



TCA Newsletter

Monday, November 8, 2021

Upcoming Events

November 11 - Junior Parent Night

November 12 - Early Release at 1:20

November 15 - No School - Conference Prep

November 16 - Info Session

November 17 - Picture Day - Newly Rescheduled Date

November 18 - Shadow Day

November 20 - Conferences for 1st Quarter

November 24-26 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Calendar Change

*TCA has decided to add a few additional days off into our school year.
The following days are now NO SCHOOL days.*

No School on Wednesday 11/24

No School Monday 12/20 and Tuesday 12/21

(So two full weeks of winter break starting 12/20 and ending 12/31)

*We hope the extra time off provides some rest and relaxation
for our students and families.*

Dear TCA families,

We had another great week! Fallween last Friday was a blast. Kids enjoyed outdoor games, costumes and more during a beautiful fall day. We are so happy we can be back together again, and hope it continues as we keep COVID-19 away from our school as much as possible. Fortunately, we have had no spread of COVID in our school thanks to our masking policy and contact tracing in record time (thanks to Ms. Seashore who often works into the evening to contact families!) Students who have had COVID, it seems have contracted somewhere other than the school. We have unfortunately had to quarantine students who are close contacts and unvaccinated per the CDC guidance. We understand this is difficult for many but we are watching COVID numbers at the city level and there is still a significant amount of community spread which makes this necessary. If a student is vaccinated, per the CDC, they do not need to quarantine for close contact at this time. TCA will continue to hold vaccine clinics throughout this fall.

TCA is also beginning its enrollment period for students for next year. With the pandemic, this last year, engaging with new families has been more difficult. We would greatly appreciate, if you could fill out a short survey found in this newsletter, to help us better understand how TCA can retain and attract new families to our community. TCA strives to offer a comprehensive academic experience in a caring and compassionate way to our students and families, and we are always looking for ways to improve. Your feedback helps us.

Enjoy another beautiful fall weekend!

Be well,
Betsy

In an effort to better serve you and our community, we would greatly appreciate you taking about 5-10 minutes to fill out our short survey below. Your feedback is very appreciated as we hope to continue to improve TCA!

Parent Survey.

EXCITING NEW PROGRAMS AT TCA



This school year, the math department is using a program called IXL. It is an online program designed to help students with math standards they are struggling to understand as well as working with the classroom math teacher to support the Minnesota State standards that are being taught in your student's current math class. This program may eventually be used in all grade levels (and math courses) but for this first year it is used in all of middle school and select high school classes. We will be taking this assessment three times this year (September, December, and May) to mark student's progress.

Should you have any questions about the TCA math curriculum and how it relates to IXL, feel free to contact your student's math teacher. Should you have any questions about the IXL Diagnostic or how testing works at TCA, feel free to contact the Math Interventionist at JBakeberg@TwinCitiesAcademy.org



In addition to IXL in the math department, TCA has rolled out the Achieve3000 program in English, history and science classes. Achieve3000 is a computer-based reading program that reaches every student at their own level. Your student receives reading materials that are not too easy nor too difficult, but are at just the right level to help increase their literacy skills and prepare them for college and/or a career.

Research shows that students best develop their reading skills when they work with text that is matched to their independent reading level. In their classes, all students read the same lesson, but the difficulty is matched to their lexile level. As students progress in their literacy skills, their lexile level will adjust and grow.

The students will use the data of their lexiles to work on college and career readiness goals and explore what they need in order to succeed in various careers. It is imperative that students do their best within the program so they can accurately see where they are and so they can see their growth. Unlike the MCA's, a one time snapshot of their learning, Achieve3000 tracks progress and growth frequently and updates monthly.

If you have any questions about Achieve3000, please feel free to reach out to Sarah Ancel at sancel@twincitiesacademy.org.

More information will come at conferences for both IXL and Achieve3000. There are tools and ways that you can help your student with both areas using these programs at home. Let's have a great school year!

Nurse's Notes

It's Here!!

Covid Vaccines for Children 5 years and Up are NOW AVAILABLE!

Your child can be vaccinated at your local clinic, CVS, Walgreens, and many local community centers. Please make an appointment to ensure that there will be a vaccine available for you when you arrive. To make appointments with your clinic, please call your doctor's office. To make an appointment at a vaccine clinic follow the link below. When you get to the website, type in your zip code, how far you are willing to travel, and the type of vaccine you are looking for. You will get several locations where you can make an appointment.



<https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/locations/index.jsp>

It is currently nosebleed season. When furnaces go on, noses dry out and students end up in the Health Office with nose bleeds. Some things that you can do at home to help. If you know your student is prone to bloody noses:

- Use a humidifier in their bedroom at night.
- Help them apply a thin film of petroleum jelly to each nostril with a cotton swab. This is similar to applying hand lotion to your hands to prevent the skin from cracking.
- Use a saline spray for your nose. Easily found at most pharmacies.

Health Office Items Needed

- Self adhesive athletic wrap
- Tissues

A big THANK YOU to the Tho family for all the cups! They will be distributed to teachers to help keep our students hydrated! We appreciate all of our families for the many ways they support our school.

THANK
YOU

**1st Quarter Conferences will be held on Saturday,
November 20, 2021 from 7:30-3:00.**

**Conferences will be in person at TCA. Please use the link
below to sign up with your child's advisory teacher only.**

1st Quarter Conferences - Sign Up Here



HIGHSCHOOL YEARBOOK DETAILS

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.

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 SCHOOLGY 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 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 VANDERSON AT EVANDERSON@TWINCITIESACADEMY.ORG.

#SMILE #TCA #MEMORIES #TOGETHERNESS #SCHOOL #CLASSPRIDE #UNITY



Help us Spread the Word!

TCA is still enrolling students in grades 6th and 9th for this school year. We have also opened enrollment for the next school year as well for all grades. Please contact Erin Reusing at ereusing@twincitiesacademy.org or visit our website for more information. Please share your experiences with your friends and neighbors.

www.twincitiesacademy.org

Sign up for Info Sessions and Shadow Days [HERE](#)

Please share this application link with any friends or family who is interested in TCA! Thank you.

WINTER FOOD PROGRAM
FEEDING FROGTOWN

FREE MEALS FROM AFRO DELI, CHENG HENG, & LOS OCAMPO

Family
Style
(4 person)



Single
Serving
(1 person)

Every Tuesday, Starts November 16th, 2021

PICK UP LOCATIONS & TIMES

Liberty Plaza: 290 Arundel St. (pick up between 2:30-3:30 PM)

Fuller Apartments: 240 Fuller Ave. (pick up between 2:30-3:30 PM)

Wilder: 911 Minnehaha Ave. (pick up between 5:30-6:30 PM)

Mt. Airy: 91 E Arch St. (pick up between 7-8 PM)

JOINT DROP SITE

Rivertown and Como Place Apartments: Alley between 175 Charles Ave. and 195 Edmund Ave. (pick up between 7-8 PM)
Meals switch off between Afro Deli & Cheng Heng every week.

Free Single & Family Size Meals:

Consist of prepared meals from local restaurants, ready to be heated in the oven or placed in the refrigerator for another day soon.



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Each location is first come,
first serve

Questions? Contact Sara at sarafeedingfrogstown@gmail.com or (651) 236-8699