

# Junior High Announcements

January 19, 2024



## ALL TCA PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### D20 Choice Information

Each year, D20 offers choice enrollment opportunities beginning in January for the upcoming school year. TCA is not a D20 choice option. We are a waitlist school and currently enrolled students automatically move on to the next grade level each year. If your child is enrolled at TCA, and you want to remain at TCA, do NOT submit a D20 Choice application for another school. If you apply and receive the choice, your child will be automatically withdrawn from TCA. Per policy, you will not be able to change your mind about staying at TCA.

If you submit a choice application to D20 and change your mind, you must notify D20 before enrollment notifications are sent out. Questions? Please email [TCARegistrar@asd20.org](mailto:TCARegistrar@asd20.org).

**TCA High School's theatre will be performing The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940** on February 1st thru February 3rd at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are: \$6 for students/children, \$8 for staff/senior citizens and \$12 for adults

You can purchase your tickets online:

<https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/31499>

### **TCA SUBSTITUTES NEEDED:**

Types of jobs available: Teacher, Tutor, Office/Kiosk/Health Room, Test Proctoring

#### **Requirements:**

TEACHER: Bachelor's degree in any subject **or** HS Diploma + CDE Substitute Teacher Authorization

PARAPROFESSIONAL: High School Diploma or GED

OFFICE/KIOSK/HEALTH ROOM: High School Diploma/GED and additional training in the specific area

PROCTORING: Bachelor's degree in any subject and additional training in the specific area

To apply, please visit TCA's employment site at <https://www.applitrack.com/tcad20/onlineapp/> and submit an application for Substitute

### **TCA ATHLETIC GAME SAFETY**

***All Elementary and Junior High students who attend TCA athletic events must sit with an adult during the event for supervision purposes.*** Unfortunately, we have noticed types of behavior that could lead to injury or students getting in trouble. We desire to promote a safe atmosphere for all spectators; thus, ***no personal sporting or toy ball of any kind will be allowed into events.*** We thank you for your partnership in this endeavor.

### **HEALTHY MEALS FOR ALL**

Healthy Meals for All will begin in the 2023-24 school year. For more information, [Colorado Healthy School Meals for All program](#) .

### **Program Student Fees Assistance**

For more information <https://www.asd20.org/nutrition-and-food-services/free-and-reduced/>.

**TCA North Campus Carpool** -This system works efficiently if we all do our part. Following these guidelines will make our peak traffic times both efficient and safe for all. For more information [click here](#)

TCA realizes the importance of mental health and has created a page of resources for parents and students to utilize. [Click here to view the page.](#) This link can also be found under the "Helpful Links" at the bottom of each page on this website and under the "Family" tab at the top of the page.

**The Seventy-Sixth Volume of the PALMARIUM** is provided for your review. [click here.](#) This first volume of this school year includes an article from Dr. Robert Thomason, the graduation speeches from both Michelle Drake and Stefani Hille, plus other interesting information.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Eighth Grade Families,

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through your child's eighth grade school year and starting to talk about some of the end of the year events. Your child will hopefully share with you about our assembly during their FLEX time when we introduce Fantastics which is part of our Fantastics 8th Grade Dinner Dance. The junior high has the pleasure of putting on your child's first semi-formal dance at TCA. The excitement is palatable as our eighth graders look forward to their Fantastics 8th Grade Dinner Dance which is TCA's one and only dance created for a single grade level. This community event is an opportunity to celebrate their classes transition to High School, creating memories for years to come.

Attached is our [Formal Dinner Dance Dress Expectations](#), if you have any questions or want to get a dress approved, please feel free to reach out to one of our school counselors, Lea List at [lalist@asd20.org](mailto:lalist@asd20.org) or Meghan Dubois at [mdubois@asd20.org](mailto:mdubois@asd20.org).

As we look forward to the 8th Grade Dinner Dance that will take place April 12th, we start preparing for our Fantastics performances during lunch periods. Fantastics is a voluntary activity that we have for the students to participate in for a portion of the Dinner Dance. It is essentially a series of dances that takes the place of a Talent Show between their dinner and the actual dance.

If your child decides to participate in Fantastics, they will come home with a permission slip and a sign-up form. The following provided link is to pay \$20 for being a part of Fantastics. This is separate from the ticket purchased to attend the Dinner Dance. You will receive a separate email in about a week with a link to purchase tickets to the Dinner Dance. If for some reason your student would like to participate and needs some financial assistance, please reach out to me and we would be happy to help.

<https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/31750>

***\* Please note this fee will not cover the cost of the ticket to attend the dance.***

The \$20 fee for Fantastics from each student pays for any costumes or props that need to be purchased for the performance and the combined Fantastics pizza party that we throw for them as a celebration for all of their hard work and sacrificed lunch periods.

If you have any questions about Fantastics please feel free to reach out to Lea List at [lalist@asd20.org](mailto:lalist@asd20.org) and/or Matt Brunk at [mbrunk@asd20.org](mailto:mbrunk@asd20.org).

I am looking forward to another semester with our amazing students.

