

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The weather has given the students a fresh boost of energy. We don't dare put away the sleds yet as I am confident we will have at least one more opportunity to send them down the hill. Please make sure your children bring appropriate outdoor clothing each day because Colorado weather can be a bit crazy from time to time.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the car-line flow and saftey of our students. We know that this can be tiresome at times (trust me I know) but it is running much smoother then in the past.

Student-Led conferences start next week, if you haven't signed up for a conference please do so via the teacher's sign-up as soon as possible. The Spring Conferences are student-led and we ask that you bring your child to their conference. It is a great opportunity for them to share their growth and who they have become as a student. If you have questions or concerns that you would like to bring up, I recommend letting the teacher know so they can plan for these discussions with or without your student present.

| Grammar School Conferences (sign-up genius to schedule time) | March 3-14 |
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| K-8 Twisted Penny Drive | March 3-14 |
| Dad's Book Club | March 5 7:45 - 8:15 am, Library |
| 5-8 Musical | March 6 Day Performances - March 6, 1:00 pm - K-2, 8th Evening Performance (6:00-8:00, Stage) |
| K-8 Assembly (2nd, 4th and Recitations) | March 7 8:15 am, Gym |
| K-8 Staff vs. Girls and Boys MS Basketball Team (\$5 per ticket to attend) | March 10 3:30 - 5:30 |
| Principal's Panel | March 10 6:30 PM |
| Board of Directors Meeting | March 11 6:00 - 8:30 pm, 3rd floor HS building |
| Middle School Spring Sports Tryouts (Flag Football, Girls Soccer) | March 12 3:30-5:30 |
| 4th/5th Grade Battle of the Books Competition | March 12 3:15pm - 4:15 pm, Library |
| MS and HS Parent/Teacher Conferences | March 12 4p-8p |
| High School 20th Century Concert | March 13 6:00 - 8:00 Southwest Community Church |
| Skate City | March 12 6:00 - 8:00 pm |
| Dress out of Uniform Day for \$1 | March 14 |
| PACS Meeting | March 14 7:45 am, Grammar School Commons |
| Spring Break | March 17-21 |

NJHS is collecting cereal boxes for a food drive. Please bring in boxes starting at 2/24 through 3/14.

Winning grades can earn a prize.







Twisted Penny Drive

"the most unique fundraiser of the year"

Beginning on Monday, **March 3rd**, you'll find containers sitting outside the office labeled with your teacher's name

The twisted penny is a fun classroom competition to raise funds for our SPECIALS CLASSES. The competition has a daily winner and assortment of prizes awarded to the classes over the ten school days.

All <u>pennies</u> and <u>paper money</u> (checks included) is counted towards your teacher/house's daily total, with the twist coming when you load up the other jugs with any <u>silver coins</u>, (nickels, dimes and quarters). All silver is counted against that teacher's total amount.

There will be great daily incentives and winners so keep your class amounts climbing by putting in pennies and dollars in your teacher's jug. Remember though, the twist is to put silver in other jars which goes against that class total!

Help your child dig up as many pennies as you can find, and if those are in short supply any form of cash/check will help your child's class in the quest to become the twisted penny champions!

Prizes by day are listed below (One daily for homeroom)

Week 1

Monday: Movie for the class Tuesday: 20 Minute Recess for the class Wednesday: Special Craft Time for the class Thursday: Hat Day for the class Friday: Dance and Story Time with the Admin.

Week 2

Monday: Board Game Time for the class Tuesday: Special Escape Room for class Wednesday: PJ Day for the class Thursday: Class Student vs. Staff Kick Ball Game

Friday: Pizza Lunch with the Admin.





The Habit of Punctuality

"The habit of punctuality" refers to the practice of consistently being on time, demonstrating respect for others' time by arriving at scheduled appointments or deadlines as planned; essentially, it's the habit of not being late.

It encompasses respect for others' time, conscientiousness in planning, and a steadfast dedication to follow through on promises. Punctuality is not merely about being physically present; it's about demonstrating integrity, reliability, and accountability in everything.

