

JANUARY 14, 2019

## CURRENT CSP NEWS

### **ATTENTION Gr. 5-8 PARENTS**

### **CSP-CP PROSPECTIVE PARENT MEETING**

**TH Jan. 17, 6:30 – 8:00**

#### **East Gym**

Some of you are discerning whether **College Pathways (CP) or CSP enrollment** would be best for your child **after 6<sup>th</sup> grade**. (CP is only for Gr. 7 – 12.) You are invited to attend the annual **CSP-CP Prospective Parent Meeting**. (This meeting is held each year.) The distinctives of each non-traditional program will be explained. There will be faculty from both programs and a panel of CP students/parents available to answer your questions. The Registrar offers 2019-20 seats to currently enrolled CSP students in February, so it's a good idea for parents to be informed of their choices. Also, check out the CP website. There is a **CP Readiness Tool** that is quite helpful in discerning whether your child will be ready for the rigor of CP.

### **2019-20 SEAT OFFER DATES FROM THE REGISTRAR**

\* **Feb. 4** – Currently enrolled CSP Gr. K-5 students – RSVP due **Feb. 12**

\* **Feb. 14** – Currently enrolled CSP Gr. 8 students

\* **Feb. 19** – Currently enrolled CSP Gr. 6 & 7 students (you choose either the CSP or CP link from the **OFFER FORM** emailed to parents)

**\*\*Requesting a 2019-20 CP class schedule:** Within the CP OFFER form sent to JH parents will be a template to plan a schedule. You'll then pick and choose classes that are listed in the class request form. Schedules are confirmed by CP on a first come, first served basis, so the sooner you respond to your offer email, the better your child's chances are of getting the classes he/she wants.

\* **Early March** – NEW CSP Gr. K-6 students

\* **Mid to Late April** – NEW CSP Gr. 7 & 8 students

If you have recently changed your email address, please contact and update with Sherry Cory, Assistant Registrar, [scory@asd20.org](mailto:scory@asd20.org).

**Registrar questions? Email Sherry Cory, [scory@asd20.org](mailto:scory@asd20.org).**

### **CHARACTER MATTERS**

Before winter break, in anticipation of the holiday season, the **PE classes** discussed the character trait of **self-regulation** in terms of eating vs. overeating. Not only did students learn about the major food groups but also about exhibiting **self-control** when eating the much anticipated feasts. As we know, this requires some **discipline** in order to avoid overeating when we are faced with the various delicious treats. Coach Anderson discussed the idea of **regulating** our eating by reminding ourselves that food is meant to be fuel for the body and it may be easier to stop when satiated, knowing that we can have it again another time. We hope that this effort will extend past the holiday season to be a life-long appreciation of healthy eating.



presents ***Peter Pan, Jr.***

**Jan. 25, 26, and 27, 2019**

[www.starztheater.org](http://www.starztheater.org)

Come experience all the wonders of Neverland with STARZ Theater Company as we present a beloved family favorite - ***Peter Pan, JR.*** This musical will delight audiences with high-flying action and iconic favorite songs. There will also be exciting and original choreography including a stomp style dance.

**Location:** Shockley-Zalabak Theater at The Ent Center for the Arts –  
5225 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, 80918

**Times:** Jan. 25 – 6:00 pm; Jan. 26 - 2:00 or 6:00 pm; Jan. 27 - 2:00 pm

**Info and Tickets:** [www.starztheater.org/tickets](http://www.starztheater.org/tickets)

\$12 for Reserved Orchestra seating, \$10 for Reserved Mezzanine seating, \$14 at the door

**Contact:** Starz Theater Company – (719) 445-9497, [www.starztheater.org](http://www.starztheater.org)

**\*Several CSP students are in this production!\***

### **OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER**

Come visit or perform for the elderly residents of **The Freedom Home**, a small 8-bed assisted living facility. Volunteers could sing, play instruments, do poetry recitations, share hobbies, etc. The living room is quite small so only 10 people can fit at one time. The original home is at 10080 Lexington Drive across from Mountain View Elementary. The newest location is 8395 Clifton Drive (near Research and Powers) which is scheduled to open in a couple of weeks.

