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## Titan Times

February 2, 2023

### School News

#### New Member to the CTEC Family!!

With great excitement and pleasure, I am thrilled to introduce our new Vice Principal, Rachel Groft, who has joined us with a wealth of experience, dedication, and a passion for education. Below is some brief information about Mrs. Groft.

*I am so excited to be a part of your educational journey as your Vice Principal! With 25 years of experience as both a mom and an educator, I recognize the profound impact that every educator can have on a student's life. My goal is to collaborate with CTEC's dedicated teachers and students to build courageous and critical thinkers, resilient learners, responsible community members, and hardworking contributors to both our local and global society.*

*Let me share a bit about my background. I started my teaching career in 1998 when I taught a 4 & 5-year-old preschool class. I've since had the privilege of teaching almost all grades K-12 and in various locations, including LA, Dallas, Reedley, and Sanger. Over the past 5 years, I served as a District Instructional Specialist in Sanger Unified.*

*Beyond education, adventures with my family and friends make me happy. Exploring new places, meeting new people, trying new foods, helping others in need, and refocusing on the most important things in life are wonderful adventures. I'm also an artist; I've been playing the piano and singing since I was a young girl. Home improvement projects, repurposing, building, creating, designing... These are all things I love.*

*I believe that balance and fun are important in life! I'm a die-hard BRUIN, a UCLA graduate. Quite a few of my former students have made me so proud and gone on to become Bruins!! On a lighter note, I love Chipotle & Coke Zero. No exceptions. Oh, and cinnamon rolls.*

*Make sure to stop by and say hello! I look forward to meeting all of you.*



#### Minga Update!!!

CTEC is improving efficiency by implementing MINGA this semester. MINGA modernizes school operations, particularly in the front office and hallways, by giving students digital passes to and from class. Late students are required to create their passes through MINGA. It is recommended that CTEC students download the app on their phones for convenience, but alternative options are available for those without phones. MINGA also serves as CTEC's school ID and can be used for community discounts. Support is appreciated, and questions can be directed to the front office.

### Upcoming Events

2/5/24: CTEC vs UHS Game start @ 5:30PM

2/7/24: CTEC vs Aspen Ridge Game starts @ 4:30

2/9/24: Chinese New Year Celebration

2/13-15/24: CTEC Cupid Café

2/16/24: No School

2/19/24: No School

2/23/24: Last day for senior shoutout orders.

2/25/24: Last day to order yearbooks.

## Get Your Yearbooks!

Yearbooks are still available for purchase. Reserve your copy as we will NOT have any extras on hand. **LAST DAY TO ORDER IS FEBRUARY 25, 2024.** Please use the QR code to purchase your yearbook online. If you have questions, please reach out to our front office.



## AERIES Parent Log In

Please follow these instructions for those who need help logging in to check your student's grades, connect with instructors, or update information.

1. Visit this [AERIES](#) web page.
2. Choose "Forgot Password?"
3. Follow the prompts to reset the email address (always check your spam folder).
4. Log in to Aeries with your email and new password.

## Around the Campus

### No School on February 16 & 19, 2024:



Hurrah, no school CTEC staff, students, and families. Enjoy your four day weekend.

### Chinese New Year Celebration February 9, 2024:

"🧧 Wishing You Prosperity and Joy in the Year of the Dragon! 🐉🌟"



May this Lunar New Year bring abundant success, happiness, and good fortune to all our students, staff, and their families. Let's embrace the spirit of renewal and unity as we welcome the Year of the Dragon. CTEC will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Feb 9. We will be selling egg rolls, orange chicken, and chow main. May your dreams take flight, and your journey be filled with achievements and memorable moments. 恭喜发财 🇨🇳

## Cupid Café



### Snack Bar Every Friday

CTEC students start doing chores and gather their allowance. CTEC will have a snack bar open during lunch every Friday. Students can buy food, drinks, and other items. Be on the lookout for lunch specials.

