



TCA Newsletter

Monday, October 17th, 2022

Upcoming Events

November 3 - Picture Makeups, see below for who this applies

November 3 - JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT @ 6pm in cafeteria

November 4 - End of Quarter 1

November 11 - Early Release 1:20 pm

November 17 - Turkey Bingo, see below



Parents: Remind your student(s) to grab volunteer forms to get them signed. They then turn them into their Advisors to help track their volunteer hours.

MS is 20 ours and can include family members hours
HS is 20 hours on their own

2022-2023 Food Prices

Breakfast \$2.00

Lunch \$3.50

If you have not yet filled out the Free and Reduced application please do so as soon as possible.

Applications are available on the portal in Infinite Campus, in paper form at school, or we can also mail an application home with a self addressed stamped envelope.

You can email:
foodservices@twincitiesacademy.org
for any question or concerns.

There's still time to get your Child Tax Credit, stimulus & other federal money!

Apply even if you have no income or low income and don't usually file taxes!

What could I get?

- Up to **\$3,600** per child with the 2021 Child Tax Credit,
- Any missed stimulus payments for you and your children/dependents - **up to \$1,400 per person**
- Other payments if you had earnings last year



Am I eligible?

You could be eligible even if you have low or no income or don't usually file taxes. More people are eligible to get this money than in other years. Sign up if you have not already filed a 2021 tax return.

How do I get this money?

It's easy to apply!

Sign up by November 15th with a simple form at: **GetCTC.org**

Does this money count as income for benefits I get?

This money does not count as income for most benefits, like SNAP, WIC, TANF, MEDICAID, CHIP, SSI and most types of public and subsidized housing. You can get the tax payments and still get these benefits.

GetCTC.org is a non-profit service

Sign up by November 15:

What if I am an immigrant?

Even if you do NOT have a Social Security Number, you can get payments for your children who have Social Security Numbers. Under current law, receiving the Child Tax Credit or other tax credits will not affect your immigration status, ability to get a Green Card, or future immigration plans.

Had a baby in 2020 or 2021?

You should sign up!



Did you get monthly money from the IRS in 2021 for your kids (\$250 or \$300 per month per child)? That was just the first part of your money. You have to sign up again in 2022 to get the rest of your money.

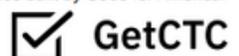
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GetCTC.org is a non-profit service built by Code for America.

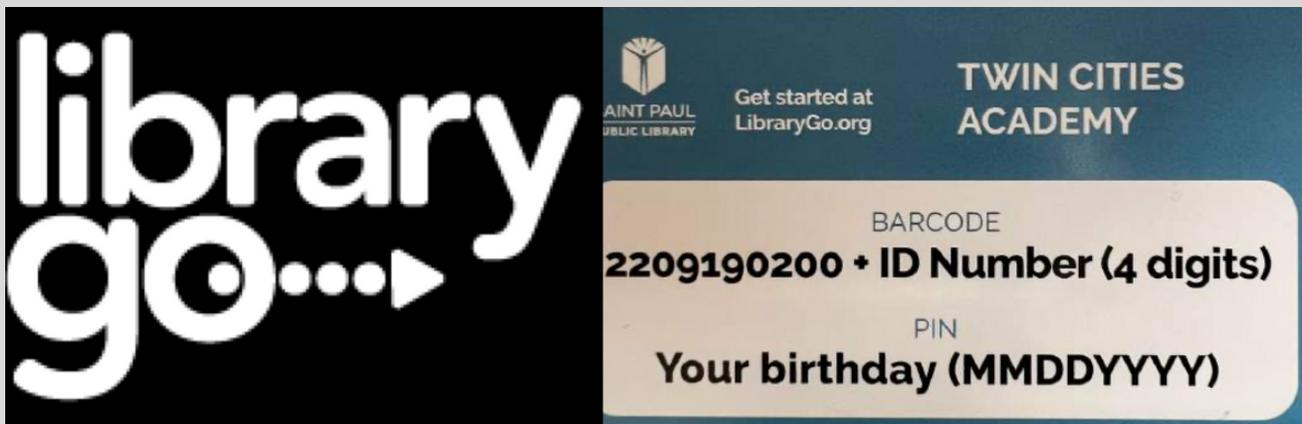
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TCA AVID SPOTLIGHT