Call or text Sandy Sellers at 719-229-4447 or [smsellers@g.com](mailto:smsellers@g.com).

## **PREVIOUSLY POSTED NEWS**

### **FRIDAY MAKE-UP DAY for Monday classes only**

**FRI Jan. 25**

Denim day, no hot lunch served, bring a sack lunch and snack.

### **CSP ANNUAL FUNDRAISER for CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF COLORADO**

Our homeschool community is invited to participate in the TCA K-12 fundraising effort to collect donations for the Children's Hospital of Colorado, set to open in Colorado Springs in the spring of 2019. The nearly 300,000 square foot facility will have 110 beds and will feature the only pediatric emergency department in the region. Children and their families across southern Colorado and neighboring states will have access to the expert pediatric care of a TOP 10 children's hospital, close to home. With this new facility, Children's Colorado team members can care for every child regardless of their family's ability to pay. Every single dollar counts!

This year each TCA school will host their own fundraiser & contribute all proceeds to this important cause. Our kids can certainly relate to this community outreach opportunity (*children helping other children*). TCA's K-12 organized service projects have raised almost \$50,000 already!

**Here's how CSP students and families can participate:**

Your child's CSP class will have a decorated container to collect dedicated funds.

The class that collects the **most money by our deadline** (Jan. 25) will be awarded a **pizza party**.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> highest class donations will earn a **casual day**.

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED through Jan. 25**

**Cash or Checks (made out to Children's Hospital or TCA)**

Thank you for donating to this worthy cause.

**VISION AND HEARING SCREENING**

**Mon. Jan. 28**

**8:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**East campus conference room**

If you would like to have your student screened by TCA nurses, please stop by the CSP-CP office to sign up for a time slot.

If your child wears contacts, glasses or hearing aids, please make sure they bring them for the screening.

**PARTICIPATION REPORTS (PRs)**

**Jan. 28 – 31:** K-6 PRs distributed

**Jan. 28:** Gr. 7-8 report cards posted on IC

**TESTING/EVALUATION OPTIONS FOR HOMESCHOOLERS**

**Gr. 3, 5, & 7 only**

Per Colorado law, homeschool students in the odd grades, beginning in Gr. 3, are required to take a standardized test or have a formal evaluation submitted to your local school district. (D20 recognizes CSP as the depository for these test scores or formal evaluation summary.) CSP offers the ITBS-Cog AT Survey Battery in Grades 3, 5, and 7 for a **\$25 fee**. Test dates are:

- **Fri. March 8** for WED classes Gr. 3 & 5 and MON. Gr. 7
- **Fri. March 15** for TH classes Gr 3 & 5
- Only students currently enrolled in CSP may test with us.
- A CSP Testing Information document including a permission slip will be sent home in January.
- Practice test booklets will be available on January 14.
- We will send home a copy of the student's test scores in April and file the scores in his/her cum file at CSP.
- If you cannot test with CSP, feel free to test elsewhere or hire a qualified evaluator to come into your home, evaluate your child's work samples, and write a summary of his/her yearly progress. Provide CSP with a copy of the test scores or written evaluation summary to place in your child's cum file. (You do not need to file test results or the summary with D20 also.)

## CSP CURRICULUM

For an overview of the CSP curriculum, [click here](#).

## CSP WEBSITE & D20 PARENT PORTAL

**TCA's website:** [www.tcatitans.org](http://www.tcatitans.org)

### **PAY MANDATORY STUDENT FEES – www.payforit.net**

CSP 2018-19 Student Fees are posted online @ [CSP/ Fees & Forms](#). Pay mandatory CSP fees **on-line** through your Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Parents input child's Student ID to complete the account set-up. Use **payforit username and password** to log onto: [www.PayForIt.net](http://www.PayForIt.net). You may pay TCA student fees without incurring any convenience fee. (Questions? Contact Toni DeMott, [tdemott@asd20.org](mailto:tdemott@asd20.org), 719-488-6479.)

