

School - Wide Howl

Parent Communication #4

September 16, 2016



Message From Joe Mehsling, Director

What a great last few weeks here at Twin Peaks Charter Academy. I've really appreciated hearing from all of our community members, the compliments and suggestions. Here is what we are aiming to do with our communication plan, based on your feedback and suggestions. One component is our bi-weekly Howl, which you are reading now, and which are stored for reference on our website. Speaking of our website we are cleaning it up daily. The goal is for almost any question a parent or student will have is to have the pertinent information on our website. We are still adjusting what we put on our site's main [calendar](#). Athletics has their own [link](#) as well. Our [Facebook](#) page is another source of communication too! The biggest component of this plan is facilitating communication with you and your child's teacher. When we begin the 2nd quarter, every teacher will have a new, standardized google site, that will be maintained on a regular if not daily basis. We are trying to walk the fine line of enough communication, but not so much you quit listening.

Have a great weekend, Joe

PS - Go CU!

Message from Amber Coniff, K-5 Principal

This week was the first week of “eat lunch with the principal day.” Every Monday, I will be having lunch with elementary students with the goal being I will have lunch with everyone by the end of the year. Students will get an invitation in their Thursday folders and parents will get an email letting them know as well. Students bring their own lunch and I will share a small treat.

I had the pleasure of eating lunch with some 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders this week. We got to know each other better and students had the opportunity to ask me questions. It’s always fun to hear what kids are wondering about me and the school! I look forward to these lunches and it is a great way to start my week.

In the next couple of weeks, we have a couple of events that I don’t want you to miss. Our 4th and 5th graders have a music program on September 29th. September 30th is Picture Retake Day and our kindergarteners have Johnny Appleseed Day. I hope to see you at these activities.

[\(School Calendar\)](#)

Our after school drive line has been smooth this year and we appreciate everyone’s efforts to making sure our students are picked up in a timely and safe manner. Please remind your children that they may not play on the playground after school unless they are being supervised by a parent (older siblings cannot supervise younger siblings).

Enjoy the last couple of weeks of September as we head into fall!

Message from David Yu, Secondary Principal

Greetings,

We are already halfway through the first quarter. I can’t believe how quickly the time has passed.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to visit nearly 100 classrooms since the beginning of the year.

There have been a couple of students that have thought I was following them from class to class. It’s been great getting to see them regularly and getting to know them.

Our Advisory clubs are now in full swing! This is a wonderful chance for everyone to build stronger relationships which builds a greater community. Studies have shown that a robust school community has greater positive effects on student achievement than small class sizes. Ask your children which club they attend!

High School Student Council elections were this week. We had an all-time high of 17 students running for office. Each candidate gave eloquent speeches and has already begun working on the Homecoming schedule.

Have a wonderful fall!

Message from Doug Bean, Dean of Students

Fall is in the air! It is that time of year when we get to winterize the sprinklers, gear up to rake leaves, and more importantly we get to once again drink Pumpkin Spice Lattes. I also love that we get to break out those jackets, coats, and sweaters that have been dormant for months because it is always an adventure to find a forgotten dollar or some candy, either way I do enjoy the hunt for fall pocket loot. Remember to check the [Dress Code](#) as the weather and our wardrobes changes. Thank you and have a great Fall.

Message from Teal Mawell-Richards, Dean of Academics

- Twin Peaks is looking for help with oral interpretation during Parent Teacher Conferences on October 12 and 13. If you are bilingual (Spanish and English) please follow this link to fill out this form. [SIGN UP HERE](#)
- Thanks to our amazing teachers and intervention team, fall benchmark assessments have been completed and we are beginning STAR at the elementary level. STAR is an opportunity for students to receive additional support or challenge based on their specific strengths and challenges. I can't wait to see TPCA students and teachers in action during STAR next week!



Message from Brad Agee, Dean of Technology

Did you know that Infinite Campus has a mobile app? Help keep up with your student at any time using the **Infinite Campus Mobile Portal** for your device!

Infinite Campus Mobile Portal keeps you informed. View assignments, grades, attendance and more.

Login Instructions

1). To find your District ID:

- Go to InfiniteCampus.com.
- Click the Login menu item from the top navigation.
- Enter your district's name.
- Select your state.
- Click Search

Your district's search result record contains the District ID for you to link your device with your district's version of Infinite Campus.



2) Enter your username and password

This information is provided by your school/district.