## Volleyball Games

Support our Titans this season. Please look at the schedule to see which game you want to attend.

**BOYS CTEC MATCH SCHEDULE 2024**

- VS BIG PICTURE
- VS CLOVIS CHRISTIAN
- VS DUNCAN
- VS DEWOLF
- VS UHS
- VS ASPEN RIDGE
- PLAYOFFS TBA

LOCATION: CTEC MPR

**GIRLS CTEC MATCH SCHEDULE 2024**

- VS BIG PICTURE
- VS CLOVIS CHRISTIAN
- VS DUNCAN
- VS DEWOLF
- VS UHS
- VS ASPEN RIDGE
- PLAYOFFS TBA

LOCATION: CTEC MPR

## Senior Information

### Senior Shoutouts!

Including a senior shoutout in a yearbook is a beautiful way to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements and contributions of graduating seniors. Here is a flyer on how to purchase a spot for your senior.

**CLASS OF 2024 CTEC SENIOR SHOUT OUTS**

Purchase a:  
**HOLLER:** Whole page \$75 (8.5x11)  
 10 image limit & written message

**Shout Out:** Half page \$45 (8.5x5.5)  
 6 image limit & written message

**Shout:** Quarter page \$30 (4.25x5.5)  
 2 image limit & written message

**SUBMISSION & PAYMENT DEADLINE FEBRUARY 23RD**  
 CASH OR CHECK TO THE FRONT OFFICE  
 (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO FCS & ADD SENIOR SHOUT-OUT TO MEMO)

**HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR SHOUT OUT?**

Have us design it  
 ADD: \$25  
 for design fee

YOU design it and email us a PDF or JPG

Submit all content: [ctecyearbook@ctechigh.org](mailto:ctecyearbook@ctechigh.org)  
 By Feb. 23, 2024

\*All content will be handled by yearbook staff\*\*  
 \*\*Seniors will not have access until the day of yearbook distribution\*\*

Limited space is available, it is a first come first serve. **DUE DATE FEBRUARY 23, 2024.** See Mrs. Limdren ([climdren@fcoe.org](mailto:climdren@fcoe.org)) for any questions.

## Josten Cap and Gown Orders

This reminder is to all seniors that graduation is fast approaching, and you need your cap and gown. Many of you have already placed your order. Great job! If you still need to order, please do so ASAP. Please visit the Jostens website ([jostens.com](http://jostens.com)) and watch the video to help guide your order.

## FAFSA UPDATES!

Senior Parents! It's that time of the year again! The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now open. Get your seniors ready to embark on their financial aid journey and secure the support needed for your education. Best of luck!



## General Reminders

### **No Sweatpants or Pajama pants**

Sweatpants and pajama pants are not in dress code at CTEC. The only sweatpants exception is for freshmen or sophomores on PE days. Students will be asked to call home for a change of clothing.

### **Raising the Bar**

Students can stay after school to receive academic support through our Expanded Learning Program or with CTEC teachers. See our Before & After School Schedule [here](#).

### **Parking Permit**

To park on campus, students must complete a parking permit application & provide a copy of their driver's license & car insurance to Mrs. Moua. They will be issued a parking permit and can park on campus when those items are turned in.

### **Student Drivers**

Seniors are the only students allowed to leave campus during lunch if they maintain the required GPA and turn in the necessary paperwork. If your student is driving themselves to an appointment, a parent must call attendance to give permission.

### **Early Pick up?**

Be sure to come to the front office to sign your student out. For safety reasons, we will only release our students to those on their Emergency Contacts list and we ask for identification.

### **Covid-19**

Tests are available for free in the front office for our families. You can pick them up M-F from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



ParentSquare

### **Parent Square**

Don't miss a message from your student's teachers. Download the Parent Square app to stay connected. Here's a [video about Parent Square](#) and here's a [link with directions](#) to register for the app.