

2023-2024 Cottage School Program

Weekly News--Week of September 4

There is virtue in work and there is virtue in rest. Use both and overlook neither.

~ Alan Cohen

Is it too early to talk about resting when summer break ended only three weeks ago? Maybe. Or maybe not. While relatively little work - the work of school - has been completed at this point in the year, we know plenty of work lies ahead. Rest isn't just needed once something is finished. Rest is also important when preparing to take on a new endeavor. With the majority of the school year in front of us, hopefully the Labor Day weekend has afforded your family just that: a chance to re-energize and/or ready for the coming weeks. Finding a balance between work and rest is essential because too much of either means less of the other, which ultimately can't be sustained. If you're noticing your child spending too much time on their school work and less and less time sleeping or with friends and family, let their teacher(s) know (and you can always reach out to administration). Balance is important for all of us.

A brief history of Labor Day: Labor Day was originally celebrated in 1892 in New York City. Just two years later, President Grover Cleveland made Labor Day our nation's 7th federal holiday.

Happy Labor Day!

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Announcements

NEW and STILL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. THIS WEEK--FRIDAY MAKE-UP DAY for MONDAY STUDENTS ONLY! Because of the Labor Day holiday, Monday students will have school this coming Friday. No hot lunch will be served, so please bring a sack lunch. Students are permitted to wear denim bottoms and a uniform top. Note that carpool will go very quickly at the end of the day because East Elementary will not be here. (Kinder carpool will run as normal at 11:30.)

2. September Lunch Menu can be found [here](#).

3. Typing Pal is up and running for our 3rd-6th grade students. Log-in information is below.

4. 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.

5. UPCOMING: Grandparents' Week is September 11-14. Be watching for additional information in grade level newsletters. Specific classroom times are as follows:

Monday, September 11

8:15-8:50 Kindergarten
8:50-9:24 4th Grade
9:25-10:05 2nd Grade
10:05-10:30 6th Grade

Tuesday, September 12

8:15-8:50 Kindergarten
8:50-9:24 4th Grade
9:25-10:05 2nd Grade
10:05-10:30 6th Grade

Wednesday, September 13

2:00-2:30 5th Grade
2:35-3:00 1st Grade
3:00-3:30 3rd Grade

Thursday, September 14

2:00-2:30 5th Grade
2:35-3:00 1st Grade
3:00-3:30 3rd Grade

6. School Accountability Committee (SAC) - Interested in joining CSP/CP's SAC? Come to the first meeting Tuesday, September 12, 10 - 11 AM in the TCA East Conference Room (childcare not provided). Meetings are held each quarter throughout the school 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.

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.

Start-of-Year Information

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 Tiffany Jolly, tjolly@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 Tiffany Jolly, tjolly@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 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.

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](#).
- **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](#).**

[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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