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## **Upcoming Events**

Monday, August 22: 4s Plus School Begins

Monday, August 22 - Sept. 2: DIBELS Testing Window, Grades K - 5

Monday, August 22 - Sept. 9: NWEA Testing Window, Grades K - 8

Wednesday, August 24 - Thursday, August 25: 2s - 4s Early Childhood Orientation

Monday, August 29: 2s - 4s Early Childhood School Begins

Friday, November 11: Save the Date for the Annual PTF Auction

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## **Attendance News**

Traders Point Christian Academy is happy to announce the expansion of the electronic *Ident-A-Kid* check-in system to include some student attendance items!

If you arrive late to school, your child will now check in electronically at a computer station in the front entry of the building. Upon arrival, simply click on the appropriate box (tardy/late arrival, appointment out/in, early dismissal). Then type in the student's name and follow the prompts. A tardy pass will print for your student to take to class if necessary. This will eliminate the need for a hand-written pass or the paper sign-in sheets.

If your student will be late to school, a parent or adult will still need to call the school or send in a note of excuse. If the school is not notified, the tardy will be unexcused.

During the first few weeks of school, a TPCA staff member will be present to assist students and parents with this process. We are confident that this system will be a wonderful tool for both the security of our students as well as our attendance procedures. Should you have any questions, please contact your student's principal or email [attendance@tpcs.org](mailto:attendance@tpcs.org).

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## **NEW! TPCA Spirit Wear**

The new collection of spirit wear was a big success at Back to School Night and the first day of school. We have so many cool, new designs and options, including Dri-fit T's, hoodies, totes, and tumblers. If you missed out, but are still interested, please contact [Leslie Kowal](#) for more information.

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## **Arrival and Dismissal Procedures**

Following are the procedures designed to protect the safety of our students, families, and staff during arrival and dismissal times:

### **Arrival**

- The use of cellular phones is prohibited during arrival and dismissal times.
- Parents may drop off students as early as 7:45 AM with no charge for Before School Care.
- Enter through North driveway.
- Observe the 10 miles-per-hour speed limit.
- Pull all the way forward along the curb.
- Do not leave your vehicle parked along the curb.
  - If you are going to assist your student into the building, park in the parking lot and walk your student to the Eagle's Nest.
  - Only cross at the crosswalk and follow the instructions of the traffic guard. Students should always be accompanied by an adult.
- Students should exit the vehicle on the curbside only.
- Follow the instructions of the traffic guard.
- Exit through the south driveway.

### **Dismissal**

- The use of cellular phones is prohibited during arrival and dismissal times.
- Enter through North driveway.
- Observe the 10 miles-per-hour speed limit.
- Pull all the way forward along the curb or the most forward space available in one of the three designated lanes.

- Parents may arrive as early as 3:00 p.m. All TPCA students will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m.
- All students should be picked up through the dismissal line unless prior arrangements have been made with the school office. Please do not park your car and walk into the building to pick up your child.
- All cars should have the school-issued sign in the front window indicating who is being picked up.
- Wait for your child to be brought to your car by school staff.
- After the student is loaded please put the sign away so the dismissal team knows you are loaded and ready to leave.
- Follow the instructions of the dismissal team.
- Exit through the south driveway.

Thank you for your cooperation with these procedures.

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## Required Forms Reminder

### **2011-2012 Medical & Emergency Forms, Technology Use Policy Form, and Student Dismissal Authorization Form**

In late May, we emailed forms that each parent must complete and submit. If you did not receive that information, or haven't returned all forms yet, please use the following links for your convenience. Each of these sets of forms can be found on the [TPCA](#) website.

- The [2011-2012 Medical Forms packets](#) for students in Early Childhood – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and also for 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. You will find an instruction letter from TPCA nurse, Mrs. Jayne Price, along with forms for your student's annual physical examination, immunization requirements and updates, emergency contact information, and forms for other important information required by TPCA and/or the State of Indiana. Please print, review, and complete the appropriate forms.
  - The [Technology Acceptable Use Policy](#) Form should also be printed, reviewed, and signed. This form documents your and your student's understanding of the Academy's guidelines for use of technology at school. All forms must be returned to the TPCA office by August 10th, which is Back to School Night. Please contact [Mrs. Jayne Price](#) or the TPCA office if you have any questions.
  - The [Student Dismissal Authorization](#) Form lists all individuals who are authorized to pick your student up at TPCA. This form must be completed each year for every student.
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## Kindergarten Service Project

We had such a fantastic response from our families this year as they supported our yearly Kindergarten service project for the Edward Block Library at Riley Children's Hospital. This year we were so excited to take down over 550+ donated books to them, our largest donation in the 5 years running of our service activity. It is such a joy for all of us, and especially the children, to participate in this project!

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### Skating Party

#### All School

Save the date for some TPCA family fun!

All School Family Skating Party  
Saturday, August 20th - 5 - 7 p.m.  
Rock-n-Rollers in Avon

Eighth grade students will be available to help your little ones skate as a fundraiser for their American Heritage Trip to Washington D.C.

### 2011-2012 Calendar and August Lunch Menu

The 2011-2012 TPCA [School Calendar](#) and [Lunch Menu](#) for all grades is located under the parent link on the [TPCA](#) website.

### Pianos Needed

Do you have a piano at home that is not being used? The best thing (per Mr. Perry, instrumental music teacher) is for you to start playing it! The next best thing is to help out our music department. We have had three pianos come to the end of their lives recently, leaving us with an urgent need for replacement pianos. If you have or know of one, please let us know! Contact Mr. Perry at [nperry@tpcs.org](mailto:nperry@tpcs.org).

