

ATWIN CITIES ACADEMY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL

Reminders

October 28 - Info Session #1

October 28 - COVID Vaccine Clinic - Sign up here: <https://prepmo.health.state.mn.us//appointment/en/reg/6261505192>

October 29 - Fallween

October 29 - Early Release 1:20PM

November 5 - End of 1st Quarter

November 11 - Junior Parent Night

November 12 - Early Release at 1:20

November 15 - No School - Conference Prep

Attendance Email Address

If you need to notify TCA of an absence, please email the school at attendance@twincitiesacademy.org. This is a more secure and timely way to ensure the absence is marked correctly. Thank you!

Update to Your Schoology Parent Username

Last week Schoology had an update which might have affected your Schoology parent username. Your password has NOT changed. In order to log in follow these steps:

- 1) Go to <http://app.schoology.com>
- 2) First try using your email address as your username and the same password as before.
- 3) If your email address does not work then you will have to use your Infinite Campus PersonID as your username. Your PersonID was emailed to you on Tuesday, Oct. 26th. If you can't find that email then you can email schoology@twincitiesacademy.org for further assistance.

Falloween

Falloween is a traditional celebration for middle school students! This is also an end of quarter celebration to highlight our great community and allow students to have structured fun. Students will be outside taking part in challenges with their advisory and be able to sign up for fun room activities in the afternoon!



BinaxNow OTC Positive Test Results

Some new information from the MDH states that you must look closely at your BinaxNow test results. If the line indicating a positive test is even FAINTLY visible, it needs to be read as a positive and the school needs to be informed and the family taking the test needs to go into quarantine. Please be aware of this information in employing your OTC BinaxNow kits. Thank you for your attention to this warning.

BinaxNow OTC Positive Test Results

BinaxNow OTC tests that are positive can sometimes have faint indicators. Even if faint, a positive test should be treated as it is positive. Families should use the how to use BinaxNow OTC test kits video before administering the test.

A positive COVID-19 test (molecular or antigen test, rapid or not) means the person who took the test has COVID-19 and can spread it to others. If you get a positive test result, you should stay home and away from others. This advice does not change if you get a second test that is negative. See: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sick.html>

Picture Retake Day



Picture Day has been rescheduled to December 3, 2021.

Order your school pictures at:
<https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/>

Picture ID: EVT9XRSVP

LIBRARY

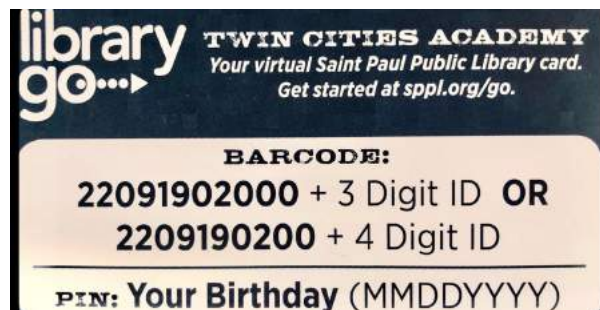


The Librarian is in!

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



Winter Sports

Winter Sports Registration is open now until November 5th. Please use the link below to register!

<https://twincitiesacademy.org/2021-winter-sports-registration/>

Any middle school students not trying out for our HS basketball teams, please reach out to Mr. Lindholm if you are interested in a camp at Macalester College.

Any middle school students interested in winter futsal at Conway Rec, please reach out to Mr. Lindholm.

Any students in grades 6-12 interested in playing baseball, please reach out to Mr. Lindholm.

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

Important High School Yearbook Dates: 2021-22

- 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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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.

Click Registration Link [HERE](#)

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.

Apply now mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp

RENTAL ASSISTANCE



Latino Economic Development Center
Centro para el Desarrollo Económico Latino



(651) 395-4037

East Side Enterprise Center
804 Margaret St.

Saint Paul, MN 55106

info@ledcmn.org

www.ledcmn.org

← **scan!**

Ramsey County Residents

If you qualify, LEDC will help you apply to receive assistance with your rent and utility payments and up to 3 future months of rent!

TEXT or CALL (612) 230-6793



**U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY ABROAD**

Greetings,

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) provides more than 1,000 merit-based fully funded opportunities for U.S. high school students to study abroad for a summer or an academic year in more than 25 countries. These high school exchange programs prepare young Americans to succeed in the 21st century's global economy by developing their foreign language skills, increasing their cross-cultural understanding, strengthening their confidence and leadership capacity, and fostering new academic insights and ambitions.

The application periods are currently open for the following programs:

Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX): Live with a host family and attend high school in Germany.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2021

Length: Academic Year

Future Leaders Exchange Abroad (FLEX Abroad): Live with a host family and attend high school in Kazakhstan, Poland, or Ukraine

Application Deadline: December 8, 2021

Length: Academic Year

Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad (YES Abroad): Live with a host family and attend high school in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, or Europe

Application Deadline: December 8, 2021

Length: Academic Year

National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y): Immerse yourself in Arabic, Indonesian, Mandarin, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Russian, or Turkish

Application Deadline: November 4, 2021

Length: Six-seven weeks in the summer or full academic year

Youth Ambassadors: Learn about civic education and develop leadership skills in the Caribbean and South America

Application Deadline: December 6, 2021

Length: Three weeks in the summer

These scholarships cover international airfare, tuition, program costs, meals, and living accommodations (often with a host family). The programs have no language prerequisites, except for certain Youth Ambassadors programs. Applicants must be between the ages of 15 and 18.5 when the program starts. We are particularly trying to reach young people who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in a study abroad experience.

Please share this information widely with teachers, students, parents, and others in your networks who may be interested in these opportunities. For more information and outreach materials, please visit <https://exchanges.state.gov/highschool>.

Thank you for supporting ECA and our effort to increase mutual understanding between people and communities around the world. Please contact us at youthprograms@state.gov with any questions.

<https://exchanges.state.gov/highschool/>

Sincerely,

Youth Programs Division

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

U.S. Department of State