

2023-2024 College Pathways

Weekly News--Week of March 18

Winning is fun... Sure. But winning is not the point. Wanting to win is the point. Not giving up is the point. Never letting up is the point. Never being satisfied with what you've done is the point.

~ Pat Summitt

This week's message has really nothing to do with the quote above, but for those of you who are fans of March Madness, the annual NCAA basketball tournament, it's a fitting quote with the tournament starting at the end of the week. Best of luck to your favorite team!

The real focus of this week's message is on Titan of the Year, TCA's intentional effort to recognize a staff member who embodies the mission, values, and spirit of TCA. Historically, nominations are low for non-traditional, and I would love to reverse that...Not because it's a competition - maybe there is a connection to the quote above after all - but because the CSP and CP staff work incredibly hard each year to make the environments of our two school communities welcoming, supportive, and nurturing. As principal, I am biased, I know, but I am grateful to get to work with a staff that is so dedicated and caring to our students and families and to each other.

If there is a specific staff member you would like to recognize, you can do so [HERE](#) by Thursday (by 3 PM!). Thank you for your nomination! Enjoy the break from school next week. It will be April when we return...

In Partnership,

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FINAL WEEK for St. Jude Fundraising!

We're entering the final week of St. Jude fundraising and students have raised right around \$1000 already! This is an important level to reach because it means we may see some of our staff with green beards and dyed hair this week, and who doesn't want to see that? 9th graders regained the lead from the 7th graders and are way out in front. We'll see who finishes on top at the end of the week! Penny Wars continues this week, along with carnival games during lunch again. Thanks for your support and encouraging your students to participate for a great cause!

Want to donate to St. Jude online? You can do that [HERE](#). Thanks for your support during the next three weeks as we help give back to an organization that has helped countless children for the past 6 decades!

Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 22-March 21

- Titan of the Year nominations open. More info below.

Month of March

- Fundraising for St. Jude.

March 25-29

- Spring Break. No school.

April 2 - 5

- STUCO Craft Fair and Food Bazaar - Students can sell homemade crafts and/or food. Tables can be rented through Ms. Toma in the Hutt!

Week of April 15

- CP State Testing Week. More info below.

Week of May 20

- CP Finals Week. More info below.

NEW AND STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **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!
- **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
- **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.

- **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 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](#).

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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