

FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH 2023

TCA Newsletter

Remember!

Above the Clouds

High School Dance

Tonight
TCA

To attend the dance you MUST have completed [this form](#)!

The deadline to submit the Guest Form was Friday, March 3.
No more guest forms will be accepted. The paper guest form is separate from the Google Form linked above.

Former TCA students are not allowed to attend the dance.

Attention Readers

There are free books available to parents and family members located in the atrium!



Upcoming Events

March 17 - Early Release

March 24 - End of 3rd Quarter

March 31 - Early Release

Parents/Guardians:

You can email absences and attendance updates to attendance@twincitiesacademy.org

ROAR CORNER



A Message from Executive Leadership

Respect. Optimism. Achievement. Responsibility.

Here at Twin Cities Academy we are the Tigers, hear and see us ROAR! When teachers and students practice our ROAR-ing values throughout the school day, school becomes a better place to be together. People feel safe to open up to each other, and relationships develop. The world of ROAR is the one we want to live in here at TCA.

Let's talk about behaviors that go against our value of RESPECT. Bully-type behavior can cause a ripple in our ROAR values. Bully-type behavior is any that threatens, damages, harms, instills fear, falsely accuses, defames, violates, intimidates, or ridicules any person, group of people, their property, or creates a hostile environment or social isolation. These are from the TCA Bully Prohibition Policy, which you can access [here](#).

When we see behaviors that have this effect, whether the behavior is in person or electronic, we investigate, re-teach, and assign consequences as needed. Bully-type behaviors are often hidden actions. Students and families can help by reporting what you know, experience or observe. You can fill out a bullying report or tell a staff member face-to-face what you know about bullying behavior. Report forms are in the vestibule between the glass doors by the office. You can also report anonymously or with your name. We encourage either kind of report. We want to work in a community where ROAR values are upheld.

Thank you for your partnership in our ROAR-ing community

Your Executive Leadership Team



18 or More Days: Excused & Unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.

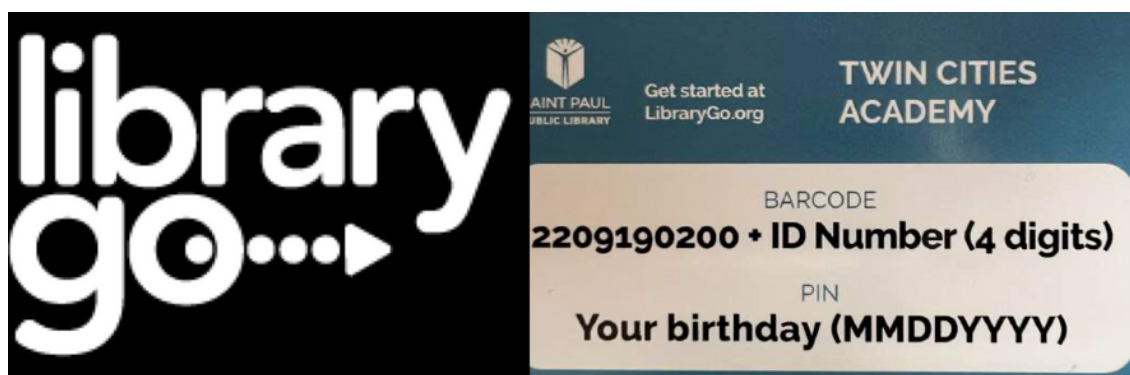
**Missing just 1 day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year* Absences add up!*

10 to 17 Days: Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school by the end of their senior year.

When students miss a day of school, it actually puts them in days behind their classmates

9 or Fewer Absences: Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.

Students benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time



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

Return Your Extra Chromebooks and Chargers

Your student should only have **one** Chromebook and **one** charger in their possession. If they forget their Chromebook or charger at home, they are given one to borrow for the day, but they should be returned to the Front Desk before they leave the school building. *Please take a moment to check to see that your student only has one Chromebook and one charger in their possession and return any extras you might find.*

Each Chromebook, even the ones which they are lent for the day, are checked out to your student and you are financially responsible for them. It is a win-win when extras are returned: You don't have to pay for an extra Chromebook which might get lost and we have extras available for students who need to borrow one.



