Junior High Announcements

September 29, 2026

THIS WEEK'S ROTATION

Monday: CRIMSON
Tuesday: NAVY
Wednesday: CRIMSON
Thursday: NAVY
Friday: CRIMSON

FROM TCA ADMINISTRATION--ATHLETIC GAME SAFETY

Dear TCA Families,

As we prepare for home football games, please remember that **junior high students must be accompanied by an adult and remain seated in the stands throughout the game**. This expectation helps ensure appropriate supervision and a safe, enjoyable environment for everyone.

Please also note that **personal sporting equipment and toy balls of any kind are not permitted** at the game. Students who are disruptive, defiant, or unwilling to follow these expectations will be required to leave the event with their accompanying adult.

Thank you for partnering with us to make TCA athletic events safe, welcoming, and enjoyable for our entire community.

With Titan Pride,
TCA Administration

FROM MR. D

Junior High Parent-Student Teacher Conferences
Thursday, October 8th from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
and
Friday, October 9th 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 am including a link to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to help you 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- Student-Teacher Conferences.

Sincerely,

Hugh Di Pretore
Junior High Principal
The Classical Academy

INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL:
Campus Portal Login (infinitecampus.org)

FROM MR. POLLARD

Hallways at Lunch Time:
Students may not be in the JH hallways at lunchtime except to go directly to their club. When you enter a club at lunchtime, you must stay in that club for the remainder of that day's lunch period.

ATTENTION 7TH GRADE PARENTS--PARENT EMAIL OPT IN

OPT-IN PARENT EMAIL LIST
Here's how to "OPT-IN" to these emails
The "opt-in" email list is for parents to receive emails about volunteer opportunities and information about school events.
This is not a requirement. The class parent coordinator will send out detailed information about these events with how to purchase tickets and sign up to volunteer. If you would like to opt in you can send an "OPT-IN" email to tcaclassof2032@gmail.com
with your child's name, your name and your email address that you would like to have added.

7th GRADE TRENCH DAY--DATE CHANGED TO MONDAY, OCT 5th

Hello 7th grade parents,
Due to the weather forecast for Thursday, October 1st the date for Trench Day has changed to MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th. If you have signed up to volunteer and are no longer able to make the new date, please remove your name from the sign-up list. If you have any questions about volunteering for Trench Day contact Sam Ciecalone at sciecalone@tcatitans.org

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th 2026 will be (NEW DATE)
7th Grade Trench Day!
Parent Volunteers Needed!
https://signup.com/go/hXNJgCN

ALL volunteers MUST fill out the online volunteer application no later than Friday, September 25th in order to help with students. Only parents who have signed up to volunteer will be allowed to attend this event.

This is an introduction to "The War to End All Wars" and is the last curriculum day our students will have at TCA. Many students remember this as a highlight of junior high. This day takes place outside only during their History class period (approximately 45 minutes). They will rotate through 3 stations, which parents will run after their pre-battle briefing (Don't worry, we will provide a "script" and some coaching/modeling). One station involves digging a trench and running across No Man's Land. Another station involves being cared for at a field hospital and learning about the common wounds and diseases. The third station is for R and R, where they will get to eat some battlefield provisions and discuss other aspects of life in the trenches.

Here's what we need:

1. Some students to bring in ONE of the following items by Friday, September 25 –
o Heavy-duty garden shovel labeled with NAME in large letters.
o Package of 6 rolls of toilet paper
o Box with 4 sleeves of saltine crackers
o Small box or package of gluten-free saltine-like crackers

2. Parent volunteers to help “in the trenches” –
o 10 parents in the AM - From 7:20 to 11:50 (with a break from 10:30 to 11:00)
· Trench Station: One Drill Sgt. willing to drill soldiers on battle preparation and “charges over the top” and 4 ready to lob “ammunition” (tennis balls) at advancing soldiers
· Field Hospital Station: “Nurse”, “doctor”, and “orderly” who will direct triage as the wounded arrive.
· R & R Station:
o 10 parents in the PM - From 12:00 to 3:15 to help with clean-up.
· Trench Station: One Drill Sgt. willing to drill soldiers on battle preparation and “charges over the top” and 4 ready to lob “ammunition” (tennis balls) at advancing soldiers
· Field Hospital Station: One “nurse”, one “doctor”, and one “orderly” who will direct triage as the wounded arrive.
· R & R Station:
o *Meet in General Connelly’s room (3312) at the start time above for a briefing.*

Notes to help make this a fun day for parent volunteers and student(s):

-The Great War was fought in all kinds of weather – heat, sun, overcast, rainy, and yes, even snow! There will be reasonableness applied, but all participants should be prepared for the outdoors in Colorado, if not France.

-Keep in mind our battlefield is full of holes, tall grass, weeds, and cactus (Colorado's version of poppies). Clothing requirements:

· No weapons (or facsimiles) allowed!

- Comfortable but sturdy closed-toe shoes or boots (No self-respecting soldier wears sandals!).
- For parents: Hats, sunscreen, sunglasses, water bottle, rain gear, etc., as the weather dictates, and clothes you don't mind getting a little muddy or dusty. You may also want a camp chair.
- For students:
  - No shorts! Must wear long pants due to the trenches and No-Man’s Land.
  - May wear blue or black jeans and your BOOT Camp shirt! OR you may dress up as a soldier ("camo" pants are allowed). Keep in mind they may get a little dusty or muddy and this will be what you wear all day. You will not have time to change.