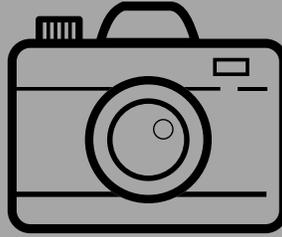
In AVID 9, we have been hitting SWICOR concepts hard with learning about how various skills help us in school as well as in our future careers! Students have learned about the Critical Reading Process, and learned how to mark a text while reading to help get the most out of an article. There have been many vocabulary activities and students have been mastering ACT words two years early! We have also worked on setting organizational goals, and will finally be setting up our AVID Binders this week!



LibraryGo is a virtual library card to the Saint Paul Public Library. Each student has a free virtual library card. With Library Go, students can check out up to ten physical items. Online, they can get homework help from a tutor, find primary resources using databases, find a book to read, and download an audiobook.

If you have any questions, you can email
library@twincitiesacademy.org

Picture Day for those that did not take pictures this year is this Thursday!



2022-2023 School Picture Day Information

Twin Cities Academy

Picture Day: 10/13/22

Retake Day: 11/03/22

Who Are We?

We are *Kemmetmueller Photography*, your district's school photography provider! We are a locally-owned family business that has operated in the Greater Lake Minnesotan area for over 50 years. We are one of the fastest-growing, independent photography companies in Minnesota and considered one of the largest, non-corporate studios in the Midwest. We look forward to working with you and photographing your upcoming picture days!



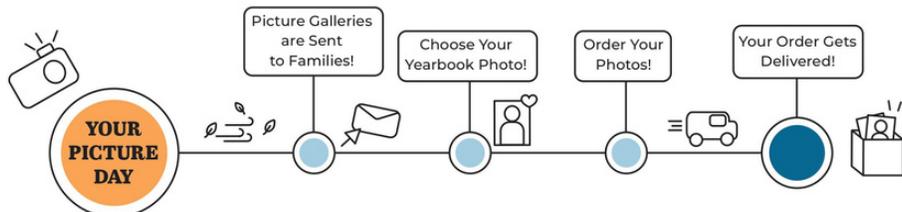
Contact Information

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions about your student's picture day, need help with ordering photos, or have any other concerns.

info@k-photography.com
(952) 473-2142

Since we are contact-free, please make sure your student is ready to go for pictures. Although we will not be able to help adjust clothing or fix hair, we provide disposable combs and wipes for students and staff helpers to use to ensure they present their best. We hope to ensure a great picture day experience for your student and your cooperation will help us do so!

Timeline



Picture Day
We will be taking 3-4 images in multiple poses.

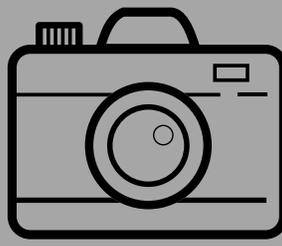
Ordering
You'll receive your link to your student's personal gallery in your email 7-10 days after their picture day. Order and choose your yearbook photo!

Follow the How to Order instructions on the following page for additional help!

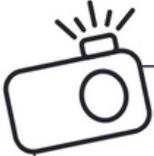
Delivery
Once your order is placed, they will be directly delivered to your home within 5-7 days.

If you experience any issues with your order, please contact us!

Flip over for more information on how to order!



If your child already took pictures you should've received a link to your student's personal gallery where you can view the photos taken, choose a yearbook photo, and purchase any photos or packages you like. Photos are delivered directly to you within 5 - 7 days. .



Your Photos are Ready!