And Remember: Check Your Chromebook Cords

Please take a moment to check Chromebook charger cords. If there is *any* damage to the cord or separation between the parts then they should be turned into the front office and we will happily give you a replacement.

Remember to grab the plug itself to unplug from the wall. Pulling on the cord can cause damage and create a safety hazard.

Attention 9th Grade Scientists!

Mr. Wayne, Ms. Carmody, and Ms. Williams will be leading their Integrated Science class on a Field Trip to the Minnesota Science Museum!

When: 3/23

Price: \$10

Who can go?

Any student currently taking Integrated Science (9th grade)

Uniform required?

Yes!

What happens if I don't go?

Stay home. 9th grade teachers will mostly be on the field trip and will not be at school to teach you.

How do I sign up?

<https://forms.gle/mp6YQ2Aujm2x6DnC7>

Fill out the permission slip using the link or the QR code below. Paper permission slips are also available.

How do I pay?

Cash can be given to Mr. Wayne or the Front Office. You can also pay online through the TCA website.

Who do I contact with questions?

Your student's science teacher, which is either
kcarmody@twincitiesacademy.org,
bwilliams@twincitiesacademy.org or
wflenniken@twincitiesacademy.org

Please complete the permission slip by 3/20



SCAN ME

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.

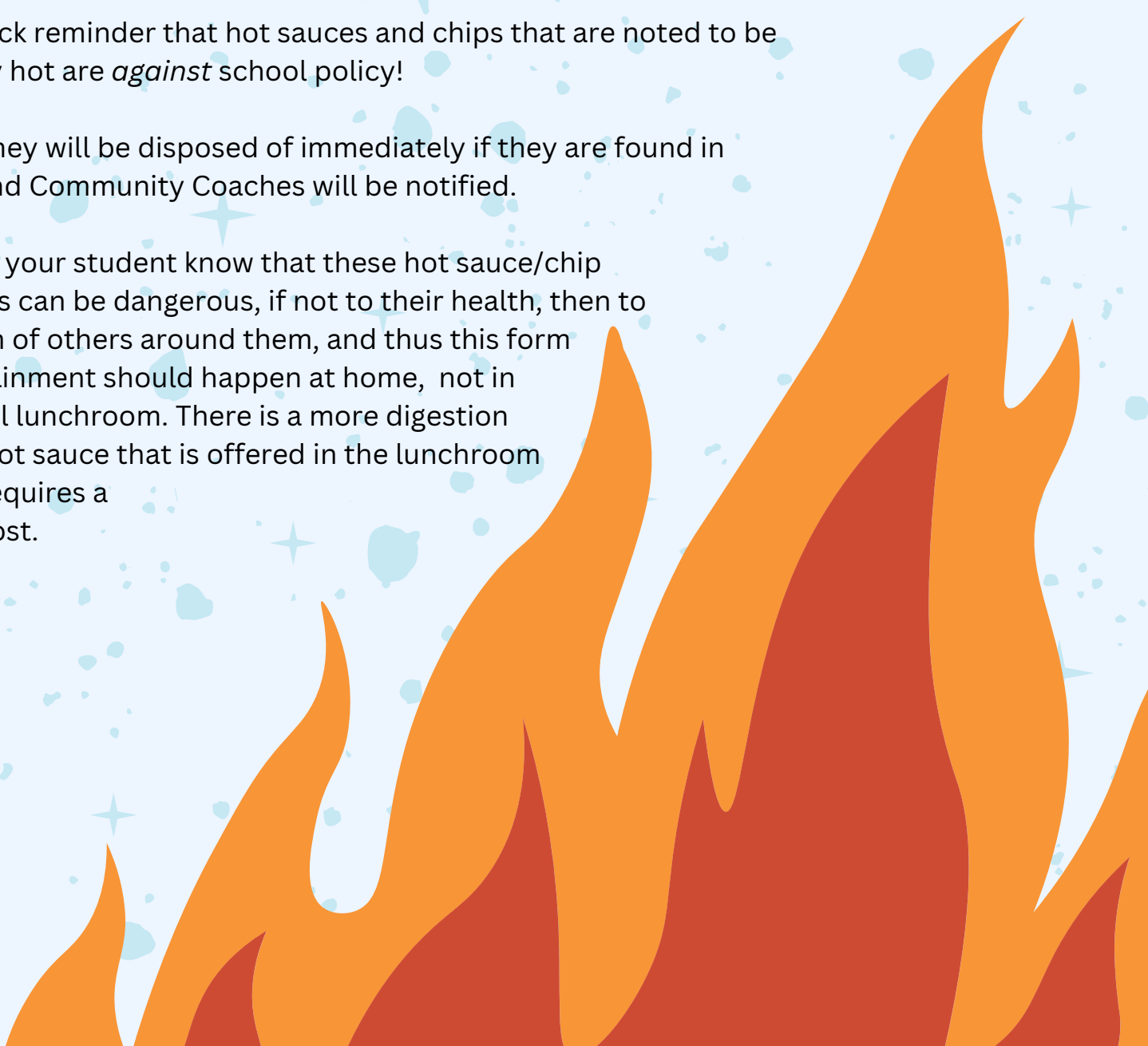
You can email: foodservices@twincitiesacademy.org for any question or concerns.

