



TCA Newsletter

Monday, January 17, 2022

Upcoming Events

January 17 - No School: MLK Jr. Day
January 18 - Online Learning Begins - C Day
January 19 - A Day FINALS
January 20 - B Day FINALS - 5th hour only Advisory/No Clubs
January 21 - Teacher Planning Day - No Classes for Students
January 24 - A Day
January 25 - B Day - 5th hour only Advisory/No Clubs
January 26 - A Day
January 27 - B Day - 5th hour only Advisory/No Clubs
January 28 - Early Release Day - Schedule as planned
January 31 - No School - Conference Prep Day as planned
February 1 - RETURN to In-Person Learning

History Day

The 10th grade History Day Competition has been postponed and will be rescheduled for later in February.

History Day projects will still be due to Ms. Drummond by Friday, January 21 to be entered into students semester 1 grade.

TCA's Commitment to Systemic Equity

Twin Cities Academy is committed to addressing educational inequities and ensuring a respectful learning environment in which diversity is valued and integral to successful outcomes for all students.

Dear TCA families,

It is truly unfortunate that we are again in a situation where students need to learn through online remote learning. I promise you this was an extremely difficult decision. Up until about a week ago, we were managing very well, with no community spread in our school. Unfortunately, in the last week we have seen over 140-150 students out related to the virus (most catching it outside of our school setting) and every day two or more staff were being infected. It truly was no longer a sustainable situation.

However, I have hope! We understand more about how to be safe in a school environment than ever before, and our scientists seem to understand things better. The research I have read describes this Omicron variant as much different than variants in the past, and we won't have to be in this situation too much longer. We are absolutely committed to being back to in person learning on February 1st!!!

This pause in instruction will give us a chance to let those who are ill get well and prevent others from being infected. It will give us a chance to get more tests, masks and do a thorough deep cleaning of the school. TCA has been very fortunate that we have avoided anything major up until this last week, and we know we can continue to do that.

To make sure we can all come back healthy and stay that way, we ask during this two week pause, to PLEASE to stay masked at all times except in your home, stay away from public spaces as much as possible, and get a test even if you think you have a cold. And, if your doctor recommends it, please get vaccinated or boosted if you have not done so already.

We know we can "beat this thing" and we are still planning on Prom, Graduation and all the fun things this spring! Yes, including dances and Mall of America. We just need to get well and take care of each other through our own personal choices. We can do this together, I know we can. TCA is one of the strongest and most caring school communities I have ever been a part of, so if any school can do it, we can!

As always thank you for your support and encouragement, I and our staff are so grateful as we continue to bring your kids the best education possible during these challenging times.

Warmly,
Betsy Lueth



Any 7th through 12th grader who is interested in playing on our high school baseball team, please confirm with Coach Lindholm (slindholm@twincitiesacademy.org) this week.

Registration will start 1/22, which is our next Saturday training session at TCA from 10:30-noon.

BIPOC STUDENTS BEHIND IN CREDITS OR FALLEN BEHIND WHO WISH TO IMPROVE THEIR GRADES SIGN UP FOR HOMEWORK HELP.



30,000 Feet — St. Paul After-School Support & Arts Program

30,000 Feet is a nonprofit organization in Saint Paul offering youth educational programs centered on arts.

[HOMEWORK HELP LINK HERE](#)

Middle School Yearbook

MS Yearbooks are now on sale for \$35!

The Yearbook Club is working hard to create your 2021-2022 Yearbook filled with memories, friends, and events. Make sure you place your order early as we are only ordering 80 yearbooks this year!

Reserve your copy now at <https://www.balfour.com/student-info?smi=115616>. For questions please reach out to Liz Vandergon at evandergon@twincitiesacademy.org

High School Yearbook

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. Vandergon at evandergon@twincitiesacademy.org)



Any middle school students interested in winter indoor soccer/futsal, please go to Conway Rec Center every Friday throughout the winter, starting Friday, December 10, from 6:30-8:30 for free futsal time.



Each TCA student has a Library Go card. This is a "virtual Library card" with access to databases, books, magazines and more. There are no overdue fines!

<https://sppl.org/library-go/>



Minnesota Magic 2022 Middle School Spring/Summer Tryouts

\$25/Athlete

Dates:

(5-8th Grade) Friday, February 18th 2022, 7-8:30pm

Location: Bloomington Kennedy Activity Center
(150 E 98th St. Bloomington MN) - Back Entrance

Please bring * Reversible jersey, Basketball, Water *

Mask must be worn into building

NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED

REGISTRATION ONLINE!

Registration @ minnesotamagic.net

Questions: minnesotamagicbasketball@gmail.com



Basketball Youth Organization

Minnesota Magic, Youth Basketball
Organization Founded in 1988.
minnesotamagic.net

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FEEDING FROGTOWN

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**FREE MEALS
PERPARED BY:**



2021 WINTER FOOD
PROGRAM

Restaurant Contacts: Afro Deli (612.239.5790), ChengHeng (651.222.5577),
Fhima's (612.353.4792)

**Family Serving
(4 person)**



**Every Tuesday
DRIVE OR WALK UP
LOCATIONS & TIMES**

**Single Serving
(1 person)**



Liberty Plaza: 290 Arundel St. (Distribution between 2-3PM)
Community Room, Enter at office for Meal pickup

Mt. Airy: 91 E Arch St. (Meal pick up between 2:30-3:30PM)
Community Center. Pull-up to Sign and Honk

Fuller Apartments: 240 Fuller Ave. (Drive through between 4-5 PM).
In front of Apartment Building. Find Sign, pull into Parking lot

Wilder: 911 E. Minnehaha Ave. (pick up between 4:30pm-5:30PM)
Find Sign, pull in parking lot.

**JOINT DROP SITE. Drive through or Walk up, Enter at Alley between
Rivertown and Como Place Apartments:**

175 Charles Ave. and 195 Edmund Ave. (pick up between 5:30-6:30PM).
Find Sign & Honk or Walk up to Pinic Table

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 sarafeedingfrogtown@gmail.com or (651) 236-8699

Reposting of Online Learning Details

Hello TCA Community,

Due to rapidly increasing student and staff absences due to COVID-19 surge in Minnesota (Ramsey County infection rate is at 30%), Twin Cities Academy in collaboration with the Incidence Response Team have unfortunately determined that we must shift temporarily to online learning for the next two weeks. We realize this is very difficult and are doing our very best to minimize the disruption as much as possible. Please see below for how to access food during the shutdown and how to sign up for coming into the building to do online learning IF there are no other options to access learning online outside of the building.

Please click below for more information. Thank you.

[HTTPS://TWINCITIESACADEMY.ORG/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2022/01/TCA-MOVES-TO-ONLINE-LEARNING-1_18-1_31.PDF](https://twincitiesacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/TCA-MOVES-TO-ONLINE-LEARNING-1_18-1_31.PDF)