If you have trouble paying fees or setting up a lunch account on [www.PayForIt.net](http://www.PayForIt.net), select the "TCA Cottage School Elem" or "TCA Cottage School JH" as school/ location.

**NOTE:** There is a convenience fee for online lunch-money payments.

Please contact Ellen Damarelos, TCA staff accountant, if you have any questions or concerns - [edamarelos@asd20.org](mailto:edamarelos@asd20.org), 719-488-6478.

### **INFINITE CAMPUS**

Do you need help with Infinite Campus? Click [here](#).

[Infinite Campus](#)

[IC FAQ](#)

If you have trouble logging into IC, contact [help@asd20.org](mailto:help@asd20.org) or 719-234-1777.

## CSP POLICY

### **PM CARPOOL – SIBLING PICK UP**

**CP students are NOT allowed in the Elementary wing, for safety sake. This has been TCA's policy for years. Staff and parents were reminded of this policy earlier in the year.**

**If a CP student needs to meet a younger sib for PM carpool, they have these options:**

- The younger sib can meet the CP student in the atrium at 3:30 when elem. students are dismissed and then walk to their car in the big lot.
- The younger sib can meet the CP student at the walk-up area on the blacktop. It's best for the family to choose a designated spot on the blacktop for sibs to meet, then walk to their car in the big lot.
- The CP student can stand with the younger sib at the younger sib's carpool location (front curb or field, depending on grade level). The parent will pick up both children in the carpool line.
- A CP student MAY NOT meet the younger sib at their classroom door in the Elementary wing.

We appreciate your support to provide safety for all students during carpool.

### **NO OUTDOOR SUPERVISION until 7:45 am**

There is staff supervision starting at 7:45 am. This is TCA policy. Please dress your kids for cold weather; they are not allowed inside until 8:05 am.

### **UNIFORMS**

View the [elementary uniform policy](#) and [JH uniform policy](#) on the CSP website. Neutral shoes are best. Students need to wear sneakers to PE. JH students wear an athletic uniform for PE. Students may wear a solid color crew neck sweatshirt, cardigan sweater or **TCA logo** hoodie in the classroom in approved TCA colors - navy, hunter green, red, or white.

### **PARENTS WHO HIRE TUTORS TO SCHOOL THEIR CHILDREN**

CSP classroom correspondence (newsletters, emails, etc.) **may only go to the parents directly**. The parents are free to forward pertinent information to those they hire to school their children (tutors). We believe this policy will keep the parents engaged and removes CSP staff from potentially becoming the middleman whom tutors may feel free to contact. These procedures will also keep hired staff and non-family members off the newsletter distro list to assure **privacy for everyone**.

Grades, class lists, and other personal information is only shared with legal guardians.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact the CSP Principal, Susan Nosal, [snosal@asd20.org](mailto:snosal@asd20.org).

## TCA FAMILY NEWS

### **ASD20 PARENT ACADEMIES**

These academies run now through March on various subjects, including vaping, emotional health, and media. For more info: <https://www.asd20.org/newsroom/parentacademy/Pages/default.aspx>

### **UNOFFICIAL CSP FACEBOOK PAGE**

I want to make you aware of '**TCA's Cottage School Program Parents (unofficial)**' Facebook page that contains a lot of useful information. Click here: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/942411899203416>

This new group page is being launched for families with students in the Cottage School Program. The site continues to be populated with useful homeschooling resources and info.

It is a community-building, knowledge-sharing platform to track upcoming school-wide activities, coordinate carpooling, initiate get-togethers, ask homework questions, reference monthly lunch menus, buy/sell/free-cycle gently used homeschool items (clothing, academic materials), highlight upcoming community events that appeal to homeschoolers, and engage in general homeschooling questions.

We can be found under the name: **TCA's COTTAGE SCHOOL PROGRAM PARENTS (UNOFFICIAL)**. **This group is parent led and not required nor regulated by TCA CSP.**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **FALFINS SWIMMING HOME SCHOOL GROUP**



*"We take pride in developing world class kids in an environment of excellence"*

Falfins is offering a Home School swim group that will be held at the Wolf Ranch Recreation Center pool beginning January 8, 2019. This swimming program will be an opportunity for children ages 8 and older to swim twice a week. The primary goals are fitness and technique instruction. Swimmers must be able to swim one length of the pool (25 yards) freestyle and backstroke.

