

2023-2024 College Pathways

Weekly News--Week of October 30

We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that s/he is someone today.
~ Stacia Tauscher

A school's main purpose is to prepare students for their future, and we as parents can easily get caught up in the worry that comes with wanting to make sure there is indeed a clear path that leads our children to helping them realize their dreams, or at a minimum, to a life that is secure and allows them to at least make ends meet. Compounding this sense of worry is the struggle we face when our children are different from one another, when one child seems to be innately driven and determined while the other seems unmotivated and unmoored. Sound familiar? Rather than focus on how different our children are or how successful we think they're going to be, we must remember that each of our children, like us, is individually unique and that life is, at the risk of sounding cliché, a journey during which we are all growing. We all have areas of strength and we all have areas of growth. Too much time spent pondering the future causes us to miss the precious moments of the present. Each moment is worthwhile, as are the differences that make us who we are.

Happy start of November! As we enter cold and snowier months, note the snow day and 2-hour delay policy at the very bottom of the newsletter.

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Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, October 31

- CP Canning Event sponsored by NHS - More info below.

Wednesday, November 1 - Thursday, November 2

- Cash-4-Casual

Friday, November 3

- Game Night, 6 - 9 PM, CP Classrooms

November 9 - 18

- TCA Musical Theatre Performances - Information below.

November 20 - 24

- Thanksgiving Break. No school.

Now thru November 28

- Wreaths Across America - Information below.

NEW AND STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **THIS WEEK! CP CANNING EVENT! Is your student looking for something fun to do on Halloween night?** Here's a fun event with a great purpose! Members of the National Honor Society are inviting all CP students to go "Canning" (collect cans & non-perishable foods) in the neighborhood near Mary Kyer Park (north of CP off Voyager) next Tuesday, Halloween evening, Oct. 31st. We'll meet at [Coffee and Tea Zone](#) at 5:15 PM for a costume contest with prizes and gather into teams to visit the color-coded mapped out sections of the neighborhood (letters have been distributed to homes in advance). Teams will meet back at Coffee and Tea Zone at 7:45 PM to consolidate all the donated food and take a final picture of their gathering! Several years ago, students from CP collected a literal ton of food to give to Care and Share! We hope your student can join the fun and gather food for the holidays for families in need! If you have any questions about this event, please feel free to reach out to Nikki Upchurch (nupchurch@asd20.org) or Brie Weger (bweger@asd20.org).
- **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
- **Meet our new front office assistant** - Mrs. Kristeen Murillo officially joined the CSP/CP front office last week. If you have an opportunity, welcome her to her new position.
- **Student photos in Infinite Campus** - If you recognize your student's photo in Infinite Campus is incorrect, please let Mr. Peterson or Mrs. Hille know.
- **TCA Veterans Day Assembly** - Friday, November 10, from 9:30 - 10:45 AM, at TCA North (main gym). If you and your family members would like to attend, please complete [THIS](#) RSVP form by Friday, November 3. **Veterans Day** is a highly valued day at TCA. We will pay tribute to all the men and women who have bravely sacrificed for our great nation as a member of the US Armed Forces. All are invited to attend. A reception will follow in the library for Veterans and their families.
- **Our next SAC (School Accountability Committee) meeting** will be on Tuesday, November 14, 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.
- **TCA High School Theatre Department presents the Anastasia Musical.** Shows are November 9th, 10th, and 11th at 7:00 pm and November 12th at 3:00 pm and November 16th, 17th, and 18th at 7:00 pm. Tickets for Adults are \$12, Children and Students are \$6, Staff and Senior Citizens are \$8 and Titan Club Members no cost. Purchase your tickets online at: <https://www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/28379>
- **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 wreathsacrossamerica.org/co0024 for more information.

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.
- **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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