

# Junior High Announcements

October 8, 2024



## ALL TCA PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FEDERAL IMPACT AID FORMS

Each year, D20 distributes Federal Impact Aid Forms to families. Beginning October 1, 2024, you may receive this light blue form from a teacher, administrator, or through parent/teacher conferences. The form must be completed and returned no later than **Thursday, October 31, 2024**. Because the information requested on this form can vitally affect the federal funding our district and schools receive, TCA strives for a 100% response rate. The survey must be completed even if it does not apply to your child (Box #4).

Please Confirm student information is correct.\* Then complete the following steps, checking one of the boxes listed below. Sign, date, and return the form to your student's school:

- Box #1: **Active-Duty Member** of the Uniformed Services complete this box, sign, date, and return the form.
- Box #2: **Foreign Military** complete this box, sign, date, and return the form.

- Box #3: **Civilian Employed on Federal Property**, complete ALL fields in the box, sign, date, and return the form. *Note: The name of the company and the physical address of your place of employment are required. You must write in the street address, even if it's on base.*
- Box #4: If you are **not military affiliated**, check box 4, sign, date, and return the form.

***\*Incorrect Home Address on the Form?***

TCA cannot change your address in D20's Infinite Campus system. In order to update your address with D20, please complete a [D20 Change of Address Form](#) and return it to the campus office manager or to the TCA Registrar's Office. The completed form will be sent to D20 Central Registry, who will update your record.

If you have any questions, please contact your campus administration or the Registrar's Office at [TCARegistrar@asd20.org](mailto:TCARegistrar@asd20.org). Thank you for assistance and continued support of TCA.

## **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

As TCA continues to support the Wreaths Across America Program, there are several ways you can participate. TCA Families can donate a wreath to be placed at Memorial Gardens Cemetery (deadline Nov. 30th) or volunteer for the wreath laying ceremony on Saturday, December 14th. Please click [wreathsacrossamerica.org/co0024](http://wreathsacrossamerica.org/co0024) for more information.

**Titan Club** – If you missed us at any of the Back-To-School nights – we'd still love to have your family join Titan Club for 2024-2025. Click [here](#) for more info

## **TCA ATHLETIC GAME SAFETY**

***All Elementary and Junior High students who attend TCA athletic events must sit with an adult during the event for supervision purposes.*** Unfortunately, we have noticed types of behavior that could lead to injury or students getting in trouble. We desire to promote a safe atmosphere for all spectators; thus, ***no personal sporting or toy ball of any kind will be allowed into events.*** We thank you for your partnership in this endeavor.

## **HEALTHY MEALS FOR ALL**

Healthy Meals for All will begin in the 2023-24 school year. For more information, [Colorado Healthy School Meals for All program](#).

## **Program Student Fees Assistance**

For more information <https://www.asd20.org/nutrition-and-food-services/free-and-reduced/>.

**TCA North Campus Carpool** -This system works efficiently if we all do our part. Following these guidelines will make our peak traffic times both efficient and safe for all. For more information [click here](#)

### TCA's Mental Health Resources Page

TCA realizes the importance of mental health and has created a page of resources for parents and students to utilize. [Click here to view the page.](#) This link can also be found under the "Helpful Links" at the bottom of each page on this website and under the "Family" tab at the top of the page.

### The Palmarium:

The seventy-ninth volume of the [PALMARIUM](#) is provided for your review. This volume includes highlights on Titan of the Year, Ronald McDonald House, *Beyond the Book Club*, the Junior Year Hero Project, and a couple articles on our Educational Philosophy.

### TCA SUBSTITUTES NEEDED:

Types of jobs available: Teacher, Tutor, Office/Kiosk/Health Room, Test Proctoring

#### Requirements:

TEACHER: Bachelor's degree in any subject **or** HS Diploma + CDE Substitute Teacher Authorization

PARAPROFESSIONAL: High School Diploma or GED

OFFICE/KIOSK/HEALTH ROOM: High School Diploma/GED and additional training in the specific area

PROCTORING: Bachelor's degree in any subject and additional training in the specific area

To apply, please visit TCA's employment site at <https://www.applitrack.com/tcad20/onlineapp/> and submit an application for Substitute

### **NAVY/CRIMSON A/B Rotation This Week**

**Monday: Navy**

**Tuesday: Crimson**

**Wednesday: Navy**

**Thursday: NO CLASSES--TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**Friday: NO CLASSES--TEACHER CONFERENCES**

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

#### **Junior High Parent-Student Teacher Conferences**

Thursday, October 10th from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM  
and

Friday, October 11th from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

*Conferences are held in the TCA North Secondary Commons (Cafe)*

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to you meeting with your child's teachers at our Parent- Child - Teacher Conferences in about two weeks. **We encourage all students to attend conferences with their parents.** Personal responsibility and ownership of their academic success is very important during

the junior high years and beyond. As you prepare for conferences, the following procedures and scheduling information will help maximize the value.

