



Dear Topeka Collegiate families and friends,

With the end of the school year rapidly approaching, we have started getting everything ready for the 2023-2024 school year. Last Friday, February 17, the Enrollment contracts were sent out to current families. Please **let me know** if you did not receive an Enrollment contract. We do our best to prioritize our current families, and a signed contract is the only way to secure space in a class. Classrooms are filling up, so return your signed contract quickly. Once a class reaches capacity, students will be waitlisted. You can help make our next school year successful by returning your contract(s) and completing the Student Information packet(s) as soon as possible. Because we know this is a busy time for families, we wanted to highlight key dates and deadlines for enrollment contracts.

March 10 – Deadline for current families to receive the \$100 Early Eagle Credit for returning signed contracts

March 27 – New families will receive an enrollment contract

Thank you to those families (61%) who have returned their contracts already! We value your support and continued investment in a Topeka Collegiate education.

Debra Ricks  
Director of Finance and Operation

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## Mark Your Calendar!

- **February 25:** Middle School District National History Day; 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- **February 28:** 4th Grade Wax Museum; 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM
- **March 2:** **Book Buddies - Lifelong Learners**
- **March 2:** Read Across America Activities
- **March 2:** **Topeka Collegiate Book Swap**
- **March 3:** **Opt-Out Deadline** for Collegiate Kitchen
- **March 3:** **1st Grade Assembly**; 8:30 AM

- **March 3:** [4th Grade Field Trip to KidWind Competition](#); 7:15 AM - 6:00 PM
- **March 3:** All-School Roller Skating Party at Sk8away; 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- **March 10:** No School - Teacher Work Day
- **March 13-17:** No School - Spring Break
- **March 20:** No School - Professional Development Day
- **March 20:** Quiz Bowl at Cair Paravel; 3:45 PM - 5:30 PM
- **March 22:** 3rd Grade Field Trip
- **March 22:** 5th Grade Field Trip; 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
- **March 24:** [Prekindergarten Assembly](#); 8:30 AM
- **March 25:** SUMday at Washburn Rural Middle School
- **March 28:** Middle School Music Concert; 7:00 PM
- **March 29:** 5th Grade Field Trip; 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
- **March 30-31:** Wanda Holland Greene Events

**View the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar here.**

**NEW! View the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar here.**



# STAFFING UPDATE

JODI BOYD

We have some bittersweet news for you today. Our Director of Development, Jodi Boyd (P'19, P'23), will be moving to her next adventure with the Topeka Civic Theater as their Director of Development. Jodi spent nearly 20 years with Hill's Pet Nutrition before serving as our Director of Development. Before joining the staff full-time, Jodi served on the Board of Trustees as an After School Adventures piano teacher.

Mrs. Boyd helped our school in many ways, most notably by implementing a new robust Give Smart Donor system, establishing local partnerships for our book fair and spirit wear, and organizing our fabulous 40th anniversary celebration weekend. She also spearheaded the past three Annual Funds of Nourish ('20), Grow ('21), and Soar ('22).

Jodi will not be leaving us entirely, as she plans to continue helping in a volunteer capacity with the auction Back to the Future and a few other special projects. We are glad we get to keep her involved in the Topeka Collegiate community as she takes these next steps. Thank you, Jodi! Topeka Collegiate will miss you!



**Our Kindergarten Class performed their show, a play "about Kindergarten". They did a fantastic job! [You can watch their performance here.](#)**



## Sustain

*Topics that support the Sustain Pillar of the Strategic Plan, ensuring a strong future through strategic investments.*

- **Purchase your auction tickets here!** We are nine weeks away, and our event is 50% sold out! **Click here** to learn more about your volunteer and support opportunities! Join us on April 22 to celebrate BACK TO THE FUTURE!
  - As you purchase your tickets, take advantage of our exclusive VIP Experience - it begins at 6:00 PM in the Japanese Garden. Enjoy the open bar in the Crane House, listen to a live jazz quartet, and connect with your favorite people before enjoying dinner and the auction at 7:30 PM!
- **In Case You Missed It: New Referral Incentive!** In honor of our 40th school year, and for a limited time, we are increasing our referral incentive to **\$1000!** This enhanced incentive does not come with any enhanced guidelines. It's as simple as asking your referral to include your name in the space **"how did you hear about us?"** on their application. You can review our referral incentive guidelines [on our website.](#)
- SeaCamp fundraisers for our 7th Graders are underway! Thank you to everyone who has supported one of our fundraisers so far. Coming up:
  - All School Skating Party at Sk8away! **March 3**, with all admissions proceeds going toward the

class of 2024's SeaCamp!

