

2024-2025 *College Pathways*

Weekly News – Week of September 23



We all know grandparents whose values transcend passing fads and pressures, and who possess the wisdom of distilled pain and joy.

~ President Jimmy Carter

Over the last two weeks, Cottage School Program and East Elementary have honored our families' grandparents through our annual Grandparents' Week/Day activities. What a privilege it has been to see the excitement on our young students' faces as they welcomed their grandparents to East Campus and shared stories about what it means to be a Titan. As TCA's Core Values state, "We value the wisdom and life experience of the senior citizens in our community," and we are grateful to live this out every September across TCA. Regardless of your student's age and grade level, the

connection with a grandparent cannot be overstated. There is much wisdom to be gleaned from the invaluable experiences of the generations that have come before us.

* The picture above is of my youngest daughter several years ago interacting with a grandparent at a wedding and not a random picture I found online.

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Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, September 24 - Friday, September 27

--Homecoming Spirit Week*

***For all themed dress days, please remember that rules of modesty apply (no bare midriffs, no shorts more than four inches above the knee, no camisoles, no pants with rips/holes/tears).**

- **Tuesday, September 24th**--Wear All One Color Day and Junior High Dodgeball (waiver required)
- **Wednesday, September 25th**--Pajama Day
- **Thursday, September 26th**--Twin Day and High School Boys Peach Fuzz (waiver required)
- **Friday, September 27th**--Flamingo Day/Tropical and High School Girls Powder Puff (waiver required)

Friday, September 27th

--Movie Night, 6:30-8:30, East Gym - We will be viewing *The Princess Bride*. This event is open to ALL CP students (no guests). Bring your blankets, pillows, and a water bottle. Free popcorn will be provided!

Saturday, September 28

--Homecoming Dance for High School Students ONLY, 7-10 PM - We ask that families pay close attention to the Homecoming Dress Guidelines found [here](#) (especially being aware of the length of dresses). Guest forms will be made available soon for students who would like to bring a non-CP guest. Note that only one guest per CP student is allowed, the CP student and guest must arrive at and leave from the dance together, and that no junior high students are allowed as guests.

Tuesday, October 1

--October Count Day - Details below.

Tuesday, October 1 - Tuesday, October 8

--October Count Window - Mandatory attendance required; details below.

NEW AND STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Looking for ways to bless our staff? Food items for our Sunshine Cabinet are always welcome!

- Throughout the school year, we know families often want to express their gratitude to all who work with our CSP and CP communities. If ever you want to drop off pre-packaged snacks of any kind (granola bars, individual bags of chips/pretzels, chocolate, pastries, etc.), we will stock the Sunshine Cabinet in our staff lounge for all to enjoy during the week.

Student Support Paraprofessional

- We are excited to welcome Tiara Alfrey to the CP staff as our new Student Support Paraprofessional. Tiara will be working with CP's counselor, Tammy Wehrman, to meet the needs of our student body.

OCTOBER COUNT IS COMING! October Count is the time of year when our enrollment numbers must be verified and finalized with the state.

- The October Count Window is from September 24 - October 8. Attendance during the Window is critical.
- **Since CP students are not on campus every day, we require all CP students TAKING AT LEAST ONE CP CLASS to complete an online quiz in Schoology on count day, October 1, 2024. This quiz will be made available to students in the Principal's Corner course in Schoology.**
- **Additionally, if any student is absent from school during the count window, specifically from October 1-8, an Intent to Return form must be completed.** Our front office can provide you with this form should the need arise. If a student becomes sick during these weeks, please notify the office ASAP of an absence related to illness. We ask that you please try to avoid scheduling appointments and/or traveling during this critical time frame.
- If you have any questions, please contact CP Administration (Justin Peterson, Principal, jpeterson1@asd20.org; Stef Hille, Assistant Principal, shille@asd20.org).

UPDATED Student Picture Ordering Code

- The code to order individual student pictures has changed. Please go to inter-state.com and enter the code 89289Z to order school pictures of your student.

The newest volume of TCA's PALMARIUM can be found [here](#).

Titan Club

- If you missed us at Back-To-School night, we'd still love to have your family join Titan Club for the 2024-2025 school year. Click [here](#) for more information.

Reminder: Paying Fees

Student Fees

- Student fees are now posted in Infinite Campus and they can be paid in the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#); information about how to pay fees in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal can be found [HERE](#).
- Fees can be paid from your Infinite Campus portal. We encourage you to attach your bank account as a payment method in Infinite Campus to avoid paying higher transaction fees. Paying with an e-check will only incur a \$0.35 fee for the entire transaction, but card payments will incur a 3.5% transaction fee. If you have previous years' fees to pay, you will have to

change the year in the dropdown menu at the top of the Fees page in order to select and add the older fees to your cart.



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