

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH 2023

TCA Newsletter



Upcoming Events

May 26 - Early Release

May 29 - No School
(Memorial Day)

June 2 - Last Day for
Seniors

June 2 - Early Release

June 8 - HS Graduation

June 9 - Last Day of
School

June 9 - Early Release

Parents/Guardians:

You can email absences
and attendance updates
to [attendance@
twincitiesacademy.org](mailto:attendance@twincitiesacademy.org)



Happy Prom Weekend, High School!

Have a safe and fun evening! See
the next page for details.

On May 1st we celebrated "National College Decision Day" in
our AVID 12 class.

[Check out this slideshow](#) to see what some of our AVID seniors
plan to do next year, and how AVID helped them throughout
their high school career!





PROM 2023

Enchanted Forest

May 13, 2023, 7pm-11pm

Raspberry Island
MN Boat Club

1 Wabasha Street South
St Paul, MN 55107

tickets sold
at lunch

\$25



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



STORIES THROUGH MUSIC

TWIN CITIES ACADEMY
BANDS &
ORCHESTRA
CONCERT

25TH
MAY

FREE | STARTS 6 PM | COMO LAKESIDE PAVILLION

1360 Lexington Pkwy N



Upcoming Event

PARENT EDUCATION SERIES

Supporting Self Advocacy and Motivating your Teen

This presentation will focus on how parents can support their teens with building intrinsic motivation to set goals, pursue their interests, and advocate for themselves.



Tuesday, May
16th, 5:30pm

[Register at:](#)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1eIZnyDP6mUuONyz4WoMVjg4Okd5dD4uAgtndoyhKtQ/edit>



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

**Please order using this QR code, or by going to [Balfour.com](https://www.balfour.com).
Yearbooks can also be purchased in Infinite Campus!**



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.

Dear TCA Families,

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Safe Fieldtrips for Our Diabetic Students campaign. We look forward to having the phone up and running by the end of this month, which should provide better coverage for our end of year fieldtrips! Yay!

We appreciate your support for our students as they continue to explore the world around them.

With deep appreciation,

Ms Seashore

TCA Health Aide

Spring and summer are a great time to make sure your students get in for their check ups! When they return to school in September, they should be up to date on their vaccinations, so please take a moment this month to set up an appointment for your child, as it is often a month or so before you are able to get in to see a doctor.

Thank you for your attention to this important means of keeping your family, and extended community, healthy!

The MN Dept of Health has announced that Abbott , the maker of BinaxNow Covid test kits, has extended the expiration date of their testing kits to 7 months past the date posted on the package.

If you are thinking that you may just throw that test away, check the date. It may be good for another 7 months!



2023 Camp Superkids

Sunday, June 25 – Friday, June 30

Parents start your engines, because it's camp registration season! How will you keep your students busy this summer? If your student has asthma, TCA has a suggestion for you!

Camp Superkids is a week-long, overnight summer camp for students (age 7-14) with asthma. Campers get to enjoy all of the fun of an outdoor summer camp while in a medically-safe environment. Additionally, campers ages 15-16 will have an opportunity to participate in the Junior Leader's program designed to learn and develop leadership development skills while at camp. This camp is run by the YMCA.

This camp will keep students safe and provide them with a chance for adventure, and the opportunity to mentor other students. Check into it. It might be a good fit for your student.

Superkids Mission

Camp Superkids provides a fun, safe and inclusive camp experience for children with asthma, while fostering relationships, personal growth, and asthma self-management skills.



Affordable Connectivity Program

Discounts for internet service and devices

If your child receives free or reduced-price meals you are eligible for **The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)**. ACP provides eligible households:

- Up to \$30/month off their internet bills, and
- A one-time \$100 discount off a laptop, tablet, or computer.

Tens of millions of families are eligible but have not yet claimed their benefit. A family is eligible if:

- A child participates in the Free and Reduced-Price School meals program.
- A member of the household participates in certain other federal programs, like Medicaid or SNAP.

Many internet service providers offer high-speed plans that are fully covered by ACP, meaning millions of families can now get high-speed internet without paying a dime. Households can learn more and apply for the ACP at [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov). Families can also call 877-384-2575 for more ways to apply. Every household with a child receiving free or reduced-price meals is eligible for ACP benefits.

If you have not applied for free or reduced-price meals, please log in to the parent portal to apply online, or get an application from the TCA website. If you are not sure if you qualify, please email foodservices@twincitiesacademy.org to verify your status (include your student's name).

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

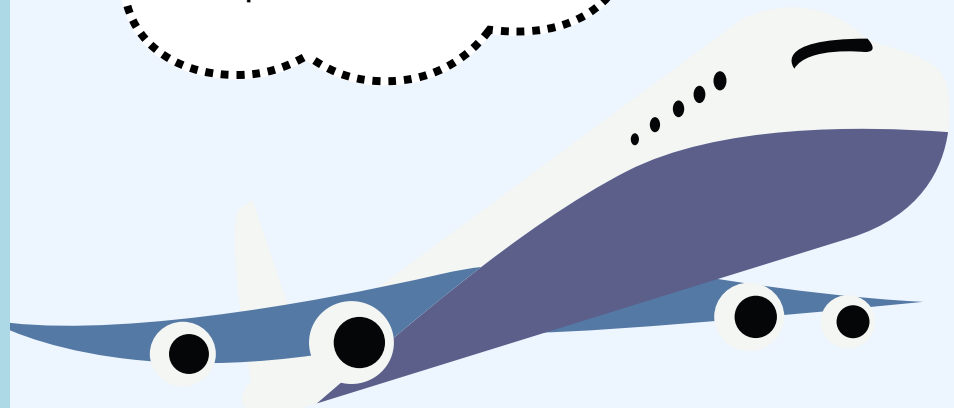
Great News!

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 a family interest meetings in **September 2023** (Dates to Come).

Reach out to Ms. Stripe, Mr. Bew, or Mrs. Bew with questions!



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

Tuesday 4:15-5:30

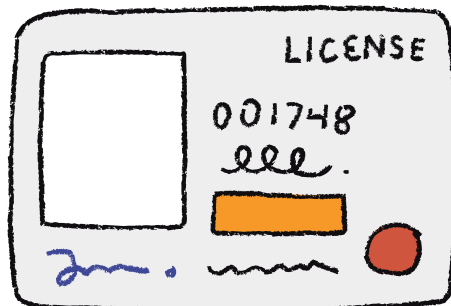
Board Games / Ng (205)
Debate / Osterhus (4:15-6:15)(107)
Art / Harvey (221)
Homework Help / Bob (203)

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)***

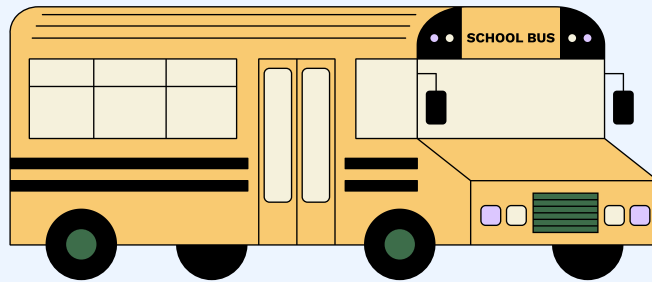


This 30-hour program will be conducted by a certified instructor from the A+ Driving School and will fulfill the state driver's education requirement. The course will address the "how to" and "whys" of safe driving. The format of the class will be lecture and active discussion.

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!

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.