

ATWIN CITIES ACADEMY

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL

A Message From Principal Amundson

Hello TCA families!

It has been so wonderful to have all of our students back in the building, see relationships being built, and just have our whole community come back together!

It has been so fun to see teachers interacting with the students, and the students themselves truly enjoying each other's company.

In these first few weeks, we have dedicated time to grounding ourselves in TCA's values of Respect, Optimism, Achievement, and Responsibility. We have been teaching and reviewing expectations around our common spaces in the building, as well as classroom values and procedures. This will form a strong foundation that our community and our students' learning experiences will be built upon.

We are all looking forward to this upcoming school year and the gift of being together once again!

Be well!

Erin Amundson

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 24 - Field Day & Early Release at 1:20PM

October 1 - Homecoming

October 7 - Picture Day

October 21 - NO SCHOOL: MEA/Staff Dev

October 22 - NO SCHOOL: MEA

October 28 - Info Session #1

October 29 - Falloween

October 29 - Early Release 1:20PM



HOMECOMING 2021

Next week is Homecoming 9/27-10/1!

We are kicking off Homecoming with field day today (9/24). High school will have a pepfest Friday 10/1 and there are dress up days next week that students can choose to participate in for both middle and high school.

If they chose not to participate, they should be in uniform.

The themes are the following:

Monday: Pajama Day

Tuesday: Twin Day

Wednesday: Fictional Character Day

Thursday: Throwback Thursday (any decade)

Friday: Tiger Pride or Blue and Gold Day

LIBRARY



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Your virtual Saint Paul Public Library card.
Get started at sppi.org/go.

BARCODE:
22091902000 + 3 Digit ID OR
2209190200 + 4 Digit ID

PIN: Your Birthday (MMDDYYYY)

The Librarian is in!

Learn more about the library, check out and return policies, how to check out books etc. here.
Browse TCA Library's catalog of books here.

Students may email library@twincitiesacademy.org to request a book.

Students can use their Library Go virtual library card to access the St. Paul Public Library.

Questions or concerns? Please contact the librarian, Ms. Delesha, at library@twincitiesacademy.org



DO YOU NEED A BUS STOP?



Please help us make our bus routes more efficient.

If your student does not ride the bus please let us know so we make our routes more efficient for the riders.

Check the Parent Portal > More > Transportation.

If there is a stop listed that you won't use, please email Info to let us know.
Thank you!

WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB

Ready to bring it to the next level in your next sport? Want to begin a lifelong habit of staying in shape?

Join the after school weight lifting club. There are three different programs offered:

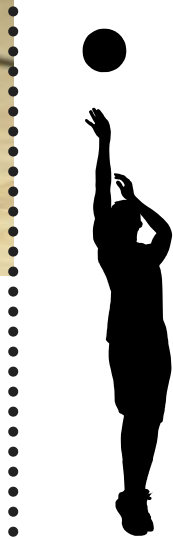
All programs start Monday 9/13 from 4:15-5:30PM and will run until the beginning of Winter Sports- November 19th.
Sign Up using this [link](#).



Any questions please contact Mr. E.W at belyeawheeler@twincitiesacademy.org



Girls basketball open gym is Monday and Tuesday from 6:30-8pm. This is open for all grades and is an optional basketball workout to prepare for the upcoming Winter season that starts on 11/5



BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL

Boys Basketball will have open gym on Wednesdays from 7-8:30p.

Open to grades 8-12 that are interested in playing Varsity, JV, or C-Squad basketball this season.

Contact Coach Moffitt at dmoffitt@twincitiesacademy.org for any other information needed.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Who: Anyone in grades 5th-8th

Where: St. Croix Prep

When: 4:20pm-5:00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays (Monday September 13th-Wednesday October 6th)

What: Wear athletic clothing and bring a water bottle, cleats are not required but recommended

Why: Why Not!!!! Come out and have some fun, and bring your friends!!

How: How much? FREE!!!!

Contact: noahdombrovski@stcroixprep.org / St Croix Prep Academy



Traveling Basketball Workouts & Tryouts



Do you have a son or daughter ready to play more competitive traveling basketball in a supportive & instructional environment? Come check us out! We are focused on empowering youth through sports, while building a culture of growth, respect & responsibility!



