

# 2023-2024 College Pathways

Weekly News--Week of October 2

Having the right answer is important, but the real show of mastery is being able to convince other people. In classical education we call this technical communication "rhetoric," and it's the pinnacle of knowledge in a subject. The real power of an idea isn't in having it, but in sharing it.

~ Jonny Hinds, College Pathways Chemistry and Physics Teacher and TCA graduate

At TCA, students progress through the Trivium (grammar, logic, rhetoric), the building blocks of a liberal arts education that equip students with the foundational knowledge to apply concepts concretely in order to make convincing arguments. This process begins in the elementary years and continues through to graduation. Students' educational journey is one designed with purpose and intentionality, ultimately culminating with TCA's mission: to assist parents in their mission to develop exemplary citizens equipped with analytical thinking skills, virtuous character, and a passion for learning, all built upon a solid foundation of knowledge.

One of the most common questions we ask our own children - and that we ourselves get asked - is "How was your day?" Maybe a better question to pose, to get closer to the heart of what's described above, could be "What challenged you today?" Answers focused on academics are great, but students may be facing challenges unrelated to a specific subject. All answers are worthy of discussing...and part of the journey of growing up.

Thank you for partnering with us on your child's educational journey this year!

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## October Count information for this week!

- Monday, October 2 (**TODAY!**), is the official Count Day. All CP students taking at least one CP class will need to complete a 5-question student reflection in Schoology **on this day**. This

reflection cannot be completed earlier. Students/Families will be contacted individually if they do not complete this reflection on this day.

- We ask that all CP students be at school each day they have class from September 25th-October 6th. October Count is a critical time for every public school as it's when the state verifies enrollment for the purpose of school funding. If a student is absent during this window, an "Intent to Return to School" form may be required. Please thoroughly read any October Count emails you receive from our Registrar's Office. Thank you for your help in this matter!

## **Announcements**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **Monday, October 2**

- October Count reflection "quiz" in Schoology (for students taking at least one CP course!)
- Parent - Teacher Conferences. More info below.

#### **Tuesday-Friday, October 3-6**

- Talent Show Auditions. More info to come.

#### **Wednesday, October 4, and Thursday, October 5**

- Pizza! Free to all CP students during lunch!

#### **Monday, October 9-Friday, October 13**

- Fall Break - No school this week.

#### **Friday, October 20**

- "Soup"er Talent Show - 6:30 PM. More info below.

### **NEW INFORMATION:**

- **Parent - Teacher Conferences are TODAY** - Monday, October 2, 8 AM - 7 PM. Open, drop-in sessions from 8 - 10 AM; scheduled 10-minute blocks from 10:15 - 7 PM. Signups can be accessed [here](#). We encourage students to attend conferences with parents this year to be an active part of the conversation!
- The newest issue of the **Palmarium** can be found [here](#).
- **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](#).
- **"Soup"er Talent Show** - CPs 8th annual "Soup"er Talent Show is coming up Friday, October 20th 6:30 – 8:30 in the East Campus Gym! This National Honor Society sponsored tradition benefits the local community soup kitchen for the Holidays. Homemade soups, hot bread and the generous gift of our students sharing their extraordinary talents make for a heart-warming, impacting, memorable evening of togetherness for the whole CP Community! **Auditions** for the Talent Show will be held Tues, Oct 3rd – Friday, Oct 6th from 3:45 – 5 PM (10-minute slots) in the East Campus Gym. Sign up sheets are posted on the NHS bulletin board to reserve your audition. Acts may include outside (non-CP student with CP student) participants and can be up to 3 ½ minutes long. For more information, please email Nikki Upchurch ([nupchurch@asd20.org](mailto:nupchurch@asd20.org)) or Brie Weger ([bweger@asd20.org](mailto:bweger@asd20.org))
- Continuing this week, **Let's Get Organized** - Tuesdays (JH) and Wednesdays (HS) in Mrs. Wehrman's office. The group will explore organization and time management with a focus on equipping students with skills and tools for success. Please feel free to pass this info to your student. No rsvp is needed. All students are welcome to attend! If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Wehrman at [twehrman@asd20.org](mailto:twehrman@asd20.org).
- **PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY** is on Tuesday, October 17th, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. This is the final opportunity for re-takes and/or for CP students to get their student ID.



### **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.
- **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.



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