

# 2023-2024 College Pathways

Weekly News--Week of December 4



What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.

~ John Steinbeck

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# Announcements

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Now thru December 8

- 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 5 - 8

- Holiday Craft Fair and Food Bazaar - From December 5th through December 8th STUCO will be sponsoring the Holiday Bazaar. This is open to all CP students who want to sell homemade items or food. Come shop the tables just in time for the holidays!

### December 8

- **Movie Night!** 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the gym. This is a free event for ALL CP students (no non-CP guests, please). The movie *Elf* will be shown!

### December 9

- **Theatre Showcase** - More information below!

### 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.

### 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.

## NEW AND STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **THIS WEEK! Theatre Showcase** - Saturday, December 9, 7 - 8:30 PM in the gym. In *Myths Busted!* the only five students left in Mr. Killigen's Ancient Lit class meet in the auditorium, where a substitute is supposed to take over. While not thrilled to have a sub, the students give him a chance as he retells the story of Prometheus, except that he updates the tale shamelessly to keep their attention. Highly entertained, the students encourage Homer to continue, and he next brings to life the story of seasons with Pluto and Persephone. Finally, he weaves the story of Orion and Artemis. Always true enough to the actual myth to be educational, the students never heard these myths quite like this but they finally understand. Myths are really timeless and touch on the hopes and fears of all people. Our production has a diverse class of students from eighth graders to seniors! Come support their work! **Ticket Prices:** Students = \$5, Adults = \$6, Family = \$25 (max)
- **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](mailto: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.

- **YEARBOOK ORDERS are open now!** 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.)
- **TCA's Stance on AI** - If you have not had a chance to read TCA's Stance on AI, please read the statement [HERE](#). Parents, please take some time to talk with your student about how using AI tools to assist their writing or completion of assignments is considered academic dishonesty. If you have questions or need ideas about how to talk to your students, please reach out to Justin Peterson ([jpeterston1@asd20.org](mailto:jpeterston1@asd20.org)).
- **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 areaTo apply, please visit TCA's employment site at [here](#) and submit an application for Substitute.
- **Stress Busters** - Starting in November, CP's counselor, Tammy Wehrman, will lead a group on stress, dubbed Stress Busters. The focus will be to equip students with the skills to respond to stress in helpful and healthy ways. All students are welcome, no RSVP is needed. The group meets in Mrs. Wehrman's office at lunch on Tuesdays for Junior High students and Wednesdays for High School students. If you'd like more info, please contact Mrs. Wehrman at [twehrman@asd20.org](mailto:twehrman@asd20.org)
- **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** - As TCA continues to support the Wreaths Across America Program, there are several ways you can participate. TCA Families can volunteer for the wreath laying ceremony on Saturday, December 16th @ 9:00am. Please click [wreathscrossamerica.org/co0024](http://wreathscrossamerica.org/co0024) for more 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.

### **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](#).

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## **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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