

# School - Wide Howl

## Parent Communication #3

### September 2, 2016

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### Message From Joe Mehsling, Director

Dear Parents -

Happy Labor Day! I hope you and your family get an opportunity to enjoy a last gasp of summer. Things are moving along heat at Twin Peaks Charter Academy. Myself and the other principals, Mrs. Coniff and Mr. Yu were chatting about the beginning of the year last week and we all had the same realization. This is the most excited all of us have ever been beginning the year and moving our school to its next phase of excellence. I'm thrilled with the talent of our teachers, the dedication of our support staff and the energy of the leadership team and the dedication of our parents, particularly those that are volunteering their time and energy to serve on committees, the PTVO and our elected Board of Directors.

Have a wonderful weekend, Joe

## Message from Amber Coniff, K-5 Principal

The best part about my job is being in classrooms to see all the great teaching and hardworking students! Last week I read a book to every class. The books I chose were focused on one theme: do not give up. Each class was able to determine the theme when we discussed the story and we talked about how “not giving up” applies to school. I look forward to working with parents and teachers in supporting our students to persevere even when it gets tough. I know they can do it!

We love having parents visit and volunteer. Please remember to check-in at the front office if you are going to be on campus during school hours. This includes the playground as well. If you would like to visit your child at recess, please stop in the front office first. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping your children safe.

If you haven't done so already, find Twin Peaks on Facebook and like us. There are often timely reminders posted on the page, as well as posts about the great things happening in our community.

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## Message from David Yu, Secondary Principal

What a wonderful start of the school year. With the help of Mrs. Dauer working with students on character, I have been able to be more a part of the classroom. I have visited classrooms over 70 times this year. I feel I am building relationships with students at a much deeper level.

Character development is also flourishing this year. Students have been volunteering to help keep our building clean. Whether students are volunteering to wash tables at lunch or picking up a piece of trash in the hallways, the level of respect is on the rise. Thank you for working with us on this extremely important endeavor.

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## Message from Doug Bean, Dean of Students

Thank you for a great start to our year. I have just a few items regarding drop off and pick up.

If you like to park and walk to drop off/pick up your student the two North Lots are the place to be. Please follow this [LINK](#) to find the Drop Off and Pick Up Driving Map. Thank you for helping us to make this one of the best starts to a school year ever.

If you like using the West Drop Off and Pick Up line please remember not to pull into the Left Turn Lane and to obey all traffic signs.

Also, beginning September 6th CALL AND RIDE and ALL BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES will be dropping off and picking up in the South Parking Lot. This system will provide a much more efficient Drop Off and Pick Up process for everyone. Please follow this link [LINK](#) to see where these organizations will be dropping off and picking up.

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## Message from Karen Dauer, Dean of Character

The campus is bustling with activity before school, at lunch, during passing periods, and after school. The halls are quiet during class time. Students are engaged with learning, socializing, and getting involved with sports and clubs on campus. It has been my pleasure to observe and become involved in this school community. It is first rate! A hidden gem, no doubt!

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## Message from Teal Mawell-Richards, Dean of Academics

Hello, TPCA Families!

It's hard to believe that it is already September! Our benchmarking process is almost complete and the assessment results are helping teachers better understand how to work with each student. Teachers will be sharing benchmark data with you at Parent Teacher Conferences in October.

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## Message from Brad Agee, Dean of Technology

All students grades 6-12 have a St. Vrain email account. They also have access to Google Drive to use as a cloud for school work.

If you are having trouble getting into Infinite Campus, please use this [LINK](#) You can also find it at the very top of the Twin Peaks website.

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## Message from Cameron Wright, Athletics and Activities Coordinator

The **100 mile club** is back, and getting ready to **RUN!** Your student can earn fun prizes, spend time with friends, and learn the value of some extra effort along the way. It is easy to [register](#), and Mr Finn will be our leader again this year. Come and join the fun.

You can still register for all MS fall athletics, games will begin soon, so don't delay. Use this [LINK](#) to register NOW.

Don't forget to visit our new [Athletics](#) website for all updated info.

Go TIMBERWOLVES

## Message from Mary Beth Cowie, Financial Administrator

- A big **THANK YOU** to all families who paid their fees on time and congratulations to the *Pritchard family* for winning the \$100 Fee Waiver Drawing!
- **100 Mile Club** Activity fees of \$60 for the school year can now be paid online. The Free Lunch qualified discounted fee is \$30 and Reduced Lunch qualified fee is \$45. The fee is higher this year as there is no longer grant revenue available for this program. This is less than 50 cents per day for this awesome before school activity - what a bargain!
- **6th Grade Families: Outdoor Education** Activity fees have been assessed on Infinite Campus and are due no later than 9/16/16.