Sincerely,  
Hugh Di Pretore  
Junior High Principal  
The Classical Academy

### **Dinner Dance Dress Expectations.pdf**

Dinner Dance Dress Expectations

[Download](#)

93.9 KB

### **NAVY/CRIMSON A/B Rotation This Week**

**Monday: NO SCHOOL--MLK Day**

**Tuesday: NO SCHOOL--SNOW DAY**

**Wednesday: Crimson**

**Thursday: Navy**

**Friday: Crimson**

### **NEW:**

#### **8th graders only! (And 7th and 8th grade teachers)**

Come join Ms. Kovacic after school to learn the basics of bookbinding! This can be used to put your poetry project together, or just because it sounds like fun!

Location: Ms. Kovacic's room – 3316

Time: Tuesday Jan. 23 and Thursday Jan. 25 from 3:05-3:45

If you have them, bring cardboard, glue, scrapbooking supplies, and decorative paper!

### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **January 19th**

4:00- 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Home vs. Lewis Palmer MS

5:00- 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Home vs. Lewis Palmer MS

#### **Announcements**

JH Wrestling registration is open and will close on 1/22/23. Any registrations after this date will have a \$25 late fee added to them.

### **Library News**

The library will be hosting its 4th annual Student Chef competition on Thursday, February 22nd. The competition is open to all current TCA High School students and staff and Junior High students and staff! Prizes will be awarded! Please come by the library for registration forms and more information.

**TCA High School's Theatre** will be performing The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 on February 1st thru February 3rd at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are: \$6 for students/children, \$8 for staff/senior citizens and \$12 for adults

You can purchase your tickets online:

<https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/31499>

### **Attention Jr. High Parents:**

STOCKING JH STAFF LOUNGE

Team Titan! We need YOU! It's time to work together and stock the staff lounge with food to keep our fabulous staff going strong throughout these Spring days. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and needed!! Please help out by looking at the sign-up link attached and choosing an item/s you or your student can bring in. Please drop off your contribution at the FRONT OFFICE anytime between Tuesday, January 16th, to Tuesday, January 30th. Thank you in advance for your help and support!

<https://signup.com/go/moWVQPE>

### **REPEAT:**

#### **ACTIVITIES**

**Reminder, all JH students MUST be accompanied by a parent at ALL HS sporting events and must sit with that parent.**

### **ATTENTION 8th Grade Students**

**High School STUCO 2024-2025 Elections** - If you are interested in HS STUCO for the 2024-2025 year, please attend one of the Mandatory Interest Meetings during Flex in the Lecture Hall.

- Rising 9th Grade Meeting (Current 8th graders) - Monday, February 12.
- Rising 10th-12th Grade Meeting (Current 9th-11th graders) - Tuesday, February 13.
- You must attend one of the 2 meetings, even if not on your scheduled day.

Questions? Contact **CADE CHESHIRE** [cheshir@asd20.org](mailto:cheshir@asd20.org)

### **YEARBOOK UPDATE**

#### **Yearbook needs your attention!**

1. Yearbooks are on sale! Our early bird sale is finished, but you can still get your book. Go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and enter code 16022 to order for TCA Junior High.

**Please note: We sold out last year!** The only way to guarantee that your student has a yearbook is to make your purchase EARLY! Yearbooks will be on sale through the spring, but we can't guarantee any leftover books after the online order center closes on 3/23/2024!

### **Picture Day Guide Website**

The Picture Day Guide Website is your resource for printer-friendly handouts, Social Media graphics and posts, answers to FAQs and more!



## JR. HIGH AFTER SCHOOL LABS

**After School Workshop:** There are three 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 your child each week.

### Afterschool Support Lab hours 3:05 PM -4:00 PM

#### Monday

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

#### Tuesday

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

English - ROOM 3308 King

Math - ROOM 3309 Smith

#### Wednesday

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

English - ROOM 3306 Finch

Math - ROOM 3307 Welton

#### Thursday

General Lab - ROOM 3329 Swiontek

English - ROOM 3316 Cai

*Parents can call their child on their cell phone or call the General Workshop at 719-488-6222 to let them know that they are here to pick them up.*

## MONTH AT A GLANCE

### FEBRUARY

Friday, February 16 -- NO STUDENTS -- Staff Inservice

Monday, February 19 --- NO SCHOOL -- President's Day

Thursday, February 29 -- JH SAC meeting

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### (Non-TCA Sponsored Events)

#### Hey 7th graders and Families!

As you may have noticed everyone is off the waitlist:)

They are giving us a double decker and a regular bus confirmed!!! This is huge apparently we are the only group in all of EF that has ever had a double decker bus:)

**Thus the total spots are 130 and we are at 112 so only 18 spots left.** Because everyone has had time to sign up I **WILL NOT** and **Cannot TAKE** any more than the 130!!

If you were a parent that wants to go but chose not to to save a spot for students, you are free to sign up as every student that wants to go has had ample opportunity and there are still spots available.

Here is the link for your convenience:)

[www.efexploreamerica.com/2684853NU](http://www.efexploreamerica.com/2684853NU)

Questions? Feel free to reach out to Mr. Brunk

[Mbrunk@asd20.org](mailto:Mbrunk@asd20.org)



## **The Classical Academy Junior High**

Support Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Website:** [http://www.tcatitans.org/schools/junior\\_high](http://www.tcatitans.org/schools/junior_high)

**Location:** [975 Stout Road, Colorado Springs, CO, USA](#)

**Phone:** [719-484-0091](tel:719-484-0091)



**Junior High TCA**

Junior is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters