



TCA Newsletter
September 14, 2019

Upcoming Important Dates

September 19 - PiP Meeting - 6:00 pm
September 26 - Senior Parent Night
September 26 - Listening Session 5:00 pm
September 26 - Parent Curriculum Night - 6:30 pm
September 27 - Early Release at 1:40 pm
October 4 - Homecoming
October 5 - Homecoming Dance



Uniform Reminder

Please remember to have your student keep an extra uniform in their locker in case they need to change during the day. We are only storing a few donated middle school uniforms in the office this year. Thank you.



The TCA school board will be hosting listening sessions on September 26 from 5:00-5:45 (before Curriculum Night). The objective of these listening sessions is to get honest, constructive feedback from parents, students, community members, teachers, and staff on the school climate at TCA. Board members are looking to hear about the positive aspects of TCA's school culture as well as any suggestions for improvement. Please come share your experiences and observations!

Locations are as follows:

- Teacher board members will hear community/parent feedback in room 211
- Parent board members will hear teacher/staff feedback in room 213
- Community board members will hear student feedback in room 205
- Community board members will hear administrator feedback in the conference room

Please contact Elizabeth Neilson, TCA teacher and school board member, with any questions
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Know a student who loves superheroes, art or STEM?

The STEM Superheroes campaign, powered by 3M and DoSomething.org, brings these elements together – along with a unique opportunity for students to win a scholarship.

STEM superheroes overview

Students (ages 13-25) design posters that feature creative and diverse superheroes who save the day using STEM superpowers. **By submitting their design to DoSomething.org, students will be entered to win one of two \$2,500 scholarships.**

The goal of this campaign is to inspire and (super)empower younger students' love for STEM. Participating students are encouraged to display their superhero posters in places where younger kids will see them, such as schools and libraries, to spark interest in STEM at an early age.

Encourage the young people in your life to participate. You can direct them to dosomething.org/stem for more information. Sept. 15 is the submission deadline for the first scholarship and Nov. 30 for the second scholarship.

DoSomething.org is one of 3M's education partners. [Read more about 3M's support of K-12 education as the new school year begins.](#)

Greetings from Children's Defense Fund–Minnesota!

We hope that the school year is off to a great start! This is a reminder that our **Beat the Odds®** scholarship application is open and the deadline is in **two weeks** on **Friday, September 27th, 2019 at 11:59 PM.**

As a reminder, students interested in applying should follow this link: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4754732> or visit our website <http://cdf-mn.org/programs/beat-the-odds/>. Once a student completes their application, nominators will receive an email prompting them to submit their recommendation letter separately.

If you have any questions, please reach out to btomn@childrensdefense.org. We encourage you to pass along this information to others who may have a student in mind for the scholarship.

Thank you for your time!

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Volunteering



Parent Volunteer Opportunities

New this year, we will have an ongoing volunteer sign up link on sign up genius. This will hopefully streamline volunteering for families and will have the same link all year. It will also aid in tracking who is volunteering.

[Volunteer Opportunities – Sign Up Here](#)

We ask that each volunteer please fill out the TCA volunteer/engagement registration and guidelines form (first time only) below and have their ID ready when they check-in at the front office. Below is the link for the form. You can fill it out ahead of time or when you come in. Thank you for everything our volunteers do!

[TCA Volunteer/Engagement Registration Form and Guidelines](#)



The library would like to have some plants. If you have any plants that don't need sunlight that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the library. Also, if you have an extra lamp or two that you are not using, please drop it off in the library. Thank you so much. Also, if there are any parents who would like to volunteer, please email

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Requested Donations

General School Supplies

- 3 inch binders with dividers
- Composition notebooks
- Pencils
- Pens
- Highlighters
- Loose leaf paper
- Sketchbooks
- Pencil Pouches (that fit in 3 ring binders)
- Sticky notes (such as Post-it or any generic brand)
- Glue sticks
- Handheld pencil sharpeners
- Colored pencils
- Dry erase markers (such as EXPO markers)

Food Shelf Donations Needed

- Breakfast cereal
- Granola bars
- Mac and cheese
- Easy to fix meals

Art Room

- Any type of paper (construction, drawing, decorative)
- Plastic bags
- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Large plastic containers (32 oz) yogurt/sour cream
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Erasers
- Paint brushes (any size)
- Any "crafty" supplies (glitter, sequins, greeting cards, envelopes, old jewelry)

TCA is starting community partnerships beginning with St. Paul Federal Credit Union.

Open yours today!



No Monthly service fee. Maintenance and activity fees do not apply. Other fees may apply, such as overdraft fee, and insufficient funds fee. See the Account Disclosures for terms and fees that may apply. Rates, terms, and fee are subject to change. Account opening is subject to approval.

*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. Bonus Rates of up to 4.99% APR will be paid on balances up to \$20,000 as long as the following monthly statement cycle requirements are met: 20 debit card transactions (not including ATM transactions) to meet base bonus dividend tier, 40 debit card transactions (not including ATM transactions) to meet mid-level bonus dividend tier, 60 debit card transactions (not including ATM transactions) to meet top bonus dividend tier, enrollment into eStatements, use of eBanking and recurring direct deposit into checking account. Rates and terms are subject to change without notice.

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