

2023-2024 College Pathways

Weekly News--Week of January 15

When we teach children that choices have consequences, the emphasis is usually placed on the consequences of poor choices, while the powerful and positive consequences of wise choices are often overlooked.

~ Matthew Kelly

In the environments in which we spend much of our time currently - home and school - negative consequences are part of life. Sometimes, maybe more often than we want to admit, we rely on negative consequences to steer our children away from bad decisions. "If you do that again..." or "I told you what would happen if..." are common phrases we hear (and say) in hopes of getting the outcomes we want. What if, instead of trying to deter behavior with negative consequences, we encouraged behavior focusing on the positive? Would our children be more motivated to make better choices? Food for thought. Maybe Martin Luther King Jr. pondered similar questions when he chose to rise up against the injustices of the time. His choices were met with swift and severe ramifications, but they also had a lasting impact that forever changed the course of our nation.

Happy Martin Luther King, Jr. Day! Enjoy the start of 2nd semester!

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Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 27

- Winter Formal - Saturday, 7 - 10 PM, in the gym. Stay tuned for more information, and please see the dance dress guidelines [here](#). Guest forms are available in the front office and in Schoology. Please note that all requirements on the form (such as due date and check-in process) will be enforced. **Thank you for reading these requirements closely before signing a guest form for your student.**

February 13

- SAC Meeting. More info below.

NEW AND STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Spring semester fees are now loaded in Infinite Campus.** Fees can be seen and paid online in the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#); information about how to pay fees in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal can be found [HERE](#).
- **Attention 10th, 11th, and 12th graders! National Honor Society Application Coming Soon!** **National Honor Society (NHS)** is a nationwide organization that recognizes students *currently* in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades for academic excellence, leadership, service, and character. Our College Pathways chapter, which began in 2010, is beginning the application process for qualifying students soon!
To be considered for NHS, interested 10th-12th grade students must complete an **NHS application**, available [in the CP office](#) beginning January 22nd. Applications (including a letter of reference, an essay, and forms) should be submitted directly to **Ms. Upchurch or Mrs. Weger**, the NHS advisors, or placed in their staff box in the CP teachers' lounge. You can also reach out to either of them if you have questions.
The due date for all applications is Friday, February 9th. New NHS members will be notified of acceptance mid-February, and inducted at the National Honor Society Banquet, Feb. 20th.
- **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>
- **Our next SAC (School Accountability Committee) meeting** will be on Tuesday, February 13, 10 - 11 AM in the TCA East Conference Room (childcare not provided). Meetings are held each quarter throughout the year with the purpose of discussing budget priorities, safety, the school improvement plan, and other items pertaining to the operation of both CSP and CP. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- **YEARBOOK ORDERS are open!** Click [here](#) to order and enter code 25097. Cost is now \$55. (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
- **Understanding Stress Today** - Stress is an ever-present part of life, and Mrs. Wehrman, CP's school counselor, has written another article making sense of what impacts all of us. You can read the article [here](#).
- **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

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.

- **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 [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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