

2023-2024 College Pathways

Weekly News--Week of November 27

"What day is it?', asked Winnie the Pooh.
'It's today,' squeaked Piglet.
'My favorite day,' said Pooh."
— A. A. Milne

How often do we find ourselves living in the past or waiting for what's next? It's tempting to dwell on what was - a decision you made you wish you could undo, a family gathering that maybe didn't go quite as planned, or a period in your life that offered fewer hurdles to get over - and just as inviting to anticipate what lies ahead. "Things will get better when..." (finish the sentence). Thinking about the past and pondering the future isn't necessarily bad, but spending too much time on either end of the spectrum causes us to miss the life-shaping moments happening in the present. So much can be gleaned and a greater appreciation can be found when we recognize all that is happening now around us, both the challenging and the good (and everything in between). We can't go back and change the past and we have less influence on the future than we realize. But we have the greatest impact on the present...our attitude, our choices, how we spend our time, and how we respond to our circumstances.

Welcome back from Thanksgiving Break! Enjoy the final week of November!

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Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Now thru November 28

- Wreaths Across America - Information below.

November 28 - 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 or gently used toys for children in need. Boxes will be in the Atrium.

December 1

- Junior High Snowball at TCA North - Information below. (Save the date as well for the CP-Only Junior High Jingle Jangle on December 14th! Information to come!)

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). Students are currently voting on the holiday movie that will be shown!

December 9

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

NEW AND STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **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.)
- **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)
- **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).
- **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

- 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.

- **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
- **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** - As TCA continues to support the Wreaths Across America Program, there are several ways you can participate. TCA Families can donate a wreath to be placed at Pikes Peak National Cemetery (deadline Nov. 28th) or volunteer for the wreath laying ceremony on Saturday, December 16th @ 9:00am. Please click wreathsasscrossamerica.org/co0024 for more information.
- **JUNIOR HIGH 2023 WINTER SNOWBALL!** Exclusive to TCA Junior High Students, both College Pathways and Traditional! Come kick off the Winter Season with this fun-filled event. Friday, December 1st, 2023, 3:15 - 5:00 PM, in the TCA North Gym. Cost is \$20 per student. Click link to purchase ticket: [PaySchools Events - TCA - 2023 Winter SnowBALL!](#) Ticket sales will close November 29th at 3:00pm (25 tickets will be available at the door, on a first come first serve basis. COST IS \$25 AT THE DOOR-cash, card & check accepted.) Dress is TCA appropriate casual, UGLY SWEATER PREFERABLY!

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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