



Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy

Grammar School Newsletter

October 2026

TJCA Grammar School Newsletter

October is a busy and important month at the Grammar School! As we approach the end of the first quarter, we encourage all families to take a few minutes to carefully review this month's newsletter.

Please pay particular attention to our parent conference information, attendance expectations, academic promotion standards and the Grammar School Parent Handbook. These are important resources for helping families stay informed about their child's academic progress and supporting a successful school year. Regular attendance, arriving on time, monitoring grades in Infinite Campus, and maintaining communication with your child's teacher all play an important role in student success.

This month also includes NC Check-Ins, our October Core Virtue of Wonder, report card information, and several opportunities to support and enjoy our upcoming Grammar School Fall Festival.

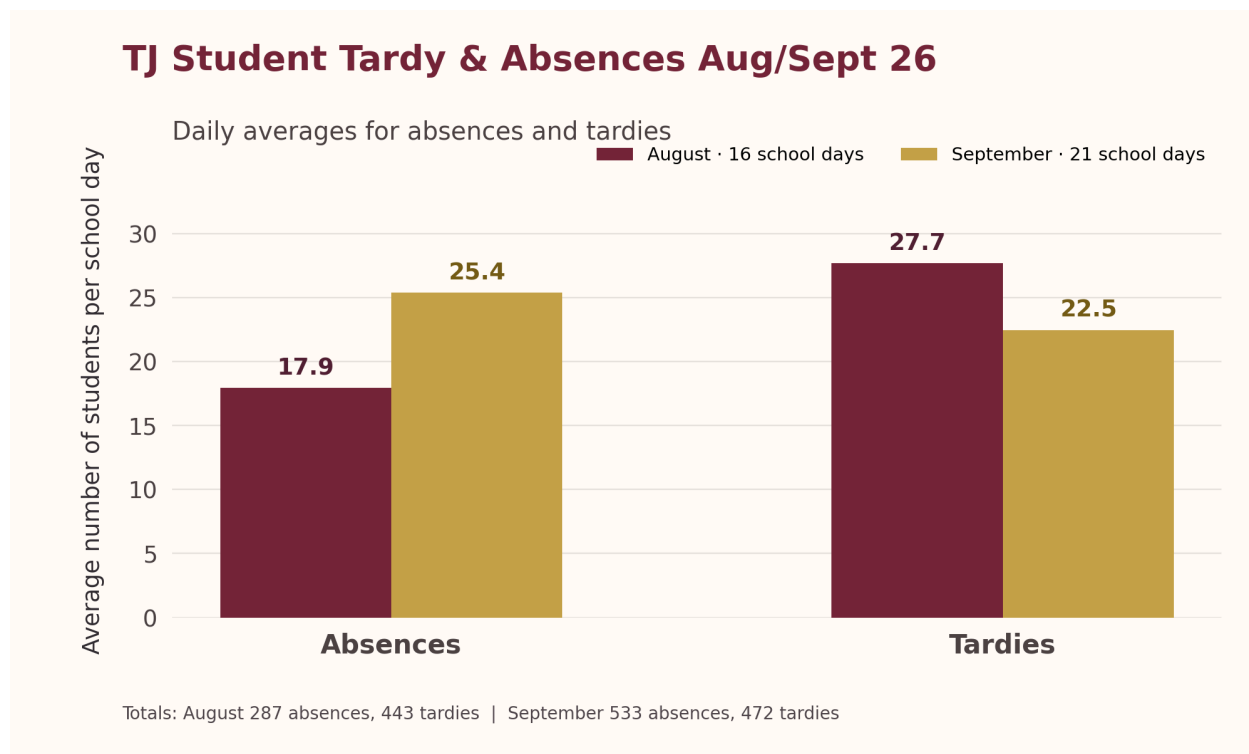
Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our students, teachers and Grammar School community!

Mr. Byrd and Ms. Conn

Grammar School Fall Festival Donations:

- **Candy Donation:** Students may wear jeans or joggers on **Friday, October 2**, if they bring in a bag of individually wrapped candy to donate for the Fall Festival.
- **Silent Auction Items:** If you signed up to donate an item for the Silent Auction, please remember that all items are due by **Friday, October 2**. Students who bring in a donated item will receive a Dress Down Pass to use on a day of their choice.
- Please use the [link](#) to sign up to bring cakes/treats for our Cake Walk. These can be dropped off at the Grammar Campus on Wednesday or Thursday, October 7th and 8th. Thank you for supporting the Fall Festival!

October 9, 2026 Parent Conference Day: Friday, October 9, is our Parent Conference Day. Teachers have contacted families to schedule a conference for that day or before the end of the quarter. Conferences may be held in person, by phone, or by video to help teachers connect with every family. If you have not heard from your child's teacher, please contact them before October 9.



Families, every school day and every minute of learning matter. In September, we averaged **25.4 student absences** and **22.5 tardies** each day. Research links missed school days with lower academic achievement, and arriving late means missing instruction.

Our October goal is to reduce both absences and tardies to over half of their current averages. Morning drop-off begins at **7:10 a.m.**, and there is usually little or no wait from **7:15 to 7:25 a.m.** Please help your child arrive on time and attend every day they are well enough to be at school. Thank you for your support!

Report Cards: Report cards will not be printed. Final grades for your students will be available to view in Infinite Campus.

Infinite Campus: Please check Infinite Campus regularly to stay up to date on your child's grades. If you have questions or concerns about a grade, please contact your child's teacher directly. If you are having trouble accessing Infinite Campus or need technical assistance, please email infinitecampusupport@tjca.org.

NC Check-ins (October 5-7): NC Check-Ins will be administered October 5–7 for students in 4th and 5th grades. These assessments are provided by the NC Department of Instruction and are aligned with grade-level standards. Teachers use the results to monitor each student's individual progress and growth throughout the school year. Please ensure your student arrives at school on time and is prepared to do their best each day of testing.

October Core Virtue, Wonder: Wonder is the curiosity and excitement we feel as we learn about the world around us. It inspires us to ask questions, explore new ideas, and notice the beauty in everyday life. Through wonder, we gain knowledge and deepen our appreciation for people and nature.

Click the link for this month's core virtue newsletter: [October Core Virtue: Wonder](#)

Academic Promotion Standards & Parent Handbook: As we near the end of the first quarter, please review and bookmark the [GS Parent's Guide 2026-27](#). Pay particular attention to homework expectations, grade-level promotion standards, and attendance guidelines. Stay in regular contact with your child's teacher so we can work together to address concerns and support your child's success.

October Dates and Events:

- **Oct. 5-7th** - Grades 4 and 5 NC Check-ins
- **Oct. 8th** - Student dismissal at 11:50 am and Fall Festival
 - Kindergarten Storybook Day
- **Oct. 9th** - Parent Conference Day - No School For Students
- **Fall Break** - October 12th - 16th
- **Oct. 21st** - Fire Safety Prevention Smokehouse at GS for all classrooms
- **Oct. 22nd** - 1st grade Egypt Day
- **Oct. 23rd**- 2nd Grade Greek Day
- **Oct. 28th**- Kindergarten Field Trip - Johnny Wilson Farm
 - 2nd Grade Field Trip Lone Mountain Farm (Sisk/Patrick)
- **Oct. 29th** - 2nd Grade Field Trip Lone Mountain Farm (A. Blanton/S Smith)
- **Oct. 30th** - 1st Grade Field Trip - Son Ridge Farm