# 2024-2025 College Pathways

Weekly News - Week of August 19th

At 98 years old, David Attenborough has made a career of narrating nature documentaries, his distinct British accent bringing to life fascinating aspects of the natural world largely unfamiliar to us. The school building is our natural environment, of course, and I often imagine Sir David narrating a documentary about the start of the school year at TCA. What would he discover? What commentary would he provide about the behaviors of our students on their first day...and our parents who excitedly, albeit reluctantly, release their grasp of their child's hand as they cross over the threshold into the classroom? Would he observe the distinctiveness of our Core Values and educational philosophy and our intentional focus on the whole child? While we'll never have the pleasure of a David Attenborough-narrated education documentary, we can all share in the joy that comes with a new school year, a fresh start, passionate staff, and being intellectually challenged.

Thank you for partnering with us as we begin the 2024-2025 school year. It truly is our pleasure to come alongside your child(ren) and you on this journey.

In Partnership,

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## **Announcements**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **Thursday, August 22**

--Back-to-School Night for parents from 6 – 8:05 PM starting in the East Campus Gym. A tentative schedule of the night can be found <u>HERE</u>. In addition to classroom visits to meet teachers, sessions on the following topics will also be available:

- Logging into Schoology as a parent. CP parents have a unique parent Schoology login. If you're new to CP, this will be a helpful session for you.
- **The CP Journey** Where is your child headed in junior high and high school to complete their journey at CP? What is concurrent enrollment at Pikes Peak State College and how does that factor into the journey?
- College Orientation This session is intended for parents of students <u>NEW</u> to Pikes Peak State College.

#### Monday, August 26-Friday, August 30

- --Student ID Photos/Picture Re-takes
  - If students have not yet been able to have a picture taken for their student ID, please make sure they take care of that this week as this is the final opportunity. A photographer will be on campus on Monday, August 26th, 9-11 AM, and Tuesday-Friday, August 27-30, 8:30 AM 1:15 PM.
  - To order pictures for your student(s) online, please go to <u>inter-state.com/order</u> and enter code 89292MA. If you prefer to pay by cash or check, please click <u>here</u>, print out and complete the form, and turn into the front office no later than Friday, August 30th.
  - NOTE: If your student had a picture taken on Friday, August 9th, and the school year date is
    incorrect, please have them <u>complete this google form</u> so we can get a new ID printed for
    them.

#### \*\*A calendar of this year's activities/events can be found HERE!

#### New staff joining College Pathways for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Vanessa Leonard CSP/CP Front Office Manager (former CSP/CP office manager)
- Jennifer Smith CSP/CP Front Office Assistant (former Central Elementary staff member)
- Sophia Smith CP Chemistry and Junior High PE (former TCA High School science teacher)
- **Duncun Krop** CP College & Career Advisor
- Jonathan Hinds CSP/CP Educational Philosophy Lead (veteran CP teacher and TCA North graduate)

## **Additional Information and Helpful Links**

#### 2024 - 2025 Student Schedules

• Student schedules are visible in the <u>Infinite Campus Parent Portal</u>. Any questions about your student's schedule can be directed to Mr. Haist (<u>fhaist@asd20.org</u>).

**CP REQUIRED Paperwork** (Contact: CP Office Staff Jen Smith, jsmith1@asd20.org, or Tiffany Jolly, tjolly@asd20.org)

- Affidavit of Residency (<u>required for ALL CP students</u>; one per student). Completion of this
  form is now done electronically in Infinite Campus. Directions to complete this form can be
  found <u>HERE</u>.
- Notice of Intent to Homeschool (FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS ONLY, one per family required; link provides access to a fillable PDF—open, complete, save, and email completed PDF to one of the two contacts listed above)

CP Digital Health Policy (Student cell phone use on campus) (Contact: CP Principal, Justin Peterson, <u>ipeterson1@asd20.org</u>)

- TCA has adopted a Digital Health Policy to help preserve an educational environment free
  from distraction and promote emotional wellbeing and relationship building. Please read the
  policy in its entirety <u>HERE</u>.
- Students will not be able to access their phones from the start of classes until the student's day is over.
- Details will be discussed at Back-to-School Night and with students during an assembly at the start of the year.

