

2024-2025 Cottage School Program

Weekly News - Week of October 21



There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.

~ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Parenting would be far easier if parents were merely observers of their child's journey from infancy into adolescence and finally to adulthood. As active participants - guides, advisors, mentors, coaches, chauffeurs - the task is tall and the responsibility is immense. We trade diapers and bottles for tantrums and play dates, and the quest for independence and individuality for real independence and freedom, all while encouraging, directing, correcting, molding, and leading...and hoping our child remains on the path that leads to success, of which there are many. We realize sometimes our path is not theirs, yet we remain steadfast in our love and dedication as they grow

and mature. And no matter what, we continue to instill virtues that we trust will shape them the rest of their lives and that we hope will eventually get passed down to their own children. The seeds you're planting now will inevitably bear fruit. Remember, not all seeds are the same, and the rate at which each grows varies. Parenting is a lifelong commitment, an endeavor unlike anything else we get to experience as humans.

We hope you have enjoyed Fall Break and are looking forward to the second half of the semester!

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Announcements

IMPORTANT/NEW INFORMATION:

1. ADJUSTED TIME! Picture Retakes - October 22, 11 AM - 2 PM

If your student has not yet had a school picture taken, or if you would like a picture retake, our photographer will be on campus for two hours on Tuesday, October 22nd. If your child has school on Tuesdays, please communicate with your child's teacher about making sure your child can get his/her picture taken if needed. If your child does not have school on Tuesdays, you are welcome to bring your child to school for a picture during the 11 AM - 2 PM time frame.

2. Hot lunch menu for the week of October 21 for all students in grades 1-6 can be found [here](#).

3. Grandparents of TCA Coffee & Connections Event

- **WHEN?** Friday, November 1, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- **WHERE?** TCA North Commons (cafeteria) and Brown Center for the Arts (auditorium).
- **WHAT?** Coffee and breakfast snacks; Meet TCA Staff and other grandparents; "A Titan's Creed" Session on the words that guide our days together
- **WHY?** We count it a great privilege to partner with multiple generations of our TCA families and want Grandparents to have a chance to engage with TCA and each other.
- **RSVP** Respond by October 30 to Lindy Keffer, TCA Advancement Lkeffer@asd20.org or 719-488-6213.

4. Parent/Teacher Conferences - Week of November 4-7

There will be no in-person classes for CSP students the week of November 4-7 due to Parent-Teacher Conferences. Sign-up links can be found in individual teacher/grade-level newsletters starting this week, and a master spreadsheet of links will be provided in next week's parent newsletter. We strongly encourage all parents to meet with each of their children's teachers during this time.

5. 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.

6. 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 for more information.

Helpful Information

Typing Pal Instructions for Students in Grades 3-6

Typing Pal is a learn-to-type program that we offer at no charge to all of our upper elementary students. There is no requirement to participate; it's simply something families may use as part of their home school curricula if students desire to learn/master basic typing skills. Log-in instructions are below.

1. Go to <https://clascott.typingpal.com>
2. Each student's **user name** is the first letter of his/her first name (as given in Infinite Campus; not a nickname) followed by the student's last name (i.e. shille would be the username for Stefani Hille).
3. The **password** is identical for each student—*titans*—UNLESS a student was with us previously and changed his/her account to a unique password. Once students are logged in, they may change their password to something unique to them.
4. Questions or trouble logging in? Contact Stef Hille at shille@asd20.org.

Information about Volunteer Applications and Fee Payments

Volunteer Application Process

- Interested in being a field trip chaperone, attending a field trip, or helping out in the classroom in some capacity (i.e. class parties, art show preparation, field day)? All individuals who are around students are required to be cleared as volunteers and undergo a background check. A few important things to note:
 - Field trip chaperones are filled on a first-come, first-served basis via your child's classroom teacher.
 - If a field trip venue permits, parents sometimes choose to drive themselves to the venue and pay their own entrance fee. A volunteer application must still be completed for all who might be interested in doing this. (Please remember attending a field trip is not always possible unless one is a chaperone.)
 - Volunteer paperwork must be completed even if one is not working directly with students (such as art show preparation).
- Please click [here](#) to start the application process. It should only take about five minutes. For Step One, please read the Volunteer Guidelines, print out the last page and sign, and either

hand deliver or email to Tiffany Jolly in the CSP office (tjolly@asd20.org). For Step Two, the most important thing to remember to do is to select one "function"/volunteer classification only: "**Legal Guardian (Non-Overnight)**." Email Stef Hille, shille@asd20.org, if you have any questions.

Student Fee Payment Process

- 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.

A Note from the East Campus Librarian

Hello CSP Families!

Did you know that you have access to the East Campus Library and not just your students? You can come and check out materials (4 items per account) and have them for 2 weeks! Parents are welcome as soon as 8:05am until 8:20am. If you are here during school hours, feel free to stop by, however, if Mrs. Hinkin has a class with her in the library then we ask that you wait until after school or come back when she isn't with a class. The library is also open from 3:30pm-4:00pm.

Your student is also welcome to come by and checkout books! Without a parent, your student(s) can come in at 8:05am until 8:15am OR at the end of the day. However, we do ask that your student spends no more than 5min as we have to make sure the library isn't a "holding" area for late carpoolers, but rather an environment of finding great books and interacting with the library staff to help them find great books! You also have online access to audio books and e-books. Checkout our library page <https://www.tcatitans.org/schools/east-elementary/grade-level-information/east-elementary-library> for more information.

If you have any questions, contact the East Campus Librarian: Mrs. Hinkin, ahinkin@asd20.org



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