### What About Family Directories for 2011-12?

This year we would like to have our directory printed into a nice, small,

## Student Teacher

Mrs. Wassner will have a student teacher in her class second semester. Alyssa Storrs is currently a student at Moody Bible Institute and we look forward to having her join the TPCA family.

portable, bound publication. To help offset the cost we are offering advertising space to school family businesses. Directories are projected to be available for the low cost of \$5 per copy, unless we receive enough ad support to pay for all printing costs. If you or someone you know may be interested in placing an advertisement, please contact [Toni Kanzler](#) for more information.



## Save the Date!

### Grandparents

Please plan to join us on Friday, September 9, 2011 for Traders Point Christian Academy's K-12 Grandparents' Day. Arrival and check-in will begin at 12:30. At 1:00 you are invited to join your grandchildren in their classrooms and spend the hour touring their rooms and the building, and browsing the Missions Fair. Finally, you will find a seat with your grandchild in the gym for Chapel at 2:00. You will then be free to take your grandchildren home at 2:45. Your invitation containing more information is coming soon. Meanwhile, please save the date!

Parents, please note: If you know that a grandparent will not be able to attend for your child(ren), please extend this invitation to another special person in your child's life.

Please send us their contact information so we can send them an invitation and collect their RSVP for our planning and preparation. We want every child to have the opportunity to host a special guest that day. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

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## Every Child Needs a Praying Mom

### Moms In Touch

Attention Moms! Here is an opportunity for you to become part of a group called Moms In Touch International. It is a group of moms who meet for one hour each week to pray for their children and their school. "Standing in the Gap" through prayer is the best gift we can give them. Meetings will start mid-September. Watch for more details to come or

contact Claire Shelton at [cshelton6@indy.rr.com](mailto:cshelton6@indy.rr.com).

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## Yearbook Pre-Order Discount

Purchase your 2012 Yearbook by **August 30<sup>th</sup>** for the early bird **special price of \$20**. You can fill out the form at the front desk and write a check to TPCA or pay in cash. You may order online at [www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com). The price increases to \$25 from September 1-January 1.

Hurry and order yours today. Contact Danielle Tooley at [dtooley@tpcs.org](mailto:dtooley@tpcs.org) with any questions.

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## **SURF TPCA**

### **Serve Using Resources For TPCA**

*SURF TPCA* highlights quick and easy opportunities to help our school. Through updates like this, we hope to raise awareness, provide details, and share tips on how to make each work in your home. Involve the whole family! Let's SURF!

**Box Tops & Campbell's Labels** - Last year TPCA families redeemed over \$1100 for new equipment and supplies in Box Tops alone. With increased enrollment this year, it should be easy to exceed last year's total. Keep collecting your box tops and labels! Keep a small cup or baggie in your pantry for convenience. Periodically send them in your child's backpack or deposit them into the receptacle in the foyer at TPCA.



**NEW! Reward Your School** - In addition, the Box Tops program has added another easy way to help TPCA earn points. Simply visit the [Reward Your School](#) website and sign up. This site allows you to link your shopping cards, such as Kroger and Marsh, to your Box Tops account/school and earns you additional special promotions while you shop. Plus right now, each user gets bonus points if enough families sign up. The special promotions add up quickly. One parent's account has over 250 box tops points, which is \$25 direct to the school with no clipping required. Remember, this is in addition to clipping your Box Tops. We can still redeem the actual Box Tops from the products for more points. What an easy way to double, or even more than double, your Box Tops earnings!

**Marsh Fresh Idea Card** - Register your card to benefit TPCA at any Marsh store or on the Marsh [website](#). Our school ID is 28886. Each time you make a purchase at Marsh, you will

be helping TPCA earn points toward equipment and supplies!

**Target stores VISA REDcard** - Target's rewards program for K-12 schools is called "Take Charge of Education" and is linked to their VISA REDcard. Register your Target REDcard on their [website](#) or in the stores. Let's add TPCA to the list of schools receiving big bucks at each Target checkout line.

**GoodSearch** - An online philanthropic search engine that utilizes Google. Specify TPCA as your donor organization, and the Academy gets one cent for every search you make through the site, plus a percentage of any purchases you make online through the site.

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## Prayer Corner

- Praise God for the way He has and is providing for the needs of TPCA and pray for His continued provision for the Academy.
- Pray for all of our new families and students as they transition to their new school.
- Praise for the success of the *Building Foundations* fund and those who have supported TPCA through this annual giving opportunity.
- Pray for health issues to resolve for Linda Jackson, grandmother to Emma (1st grade) and Becky (11th grade).
- Praise that Mrs. Hinchman's father was released to return home from rehab on August 16th.
- Pray for Maxine Evans, mother-in-law of Mrs. Carol Evans, who is having serious health issues and may have surgery in September. Praise that Juanita Roberts-Lindsay, mother of Mrs. Evans, is doing well recovering from surgery.
- Pray for the Hall family for the passing of Connie Hall, mother of Mr. Kris Hall (EC Instructional Assistant) and grandmother of Olivia (2nd grade) and Noah (4's+).
- Pray for healing and comfort for former TPCA parent Jay Shultz, who had a very serious injury while serving in Haiti. Please also pray for his wife, Amy, and for their children.

If you would like to submit prayer or praise items, please contact [Leslie Kowal](#).