Just a quick reminder that hot sauces and chips that are noted to be extremely hot are *against* school policy!

As such they will be disposed of immediately if they are found in school, and Community Coaches will be notified.

Please let your student know that these hot sauce/chip challenges can be dangerous, if not to their health, then to the health of others around them, and thus this form of entertainment should happen at home, not in the school lunchroom. There is a more digestion friendly hot sauce that is offered in the lunchroom if lunch requires a flavor boost.

Stay cool!





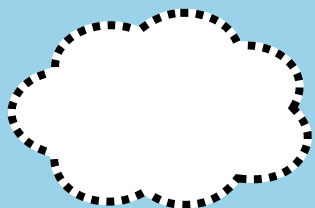
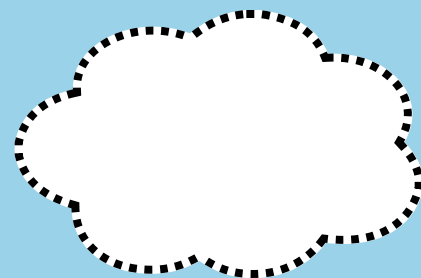
Twin Cities Academy Theatre presents...

THE GREEK MYTHOLOGY OLYMPIAGANZA

by Don Zolidis

Friday, March 17th at 7pm
Saturday, March 18th at 2pm

TCA Gym
\$5,
or pay-what-you-can





Twin Cities Academy
Band & Orchestra
Concert

Wednesday, March 15th

6:00: Symphonic Band

6:30: Orchestra

7:00: Beginning Band

7:20: Jazz Band

7:40: Concert Band



TCA's Family Open Gym

1-3pm on Saturday March 25th

Volleyball

If you are interested in getting out of the cold and being active, come to the TCA gym for volleyball! We will have a couple nets up so that we can have some informal games going to play with your family, or to get to know more people in our TCA community!

This is a family friendly activity and just for fun. School age children to adults are welcome. An adult *must* accompany students. TCA staff will be in attendance but supervision will not be provided. No food or drinks in the Gym.

Look out for additional activity open gyms in the future!

Please fill out the Google Form and waiver to attend:

[3/25 Volleyball Open Gym Attendance and WAIVER](#)



Enroll online,
by phone, or by mail



Visit explorica.com/Amundson-5889



Use Amundson-5889 to register



1.888.310.7121



Download and complete
a paper application on
explorica.com/resources

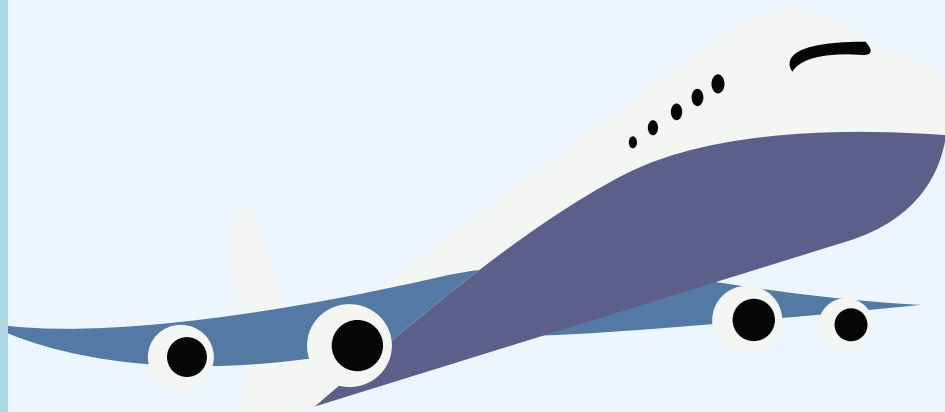
Mail to:
PO Box 9033
Charlottesville, VA 22906-9033

Great News!

