

2023-2024 College Pathways

Weekly News--Week of December 11

Memory is the residue of thought.

~ Daniel T. Willingham

It is believed by cognitive scientists that humans have tens of thousands of thoughts per day. We are constantly filtering ideas and questions through our brains, spending more time on some, immediately dumping others, and recalling (or at least trying to) many throughout the day. Just thinking about how taxed our brains are in a 24-hour period is exhausting! After a long day, what thoughts tend to fill your mind? What is the typical balance between positive and negative thoughts? In the context of schooling, how much time do you think your student spends thinking about concepts learned in the classroom? Maybe that question is best answered when we're not so close to a break!

If Willingham is correct, the more time we spend pondering an idea, the more resilient our memory of that idea becomes. If we find ourselves wrestling with negative thoughts more often than we should, those negative thoughts will likely dominate our thinking. Fortunately, the opposite is true too. More time spent thinking about what's true, beautiful, and good will ultimately lead to more positive thoughts. Easy, right? In the busyness and hustle and bustle of the holiday season, when stress and fatigue tend to increase, hopefully we can all find time to focus on what rejuvenates and restores: time with family and friends, rest, and feeling grateful.

Happy Holidays! Enjoy Winter Break...We'll see you in 2024!

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Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Now thru December 15

- **NHS/STUCO Toy and Stuffed Animal Drive - From December 5th through December 15th** STUCO and NHS will be sponsoring a Toy Drive. Please donate new/unwrapped toys for children in need. Boxes will be in the Atrium.

December 13 - 14

- **Cash 4 Casual and Ugly Sweater Contest!** Students can pay \$3 to wear casual clothing. Ugly Christmas sweaters are optional. You can wear an ugly sweater and join the judging competition at lunchtime in the atrium. The ugliest sweater winner receives a gift card. Pancakes will also be available on these days.

December 14

- Junior High Jingle Jangle - More information below!

December 18 - January 2

- Winter Break - no school for students. CP classes resume Wednesday, January 3, 2024. (For students who have classes that meet ONLY on a Tuesday, your teacher will post information in Schoology for any work that needs to be completed prior to the first in-person Tuesday class on January 9th.)

NEW AND STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **JUNIOR HIGH JINGLE JANGLE!** This is a new event for CP junior high students only on Thursday, December 14. From 4:00 - 6:00 PM, come to the gym for games, cookie decorating, music, competitions, and more. Cost for entrance is an unwrapped toy.
- **YEARBOOK ORDERS are open!** Click [here](#) to order and enter code 25097. Cost is \$45 if ordered by the end of the first semester (January 12, 2024). The price increases to \$55 if ordered after January 12th. (Note that the cost is higher this year because we will be producing a hard cover yearbook.)
- **CP State Testing in April** - As you plan for the second half of the school year, please note that we will have a week for state testing at CP from April 15-19 for all full-time CP students in 7th-11th grade. For details on state testing and what to expect at College Pathways, please visit the [CP State Assessments webpage](#). If you would like your part-time students in 9th – 11th grade to participate, please email Mrs. Steiner. If you have a part-time student in 7th-8th grade please read the information on our testing webpage. Here is the link to the [testing schedule for each grade](#). If you have any questions about state testing for your student, contact Mrs. Steiner, psteiner@asd20.org
- **Spring semester registration for 7th – 12th grade CP students has begun.** Frank Haist, CP Registration and Pre-College Advisor, has sent out an email initiating Spring Registration. If you plan to request a spring semester CP course, please reply to his email with your request. The spring semester CP course offerings are attached to the email.
- **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

- Proctoring: Bachelor's degree in any subject and additional training in the specific area
To apply, please visit TCA's employment site at [here](#) and submit an application for Substitute.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **Looking for ways to bless our staff?** Food is always welcome! We have a "Sunshine Cabinet" in the Staff Lounge that we like to keep stocked with snacks and goodies for staff members to enjoy throughout the week. If ever you want to contribute a treat to the cabinet (whether store bought or homemade, savory or sweet), items can be dropped off in the CSP/CP office.
- **UPDATED CP school calendar** - Due to a change to the state testing week in April (now April 15 - 19), the CP school calendar has been updated. The new calendar can be found [HERE](#).

SNOW DAY AND 2-HOUR DELAY POLICY

Winter weather will undoubtedly impact the school week at some point in the coming months, so I wanted to send out CP's snow day and 2-hour delay policy. As a reminder, TCA follows D20's delay and closure status.

SNOW DAYS

CP functions as an online school. Therefore, snow days or delays are not considered a day off. Students should expect to communicate with teachers via Schoology, Math XL, email, etc., and remain engaged and productive *as per teacher direction* in those classes affected by inclement weather. College Pathways, along with TCA, will follow District 20 closure status.

2-HOUR DELAYS

In the event of a delayed start, the following schedule will apply:

- Classes scheduled prior to 9:45am will be cancelled for meeting on campus – students should expect to communicate with teachers via Schoology, Math XL, email, etc., and to remain engaged and productive *as per teacher direction* in those classes affected by inclement weather.
- Classes scheduled at or after 9:45am will be conducted according to their regular schedule.
- Students may wear blue or black jeans with a CP/TCA approved logo shirt/sweatshirt or an appropriate solid color shirt/sweatshirt.



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