### **Thursday and Friday Conferences: Arena Style Conference in-person meetings**

To afford parents and their child the opportunity to meet with up to nine teachers, secondary conferences are conducted using the "arena" system rather than scheduling individual conferences as is the practice in our elementary schools. This means all teachers are available to all parents at all times during the conference sessions\*. Parents do not sign up for conferences in advance. Junior High teachers will be located in the Student Commons / Secondary Café by the main entrance, so you can meet with them on a drop-in basis. As we cannot predict when the heaviest traffic will be, it is impossible to precisely estimate how much time you will need. It is reasonable to budget 15-20 minutes per teacher for both waiting time and a conference. Usually, you can gauge the line for each teacher and adjust accordingly to maximize your conference time and minimize your waiting time.

*\*Teachers who are unable to attend some or all of our pre-established conference times may notify their students and families of alternate conference dates and times.*

### **THE CONFERENCE: What to Expect:**

Teachers will share a little about your child's academic success and involvement in their class. They will often ask some questions of your child (if they are attending with you) or you to get to know them better. This is a great time for you to share something we would not otherwise know about (IE: they love the subject, they are nervous about being called on, they struggle with tests, ...). Typically ending the conference with any questions you or your child might have about the class, their assignments, or their assessments. Conferences typically take about five minutes, but teachers will need to end the conference after ten minutes to make sure that there is enough time for all our families to meet with them.

I have included a link to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal below for you to prepare for the conferences. Infinite Campus is a great resource throughout the year to keep up on your child's homework completion, grades, and attendance. Throughout the school year you can call or email your child's teacher when you have a question or concern.

Please call the Junior High Office at 719-484-0091 if you have any questions about Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Sincerely,

Hugh Di Pretore  
Junior High Principal  
The Classical Academy

### **INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL:**

[Campus Portal Login \(infinitecampus.org\)](https://infinitecampus.org)

### **NEW:**

**PARENTS,**

***Please return your Federal Impact Aid forms before Fall Break. Thank you!***

## **STUDENTS –**

- *Please check the Lost and Found--It will be emptied over Fall break.*
- *Be sure to remove any food, lunch bags, and PE clothing from your locker.*
- *If you borrowed ANY clothing from Mr. Pollard, please clean and return those immediately.*

## **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Thursday October 10th Noon-7pm

Friday October 11th 8am-11am

**\*\*Please see "From the Principal" notes above for more details\*\***

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **Wednesday, Oct. 9th**

- 3:30- Fast-Pitch Softball Home Game vs. Lewis-Palmer MS (Early Release- 2:45)
- 3:30- Slow-Pitch Softball @ Lewis-Palmer MS (Early Release- 2:25)

## **Library News**

Introducing Story Walks. Join us on a storywalk around the junior high school beginning next to the club bulletin board. Follow the blue arrows to read along. Come down the stairs toward the library for the final pages and let us know if this was one of your favorites.

L'Wordle continues in the library! Visit the library to play. No experience necessary. September's L' Wordle winner is Kaelin Branham. Come to the library to pick up your prize.

Scare up your tales! The 6-word scary story contest begins this week! You have until October 25th to submit your entry. See a librarian for details.

## **FROM MR. POLLARD**

### **\*\*Locker Decoration Announcement - TCA Junior High\*\***

Dear Students and Parents,

Due to the increased cleanup required from locker decorations, we are making adjustments to what is allowed on lockers. Beginning **\*\*Monday, October 7\*\***, only **\*\*TCA-issued nameplates, approved TCA sports team magnets,\*\*** and **\*\*birthday decorations\*\*** may remain on lockers.

Please note:

- **\*\*Post-it note decorations must be removed by this Friday, October 4.\*\***
- **\*\*Personal notes\*\*** should be removed at the end of each day.

Thank you for helping us keep our school clean and organized!

## **REPEAT:**

### **JH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT:**

It's that time of year again! The time has come for TCA Junior High to participate in a community service project for our local Hope and Home, foster care agency. We have a chance to fill

decorated shoe boxes with small gifts, books, treats, and practical items for teenagers who are in the foster care system for the holiday season. We are asking each student to contribute a gift(s) to their flex class shoe box. Here are some ideas of items that you could contribute.

We will be collecting these items from now until December 13th.