LOST AND FOUND IS OVERFLOWING!

Please stop and check for any items you may have lost.

YEARBOOK UPDATE

Celebrate your TCA 8th Grader! Custom Yearbook Ads on Sale Now
Express love and congratulations to the 8th grader in your life with a personalized ad in the TCA Junior High Yearbook. ¼ page $40. 1/8 page $25. Ads are accepted on a space-available basis. Submit your ad to guarantee your space!
Order now at Yearbookordercenter.com, code 16022. Need help? Tech support: 866-287-3096

JH Parent/Student/Teacher/Conferences

Thursday October 8th 2pm-7pm
Friday October 9th 8am-11am
We will have a lost & found table available at conferences. There has been a large influx of items found that do not have names. Please encourage your students to label their items so they can be returned.

JH PICTURE INFORMATION

JH Picture Information—The first batch of photos went home with students—if you did not receive your order, depending on your order timing, they will be shipped to your home or in a later batch to the school.

If you did not order and want to, order proofs with all the information to order were handed to students.

1. Online ordering https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/0561KSF .is available before and after Picture Day. **This event's Order Code is 0561KSF**. Shipping and handling charges may apply to orders placed after Picture Day
2. Picture Make-Up Day will be Tuesday October 20.

If your order is missing, please submit a Missing Order Form Order Status - Shop

If you have questions, please contact the JH Office at 484-0091. Thank you!

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome Back!

L'Wordle has started! Come visit the library and join in the fun this year! Beginners are always welcome—come give it a try!

Book checkout has begun! Stop by the library and find a fun back-to-school read to kick off the year!

YEARBOOK

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YEARBOOK PHOTOS: Calling all parents - professional, amateur, and wanna-be photographers. The junior high yearbook needs your photos! We want to represent 2026-27 with a great variety of photos and include ALL of our students. Please submit photos at **YearBookShare.com**. Enter our school code of **tcajh**.
If you have any questions, feel free to email Lisa Deen at ldeen@tcatitans.org.

**NON-TCA SPONSORED EVENTS

7th Grade Fall Social
***This is a Non-TCA Sponsored Event**
When: Friday, October 9th 2026, from 11:00am - 1:45 pm
Where: Main Event (Previously Summit Bowling)
1180 Interquest Pkwy, Colorado Springs, CO 80921
Cost: $25.00 per student
(Fee includes pizza lunch, 2 hours of bowling and laser tag)
Payment:
You can purchase tickets : **HERE**
Registration Deadline: Tickets must be purchased online before October 4 th 2026 at 11:59pm
What to bring/wear: Students should wear their Boot Camp t-shirts. All pants/shorts still need to be TCA appropriate. Please keep in mind that we will not be responsible for personal items.
***AN ADULT MUST COME IN AND CHECK YOUR STUDENT OUT TO LEAVE.**
*If you need financial assistance, please email
Mr. DiPretore at hdipretore@tcatitans.org
VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!

Parent Volunteer/Chaperones are needed for this event. Please sign up through the link below:
https://signup.com/go/ZtvveMH

JH AFTER SCHOOL LABS

TCA JUNIOR HIGH AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

New General Lab Schedule

(EFFECTIVE 8/24/26)

MONDAY-THURSDAY 3:05-4:00 PM

DATE	SUBJECT	TEACHER	ROOM #
MONDAY	GENERAL GENERAL	J. SMITH KOVACIC	3305 3315
TUESDAY	GENERAL GENERAL ENGLISH MATH	J. SMITH KOVACIC KING WELTON	3305 3315 3308 3307
WEDNESDAY	GENERAL GENERAL ENGLISH MATH	J. SMITH KOVACIC FINCH BUCKNALL	3305 3315 3306 3310
THURSDAY	GENERAL GENERAL ENGLISH MATH	J. SMITH KOVACIC CAI WELTON	3305 3315 3316 3307

There are four 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 CONTACT YOUR STUDENT AFTER SCHOOL, PLEASE CALL GENERAL WORKSHOP BELOW:

KOVACIC (ROOM 3315) = (719) 488-6222

J. SMITH (ROOM 3305) = (719) 488-6223

RESOURCES

TCA North Campus Carpool Procedures
Healthy Meals For All
TCA Employment Site
Jr. High After School Labs

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 2026

Wednesday, January 30, 2026 – JH SAC Meeting

OCTOBER 2026

Thursday, October 1—October Count Day
Monday, October 5—7th Grade Trench Day **UPDATE**
Thursday, October 8 – Partial Day with Students / Parent Teacher Conferences
Friday, October 9 – Parent Teacher Conferences
October 12 – 16 – Fall Break, No Students
Tuesday, October 20 – Picture Retake Day

The Classical Academy Junior High

Support Hours:
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Website: TCA Junior High Homepage
Location: 975 Stout Road, Colorado Springs, CO, USA
Phone: 719-484-0091

Junior High TCA

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