

# Junior High Announcements

February 1, 2024



## ALL TCA PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 If you apply and receive the choice, your child will be automatically withdrawn from TCA.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).

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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>

### **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 you for your partnership in this endeavor.

### **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 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 Eighth Grade Families,

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through your child's eighth grade school year and starting to talk about some of the end of the year events. Your child will hopefully share with you about our assembly during their FLEX time when we introduce Fantastics which is part of our Fantastics 8th Grade Dinner Dance. The junior high has the pleasure of putting on your child's first semi-formal dance at TCA. The excitement is palatable as our eighth graders look forward to their Fantastics 8th Grade Dinner Dance which is TCA's one and only dance created for a single grade level. This community event is an opportunity to celebrate their classes transition to High School, creating memories for years to come.

Attached is our [Formal Dinner Dance Dress Expectations](#), if you have any questions or want to get a dress approved, please feel free to reach out to one of our school counselors, Lea List at [lalist@asd20.org](mailto:lalist@asd20.org) or Meghan Dubois at [mdubois@asd20.org](mailto:mdubois@asd20.org).

As we look forward to the 8th Grade Dinner Dance that will take place April 12th, we start preparing for our Fantastics performances during lunch periods. Fantastics is a voluntary activity that we have for the students to participate in for a portion of the Dinner Dance. It is essentially a series of dances that takes the place of a Talent Show between their dinner and the actual dance.

If your child decides to participate in Fantastics, they will come home with a permission slip and a sign-up form. The following provided link is to pay \$20 for being a part of Fantastics. This is separate from the ticket purchased to attend the Dinner Dance. You will receive a separate email in about a week with a link to purchase tickets to the Dinner Dance. If for some reason your student would like to participate and needs some financial assistance, please reach out to me and we would be happy to help.

<https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/31750>

***\* Please note this fee will not cover the cost of the ticket to attend the dance.***

The \$20 fee for Fantastics from each student pays for any costumes or props that need to be purchased for the performance and the combined Fantastics pizza party that we throw for them as a celebration for all of their hard work and sacrificed lunch periods.

If you have any questions about Fantastics please feel free to reach out to Lea List at [lalist@asd20.org](mailto:lalist@asd20.org) and/or Matt Brunk at [mbrunk@asd20.org](mailto:mbrunk@asd20.org).

I am looking forward to another semester with our amazing students.

Sincerely,  
Hugh Di Pretore  
Junior High Principal  
The Classical Academy

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

Dinner Dance Dress Expectations

[Download](#)

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

**Monday: Crimson**

**Tuesday: Navy**

**Wednesday: Crimson**

**Thursday: Navy**

**Friday: Crimson**

## **NEW:**

**Auditions for this year's One Acts** will be on February 5th in the Black Box from 3:15pm – 5:00pm. Please sign up in the Black Box for an audition time and pick up a monologue packet. This year's directors are Maddie Stephens, Isaac Lundahl, Trevor Thompson, and Craig Campos. Callbacks will be on February 6th at 3:15pm in the Black Box. **Auditions are open for 8th graders!!!**

## **Hearing and Vision Screening**

February 7th for all 7th and 9th grade students. In addition, students in other grades that are in learning services, on the monitor list, new to the district, parent requested or referred by teachers are also screened.

## **Library News**

The library will be hosting its 4th annual Student Chef competition on Thursday, February 22nd. The competition is open to all current TCA high school students and staff and Junior High students and staff! Prizes will be awarded! Please come by the library for registration forms and more information.

## **Next Thursday (2/8) will be Casual for a Cause Day!**

If your student chooses to participate in Casual for a Cause day, please support them in selecting appropriate clothes for the day. As always, respect and modesty are our top priorities:

- Clothing should be free of holes
- Clothing should not be tight or revealing.

- Sweatpants and blue jeans are permitted, but they must not have rips or tears or holes in them.
- Leggings, "jeggings," "yoga pants," and tights are not appropriate as the outermost layer but may be worn under a skirt or shorts of appropriate length. A long sweater or sweatshirt is **not** an approved substitution for a skirt or shorts of appropriate length as a top layer over leggings.
- "Onesies", pajamas, robes, and other nighttime wear are not permitted.
- Shorts, dresses, and skirts must still meet dress code guidelines (dresses and skirts must touch the kneecap, and shorts may be up to four inches above the kneecap)
- Clothing must not have messages or imagery that are disrespectful, violent, or demeaning.
- Students may not wear hats during the school day.
- Students may wear their regular approved school-wear if they choose not to dress casually.

**Next Friday (2/9) will be a Super Bowl dress up day!** Students will be allowed to wear denim (no rips, no tears, no holes) pants and any sports jerseys or t-shirts. Tops can include any sport or activity (either that you are involved in or professional teams). \*\*See notes above for full guidelines

### **ACTIVITIES**

**A huge congratulations to the 8th grade Girls' Basketball team!** They went into the league tournament as a 4 seed this past weekend and won 3 games straight taking down Mountain Ridge (5), Eagleview (1), and Lewis Palmer (2) enroute to the 2024 NPAC League Championship! Congrats on a great season girls!

**FREE Golf Clubs and Bags:** There are 5 sets of used, right handed golf clubs plus putters and wedges available in the high school Activities Office. These are full size clubs. If you are interested in any of these for you or your family, please come during flex or after school to check them out. We want to find homes for them by the end of the week.

### **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

To receive a discount, purchase your ticket by February 26, 2024 using the code "Class2028"

Deadline to purchase tickets – March 20, 2024

Tickets are Non-Refundable.

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

### **REPEAT:**

### **ACTIVITIES**

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



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### **ATTENTION 8th Grade Students**

**High School STUCO 2024-2025 Elections** - If you are interested in HS STUCO for the 2024-2025 year, please attend one of the Mandatory Interest Meetings during Flex in the Lecture Hall.

- Rising 9th Grade Meeting (Current 8th graders) - Monday, February 12.
- Rising 10th-12th Grade Meeting (Current 9th-11th graders) - Tuesday, February 13.
- You must attend one of the 2 meetings, even if not on your scheduled day.

Questions? Contact **CADE CHESHIRE** [cheshir@asd20.org](mailto:cheshir@asd20.org)

### **YEARBOOK UPDATE**

The deadline for ordering a yearbook is nearly here! Go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and enter code 16022 to order for TCA Junior High **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!**

Yearbook is currently excited to receive your winter sports and activity submissions! To submit photos, go to [hjeshare.com](http://hjeshare.com) and enter the code tcajh (case sensitive). Then, feel free to upload your images for consideration! Thank you for all your help to make this year's book a success!

### **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**

### **FEBRUARY**

Friday, February 16 -- NO STUDENTS -- Staff Inservice  
Monday, February 19 --- NO SCHOOL -- President's Day  
Thursday, February 29 -- JH SAC meeting

### **MARCH**

March 25 - 29, 2024 - Spring Break

### **APRIL**

Friday, April 12, 2024 -NO STUDENTS - Staff Inservice

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Non-TCA Sponsored Events)



### **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)



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