Theodore Judah Weekly Newsletter

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ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Just a reminder that school starts promptly at 8:15 am. All gates will be closed and locked at that time. From 8:15 am and on, students must come to the office to get a late pass before going to class.

IT'S COUGAR CHASE TIME

It is time for our annual Theodore Judah Cougar Chase! From now until October 18, help raise money for the Theodore Judah PTO! Go to ***https://app.99pledges.com/fund/theodoreju14*** to collect pledges. Our goal is to raise **$20,000**! We have awesome prizes, including class parties and a student drawing for gift cards to Lazy Dog, Leatherby's, Red Robin, Target, Nuyo, and the Palladio. Students will participate in the Cougar Chase during their PE time October 16-18, 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.

TJE NEWS

Check out the latest edition of TJE News from our Student News Team here. There is a special segment on the upcoming Cougar Chase so make sure you check it out! You can also follow the Student News Team on their YouTube Channel.

PTO TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 2 to 4 pm in the TJE parking lot for trunk-or-treating! We'll have a costume contest around 3 pm, followed by the student prize drawing for the Cougar Chase. Please email tjptovp@gmail.com if you'd like to decorate your trunk. Each decorated trunk will receive a free meal or dessert to Red Robin or Lazy Dog. There will also be a prize for the best decorated trunk! Click here for more information!

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

Come meet on-duty crews and tour the Fire Station. Click here for more information.

FOLSOM GARDEN CLUB'S SMOKEY BEAR AND WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

Folsom Garden Club is sponsoring this year's Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest for students in grades 1-5! The best poster from each grade will be submitted to compete in the California State Garden Clubs, Inc. contest. TJE had many winners last year….let's see if we can do it again! Poster paper is available in the office. Click here for more information.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

The next session of Strengthening Families begins on October 2, 2024, online. Strengthening Families is a family skills class where adults and their kids (grades 1-12) learn *TOGETHER* to build a happier,

healthier family. In this 10-week program, the whole family has an opportunity to learn and practice skills involving: Your family bonding (creating warm, loving relationships), setting boundaries (rules against antisocial behavior, including drug and alcohol use), and monitoring your children's emotional well-being and activities to keep them safer in social situations.
Please click here for more information: Strengthening Families

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! 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:

October 11th	Minimum Day- Grades K-5 dismissal at 1:21 pm
October 14th	**NO SCHOOL**
October 16th-18th	Cougar Chase-Click here for more information
October 19th	TJ PTO Trunk or Treat
October 24th	TJ PTO Night on the Town at Lazy Dog- all-day