-Collegiate Success and Support Center in 2016. It is a series of academic programs for regional 7-12th grade students designed to motivate and expose students to a variety of STEM activities, careers, and programs. [Learn More About STEM Programs.](#)



#### **The Classical Academy Junior High**

Support Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Website:** [http://www.tcatitans.org/schools/junior\\_high](http://www.tcatitans.org/schools/junior_high)

**Location:** [975 Stout Road, Colorado Springs, CO, USA](#)

**Phone:** [719-484-0091](tel:719-484-0091)



#### **Junior High TCA**

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