

2024-2025 *College Pathways*

Weekly News – Week of October 7



It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours.

~ Joyce Maynard

Parenting is, without doubt, an exercise in humility. Just like we want our own children to be open to ideas, accept advice, remain teachable, grow from challenges, and be resilient, we (parents) need these same things. Ironically, parents can, at times, be closed off to what would be opportunities for growth. Our stubbornness and pride can get the best of us, and we question others' motives for trying to tell us how we should parent. How dare they, right? Let's face it, parenting is hard. But anything that requires sacrifice, selflessness, honesty, forgiveness, and grace is. Don't be too hard on yourself. Be open to owning your mistakes, appreciating the hard times

(they too will pass), being real with your child(ren), and truly cherishing the role you've been given to be a parent.

** The picture above is of my two daughters taken 12 years ago. They've probably taught me more than I've taught them.*

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Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, October 7

- This year's parent-teacher conferences will take place **TODAY** with the following format:
 - From 8 - 9 AM, we will offer unscheduled drop-in time.
 - From 9 - 6:30 PM, we ask that you schedule a conference time [HERE](#). **Please sign up for conference slots by 3 PM on Thursday, October 3.**

Please note that not all teachers will be available for the full conference day. Individual teacher times are indicated in the link above and on the conference map [HERE](#). This map will be available on conference day as well. We are encouraging students to attend this year's conferences so their voice and input can be heard by you and their teachers.

- **(NEW)** Lost & Found items will be available for pickup tomorrow. Any items that remain will be donated at the end of the week.

Tuesday, October 1 - Tuesday, October 8

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

Monday, October 14 - Friday, October 18

- Fall Break, No College Pathways Classes (Note that PPSC classes for our college-ready students are still in session.)

Thursday, October 24 - Friday, October 25

- Soup-er Talent Show Auditions! — Thursday, October 24, from 3:30-5:00pm and Friday, October 25, from 2:00 – 5:00pm in the East gym. The soup dinner and talent show will help raise funds for Springs Rescue Mission, a local homeless shelter/soup kitchen here in town. The talent show will be on Friday, November 8, from 6-9pm. A required dress rehearsal is on Friday, November 1, from 6-9. If you have questions regarding auditions, please email Mrs. Davis at rdavis@asd20.org.

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.

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.

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 wreathsassamerica.org/co0024 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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