- Pancake feed on **Saturday, April 29, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM** in the Assembly Hall! More details to come.



## CONNECT

*Topics that support the Connect Pillar of the Strategic Plan, fostering an inclusive and supportive community.*

- It is time for the Term 5 Opt-Out for the Collegiate Kitchen. If your student is opting out of our school lunch program, [click here to let us know](#) so that you will not be charged for the Term. The deadline to opt out for term 5 is March 3.
- **Summer BLAST!** offers a wide variety of weekly camps throughout the summer with an emphasis on safety, convenience, and, most of all, fun! Registration is open now! Your student's friends who attend other schools are welcome to join them at Summer BLAST!, as our camps are open to the public.
- Our volunteer of the month is **Debra Beach!** Debra helps out frequently in the lunchroom and receives the privilege of parking in the Volunteer Parking spot for the entire month of March! Thank you, Debra!
  - Reminder: All families are asked to help volunteer during lunch. We've been doing great all year, but are struggling to fill the final stretch of lunch sessions. [Please sign up here](#) if your family has not done their 4 volunteer sessions yet this year. It does not have to be the students' parents, just someone from your family.
- Every student at Topeka Collegiate will receive a yearbook. There is no additional feed for yearbooks; they are complimentary for each child. Spring break is perfect for creating custom pages for your student's yearbooks! Each family receives two custom pages for free. You can create more custom pages for \$0.99 per two pages. The custom pages are optional; if you do not submit a design, your child will receive a standard yearbook. To ensure the inclusion of custom pages, you must finish and submit them by Tuesday, March 28.
  - [Instructions to customize your child's yearbook pages are here.](#)

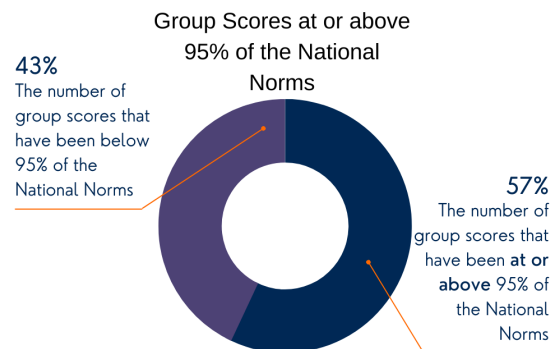
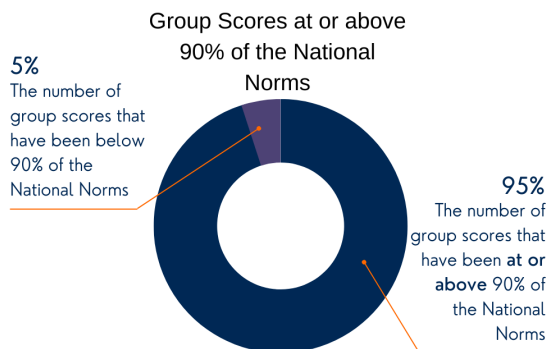


## EDUCATE

*Topics that support the Educate Pillar of the Strategic Plan, ensuring that we provide an unparalleled foundational education.*

- On Wednesday, February 22, 8th Grade Students participated in Model UN. This experience teaches the students about foreign relations, solving problems via government, public speaking, and more!
- We had our fourth Math Olympiad of the year! Check out the results from this competition [an the previous Math Olympiad results here.](#)
- Each fall, students in grades 4-8 participate in a battery of tests from the Educational Records Bureau. The results of these ERB assessments were shared with parents last Friday during parent-teacher conferences. Topeka Collegiate has many reasons to celebrate our success on the ERB, with trend data from the last five years showing **spectacular results!**

### Educational Records Bureau Trend Data



**Kindergarten  
Assembly is now on  
YouTube! Watch it  
here!**

**Click here to check out  
our Electronic  
Backpack!**

**Summer BLAST is  
now enrolling!  
Register your student  
today!**

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