Our coaches are certified through USA Swimming. They go through required safety training, background checks and athlete protection screening.

#### **Program Details:**

Registration fee: \$20 annual (USA Swimming membership fee)

Monthly fee: \$60

Practice Times: Tuesday and Thursday; 2:30-3:20 pm

Where: Wolf Ranch Recreational Center Pool: 8750 Wolf Recreation Point. Located on Research, east of Powers. Located just west of the new Journey K8 school in Academy D20.

The group size is limited, and registrations will be first come first serve. If you are unsure of your child's swimming ability and would like to request a tryout, please contact Coach Rose Snyder at 719.963.8355.

[www.falfins.org](http://www.falfins.org)

### **SPECIAL DEAL!**

Colorado Homeschoolers are invited to the **Great Wolf Lodge**

**May 6 & 7, 2019**

**Check in time is 4pm**, but you can use the water park starting at 1pm.

**Check out time is 11am**, but you can use the pool until close at 8pm.

**TO RESERVE:** Call **Great Wolf Lodge** 1-844-554-9653 and mention **1905DENV\_001**.

**PRICE:** \$99.24 for Queen Suite Deluxe for 4-5 occupancy (5th person is an additional \$50)

<https://www.greatwolf.com/colorado-springs/suites/standard/deluxe-queen-suite>

Or

\$199 for Kid Cabin Suite for 6-7 occupancy (7th person is an additional \$50)

<https://www.greatwolf.com/colorado-springs/suites/themed/kid-cabin-suite>

The resort fee is waived and the required deposit is for one night.

### **COLORADO SPRINGS COTILLION**

**Registration opens on Dec. 4. Classes begin Jan. 22** at Colorado Springs Country Club. Cotillion is a fun way for kids to develop confidence in different social situations; refining and practicing manners that will benefit them throughout their lives. For more info and registration go to [cotillion.com](http://cotillion.com).

### **26th ANNUAL BETTY FIELD MEMORIAL YOUTH WRITING CONTEST (2019)**

**HOMESCHOOL PARENTS:** All students in Gr. 6-12 in El Paso County or in the areas served by the Pikes Peak Library District, are invited to enter the 26th Annual Betty Field Memorial Youth Writing Contest and earn top honors plus cash prizes.

All contest forms are available on the contest's website: [www.writingcontest612.info](http://www.writingcontest612.info)

**All entries must be received no later than 5:00 PM, Saturday, February 23, 2019.**

The winning authors in all categories will be honored at the **April 6, 2019 Awards & Recognition Program**. The program is open to the public. The Writers Workshop for all students who entered the contest will be held one hour prior to the Awards & Recognition Program. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Diane Pfalzgraf, PPLD contest coordinator, at (719) 591-2404, 10 AM - 7 PM or by [email](#).

### **BOX TOPS**

Turn in those box tops you have collected over the year. As you do your back-to-school shopping, please remember that Box Tops can be found on a wide variety of food and paper products as well as some Hanes apparel. You can access the complete list of eligible products at [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com). Watch for bonus Box Tops on products and your shopping receipts too. If you are an on-line shopper, you can earn e-Box Tops by logging into btfe.com, then going to your preferred website to shop. Each single Box Top is worth 10 cents; bonus Box Tops are worth more. **We earn thousands of dollars every year for TCA East & CSP!**

### **KING SOOPERS NEIGHBORHOOD REWARDS PROGRAM**

Last year CSP earned over \$1500 from the King Soopers rewards program. You can pick up a reloadable gift card in the CSP office. The initial cost is \$5 per card, and the card is pre-loaded with \$5. Every time you reload the card, CSP receives 5% back from King Soopers. Please consider supporting CSP with this easy program. For more details, contact the CSP office at 487-2020.