Key points about punctuality:

- · Respectful behavior:
- Being punctual is considered good manners and shows respect for others' time.
- Professionalism:
- In a workplace setting, punctuality is often seen as a sign of professionalism and reliability.
- Positive impression:
- A reputation for punctuality can build trust and credibility in personal and professional relationships.



Summer STEM Camp

Come join us for a STEM camp at Addenbrooke. Students will use Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to investigate a phenomenon!

COST: \$300 PER STUDENT PER WEEK
'EARLY BIRD PRICING: \$250 BEFORE 4/17'

Rocket Science
Build and take home your
own model rocket!
May 27th - 30th
3rd - 8th grade | 9am-12pm

Circuit Science
Build and take home your
own battery powered robot!
June 2nd - 5th
3rd - 8th grade | 9am-12pm

There is limited availability so, reserve your spot using the QR code above or this link: http://bit.ly/4hCBG2f





WHAT IS... Classical Education

Classical education resembles a vast museum filled with numerous beautiful and awe-inspiring rooms, each worthy of a lifetime of study. Rooted in a long-standing tradition, it emphasizes the pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty, as well as the exploration of liberal arts and classic literature. So, what are the liberal arts? They encompass grammar, logic, rhetoric (the verbal arts of the trivium), and arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy (the mathematical arts of the quadrivium). This educational approach also equips students with the skills to learn and think critically.

What contributes to the effectiveness of classical education? It largely stems from its understanding of how and when to teach students. Regardless of their individual learning styles, children progress through three distinct phases or stages—grammar, logic (or dialectic), and rhetoric—collectively known as the trivium. In the grammar stage (K–6), students excel at memorization through songs, chants, and rhymes; engaging them in this way helps them retain information for life. During the dialectic or logic stage (grades 7–9), adolescents become more argumentative, questioning authority and seeking the rationale behind concepts. Here, they delve into reasoning, informal and formal logic, and learn to articulate their thoughts with wisdom and eloquence. Finally, in the rhetoric stage (grades 10–12), students evolve into independent thinkers and communicators, mastering the art of persuasive speech and effective writing that captivates their audience. This tailored approach to education, based on developmental stages, is what makes classical education remarkably effective.

This form of education has historically produced countless exemplary leaders, inventors, scientists, writers, philosophers, theologians, physicians, lawyers, artists, and musicians throughout the ages. While classical education has never truly vanished, its prominence began to wane around 1900 with the rise of progressive education. In recent decades, efforts have been made to renew and expand the K–12 liberal arts tradition, restoring this time-tested educational approach.



In response to the 2024-2025 SAC Survey



The panel will include Ric Netzer, John Byrne and Julie Spencer

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025 6:00 - 7:30 PM MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMONS

This is an opportunity to hear first-hand from the administration about the direction and philosophy of the program. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and bring up your concerns.



PACS Meeting - March 7th, 8:00 AM

Want to learn more about Addenbrooke events and how you can get involved? Join us for our next Parents of Addenbrooke Classical Students (PACS) meeting at 8:00 am in the Elementary Commons. Everyone is welcome – Everyone is a PACS parent. Younger kids invited. We hope to see you there!

Want to learn more about PACS Events?
Visit our website at
https://addenbrookepacs.org/





PACS SNACKS

Wednesday, March 12th
At both Addenbrooke Campuses
Once a month, Staff receive treats as a special
'thank you' for all they do. These treats are
donated by YOU! Help shop in advance, donate
tasty treats, or volunteer to set-up/clean-up here:
https://addenbrookepacs.org/pacs-snacks



Sock Hop & Silent Auction: Friday, April 4th, 5-7:30 pm This event will be held in the ACA Gym! More information coming soon https://addenbrookepacs.org/sock-hop



STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK! May 5th – 9th

Watch for sign-ups to volunteer or

donate items, as we plan to spoil our wonderful ACA staff in multiple ways this week.



Skate City Night

Wednesday, March 1th2, 6:00-8:00 PM 5801 S. Lowell Way, Littleton, CO 80123

Come enjoy a private ACA-only skate party!

Admission - \$7

Skate Rental - \$5

Meal deals available! Theme to be announced. https://addenbrookepacs.org/skate-city-nights