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You should have received an email from us about your student's picture day gallery. Login to your gallery through your View First link in the email.

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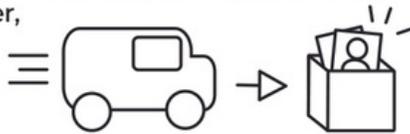
Choose your yearbook photo first! You can click **Change Yearbook Photo**, and select which photo you'd like in the yearbook. Click **Confirm Selection**. (You can also choose an image after retake day if you have retakes.)

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Then pick one, two, or all of the images you want! You can order either one of our packages, any image a la carte, or digital downloads of your student. Pick from numerous poses and background options, and you can even create a custom crop on your images for a personalized look.

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Congratulations Cross Country Runners!

The cross country team has been in training since August 15 - putting in the miles, setting goals, and achieving personal records. On Tuesday, October 25 the season concluded with the Sectional Meet at Highland Golf Course in St. Paul. Three individuals achieved their personal bests on the hilly 5k course: Liam Clark 20:38, Nora Weiss 28:57, and Zach Severy-Hoven 30:45.

Fantastic races were also run by Nate Rahberg, Roy Buckner, Toby Micko, Sam Severt and Finn Ivaskovic.

Unfortunately three of the runners were unable to run for the Sectional meet but contributed greatly throughout the season...Alma Ratliff, Lillian Keitel and Murphy Gavin.

CONGRATULATIONS ON A SUCCESSFUL SEASON!



Middle School Yearbooks

Now on sale for the 22-23 school year! We will have limited quantities so make sure you purchase early!

Yearbooks are on sale for only \$21 if you order by December 15th!

Regular price is \$25

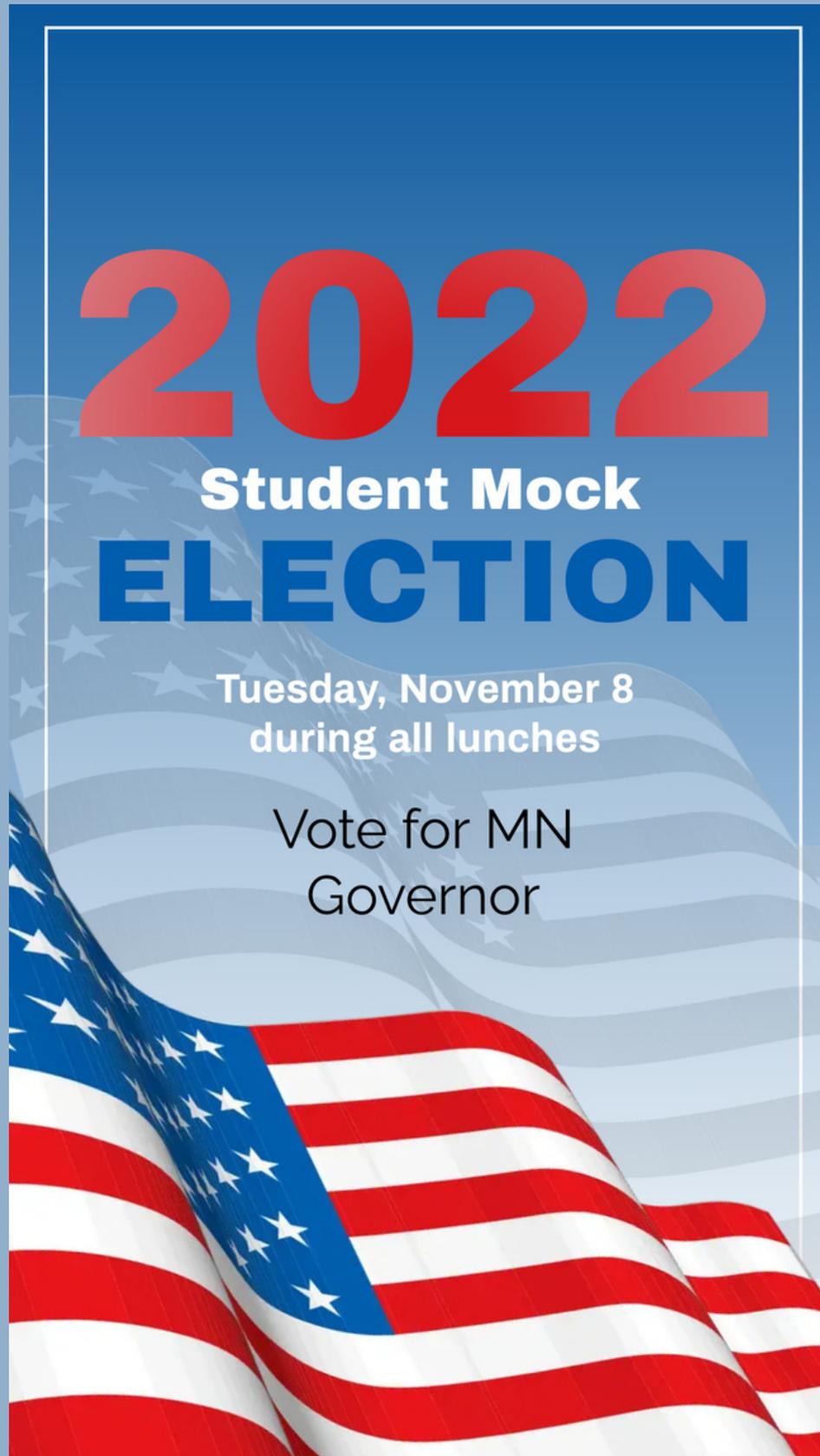
Follow this link to pre-order your yearbook today!