3) Review your settings

- Subscribe to 'Notifications' to receive alerts about grades, assignments and attendance changes.
 - Access Information
 - View assignments, attendance, daily planner, grades, schedule and food service information (Infinite Campus Food Service required).
 - Notifications
 - Receive immediate notifications when changes are made.
 - App Requirements
 - Your school district must use Infinite Campus as its student information system.
 - An active Infinite Campus Portal account is required (accessed through a Web browser).
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Message from Cameron Wright, Athletics and Activities Coordinator

Busy week coming up for our Athletic teams:

Sept 20th HS Volleyball @ Union Colony JV @ 5 and Varsity @ 6

Sept 22nd HS Volleyball vs Dayspring Christian JV @ 5 and Varsity @ 6

COME FILL THE GYM AND ROOT ON YOUR TIMBERWOLVES!

Sept 20th MS Volleyball vs Longmont Christian @ 4 pm **HOME GAME**

Sept 21st MS Volleyball vs Lyons MS @ 3:30 pm **HOME GAME**

Both days should have 2 best of 3 matches! Kids will be done around 6 pm. All parents and students admitted for free in intramural contests.

Sept 20th is also our 8th Annual Timberwolves Cross Country Invitational for our MS Runners at Sandstone Park on Hwy 119. Come enjoy our young runners as they compete against many of our district schools.

Any parents who are helping with transportation, please be sure to have the proper paperwork filled out BEFORE transporting our athletes. You can find them online ([LINK HERE](#)) or stop by the East Campus front office and Ms Dixon will give you hard copies of them.

Parents of MS Boys wanting to participate in Intramural Basketball this season, your registration is available online now. ([LINK HERE](#)) It's under the Timberwolves HQ tab. **There will be an informational meeting on Sept 23rd, at 3:15 in the WEST GYM!** Come in and get all the info for the upcoming season.

Finally, Attention Juniors and Seniors needing to fill Service Hours! Your help is required on Thursday, Sept 22nd at 3:30 pm in Room 1161. We'll be preparing the room for a special construction project that will end up in the Media Center. Please let Ms. Thorn or Coach Wright know that you can help out! Should not be take longer than 2 hours.

Message from Mary Beth Cowie, Financial Administrator

A big thank you for paying student fees, kinder tuitions, setting up payment plans and providing discount waivers to the front office. For your convenience all student, field trip and activity fees as well as kinder tuitions can be paid online.

Message from Alycia Burns, Gifted and Talented Coordinator

Attention parents, there is an exciting opportunity taking place on Sunday, September 25th. Dr. James T Webb will be presenting about the 11 key issues of giftedness. This is a great chance to learn more about how we can better support gifted students both at home and at school.

[Dr. James T. Webb "11 Key Issues of Giftedness"](#)

News from the Office

PICTURE DAY IS COMING! Order today at mylifetouch.com

Picture Day is:

Friday, September 30, 2016

Picture Day ID:

CG076489Y1



Did your student miss Picture Day? No worries, Picture Retake Day will be on Friday, September 30th. Pictures will be arriving soon and will be delivered in your student's Thursday folders (Elementary), and during Advisory (Secondary) next week.

Yearbook

Visit the following [LINK](#) to order online. Only online orders will be accepted this year. \$55.00 for the full, hard copy yearbook or \$30 for a Elementary only soft sided book.

Senior Photos - Due date October 31. Upload your Senior Picture through the following [LINK](#). Please contact Wendy Klusack at 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, first day of school photos and talent show photos.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 12th and 13th. You will receive a separate email next week with instructions on how to schedule a conference with your student's teacher.

Knitting Club:

Parents of secondary students who have joined the Knitting Club should send in \$10 with their student to Ms. Esterline to cover the cost of knitting needles and yarn. Please email Ms. Esterline with questions at esterline_deborah@svvdsd.org

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Donation Requests:

Cameras:

The Yearbook Club is in need of camera donations. Do you have a really great digital camera... and then you got your smartphone, and now that camera is sitting in a desk drawer gathering dust? The Yearbook Club could give that camera a new life capturing all the great things that are happening here at the school! Please drop off any digital cameras (and chargers) at the East or West front offices and let them know that it is for yearbook. Thanks!! The Yearbook Staff

Printers:

The high school science department is looking for a working printer to be donated that has a parallel/serial printer port (see picture below). Preferably the printer is dot-matrix, but laserjet will also work.

Thanks much,

High School Science Team



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

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

Policy Update:

[2016-17 TPCA Organizational Chart - Policy #T-CC-R](#)



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