

# 2023-2024 College Pathways

Weekly News--Week of April 8

In fact, a recent study showed that other than showing your child love and affection, managing your own stress is the best thing you can do to be an effective parent.

~ William Stixrud, author of *The Self-Driven Child*

How often do we project our own stress and worries as parents onto our children, even when we don't mean to? Children by nature are perceptive and will easily pick up on the emotions we're giving off. A potential implication is that children then internalize those emotions and blame themselves for whatever a parent is feeling, which usually manifests as some kind of negative behavior (withdrawal, fighting with siblings, atypical behavior, etc.). Stress is a normal and healthy part of life, at least a manageable amount, so talk to your child(ren) when you're feeling anxious about something. Open and honest communication will usually end with both sides feeling better...and less stressed, and it will reinforce the importance and effectiveness of talking things out.

As parents, we must remember to not exhibit the emotions we *think* our children should be exhibiting in a given situation. That's hard, no doubt, because our instinct is to protect our children from all manner of harm, so we often assume what they're feeling and swoop in. Chances are your child is OK and has a good grasp of the situation they're walking through. Come alongside them in those times, let them know you're there to listen and offer guidance, and let them take the lead on next steps.

Whether you have a kindergartner who is just about to finish their first year of school or a senior who is getting ready to launch into their next phase of life, our responsibility as parents never stops. Just as we want our own children to continue to grow, we as parents can do the same.

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# Announcements

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### April 8 - 26

- Shoe and clothing drive for Charity's Hope...more details below!

### April 12

- CP Game Night (and NHS service project...more details below), 6-9 PM (for all CP students; no guests)

### Week of April 15

- CP State Testing Week. More info below.

### April 26

- CP Movie Night, 6:30-8:30 PM (for all CP students; no guests)

### April 27

- Prom, 8-11 PM (for CP juniors and seniors only and their guests with approved Guest Form)

### Week of May 20

- CP Finals Week. More info below.

## NEW AND STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **CP State Testing in April** - As you plan for the second half of the school year, please note that the CP state testing week is from April 15-19 for all full-time CP students in 7th-11th grade. There will be no regularly scheduled classes during this week. Please see the email sent from Mrs. Steiner on February 8 or 9 for your student's individual testing schedule. Here is the link to the [testing schedule for each grade](#). Please visit the [CP State Assessments webpage](#) for College Pathways state testing details. The deadline for CP part-time students to request to participate in state testing is passed; your PT student is scheduled if you received the Feb email mentioned above. If you have any questions about state testing for your student, contact Mrs. Steiner, [psteiner@asd20.org](mailto:psteiner@asd20.org)
- **CP Finals Week** - Please make sure your student is present at school during finals week, May 20th-24th. Finals start on Monday, May 20th. No finals will be administered early. Students missing a final will need to make it up after the exam date has passed. More information will be provided in the spring.
- **Upcoming NHS activities** -
  1. **Charity's Hope Shoe and Clothing Drive** - Our CP National Honor Society will be hosting a shoes and clothing drive for Charity's Hope! (an organization that assists children and teens in need in our community). During April 8th – 26th (middle week is testing week) please have your student bring in your gently used or new shoes and clothing to put into the box in the CP hallway. It's a change in the seasons – as you are putting away winter clothes and bringing out the Spring garb, please bag up your outgrown, out spaced, outward bound shoes and clothes, bring them into our collection of gifts for Charity's Hope.
  2. **Create a meal for our First Responders!** They have always cared for us, now it's our turn to care for them! At Game Night, April 12th, come into the Service Project room for 10 minutes or more and write a thank you note to a Firefighter or Police Officer and follow the assembly line to create a Shepherd's Pie that will be delivered by NHS to the local Fire and Police stations the following week.
- **Understanding Stress Today** - Stress is an ever-present part of life, and Mrs. Wehrman, CP's school counselor, has written another article making sense of what impacts all of us. You can

read the article [here](#).

- **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.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- **Immediate Need for CSP and CP** - It's that time of year when we find ourselves running low on both Kleenex and paper towels. If you would be able to pick up an extra box/roll and have your student bring it to the front office, we would be so grateful! Thank you!
- **"Wall of Wow"** - The College Pathways' yearbook team wants YOUR student to be part of the yearbook! Whether it is athletic, artistic, academic, or another hobby, we would love to highlight how your student's hard work and persistence has paid off this year. If you are interested in having your student featured, please send a 50-word or less description of your achievement and include a photo of your student (ie. performing, playing sport, or holding an award) to Dr. Gefreh at [tgefreh@asd20.org](mailto:tgefreh@asd20.org) Every student submission is greatly appreciated. Go Titans!
- **Yearbook Orders** - Click [here](#) to order and enter code 25097. Cost is \$55. (Note that the cost is higher this year because we will be producing a hard cover yearbook.)
- **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.
- **UPDATED CP school calendar** - Due to a change to the state testing week in April (now April 15 - 19), the CP school calendar has been updated. The new calendar can be found [HERE](#).

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

### **SNOW DAYS**

CP functions as an online school. Therefore, snow days or delays are not considered a day off. Students should expect to communicate with teachers via Schoology, Math XL, email, etc., and remain engaged and productive *as per teacher direction* in those classes affected by inclement weather. College Pathways, along with TCA, will follow District 20 closure status.

### **2-HOUR DELAYS**

In the event of a delayed start, the following schedule will apply:

- Classes scheduled prior to 9:45am will be cancelled for meeting on campus – students should expect to communicate with teachers via Schoology, Math XL, email, etc., and to remain engaged and productive *as per teacher direction* in those classes affected by inclement weather.
- Classes scheduled at or after 9:45am will be conducted according to their regular schedule.
- Students may wear blue or black jeans with a CP/TCA approved logo shirt/sweatshirt or an appropriate solid color shirt/sweatshirt.



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