<https://www.balfour.com/minnesota/saint-paul/twin-cities-academy-middle-school>

#yearbook

TCA will be hosting a Student Mock Election for Minnesota Governor. Students will have the opportunity to cast their ballots during lunch Tuesday, November 8.

Election Day is November 8 statewide! If you are 18 or older you can register to vote [here](#). Check to see what will be on your ballot by visiting [this website](#).



Hello TCA Community,

Mr. Ng and Mr. Dabla are very excited to kick off this year's Racial Justice Committee. The following students were selected from a group of applicants. Please join us in honoring the members of this year's Racial Justice Committee. Each scholar of this committee holds a leadership position as follows:

Co-Presidents: Samiya Osmon & Ava Vang

Partnership Liaisons: Polly Murray & Solomie Tesema

Secretaries: Romina Garcia & A Staffa

RJC Community Liaisons: Nate Rahberg & Vindhya Thompson & Kalicia Yang

Club Facilitators: Mahogany Robinson & Kailah Vang

This year, Racial Justice Committee members are planning to go into advisories once per quarter to engage with their classmates and peers about race and community issues. They will also be planning events throughout the school year, such as Community Conversation Nights, Multicultural Movie Nights, and Culture Day. In addition to this, RJC will be providing student voice at the TCA Faculty Equity Team and TCA School Board Meetings.

RJC is hoping that, through these valuable experiences and courageous conversations, all of our students will build meaningful relationships and learn from each other what it means to be a part of our community.

If you have any questions, suggestions, comments and/or concerns you can reach out directly to the Racial Justice Committee at the following email address: rjc@twincitiesacademy.org or to the Advisors, Mr. Dabla, at jdabla@twincitiesacademy.org or Mr. Ng, at ang@twincitiesacademy.org

Mission: The Twin Cities Academy Racial Justice Committee builds positive relationships and self-esteem within our learning community through the awareness of our decisions and the effects they have on marginalized people. We do this through community events and strengthening our culture, creating Leaders, Achievers and Believers.

Vision: A unified community, beyond our school walls, that thrives in harmony and approaches situations through perspectives of all people.

