



CAC Weekly Newsletter

Week of Sunday, August 30th, 2026

Dear Collegiate Families,

Welcome back to all of our returning students and families, and a very special welcome to all of our new students and families! It has been wonderful to see everyone back on campus, and I hope you all had a fantastic summer. It has been especially nice seeing our Collegiate community come back to life during our first full week of school.

For those who may not know me, my name is Josh Rau, and this will be my sixth year serving as the Assistant Principal at Collegiate Academy. I am a Colorado native who grew up in Eagle County, where I developed my love of skiing, soccer, athletics, and the outdoors. My background in physical education and art has shaped my belief that students thrive when they have opportunities to be creative, active, curious, and engaged in their learning.

Most importantly, I love helping students discover their own love of learning. I am incredibly excited about the year ahead and all that we will accomplish together!

Our theme this year is "Rooted Together, Growing Forever!" It is a theme that perfectly reflects who we are as a school community. At Collegiate, community starts with all of us. We are connected like branches of the same family tree, and each student, family, educator, and staff member plays an important role in helping our community grow.

I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible involvement of our families and the many ways our Collegiate community shows up for one another. We saw this during Back-to-School Night and our Welcome Back BBQ, and I am excited to see that same spirit continue throughout the year. As a smaller school, we truly appreciate the time, energy, and support our families bring to Collegiate Academy.

Our first Outdoor Education day of the year is coming up for all high school students! One of the wonderful things about Collegiate Academy is our ability to take learning beyond the classroom and into the outdoors. We have partnered with the Audubon Society and Chatfield State Park to create meaningful educational experiences that allow students to learn and explore in nature. Research has shown that outdoor learning can help students develop independence, confidence, creativity, decision-making, problem-solving, and a greater sense of self.

A reminder to high school families: All required permission forms must be completed and turned in prior to Friday. Students will need to be dropped off directly at Denver Audubon Center that morning. Please make sure all forms are submitted to the high school front desk before the Outdoor Education day.

Our first Parent/Teacher Conferences of the school year will take place on Wednesday, September 23, and Thursday, September 24. More information about scheduling and sign-ups will be shared soon.

Thank you for helping us start the school year so strong. We are excited about the year ahead and grateful to have such an amazing community of students, families, and educators. I look forward to seeing our Collegiate family put down roots, grow together, and make this a wonderful school year!

Thank you,
Josh Rau
Secondary Assistant Principal
Collegiate Academy

Upcoming Events:

Also found on our website.

Wednesday, September 2nd

Parent Teacher Foundation Meeting: 3:15-4:15pm
All are welcome!

Wednesday, September 9th

School Accountability Meeting (SAC/SI)
All are welcome!

Friday, September 4th

9th-12th Outdoor Education Day

Friday, September 11th

Picture Retake Day

Monday, September 7th

No School
Labor Day

Wednesday, September 16th

Board of Directors Meeting
All are welcome!

BakPak Program

We are offering the Food for Thought BakPak program again this year! The program will distribute sacks of food to students who need food during the weekends.
[Click here for more information.](#) If you wish for your student(s) to participate, please complete the form and return it to either front desk as soon as possible.

Extended Days

Extended days are now available! Students can stay until 4pm after school on the allotted days to get extra help, complete homework, or work on assignments.
[Please click here for the weekly schedule.](#)
Secondary students can work on any assignment in any classroom, as long as the teacher is there.

Picture Retake Day

If you did not attend Registration Day or would like a new student photo, picture retakes will be on Friday, September 11th. Students will get the opportunity to get their picture taken and receive a new student ID during the school day. **Please note that all PK-12 students who get their picture taken must wear their school uniforms.** Class pictures will be taken in the Spring.
If you came to Registration Day and would still like to order your student's picture, you can do so at [this link](#).
[Click here for more information.](#)
Enjoy 10%off using code F2610OFF

Para Subs

We are currently looking for paraeducator substitutes who can step in and support our regular paras when they are absent. The hours may vary depending on the shift, but the position will generally be from 10:15am-1:00pm. The primary responsibilities would be supporting our elementary students during recesses and lunch. This would be an on-call position, with substitutes contacted as coverage needs arise.
Please reach out if you have any questions or would like additional information.
Send resume to pbrock@collegiateacademy.net.

All volunteer opportunities are listed on our school website under the "Connect" tab.

[Access volunteer opportunities HERE.](#)

Volunteer:

[Log your volunteer hours HERE.](#)

Thank you to everyone who donated for our Back to School BBQ!

Important Documents:

Click on the links below to access each document:

- [Bell Schedule](#)*
- [School Supply Lists](#)*
- [2026-27 Family Calendar](#)*
- [2026-27 Activity Calendar](#)*
- [Carpool Lane Regulations](#)*
- [Health Office Information](#)*
- [Dress Codes](#)*
- [Handbook](#)*

Refer a Family:

Help us spread the word:
Get 40 volunteer hours when you refer a family to our school and they enroll for the 2026-27 school year!

Follow Us On Social Media:

Don't miss out on fun highlights and important reminders during the school year! Click each link below to connect:

- [Instagram](#)*
- [Facebook](#)*

