Theodore Judah Weekly Newsletter

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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!

FOOD DRIVE BENEFITING TWIN LAKES FOOD BANK

The Theodore Judah Leadership Club is sponsoring a food drive benefiting the Twin Lakes Food Bank. Please bring non-perishable food items to the blue barrels in front of the office beginning October 29, 2024. Twin Lakes Food Bank will pick up all donated food items on November 7, 2024.

Click here for a list of the most requested items.

FALL PARADE

Students are invited to wear costumes to our Fall Parade on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 9:30am. This is OPTIONAL! If your child plans on dressing up, please make sure costumes are appropriate for school (no masks covering entire faces, blood, gore, weapons, inappropriate language, props or accessories that have to be carried, anything else that will disrupt the day, etc). 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 include Chess, Coding, Early Engineers, and Firefly Art. Sign up HERE.

Cool Robotics is coming to Theodore Judah for Grades 2-5! Click here to register.

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

MOEMS- Registration for Math Olympiad opens on October 7. 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 19	TJ PTO Trunk or Treat
October 24	TJ PTO Night on the Town at Lazy Dog- all-day
October 24	Pops with Cops- after school
October 25	Picture Makeup Day- Click here to order
October 28- November 1	Red Ribbon Week - Click here to see the schedule of events
October 31	Fall Parade- 9:30am
November 1	Super Minimum Day- 11:38am dismissal for grades Kinder- 5