

Hello Lower School Families!

Here's your "one-stop shop" for all the info that you might like to know about TED (Trojan Extended Day)!

Q: When does TED start?

A: We launch on the very first day of school - August 21, 2024!

- For the first 8 days of school (August 21-30, 2024), PreK and Kindergarten dismiss at noon. **This is considered "Additional Childcare."** Please see this year's *Extended Day Guide* for more information. At 3:30 p.m., "normal" TED After Care will commence, whether you have registered for the full-year package or are doing drop-in care.
- There are certain other irregular days throughout the year (e.g. All School Half Days and Conference Days). **These are considered "Additional Childcare."** Please see this year's *Extended Day Guide* for more information.

Q: Where does TED take place?

A: TED is held almost every day in the TVS Dining Hall, which offers ample space to spread out. **Location changes will be communicated to families in advance.**

Q: Who attends TED?

A: TED is available to any student in Grades PreK-4. TED attendance varies daily and fluctuates each day based on Enrichment programs, etc. Approximately 40-50 students may participate in TED on any given day.

Q: Who runs the TED program?

A: TED is operated by the TVS Auxiliary Programs office. We have an awesome team of TED staff that will spend time with your children every day. Ms. Cynthia Davis leads the TED team with over 25 years of experience in child care...the lion's share of that time spent at TVS.

Q: How does my child get to TED?

A: It depends on whether you are thinking about TED Before Care, TED PreK Hour, or TED After Care.

- **BEFORE CARE** -- Parents are asked to park and walk students into the Dining Hall in the morning, anytime after 7:00 a.m. Please ensure that a staff member knows of your child's arrival.
- **PREK HOUR** -- Our youngest TED participants will be escorted to the Dining Hall at 2:30 p.m.
- **AFTER CARE** -- Kindergarten students will be escorted to the Dining Hall at 3:30 p.m. Students in Grades 1-4 may walk themselves directly to the Dining Hall at 3:30 p.m. They are expected to arrive in a timely fashion. If you are new to TVS, don't worry; we'll make sure a new friend shows the way!

Q: What if my child is hungry before school?

A: Your child may certainly go through the breakfast line during TED Before Care! Breakfast charges are determined and billed by TVS Dining.

Q: What if my child is hungry after school?

A: TED will provide snacks to participants during PreK Hour and After Care. Snack time usually falls between 2:30 and 2:45 each day (PreK Hour) and between 3:30 and 3:45 p.m. each day (After Care).

- Students are welcome to bring / eat their own snacks.
- Snack options provided by TED include cheez-its, goldfish, applesauce, fruit gummies, yogurt, cheese sticks, and more.
- TED staff is aware of allergies to ensure that snack options offered to students each day are safe.

Q: What happens during TED?

A: Each day follows a loose schedule based on ages. The schedule includes snack, homework / reading time, outside play, centers / games, and clean-up.

Q: Where and how do I pick up my child?

A: There are three key points of information about pick-up:

- **PREK - If your child will be leaving at 3:30 p.m. after PreK Hour**, you will pick up in the Lower School carpool circle. Your child will be escorted to this carpool area to await your arrival. Please stay in your car, go through the carpool circle, and faculty will bring your child to you.
- **GRADES PREK-4 - If you will be picking up your child (any age) after the 3:30 p.m. dismissal**, please park in either the Lower School parking lot or the Upper School parking lot. You are asked to walk into the Dining Hall to pick up your child. **Please ensure that you check out your child at the kiosk before leaving!** It is important that you check out at the time of dismissal, especially if you are paying the drop-in rate. Drop-in rates are calculated by the 15-minute interval, and **any family who does not check out will be charged until 5:45 p.m.**
- *There will be signage posted near the kiosk, where you can check out your child. Please see a TED staff member for help, if needed!*