**CP Schoology** (Contact: CP Principal, Justin Peterson, <u>jpeterson1@asd20.org</u>; CP Assistant Principal, Stef Hille, <u>shille@asd20.org</u>)

All teachers and students in CP will interact via our digital learning platform, Schoology. For
more information about parent and student login, please click <u>HERE</u>, and click on "Schoology
details" under the "Schoology" link. You or your student can log in directly at
<a href="https://asd20.schoology.com">https://asd20.schoology.com</a> PLEASE NOTE there are differences in parent and student login.
Interested in this information in video format? Click <u>HERE!</u>

**CP Immunizations and Health Care Plans** (Contact: TCA Lead Nurse, Kelly Tagliere, <a href="mailto:ktagliere@asd20.org">ktagliere@asd20.org</a>)

• <u>Health Forms</u> (Schools require all students to have current immunization records or a signed exemption form on file. These forms may be turned in to your child's classroom teacher or scanned and emailed to the East Campus Nurse.)

<u>CP Dress Code Policy</u> (Contact: CP Assistant Principal, Stef Hille, <u>shille@asd20.org</u>)

**CP Supply List** (Contact: Front Office, 487-2000)

Please send all supplies with your child on the first day of school.

<u>CP 2024-2025 Handbook</u> (Contact: CP Assistant Principal, Stef Hille, <u>shille@asd20.org</u>)

<u>CP Fees</u> (Contact: CP Office Staff Jen Smith, <u>jsmith1@asd20.org</u>, or Tiffany Jolly, <u>tjolly@asd20.org</u>

• Fees can be seen and paid online in the <u>Infinite Campus Parent Portal</u>; information about how to pay fees in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal can be found <u>HERE</u>.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal (Contact: CP Principal, Justin Peterson, jpeterson1@asd20.org; CP Assistant Principal, Stef Hille, <a href="mailto:shille@asd20.org">shille@asd20.org</a>; for log-in help, contact the D20 help desk at <a href="mailto:help@asd20.org">help@asd20.org</a>)

Click <u>here</u> to log in to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. In the Parent Portal, you can check
your student's grades, attendance, schedule, and district messages. Need help logging in for
the first time? Click <u>here</u>.

**Extended Parent Portal** (Contact: CP Principal, Justin Peterson, jpeterson1@asd20.org; CP Assistant Principal, Stef Hille, shille@asd20.org; for login help, contact the D20 help desk at help@asd20.org) Click here for the Extended Parent Portal Log-In. Within the Extended Parent Portal, you can:

• **Sign Student Agreements Electronically** – Before you can access the main Extended Parent Portal, you must first acknowledge having read the Student Handbook. Once you accept, you

will gain access to the other features.

- View and update student information on transportation, immunizations, health, and physician information.
- View and update household information including guardian contact information and text message preferences.

If you need help with your Extended Parent Portal account, please contact District 20 at (719) 234-1777 or help@asd20.org.

#### CP Drop-Off/Pick-Up (Contact: CP Assistant Principal, Stef Hille, <a href="mailto:shille@asd20.org">shille@asd20.org</a>)

- Please review <u>CP carpool information</u> to ensure carpool moves smoothly. All traffic rules and road signs must be followed throughout carpool. Please ensure you never block thru-traffic or entrances and exits.
- All CP students should be dropped off and picked up in the main school parking lot for dropoff and pick-up. Please avoid dropping off and picking up in front of the school as this space is for our lower elementary students only.
- CP Carpool Map

#### **CP 2024-2025 Calendar**

- Thank you for being mindful of school dates when scheduling appointments and planning family trips, etc..
- Please note that final exams in May cannot be taken early; make-up exams will be scheduled after the official final exam week.



### **TCA College Pathways**

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