

Junior High Announcements

September 26, 2023



ALL TCA PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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'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-fifth volume of the PALMARIUM is provided for your review. [Click Here to read.](#) This last volume of the school year includes a farewell from Dr. Sojourner, the founders talking about the *mission statement*, and American Cancer Society fundraiser results. You will also find info about Parent Survey results and 25 years of State Champions at TCA.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Dear TCA Families,

*Each year, public school districts across Colorado participate in the Student October Count. This year, the Count will occur on **Monday, October 2, 2023**. Through this Count, TCA reports all students who are actively enrolled and attending classes. This Count helps the State determine funding eligibility for our students and is very important to our school, the district, and to the funding of our programs.*

In addition to the count date on October 2nd, there is a small attendance window five (5) days to either side of the official count date which the schools can utilize to determine a student's attendance. If a student is attending online only, attendance is typically provided through active participation such as logins, homework, testing, emails, surveys, etc.

If your student is sick during the Count Window of September 25th through October 6th, do not send them to school. However, please do contact your school's office administration as you may need to complete an additional form. When making appointments for your student, please keep the Attendance Window dates in mind, and especially Count Day. If your student is not in attendance on Count Day, the school must provide additional documentation to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) that your student attended with us both before and after their absence. *If you know your student will be gone for all or the majority of the count window, please make sure to contact your school's administration or the Registrar's office at TCARegistrar@asd20.org for an Intent to Return form.*

Thank you for your help on this important matter. We appreciate your support!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Junior High Parent-Student Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 5th from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM

and

Friday, October 6th from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

In-Person Conferences at TCA North Secondary Commons

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to you meeting with your child's teachers at our Parent- Child - Teacher Conferences in about two weeks. **We encourage all students to attend the conferences with their parents.** Personal responsibility and ownership of their academic success is very important during the junior high years and beyond. As you prepare for conferences, the following procedures and scheduling information will help maximize the value.

Thursday and Friday Conferences: Arena Style Conference in-person meetings

To afford parents and their child the opportunity to meet with up to nine teachers, secondary conferences are conducted using the "arena" system rather than scheduling individual conferences as is the practice in our elementary schools. This means all teachers are available to all parents at all times during the conference sessions*. Parents do not sign up for conferences in advance. Junior High teachers will be located in the Student Commons / Secondary Café by the main entrance, so you can meet with them on a drop-in basis. As we cannot predict when the heaviest traffic will be, it is impossible to precisely estimate how much time you will need. It is reasonable to budget 15-20 minutes per teacher for both waiting time and a conference. Usually, you can gauge the line for each teacher and adjust accordingly to maximize your conference time and minimize your waiting time.

**Teachers who are unable to attend some or all of our pre-established conference times may notify their students and families of alternate conference dates and times.*

THE CONFERENCE: What to Expect:

Teachers will share a little about your child's academic success and involvement in their class. They will often ask some questions of your child (if they are attending with you) or you to get to know them better. This is a great time for you to share something we would not otherwise know about (IE: they love the subject, they are nervous about being called on, they struggle with tests, ...). Typically ending the conference with any questions you or your child might have about the class, their assignments, or their assessments. Conferences typically take about five minutes, but teachers will need to end the conference after ten minutes to make sure that there is enough time for all our families to meet with them.

I have included a link to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal below for you to prepare for the conferences. Infinite Campus is a great resource throughout the year to keep up on your child's homework completion, grades, and attendance. Throughout the school year you can call or email your child's teacher when you have a question or concern.

Please call the Junior High Office at 719-484-0091 if you have any questions about Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Sincerely,
Hugh Di Pretore
Junior High Principal
The Classical Academy

INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL:
[Campus Portal Login \(infinitecampus.org\)](https://infinitecampus.org)

NAVY/CRIMSON A/B Rotation This Week

Monday: Crimson
Tuesday: Navy
Wednesday: Crimson
Thursday: Navy
Friday: Crimson

NEW:

ALL JH STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT AT ALL HS SPORTING EVENTS AND MUST SIT WITH THAT PARENT.

ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, September 26th

3:45- A-Team Football @ Timberview MS
5:15- B-Team Football @ Timberview MS

Thursday, September 28th

4:00- A-Team Football @ TCA EAST
5:30- B-Team Football @ TCA EAST

JH Parents—Student Picture Packets were handed out during FLEX classes today. If you ordered, please be sure to ask your student about them.

JH Parent/Teacher Conferences- TCA Cafe

1pm-7pm Thursday October 5th
8am-11am Friday October 6th
*see note above under From the Principal

Here is a list of ideas for our collection for care packages for Hope and Home:



REPEAT:

ACTIVITIES

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

Junior High is looking out for acts of kindness! There is a board at the front doors of the junior high with kindness cards. If you see an act of kindness that stands out to you, give that person a shout out! Come to the board to get a kindness card, write down what you saw, and turn it in at Ms. Osborne's room. We'll be posting some next week. Maybe your act of kindness meant more than you realize!

Picture Make Up Day -- Wednesday October 18th

Parents--if you are not happy with your picture order, please send the packet back with your student on retake day.

[Picture Day Guide Website](#)

The Picture Day Guide Website is your resource for printer-friendly handouts, Social Media graphics and posts, answers to FAQs and more!

Picture Day is coming up on 9/1/23! Order before Picture Day to receive free shipping to the school. Order online at <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/79189XF>.

[Parents, yearbooks are officially on sale!](#)

Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter code 16022 to order for TCA Junior High. Here you can also purchase an ad for your 8th grader (only 8th graders). You can take \$10 off your purchase by entering the code EARLYBIRD at checkout until 9/30! After that, books will be full price.

We'd also LOVE to have any photos from Boot Camp and the first days of school! Bonus if these photos are candid, and of students in the moment! To submit, you can either go to hjeshare.com or get the EShare app wherever you get apps. Once there, enter code tcajh (case sensitive) to submit your photos!

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!

TCA JH ACTIVITIES NEWSLETTER [click here](#)

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

Math Lab - ROOM 3310 Thibault

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

SEPTEMBER

September 29 -- 7th Gr. Trench Day

OCTOBER

Monday, October 2 - OCTOBER COUNT DAY

Thursday, October 5– Friday, October 6 – Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, October 9 – Friday, October 13 – NO SCHOOL--FALL BREAK

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Non-TCA Sponsored Events)



The Classical Academy Junior High

Support Hours:

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

 975 Stout Road, Colorado Sprin...

 719-484-0091

 tcatitans.org/schools/junior_hi...