

2023-2024 Cottage School Program

Weekly News--Week of August 28

Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good.

~ Malcolm Gladwell

The spontaneity and unstructured nature typical of summer is quickly fading as we head into the last week of August, and we are finding ourselves settling into familiar school year routines again. While the freedom to make last minute plans or wake up without an alarm undoubtedly have their own appeal, so too does the structure that a routine brings. People tend to find comfort in what is predictable, and the school year provides just that: a consistent schedule that is replicated for 36 weeks of the year (more or less)!

Shifting from summer mode to school mode comes with some reluctance, and having to re-learn habits that help us be successful in our role as student, parent, or staff member can feel daunting. Practicing habits ensure they stick. Once they do, we're able to prioritize the routines that help bring balance to our lives. It's early in the year, of course, but hopefully you're finding the ones that work for you. What routines are important to you and your family?

Enjoy these final days of August! It won't be long before we're seeing fall colors!

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Announcements

NEW and STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. THIS WEEK--CSP Picture Days! Students may wear school uniforms or dress up (nicer than uniform clothing). Please send your student(s) to school with appropriate footwear for PE if dressy shoes are worn.

To order pictures of your student, go to inter-state.com/order and enter code **79185TA**.

2. August Lunch Menu can be found [here](#). (Note that "Elementary Testing Day" on August 24th and 25th does not apply to CSP.)

3. CSP Teacher Availability (on-campus and via email): All of our CSP teachers are part-time and only teach in the building a few days a week, and teachers are not in the building on Fridays. If emailing a teacher on a non-teaching day, please expect to hear back when the teacher returns on their next teaching day.

4. Typing Pal will be available for all students in grades 3-6 after Labor Day. More information to come.

5. UPCOMING: Friday, September 8, Make-Up Day for MONDAY Students Only--Because of the Labor Day holiday, Monday students will have school on this Friday. No hot lunch will be served. Students are permitted to wear denim bottoms and a uniform top.

6. UPCOMING: Grandparents' Week is September 11-14. Be watching for additional information (to include specific times) in grade level newsletters.

7. REMINDER--UPDATED East Campus Carpool Flow - Due to a year-long construction project at PPSC, our carpool flow will have a slight change for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. The carpool line will still enter through New Life Church and continue along Cross Peak View. Once the line moves into the lower PPSC parking lot and splits, both the K-2 line and the 3-6 line will move side by side through the drive lane to the south and the parking spaces to the south. **This change is indicated by the red circle on the carpool map [HERE](#).**

Start-of-Year Information

New staff joining College Pathways for the 2023-2024 school year:

- **Sonia Natale** - CSP/CP Front Office Manager
- **Tracey Skrzypek** - CSP/CP Front Office Assistant
- **Beth Stephens** - 1st grade Language Arts (veteran TCA teacher from Central Elementary)
- **Sonja Daum** - 3rd grade Language Arts (veteran CSP teacher)

Please welcome these staff in their new roles when you're able!

[CSP K-6 Uniform Information](#) (Contact: CSP Assistant Principal, Stef Hille, shille@asd20.org)

[CSP Grade Level Supply Lists](#) (Contact: Grade Level Teachers)

- Please send all supplies with your child on the first day of school. All items should be labeled with your child's name except for general classroom supplies (i.e. paper towels, Kleenex, wet wipes,

antibacterial gel, etc.).

- *Please note the 3rd grade supply list was updated July 20 to include a durable 1-inch, 3-ring binder and 5 tabbed dividers with pockets.*

CSP REQUIRED Paperwork (Contact: CSP Office Staff Tracey Skrzypek, tskrzypek@asd20.org)

- [Notice of Intent to Homeschool](#) (one per family required; link provides access to a fillable PDF—open, complete, save, and email completed PDF to the contact listed above)

CSP Immunizations and Health Care Plans (Contact: CSP/East Campus Head Nurse, Kelly Tagliere, ktagliere@asd20.org)

- [Health Forms](#) (i.e. Health Care Plans and Permission to Administer Medication forms—please see information sent out from our school nurse about times to drop off meds and health forms to the school; all immunization records or exemption forms may be turned in to your child’s classroom teacher or scanned and emailed to the East Campus Nurse)

CSP Fees (Contact: CSP Office Staff Tracey Skrzypek, tskrzypek@asd20.org)

- Pay fees (i.e. field trips, IEW, lunch (optional) but see additional lunch information below) online in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, or payment can also be sent with your child on his/her first day (cash or check made out to TCA).
- Hot Lunch Accounts may also be filled/paid in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal (again, see additional lunch information below). Lunch calendars will be made available in weekly newsletters.