2021-2022 CONWAY CENTRAL AREA WINTER TRAVELING BASKETBALL WORKOUTS & TRYOUTS *(no cost to attend; masks are required)*

@ Twin Cities Academy 690 Birmingham Street, St. Paul, MN 55106

Please attend at least one workout before tryouts. Coaches will be on hand to answer any questions.

GIRLS 5TH—8TH GRADE

WORKOUTS:

Sat, 9/11 1-3pm

Sat, 9/18 1-3pm

Sat, 9/25 1-3pm

TRYOUTS:

Sat, 10/2 1-3pm

Sat, 10/9 1-3pm

BOYS 5TH—6TH GRADE

WORKOUTS:

Sun, 9/12 2-3:30pm

Sun, 9/19 2-3:30pm

Sun, 9/26 2-3:30pm

TRYOUTS:

Sun, 10/3 2-3:30pm

Sun, 10/10 2-3:30pm

BOYS 7TH—8TH GRADE

WORKOUTS:

Sun, 9/12 4-5:30pm

Sun, 9/19 4-5:30pm

Sun, 9/26 4-5:30pm

TRYOUTS:

Sun, 10/3 4-5:30pm

Sun, 10/10 4-5:30pm

Conway Central Area (CCA) Basketball Association is a non-profit volunteer organization that seeks to provide the city of St. Paul youth the opportunity to play traveling basketball.

We had a good 2020-2021 season with a number of our girls and boys teams placing in their respective divisions in Grade State.

We are excited to continue to expand our program with more players and more teams. Winter Traveling Basketball practice starts in late October and runs through early March. Teams normally have 8-10 tournaments on weekends, starting in November and running through early March. There will be a participation fee which covers tournament and gym rental fees*.

For more information, please contact Program Director, Coach Dennis Blue @ ccatravelbasketball@gmail.com or **6128892343** or check out [facebook.com/conwaycentralarea](https://www.facebook.com/conwaycentralarea).

*Participation fees will be based on the number of tournaments and players per team. CCA does offer partial financial assistance opportunities. If you would like to request financial assistance, please email ccatravelbasketball@gmail.com. Our Program Director will work with you directly.

PBIS COMMUNITY CORNER



This is our first year introducing the Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports (PBIS) framework to TCA. You may have heard your student talk about learning how best to travel in the hallways or even to and from the bathrooms. This is a part of the PBIS framework to ensure that there are minimum assumptions. Teaching and reteaching will become the norm. We value our ROAR (Respect, Optimism, Achievement, Responsibility) as a community.

Our hope is to keep you in the know, to make this a full circle opportunity for us all to grow. In the next few weeks we will be going over these expectations. Feel free to role play and/or ask your students what they learned.

Parent Survey

We want to hear from you!

Please complete the Family Survey to let us know how this school year went. We want your feedback so we know what we can do better in the future.

[English Survey](#)
[Spanish Survey](#)
[Hmong Survey](#)
[Somali Survey](#)

School Uniforms

School Uniforms are in!

If you are in need of more uniform long sleeve or short sleeve shirts you can stop by the front office before school, during lunch, or after school.

shirts are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25.

SHIRTS WILL NOT BE SOLD DURING THE STUDENTS CLASS HOURS.

Important High School Yearbook Dates: 2021-22

- 10.15.21 | Parents of seniors: find a baby photo! Parents/families of seniors have the option to buy space in the high school yearbook to celebrate their child. For \$17, you can publish a congratulatory message (limit 350 words) and a childhood photo of your graduating senior. Please send the photo and message to eneilson@twincitiesacademy.org. You can complete your payment in Infinite Campus. No photos/messages will be accepted after this date.
- 11.20.21 | Buy the yearbook early and save money. Purchase the high school yearbook by 11/20/21 and save \$5. Visit this link to purchase.
(This is for HS only.)
- 01.21.22 | Seniors: submit your senior photo & quote! All senior photos and quotes MUST be submitted by this date. You can e-mail these to eneilson@twincitiesacademy.org. Watch for a Google Form in Schoology later this month for a place to submit senior quotes.
- 03.01.22 | Want your book personalized? Order it by this date! No books can be personalized after this date.
- May, TBD | Distribution. Yearbooks usually arrive in the last few weeks of May.