We are restarting our 7th and 8th grade **Washington DC** trip next year!

Grades: **7th** and **8th** graders
Dates: **April 1-4, 2024** (spring break)

We will be holding family
interest meetings in **April
2023** and **September
2023**.



This is the schedule for students participating in TCA's YEP! Program this year

Tuesday 4:15-5:30

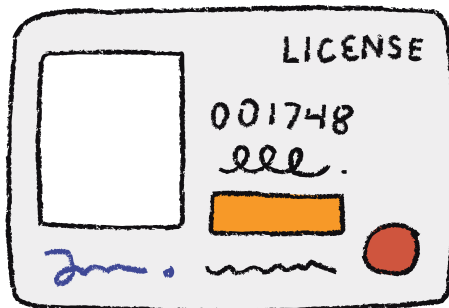
Board Games / Ng (205)
Debate / Osterhus (4:15-6:15)(107)
Art / Harvey (221)
Homework Help / Bob (203)

Thursday 4:15-5:30

eSports / Ng (205)
Storytelling / Enquist (105)
Music Production / Marquan H. (Band Room)
Head Space / Dennis (101)



DRIVER'S EDUCATION (Students who are 14 years of age and older)



This 30-hour program will be conducted by a certified instructor from the A+ Driving School and will fulfill the state driver's education requirement. The course will address the "how to" and "whys" of safe driving. The format of the class will be lecture and active discussion.

After completion of the program, students will be able to set up and participate in behind the wheel sessions to meet the six-hour state requirement. Classes will meet VIRTUALLY through ZOOM Teleconferencing! All registration can be done through: www.APlusDrivingSchool.net

Need to miss a few classes--NO PROBLEM.
We offer classes all year long with multiple time offerings each day. Take class from ANYWHERE through teleconferencing!

YEARBOOK

yearbook

#yearbook

The TCA yearbook class has been working hard to create an awesome book to celebrate the 2022-2023 school year, and we look forward to sharing it with you.

Additionally, the yearbook this year will include a competition to identify 8th graders by their baby photos. Please upload a baby picture of your student so that it may be included in the yearbook!

**Upload 8th Grade Baby Photos
Here**

The Senior Yearbook Committee is collecting the following:

Senior pictures
Senior quotes
Senior future plans
Baby photos with or without message(optional).

The deadline is **Friday, March 3, 2023**. Please let me know if you have any questions and email me with the above at: naomiryan@twincitiesacademy.org.

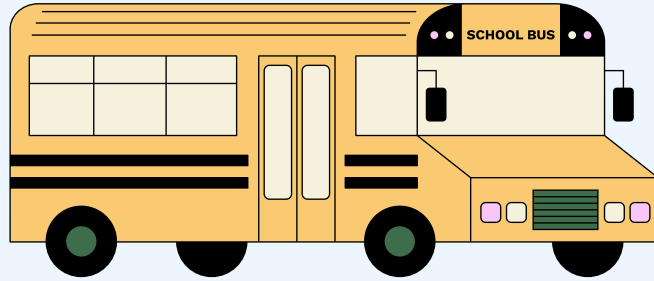
Thank you!
Naomi Ryan, Seniors Editor

Yearbooks will be \$25 for Middle School, and \$44 for High School.

Please order using this QR code, or by going to Balfour.com.



Intent to Return



Hello TCA Families,

At the beginning of the Spring term of each school year, we begin to make enrollment projections for the coming year. It's critically important for us to determine how many open slots are available in each grade, so that we can begin to fill any vacancies during the Spring Lottery.

We ask every current TCA family to complete **Intent to Return forms**, declaring your children's intentions for the coming year. If you have multiple students attending TCA, please complete a separate form for each student.