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## Message from Alycia Burns, Gifted and Talented Coordinator

SVVSD identifies students K-12 for gifted services.

These students usually:

- **Perform academically at least two years above grade level**
- **Display readiness for very advanced or accelerated learning opportunities**
- **Require additional academic challenges to support their continued educational growth**
- **Demonstrate characteristics of unique creativity and higher level thinking**

The identification process begins with an opportunity for parents and/or teachers to refer students for gifted services. If you believe that your child/student demonstrates exceptional ability and would like to pursue identification for gifted services, nomination forms are located in both front offices. Please return these forms to the front office addressed to Alycia Burns by September 16th.

El Distrito Escolar SVVSD identifica a estudiantes en los grados K-12 con talento excepcional o avanzado para ofrecerles servicios.

Estos estudiantes por lo regular:

- **Se desempeñan académicamente por lo menos dos años por encima de su nivel de grado**
- **Muestran estar preparado(a) para aprovechar oportunidades de aprendizaje muy avanzadas o aceleradas**
- **Requieren de retos académicos adicionales para apoyar su continuo crecimiento académico**
- **Demuestran características de creatividad única y un razonamiento a un nivel más alto**

El proceso de identificación empieza con una oportunidad para que los padres y/o los maestros refieran estudiantes para los servicios de educación de talento excepcional. Si ustedes creen que su hijo(a) demuestra habilidades excepcionales y quisieran considerar la identificación para recibir servicios por talento excepcional, favor de llenar el documento que se encuentra en la oficina. Devuelven los papeles a la oficina a nombre de Alycia Burns antes del dieciséis de septiembre.

## News from the Office

### Picture Day

Did your student miss Picture Day? No worries, Picture Retake Day will be on Friday, September 30th. Pictures will be arriving in the next two weeks and will be delivered in your student's Thursday folders (Elementary), and during Advisory (Secondary). Thank you parent volunteers who helped make the day run smooth for our students and staff.

### Milk Cap Recycling

Milk Caps drop off: Please return any Longmont Dairy Milk Caps that you have collected to TPCA . There will be boxes for drop off at the Elementary office, as well as the Secondary office. Twin Peaks Charter Academy get 5 cents for each milk cap that we collect and return to Longmont Dairy. Thank you in advance.

### Yearbook

Order your yearbook by September 9th and receive a discount of \$10. The discount price is \$45.00 for the full, hard copy yearbook or \$20 for a Elementary only soft sided book. Prices will increase by \$10 for both books after September 9. Visit the following [LINK](#) to order online. Only online orders will be accepted this year.

Senior Photos - Due date October 31. Upload your Senior Picture through the following [LINK](#). Please contact Wendy Klusack at [klusack\\_wendy@svvsd.org](mailto:klusack_wendy@svvsd.org) for any clarification on acceptable content.

Parents, we need your help in capturing memories of this stellar school year. Please upload all photos for consideration to the following [LINK](#). Please included subjects name when possible. We love parent's perspectives of games, events, and functions. Immediate needs are Cross Country, Soccer, Volleyball and first day of school photos.

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## Carpool Request:

We have a middle school student who is looking for a ride to and from school. She lives near 9th and Sunset and is willing to help provide gas money. Please contact Mrs. Mansfield if you think you may be able to help at [mansfield\\_lisa@svvsd.org](mailto:mansfield_lisa@svvsd.org). Thank you!

## News from PTVO



### Volunteer Opportunities

Parent volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for the school community while showing their kids the importance of participating in their child's school. Please [SIGN UP HERE](#) for many different volunteer opportunities.

### Spiritwear

Did you know that Tuesdays are "Spirit Days" at TPCA? And that means that your student can wear any shirt with a Twin Peaks logo on it! So would your child like something new to wear for Spirit Days? Or could you use something to show off your school pride, perhaps at your child's games or events? Check out the wide selection of spirit wear offered online by clicking on the "spiritwear" link at the top of the Twin Peaks website. From there, simply place your order which will be delivered to school within 2 weeks. Any questions, email Kim Kroeger at [kim@ksgsport.com](mailto:kim@ksgsport.com)

### Logowear

Would your child like a Twin Peaks shirt or sweatshirt that they can wear ANY day of the week? We have TPCA logo-ed polos (short and long-sleeve) as well as sweatshirts that are allowed to be worn as uniform shirts (hoodies allowed in middle school only, and only over a uniform shirt). These options are offered now, for a limited time only. Pick up the order form at either office and return by September 5th. Any questions, email Kim Kroeger at [kim@ksgsport.com](mailto:kim@ksgsport.com)



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