*Theodore Judah Weekly Newsletter*

# Cougar Chronicle

September 20, 2024

**TJE PRESENTS CELEBRATING DISNEY THE STARSTRUCK WAY**

TJE is excited to share that students will have a dance performance on Thursday, September 26th at 5:30 and 7:00 PM. Due to the size of our school, classes have been assigned one of two performance times (5:30 or 7:00 PM).

Due to space limitations at the performance location, students will be given two tickets for adults to use. **The tickets will be only for your student's assigned show time**. Siblings may attend without a ticket. When the show ends all attendees will exit the multi and pick up their students.

The performance will take place at the Sutter Middle School Multi-Purpose Room.
Address: 715 Riley Street, Folsom, CA 95630
Show Start Times: 5:30 and 7:00 PM

Please CLICK HERE for detailed information.

**#SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**

It's #SuicidePreventionMonth. Create hope in your family and your community by educating yourself about suicide prevention. Learn the warning signs and risk factors for suicide, how to support someone considering suicide, and familiarize yourself with #988Lifeline. To learn more about resources and what you can do to help, visit SAMSHA at https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/observances/suicide-prevention-month. FCUSD offers mental health support for students and families in our district. To connect your student or family member to outside mental health services, please visit Care Solace at https://www.caresolace.com/site/fcusd.

Video: How do I recognize the signs and help my child struggling with mental health problems?
https://youtu.be/3Irkf1HGr6g?feature=shared

Please reach out to Bre Morgan at bmorganfcusd.org for additional support needs for your student or family.

**IT'S COUGAR CHASE TIME**

It is time for our annual Theodore Judah Cougar Chase! Students will participate in the Cougar Chase during their PE time October 16-18, 2024. Pledging opens on September 25, 2024. The PTO is also looking for business sponsorships as well, so there are many ways to support our TJ students! Click here for information on how to sponsor students. Click here if your business would like to sponsor this event.

**AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS**

Dream Enrichment classes will start on September 9 and include Chess, Coding, Early Engineers, and Firefly Art. Families can sign up HERE.

Cool Robotics is coming to Theodore Judah for Grades 2-4! **Classes begin September 13 (new date!).** Click here to register.

Intellibricks classes will start the week of October 28. Click here to view the flier.

If you need assistance paying for an after-school enrichment opportunity, please email Jonathan Johnson.

(The afterschool enrichment opportunities above are not sponsored by Theodore Judah. Outside organizations provide them.)

****PLEASE READ THE SECTION BELOW IF YOU HAVE TRAVEL PLANS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR****

**INDEPENDENT STUDY (!)**

Please note Theodore Judah is a public school. Attendance is required in the state of California and there is no vacation time. We follow the guidelines set by the State of California and the School District regarding attendance. Please plan vacations and family trips during school holidays. Pulling students out of school causes disruption to their learning and can be very challenging for our staff.

If your student will be absent from school for 3-15 consecutive school days due to travel or another reason, please contact the Theodore Judah office **at least 10 SCHOOL days before the absence** to request an Independent Study Agreement. Requests made with short notice will not be granted.

Assigned Independent Study work must be turned in upon the student's scheduled return to school. Independent Study work not turned in on the student's scheduled day back will void the agreement, resulting in no attendance credit.

Remember, you must contact the school office to request an Independent Study Agreement at least 10 school days prior to your student's planned leave of absence. **Independent study is not permitted during the first and last two weeks of school. Students with extended absences during this time will be disenrolled. We do not approve students leaving the school year early for travel plans. Please plan all travel after school is out for summer break.**

See the attendance page (here) on the FCUSD website, call, or visit the school office for more information about Independent Study Agreements.

***Sincerely,***

***Dr. Jonathan Johnson, Principal***

## Important Dates:

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| September 23rd-27th | TJ Fall Fun Days- Click here for the schedule of events |
| September 26th | Starstruck Showcase Performance - Sutter Middle School<br>Show 1 - 5:30 PM<br>Show 2 - 7:00 PM<br>CLICK HERE FOR SHOW DETAILS |
| October 16th-18th | Cougar Chase-Click here for more information |
| October 19th | TJ PTO Trunk or Treat |