[Intent to Return for 2023-24](#)

[Intención de regresar para 2023-24](#)

[Ujeedka Soo Noqoshada 2023-24](#)

[Lub hom phiaj rov qab rau 2023-24](#)

Sibling New Enrollments

If your TCA student has a sibling who is not currently enrolled at TCA and you'd like to enroll him/her for the upcoming school year, you'll need to complete an online **Application for 2023-2024 School Year** for the sibling. Sibling enrollment forms must be submitted no later than **February 24, 2023** for your child to be eligible in the February 28th lottery drawing for any open spots in the grade in which you are looking to have them enrolled.



COVID-19 ISOLATION GUIDE

For schools, child care, and youth programming

What to do if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19* or have tested positive for COVID-19 (*regardless of vaccination status or symptoms*)

If you have COVID-19 symptoms:



Stay home.



COVID-19 testing is strongly encouraged, especially if you are at high risk for severe disease, if symptoms continue or worsen, if you develop additional symptoms, if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or if COVID-19 transmission is elevated in your area.



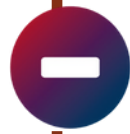
If you do not get tested, follow instructions below as if you had tested positive for COVID-19.



If COVID-19 testing is done and the result is
POSITIVE:

Stay home for a minimum of five full days from the date symptoms started or the date you took the test if you don't have symptoms.

Stay away from others, including household members, as much as possible.
Wear a well-fitting mask.



If COVID-19 testing is done and the result is
NEGATIVE:

Stay home until your symptoms improve and you are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) before returning.

*CDC COVID-19 Symptoms (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html)

After five days of isolation at home:

Have your symptoms improved and have you been fever-free for 24 hours (without using fever-reducing medication)?

NO:

YES:



Continue to stay home and away from others until **symptoms improve and you are fever-free for 24 hours** (without

using fever-reducing medication). Once both are true, return to school or program and continue to wear a mask when around others, including those in your household, until 10 days have passed since your isolation began.



Return to school or program.

Continue to wear a mask when around others, including those in your household, for another five days.

“Improved symptoms” means that a person no longer feels ill; they can do their daily routine just as they did before they were ill, and any remaining symptoms, such as a cough or runny nose, are very mild, or infrequent.



People who are under 2 years old and others who are unable to wear a well-fitting mask should stay home for at least 10 full days from when they first felt sick or, if no symptoms, from the day they got tested.



For additional information:

[If You Are Sick or Test Positive: COVID-19 \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sick.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sick.html)



STAY SAFE MN

Upcoming Statewide Assessments, Spring 2023

MCA

MCA Math

March 7th & 8th in advisory (whole 5th hour block - no clubs)

6-8, 11th grades

MCA Reading

March 14th & 15th in advisory (whole 5th hour block - no clubs)

6-8, 10th grades

MCA Science

April 24th & 25th
Taken in science classes

8th & 10th grades

[Slideshow](#)

ACT

ACT - College Entrance Exam

April 18

All juniors will test at the church

[ACT Timeline](#)

AP

Advanced Placement

May 1 - AP Chemistry
12pm

May 3 - AP English Lit & Composition **8am**

May 5 - AP US History
8am

May 8 - AP Calculus **8am**

May 10 - AP Spanish
8am

May 10 - AP Biology
12pm

May 11 - AP Physics
12pm

[AP Testing Schedule](#)

The TCA School Board is looking for Board Members



TCA will be having **Board Elections** towards the end of April, and we are looking for both **parent** and **community** board members.

Board members serve for three year terms and can serve for up to a total of three terms (9 years), if they would like. The school board meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the evening from 5 p.m., and all board members are expected to serve on at least one board committee that generally meets monthly for an hour as well.

Parents are defined as any person who is the legal guardian of a student at TCA. TCA has two open parent board seats. Rich Holst, current board chair, will be re-running for one of the seats. The other is uncontested. TCA also has two open **Community Member** positions, who can be any adult who is not directly connected either by teaching or being a parent of a student at TCA.

TCA is looking for board members with for-profit or non-profit financial experience, legal experience or general non-profit experience.

If you are interested or know someone who would be willing to serve please fill out the **Board Member Application** or share the link with a friend.

We look forward to building a strong school board to lead us into the future.

Thank you!



Twin Cities Academy's **CAREER FAIR**

March 17, 2023
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sponsored by Twin Cities Academy's AVID
students and program.



If you would like to volunteer to have
an informational booth, please click
here and fill out the form