We are only printing 100 books this year, so make sure to order yours right away to ensure you get one!

If you have questions about the high school yearbook, please direct them to high school yearbook advisor Ms. Neilson at eneilson@twincitiesacademy.org. (If you need information on the middle school yearbook for a younger sibling please contact Ms. Gibson at kgibson@twincitiesacademy.org)

Middle School Yearbook

Middle School Yearbooks are now on sale!

The Yearbook Club is working hard to create your 2021-2022 Yearbook filled with memories, friends, and events. Purchase before November 16th and only pay \$30!

Reserve your copy now by going to www.balfour.com and searching Twin Cities Academy Middle School. For questions please reach out to Liz Vandergon at evandergon@twincitiesacademy.org.

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Order your school pictures
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Thursday, October 07, 2021
Twin Cities Academy



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- ② Enter your Picture Day ID
EVT9XRSVP
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Retake Day: Thursday, December 2nd, 2021



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Thursday, October 07, 2021 \ jueves, 7 de octubre, 2021
Twin Cities Academy



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del Día de la Foto

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③ Encarga tu paquete perfecto,
¡y no te preocupes por devolver
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Drivers Education Classes Online and Behind the Wheel

Provided by A+ Driving School

Mandatory 30 hours of classroom instruction required by the State of Minnesota to apply for a permit.

Zoom Classes Only

Session 1: 6:15 - 9:15 pm Sep. 13,14,15,16,20,21,22,23, 27,28

Session 2: 6:15 - 9:15 pm Oct. 4,5,6,7, 11,12,13,14, 18,19

Session 3: 6:15 - 9:15 pm Oct. 25,26,27,28, Nov. 3,4, 8,9,10,11

Session 4: 6:15 - 9:15 pm Nov. 15,16,17,18, 22,23, 29,30, Dec. 1,2

Session 5: 6:15 - 9:15 pm Dec. 6,7,8,9, 13,14,15,16, 20,21

Session 6: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm OR 12:45 - 3:45 pm (1 class limit per day. Dec. 19, 22,23,24,26,27,28,29,30,31

WHO: Eligible: Students who are 14 years old or older.

COST: Option 1: \$420 includes classroom & behind-the-wheel instruction.

Option 2: \$260 for the classroom only instruction and \$185 for behind-the-wheel instruction at a later date.

HOW: Register and pay online at:

<https://aplusdrivingschool.net/register-for-class/twin-cities-academy/>

Installment payments can be made through the web site.

WHAT ELSE?

■ **Missed Classes / Late to Class.** Contact A+ Driving School www.aplusdrivingschool.net to schedule makeup online classes locations at no additional cost. 30 hours are required by the state. Students late to class will not get credit for that class.

■ **Classroom Lesson Completion.** Students will receive a certificate upon completing 30 hours of instruction. Once a student is 15 years of age, they may take the permit test. Proof of classroom instruction (the certificate) is required at the DMV in order to take the permit test.

Energy Assistance Program



GOT BILLS HANGING OVER YOUR HEAD?

Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program helps pay energy bills

More Minnesota households than ever before are eligible. You may also qualify for the Weatherization Assistance Program for free home improvements to permanently reduce your energy bills.

HELP FOR RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS:

- Up to \$1,600 to pay your energy bills
- Free repair or replacement of homeowner's broken furnace
- Free energy efficiency home upgrades to lower your bills

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Household size	Annual income
1	\$33,918
2	\$44,355
3	\$54,791
4	\$65,228

LEARN MORE

1-800-657-3710
mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp

or search "Minnesota Energy Assistance"
in your internet browser



Links to: [Spanish flyer](#) - [Hmong flyer](#) - [Somali flyer](#)

Are you stressed about paying utility bills?

Apply for Minnesota's energy assistance program today. Get up to \$1,600 to help pay your energy bills. You could get \$1,200 more to cover past-due bills.

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