In Solidarity,
Racial Justice Committee

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RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE PRESENTS

BLACK PANTHER MOVIE NIGHT

Come watch Black Panther with us!

NOVEMBER 10, 2022 6:15-8:30 PM
TWIN CITIES ACADEMY



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ADMISSION FEE IS \$2 (INCLUDES POPCORN!)
CASH ONLY

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**LET'S
GO!**



HS Winter Sports are here! Winter varsity and junior varsity sports registrations opened Wednesday, Oct 19th. Forms are available online under quick links on the TCA website or you can pick up a packet from Coach V or the main office. Winter sports include: girls basketball, boys basketball, nordic ski, boys hockey, girls hockey, and cheer! Spots are limited and close Wednesday Nov 9th! Go Tigers!



Baseball and Softball Skills Winter Training

For any students interested in enhancing their baseball or softball skills, we will be holding 10 Saturday winter training sessions at TCA on the following dates:

**December 3 and 17
January 7, 21 and 28
Feb 4, 11 and 18**

March 4 and 11 (These two dates are going to be at Nova Academy).

All training sessions will start at noon and end at 1:30. They will be led by current varsity players.

Please reach out to Mr. Lindholm with questions (slindholm@twincitiesacademy.org).

Tiger Sideline Shop

Show School Spirit with new uniform options. This is also found in the Quick Links on our website.



TCA TURKEY BINGO IS BACK!

Join us for an evening of fun,
community, prizes, snacks and
refreshments.

NOVEMBER 17TH 6-7:30 PM

PLEASE RSVP USING THE GOOGLE FORM LINK



Opportunity for Soccer Players

Registration for Soccer After School Program at Sanneh. The Winter I session begins Nov 7. There will be a high school aged group, and we will keep it open until registration fills to capacity.

We will be running a High School Girls division in our new 5-A-Side Winter City League, which will be co-hosted with the city of St. Paul. We are building our Soccer Leadership Team of high school aged boys and girls, who will be paid to coach youth players in our summer camp program.

Our main goal at The Sanneh Foundation is to give kids that don't normally have abundant opportunities the chance to play, learn, have fun, create new friendships, and ultimately become healthier, happier human beings! As a non-profit, almost all of our programming is FREE or very low cost, which coincides with our mission to provide opportunities for kids that do not have the same access to youth sports programming that now costs so much.

Thank you. I look forward to connecting with you to create more opportunities for your players!

Lauryn Smith - lauryns@thesannehfoundation.org

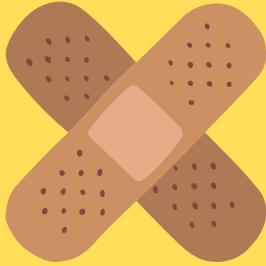
7th Grade Upcoming Field Trip

A stylized graphic of a zoo sign with the word 'ZOO' in large, bold, grey letters inside a white rectangular box with a grey border. The sign is set against a background of a grey archway and vertical bars, suggesting a zoo enclosure.

7th Grade Field Trip to the Minnesota Zoo on 11/11. Digital permission slips are found here:

<https://forms.gle/4ZJYcNZkdPoemXHt8> Price is 10\$.

Students not attending should stay home. Parents and students can contact Wayne Flenniken, wflenniken@twincitiesacademy.org for more info and I have paper permission slips if needed.



It's Official! Covid Clinic Scheduled for November 11th between 1:30 and 4:00. Get a \$45 spending card!!! Use this link to schedule an approximate time. Primarily, this sign up process is to help us see how many people we should be prepared to vaccinate. The sign up will be closed at the end of the day on November 8th.

When you arrive on the 11th, there will be a code for you to scan with your phone that will take you to a site where you can register for your vaccine. The registration process makes sure to record your vaccines in MIIC so that you can access your vaccination information whenever you need it. The Sign Up Genius form is NOT your registration. It is merely a way for us to get an approximate head count. The Health Office will continue to keep you updated if there is additional information.

Covid Clinic November 11th

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