

# 2023-2024 Cottage School Program

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

### **NEW and STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**1. PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES THIS WEEK!** There are no CSP classes on campus for students this week. Links to sign up for conferences were sent by grade level teachers. Click [here](#) for a master

list of all teacher sign-ups. Note: Our Specials teachers will not have scheduled conference times. Rather, they will be available for parents to reach out to them for individual meetings each day.

- Mrs. Dalrymple will be here 10:00 AM-12 Noon each day (room 127). Drop-ins welcome.
- Mrs. Socolofsky will be here 12 Noon-3:00 each day (8-11 Thursday) (room 127). Please contact her to schedule a time to meet ([jsocolofsky@asd20.org](mailto:jsocolofsky@asd20.org)).
- Coach Anderson will be here 12 Noon-2:00 PM each day (PE office in gym). Drop-ins welcome.

**2. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. PARENT SPALDING CLASSES** are being offered on the evening of Thursday, October 26th, and Thursday, November 2nd. See below flyer for more information. (Live link [here](#).)

**6. 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.

**7. November Lunch Menu** can be found [here](#).

**8. 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.

**9. 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>

**10. THANKSGIVING BREAK is November 20 - 24.** There is no school this week.

#### **11. 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 [wreathscrossamerica.org/co0024](http://wreathscrossamerica.org/co0024) for more information.

**12. Coming Soon to TCA Cottage School...A fundraiser with heART (flyer below)!** We are partnering with SilverGraphics to celebrate creativity and raise needed funds for our school! Your child has been working hard on an art project at school. We're opening a private **Online Art Shop** for you to view your child's art and order personalized products such as journals, magnets, ceramic mugs, canvas totes, and ornaments. You'll be able to upload additional art and favorite photos from home too! Art

keepsakes make great mementos and unique gifts for family and friends! Watch for Order Catalogs coming soon...

**13. 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.

**14. 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.

## 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 CSP's snow day and 2-hour delay policy. As a reminder, TCA follows D20's delay and closure status.

### SNOW DAYS

CSP will follow Academy School District 20 closure status. When ASD20 administration cancels school due to inclement weather, several radio/TV stations will be contacted to broadcast the closure or delay. TCA uses the Blackboard Connect™ service to notify the TCA community in the event of a delay or closure COTTAGE SCHOOL PROGRAM DOES NOT MAKE UP SNOW DAYS.

### 2-HOUR DELAYS

Periodically throughout the winter, school will be delayed two hours due to inclement weather. Students may wear blue denim on these days. Hot lunch will still be available on delay days, or students may bring a sack lunch. All students should bring a snack and water bottle. Carpool as usual.

2-Hour Delay Schedule:

**Grades 1-6:** 10:15 - 3:30 pm

**Kindergarten:** AM class—10:15 - 12:30 pm

# Spalding for Parents Class

Thursday Evenings  
October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
5 pm – 8 pm  
TCA Central Campus  
1655 Springs Crest Road

During this two-session class, you will learn phonograms, spelling rules, comprehension strategies, and ways to support your child in reading and writing.

The cost for the class is \$10. Please register at TCA's Pay School Events by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

<https://tinyurl.com/TCA-Parent-Spalding-Class> or



If fewer than 10 participants have registered for the class by October 20<sup>th</sup>, the class will be cancelled, and all money refunded.

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### Typing Pal Log-In Instructions (Grades 3-6 Only)

Typing Pal is a learn-to-type program that we offer at no charge to all of our upper elementary students. There is no requirement to participate; it's simply something families may use as part of their home school curricula if students desire to learn/master basic typing skills. Log-in instructions are below.

1. Go to <https://clascott.typingpal.com>
2. Each student's **user name** is the first letter of his/her first name (as given in Infinite Campus; not a nickname) followed by the student's last name (i.e. shille would be the username for Stefani Hille).
3. The **password** is identical for each student—*titans*—UNLESS a student was with us previously and changed his/her account to a unique password. Once students are logged in, they may change their password to something unique to them.
4. Questions or trouble logging in? Contact Stef Hille at [shille@asd20.org](mailto:shille@asd20.org).



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