**See attached list of ideas for our collection for care packages for Hope and Home:**

**[About Hope & Home - Reinventing Foster Care in Colorado \(hopeandhome.org\)](http://hopeandhome.org)**

**From Mr. Pollard:**

If your padlock is giving you trouble, please check in with Mr. Pollard

**Yearbook UPDATE:**

Have you ordered your yearbook yet? To order, go to <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com>. If you're prompted for a code, it is 16022. You can also get your 8th grade ads here, as well! We have sold out of yearbooks for the last two years, so be sure to act fast to secure a book for your student. Space for 8th grade ads is limited, so purchase your ad early so that we can make sure we have room for you! Ads are filled in the order they are purchased.

**Do you love taking photos?**

Students, we would LOVE to feature your photographs in the yearbook! We will be using photographs taken by Junior High Students for our divider pages, and first up is the FALL DIVIDER! **Sometime outside of school**, go out in nature and snap a photo of something that has FALL written all over it. We'll pick the best one and use it on the divider page! The photo should be a horizontal image and not have any people in it. It will be used as a background image. This photo can be taken on a cell phone, but if an actual camera can be used, that's best!

Once you've taken your photo, send it in via the eShare app, or [www.hjeshare.com](http://www.hjeshare.com) and use code tcajh (all lower case). Be sure to include the student's name as the submitter so that we can credit the selected winner. Thanks for participating!

As always, our yearbook staff would covet any photos you're willing to share with us (**especially softball, boys basketball, and things students do outside of school**)! The staff is made up of busy high school students, so we rely heavily on your contribution of photos to get the book produced! You can share photos by visiting: <https://hjeshare.com/eShare/home> Enter code: tcajh (case sensitive)

OR

Download the eShare app wherever you get your apps! Code is the same.

Since the staff is comprised of about 10 high school students, we also don't always know who is in the photos. So while we know filling in the blanks is time consuming, your time is SO appreciated when it's time to accurately identify students. Yearbook order info will be coming to your announcements in the next couple days, and early birds will get a little discount. Thanks so much for partnering with us!

These are some ideas of things you might fill your  
Team Hope Christmas Shoebox with:

## WRITE



Pens/Pencils  
Crayons  
Paper/Copy Books  
Colouring Books  
Markers  
Sharpeners  
Erasers

## WASH



Soap (wrapped)  
Hairbrush  
Comb  
Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Facecloth

## WEAR



Socks  
Underwear  
Flip Flops  
Hat  
Scarf  
Gloves

## WOW



Cuddly Toy  
Skipping rope/Yo-yo  
Sweets (in date until April next year)  
Musical Instrument  
Sunglasses  
Toy Car  
Doll  
Ball

### WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:

Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food/chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.

## JR. HIGH AFTER SCHOOL LABS

**After School Workshop:** There are three workshops to assist students who are struggling to complete their homework or need extra support in English, mathematics, or organization. We provide free support in a workshop format with a teacher present four days a week. Please see the schedule below for the workshops available to your child each week.

In addition—the JH Library will be open Monday through Friday until 3:30pm. and all math teachers available in their classrooms until 3:20pm.

### Afterschool Support Lab hours 3:05 PM - 4:00 PM

#### Monday

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

Math - all math teachers available in their classrooms until 3:20

JH Library open until 3:30

#### Tuesday

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

English Lab - ROOM 3308 King

Math - all math teachers available in their classrooms until 3:20

JH Library open until 3:30

### **Wednesday**

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

Math - all math teachers available in their classrooms until 3:20

JH Library open until 3:30

### **Thursday**

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

English Lab - ROOM 3316 Cai

Math - all math teachers available in their classrooms until 3:20

JH Library open until 3:30

### **Friday**

NO WORKSHOPS

JH Library open until 3:30

*Parents can call their child who is in workshop on their cell phone or call the General Workshop at 719-488-6222 to let them know that they are here to pick them up.*

## **MONTH AT A GLANCE**

### **October**

Thursday and Friday, October 10-11 – Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences – NO CLASSES

Monday- Friday October 14-18 – Fall Break – NO SCHOOL

### **November**

Friday, November 1 – NO STUDENTS – Teacher Inservice

November 25-November 29 – NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK

### **December**

December 16 – 20 – Finals week 8th gr students and Alg 1 students

December 21 – January 7 – Winter Break –NO SCHOOL

### **January 2025**

January 8 – Students Return to School

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Non-TCA Sponsored Events



### **The Classical Academy Junior High**

Support Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Website:** [http://www.tcatitans.org/schools/junior\\_high](http://www.tcatitans.org/schools/junior_high)

**Location:** [975 Stout Road, Colorado Springs, CO, USA](#)

**Phone:** [719-484-0091](tel:719-484-0091)



**Junior High TCA**

