

# 2023-2024 Cottage School Program

Weekly News--Week of January 8

As parents and mentors, it's vital to see ourselves not as static role models but as imperfect human beings, continually developing, in our dynamic relationships with our children, our own moral and mentoring capacities.

~ Dr. Richard Weissbourd

The power of parenthood and mentorship comes when we are open and honest with those we are guiding about our own mistakes and journey of growth. We all, at times, fall short and regret decisions we have made, yet it is these challenging times that foster meaningful change. Children can often look at us "grown ups" as being impervious to mistakes or having never messed up as badly as they have. When they know the opposite is true, the natural tendency to preserve one's pride weakens and the door to humility opens. The true joy of working with children, whether as a parent, staff member, coach, youth leader, etc., is not only understanding how our own life lessons can positively influence those around us but in recognizing we are all on a path to being better and doing better.

Enjoy this last week of 1st semester! We are nearly halfway through the school year!

In Partnership,

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## Thank you!

Thank you for blessing the CSP and CP staff this holiday season with gift cards and donations. Your thoughtful giving was incredibly generous and kind, and we are grateful. Thank you!

# Announcements

## **NEW and STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

1. **JANUARY LUNCH MENU** can be found [here](#).

## **2. FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL THIS WEEK!**

MONDAY Classes resume January 8th

TUESDAY Classes resume January 9th

WEDNESDAY Classes resume January 10th

THURSDAY Classes resume January 11th

3. **CSP/CP PROSPECTIVE PARENT MEETING, Thursday, January 11th, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, TCA East Gym.** Know someone interested in one of our non-traditional schools? Please encourage them to attend this informational event.

4. **FRIDAY MAKE-UP DAY for MONDAY STUDENTS ONLY - Friday, January 19th.** Due to Martin Luther King, Jr., Day on Monday, January 15th, there is no school for Monday students. These students will have school on Friday of that week instead. All Monday students are permitted to wear denim bottoms (no holes or tears) and a uniform top on this day, and all students in grades 2, 4, and 6 need to bring a lunch from home as no hot lunch is served on Fridays. (Kindergarten schedule is normal with an 11:30 AM dismissal time.)

5. **Our SilverGraphics Online Art Shop is Still Open!** Find the perfect gift for any special occasion, preserve a memory of your child's school year, and proudly display your child's art on beautiful keepsakes. You can still order beautiful personalized products featuring your child's artwork through our SilverGraphics Art Fundraiser. Our **ONLINE ART SHOP** is open through **June 30th**. Now's your chance to place additional orders. You can also **UPLOAD NEW ART & PHOTOGRAPHS!** Products will ship direct to you (or whatever address you enter at Checkout), with shipping fees added. Your order will continue to support our school.

To place your order:

1. Go to: [www.silvergraphics.com/shop](http://www.silvergraphics.com/shop)

2. Enter our School Access Code: ArtCottage23

Contact Michelle Dalrymple at [mdalrymple@asd20.org](mailto:mdalrymple@asd20.org) if you have any questions.

6. **TCA Titan Cheerleaders are hosting their Winter TNT Cheer Clinic on Thursday, January 11th, 4:00 - 5:15 PM.** Participants will cheer during halftime at EITHER the Boys OR Girls Basketball game that evening! We highly encourage those who have participated in the past to wait to sign up to allow spots for new cheerleaders (same t-shirt as the Fall Clinic). **Registration begins on December 19th at 9am.** There is a limited number of spots for each game, and they will fill up fast! Go Titans! Sign-up at this link [PaySchools Events - TCA CHEER TNT CLINIC 2024 BASKETBALL](#)

## **7. 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.

**8. 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.

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

### **SNOW DAYS**

CSP will follow Academy School District 20 closure status. When ASD20 administration cancels school due to inclement weather, several radio/TV stations will be contacted to broadcast the closure or delay. TCA uses the Blackboard Connect™ service to notify the TCA community in the event of a delay or closure. COTTAGE SCHOOL PROGRAM DOES NOT MAKE UP SNOW DAYS.

### **2-HOUR DELAYS**

Periodically throughout the winter, school will be delayed two hours due to inclement weather. Students may wear blue denim on these days. Hot lunch will still be available on delay days, or students may bring a sack lunch. All students should bring a snack and water bottle. Carpool as usual.

2-Hour Delay Schedule:

**Grades 1-6:** 10:15 - 3:30 pm

**Kindergarten:** AM class—10:15 - 12:30 pm

## ***Typing Pal Log-In Instructions (Grades 3-6)***

Typing Pal is a learn-to-type program that we offer at no charge to all of our upper elementary students. There is no requirement to participate; it's simply something families may use as part of their home school curricula if students desire to learn/master basic typing skills. Log-in instructions are below.

1. Go to <https://clascott.typingpal.com>
2. Each student's **user name** is the first letter of his/her first name (as given in Infinite Campus; not a nickname) followed by the student's last name (i.e. shille would be the username for Stefani Hille).
3. The **password** is identical for each student—*titans*—UNLESS a student was with us previously and changed his/her account to a unique password. Once students are loaded in, they may

change their password to something unique to them.

4. Questions or trouble logging in? Contact Stef Hille at [shille@asd20.org](mailto:shille@asd20.org).



## TCA Cottage School Program

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