



# TCA Newsletter

Friday, February 4, 2022

## Upcoming Events

February 5 - 2nd Quarter Conferences - Online  
February 10 - Info Session  
February 21 - No School - Presidents' Day  
February 25 - Early Release Day  
February 26 - Info Session  
February 28 - Enrollment Lottery  
Feb 28-Mar 4 - All school spirit week  
March 3 - Band Concert  
March 10 - Shadow Day  
March 22 - Shadow Day



## 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,

I hope this note finds you well! We are all looking forward to connecting with you for conferences!

We are very happy to be back with in person learning. We have lots of students back and a mostly healthy staff. But, in the past couple of days we have seen more and more of our staff (different) becoming sick. So far we are able to remain open and cover the classes. If more staff become ill and are unable to be at school, we may need to shut down again for online learning for a day or two. We will avoid at all costs a longer shut down as we can.

If we do need to shut down suddenly due to staff being gone, it would be handled similar to a "snow day" - we would send emails, post on the website etc., and announce on all the local news stations. At this time, we don't believe we will need to do this, but we just want to inform you of the possibility.

We ask again, to help keep all of us healthy, please talk to your students about the importance of wearing their mask (over their noses) and staying home even if they feel a little bit sick. I know we will get through this together.

Thank you all for all you do to hand in there with us! We are so grateful.

Be well,  
Betsy

### Enrollment Reminder

Enrollment applications for next fall are due by Friday, February 25th at 4:00 pm. Current TCA students do NOT need to reapply. However, please remember that even with sibling preference, any siblings of current TCA students hoping to enroll next year, will need to complete an application by the lottery deadline of February 25th.

[Apply Here](#)

# YEP! Our Youth Enrichment Program for grades 6-8

Welcome to, YEP! Our Youth Enrichment Program for grades 6-8. The time has come to pick which programs you would like your student to join in, all for free! This is a great opportunity to try something new, or to fine tune your skills and become part of a group/team!

YEP! will be starting Tuesday, Feb 15th running every Tuesday and Thursday going through Thursday, April 28th. All dates will be outlined upon registration for your convenience. Registration will open via a Google Form coming to an inbox near you this Tuesday, Feb 2nd. We are capping all programs on a FCFS (first come first serve) basis, so register quickly as registration will close on Friday, Feb 4th.

Each student will be able to sign up for two different programs for each day (i.e. 2 programs on Tuesday, and 2 on Thursday). We will be giving you the opportunity to change or try something new halfway through the season.

Here are the programs we will be offering:

## Chess Masters

In this program, students will be introduced to and learn how to play the classic board game, Chess. No previous experience or knowledge of Chess is necessary! Whether you are brand new to the game or have been studying Chess for years, all are welcome. Students will learn how each piece moves on the board as well as basic and intermediate openings and strategies.

## Math (Breaking board games)

In this program, students will explore various tabletop games, including games with dice, cards, or board games. Within their exploration, they will learn a little bit about the mathematics behind why each game works and is enjoyable to play, as well as how to be successful the next time they sit down at the table.

## Fitness Bootcamp

Fitness boot camp is a fun, engaging program designed to get students active and comfortable with moving their bodies. We will be focusing on conditioning through games and activities, light resistance training with bodyweight and free weights, and leaving the barbells alone! Get ready to sweat!

## Art Club

A collaborative class where the students are in control! We will touch base at the beginning of each day and discuss what/how we'd like to draw as a team. Mr. Arch will provide constructive feedback and a supportive environment for students to engage with their work and each other.

## Debate Team

Learn to make strong arguments using evidence and reasoning while having a fun time disagreeing with your classmates. The debate team will also provide the opportunity to compete in debate tournaments against other first-year schools and debaters. If your parents or teachers tell you that you argue too much, then this is the place for you!

## E-Sports

E-sports takes video gaming to another level with organized competitive gameplay between two teams, governed by its own strict set of rules and guidelines. E-sports requires teamwork, communication, critical and strategic thinking, creativity, sportsmanship, and leadership — much like traditional sports. Here we will learn more about what the world of eSports has to offer.

Registration is open now and closes on Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

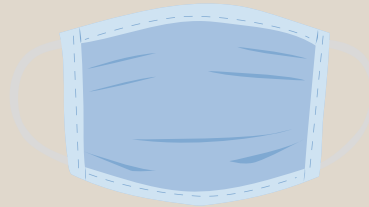
[Register Here](#)

Come be a part of the fastest-growing sport in Minnesota! The 2022 SPA Trap Clay Target Shooting Team is gearing up. The team is open to students in 6th – 12th grade. We practice and compete at the Minneapolis Gun Club on Saturday mornings starting April 2nd and finishing in late May. There will be additional opportunities to practice during the week. Safety is our team and the league's number one concern. Firearms are available to borrow.



In Trapshooting you take 25 shots at fast-moving clay targets with a shotgun, 5 shots from 5 different positions. Two rounds of 25 are shot to get your score out of 50.

Whether you are a novice or expert shooter all are welcome. You need a MN Gun Safety/Hunting Certification to participate. This certification can be completed online culminating in one live Field Day you schedule sometime during February or March. Please contact Joe Shaffer at [joeshafter1@gmail.com](mailto:joeshafter1@gmail.com) for more information.



Hello parents,

Although Omicron is receding, we are still going to be feeling the repercussions for a few weeks. As there is simply not enough time in the day to contact all parents, please pay close attention to your school emails and look for emails with TCA HEALTH OFFICE - HEALTH NOTICE in the subject line so that you can be made aware that your student has been identified as a close contact of a Covid carrier at school. Unvaccinated close contacts will receive emails and a follow up phone call. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, if you have not heard from me.

I am so appreciative of all of you as we continue to move through this epidemic. You have been so great about contacting us to let us know when your student, or a family member has Covid so we can work together to keep our students safe and learning. Remember that we will expect your student to be online, unless you have contacted the Health Office or Attendance Line to let us know that your student is too ill to attend.

Covid Vaccines may be the big story right now, but it is very important to keep your students' state mandated immunizations up to date. Please review your students' vaccination records and make sure to take them into your clinic to keep them up to date. You will be receiving emails and letters from me letting you know what vaccines your student needs to receive to make sure they can continue to attend school.

Thank you to all our wonderful families for helping to keep our Health Office stocked. If you are thinking of us when you are out shopping, things that we can use this month are:

- Menstrual supplies (both pads and tampons) for light flow
- Self Adhesive Athletic Wrap
- Reusable Ice Packs

Wishing you all good health and warm wishes that will last until the weather warms up and the sunshine lasts longer!

Ms. Seashore  
Health Aide

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:eneilson@twincitiesacademy.org). (If you need information on the middle school yearbook for a younger sibling please contact Ms. Vandergon at [evandergon@twincitiesacademy.org](mailto:evandergon@twincitiesacademy.org))



# 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](http://minnesotamagic.net)

Questions: [minnesotamagicbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:minnesotamagicbasketball@gmail.com)



## **Basketball Youth Organization**

Minnesota Magic, Youth Basketball  
Organization Founded in 1988.  
[minnesotamagic.net](http://minnesotamagic.net)

MinnesotaMagic

# FEEDING FROGTOWN

FREE MEALS  
PREPARED 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

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

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

**Mt. Airy:** 91 E Arch St. (Meal pick up between 5:30-6:30PM)  
Community Center. Pull-up to Sign and Honk

**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 Picnic 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 [sarafeedingfrogstown@gmail.com](mailto:sarafeedingfrogstown@gmail.com) or (651) 236-8699