CSP Lunch (Contact: CSP Principal, Justin Peterson, jpeterson1@asd20.org)

- For the 2023-2024 school year, District 20 and TCA have opted into the Healthy School Meals for All program. All students will have access to lunch school meals at their school for no cost. A la carte purchases and the cost to double a meal will continue to be offered for a fee. These purchases will be charged to the student’s meal account, or the student may pay for the food items with cash.
- Information about TCA elementary lunch and the Colorado Healthy School Meals for All program can be found [HERE](#).

CSP Lending Library (Contact: CSP Office Staff Tiffany Jolly, tjolly@asd20.org)

- All K-2 families are required to purchase a set of Spalding Phonogram Cards for \$16. Cards may be purchased by cash or check (made out to TCA) through our front office.
- Click [here](#) for other required CSP Curriculum Information that families may purchase on their own or borrow from our Lending Library. Lending Library materials may be checked out through our front office.

Digital Health Policy (Student cell phone use on campus) (Contact: CSP Principal, Justin Peterson, jpeterson1@asd20.org)

- TCA recently adopted a Digital Health Policy to help preserve an educational environment free from distraction and promote emotional wellbeing and relationship building. Please read the policy in its entirety [HERE](#).

Infinite Campus Parent Portal (Contact: CP Principal, Justin Peterson, jpeterson1@asd20.org; CP Assistant Principal, Stef Hille, shille@asd20.org; for log-in help, contact the D20 help desk at help@asd20.org)

- Click [here](#) to log in to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. In the Parent Portal, you can check your student's grades (4th – 6th grade during the semester and final semester grades for all grade

levels), attendance, schedule, and district messages. Need help logging in for the first time? Click [here](#).

Extended Parent Portal (Contact: CP Principal, Justin Peterson, jpeterson1@asd20.org; CP Assistant Principal, Stef Hille, shille@asd20.org; for login help, contact the D20 help desk at help@asd20.org). Click [here](#) for the Extended Parent Portal Log-In. Within the Extended Parent Portal, you can:

- **Sign Student Agreements Electronically** – Before you can access the main Extended Parent Portal, you must first acknowledge having read the Student Handbook. Once you accept, you will gain access to the other features.
- **View and update student information** on transportation, immunizations, health, and physician information.
- **View and update household information** including guardian contact information and text message preferences.
- If you need help with your Extended Parent Portal account, please contact District 20 at (719) 234-1777 or help@asd20.org.

CSP 2023-2024 Handbook (Contact: CSP Assistant Principal, Stef Hille, shille@asd20.org) Please read this handbook thoroughly and sign off that you have done so in Infinite Campus.

CSP Grade Level Newsletters

- Grade level teachers will email weekly newsletters to families. Newsletters are an important source of information help you stay up to date on what's happening in the classroom and around CSP throughout the school year.

CSP Carpool (Contact: CSP Assistant Principal, Stef Hille, shille@asd20.org)

- Please review the link below to ensure carpool moves smoothly. All traffic rules and road signs must be followed throughout carpool. Please ensure you never block thru-traffic or entrances and exits.
- [East Carpool Instructions](#).

CSP 2023-2024 Calendar (Thank you for being mindful of school dates when scheduling appointments and planning, family trips, etc..)

CSP Calendar of Events (Access the entire school year's event schedule so you can "save the date" for all school activities.)

Landsharks Running Club

TCA East

- Registration for the fall XC Landsharks season is open! You can register at <https://www.landsharksrunningclub.com>.
- Practices begin Thursday, September 7th and will run through Wednesday, October 4th from 7:10am-7:55am. Please meet on the turf field.
- Meets are at Challenger Middle School on 9/24, 10/1, and 10/8 at 3:00pm.
- We are in need of more parent coaches! If you are interested or have questions, please text Mandy Souder at 719-258-7786.

Homeschool Hammerheads

- Registration for the fall XC Landsharks season is open! You can register at <https://www.landsharksrunningclub.com> under "Homeschool Hammerheads".

- Practices are scheduled on Mondays (4:15 – 5pm) and Fridays (5 – 5:45pm) beginning Monday, September 11th and will run through Monday, October 9th from 7:10am-7:55am.
- See the flyer [here](#) for more information on practices, meets, and registration.



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