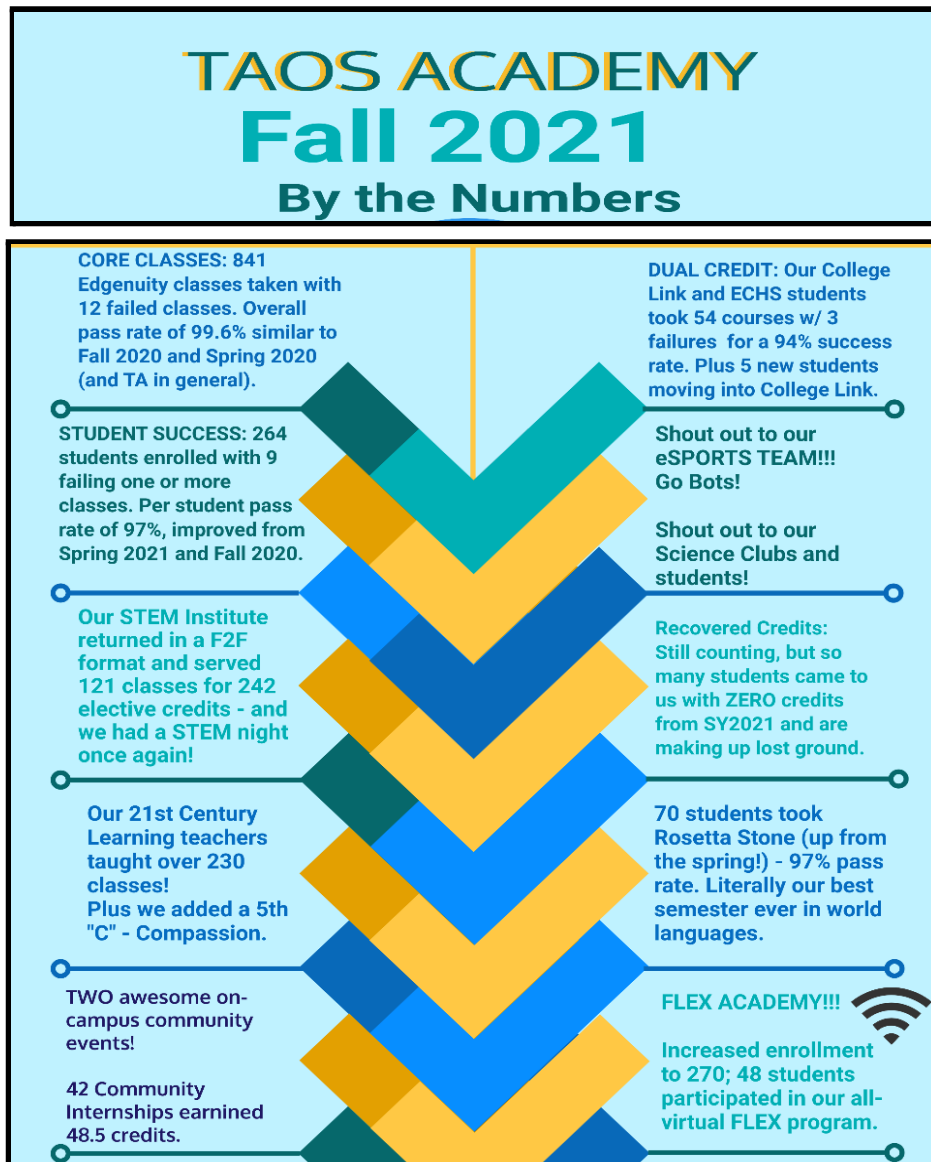




Dear Taos Academy Students and Families -

Happy New Year! We are so happy to start our spring semester together with you all! As we begin, please be sure to reach out to TA staff and teachers for extra help if needed. We are here to support the success of each and every student to the very best of our ability. Thank you all for being part of our school. Thanks to everyone's hard work, we had a very successful fall semester - take a look to check out some of our students' successes and take a moment to celebrate!



# Welcome To Our School

We would like to welcome our new students and parents! Please feel free to contact us if you have questions; we are here to help you and your child maximize their educational and personal potential. We look forward to sharing the opportunities that parents have at TA to be an integral part of their child's success. Please check your email for invitations to our New Family Orientations this Friday and for outreach from your child's teachers.



New Special Education Families: Please contact Jeanette Henshaw to ensure we have a current IEP & Evaluation paperwork for your child. As these materials are received, we will be developing a Transfer IEP and contacting you to set up the meeting. Any questions, concerns or to set up a meeting prior to the Transfer IEP please contact Jeanette Henshaw. Thank you for your support & welcome to Taos Academy! The Special Education team looks forward to working with you and your child!

Returning Special Education Families: If you did not meet this fall please get in touch to schedule your annual IEP for this spring. Let us know if you need to revise your supports, time or curriculum for this spring semester. The Special Education team looks forward to continuing to work with you and your child!

With thanks (your Special Education Team),  
Jeanette Henshaw, Jourdan VanCulin, Patti Kravitz, & Sally Blair  
Please contact J Henshaw for more info:  
575-751-3109 x 104 or [jhenshaw@taosacademy.org](mailto:jhenshaw@taosacademy.org).



## ESPORTS

If you are interested in joining the esports team for Taos Academy send Mr. V an email ([cvanwilligen@taosacademy.org](mailto:cvanwilligen@taosacademy.org))

Be on the lookout for updates on how we are doing!



**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester:** New classes have been loaded and students can begin working to get ahead for the new semester. The Edgenuity assignment calendar does not begin until the first full week of school so please USE THIS TIME wisely and well!!!



**Rosetta Stone:** Students will be enrolled in their next semester's foreign language course through their advisers. Anticipated start date for Spring 2022 semester for Rosetta Stone is the week of January 24. Please be sure you have discussed your credit needs (HS only) and reviewed your transcript with your adviser so you and he/she knows what you need in the way of a language credit.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL:**

**W i n t e r D a n c e**  
**Wed. Jan. 26 From 4-6 pm**  
**In the GYM at TA**  
**Semi-Formal**  
***Dance, Chill, Snacks***  
***See Mrs. Megan or Erica Hensley***  
***for questions!***



New classes will be announced January 18th and will begin January 24th. Class fees are due upon registration. Please ask about scholarships if needed.



## 21st-Century Classes

We have begun a new quarter of 21C classes for 7th, 8th and 9th grade students. Stay tuned for more updates coming soon from your 21st century teachers!



### Digital Citizenship

The insanely popular and globally controversial app TikTok has approximately 1 billion users. [Click here to see a Parent's Ultimate Guide to TikTok.](#)

## UNM DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

**Spring classes at UNM begin on Monday, January 19, 2022.** All students registered prior to Winter Break. It is imperative that students check the Early College High School Google Classroom for important dates and information. Textbook information must be submitted in the spreadsheet available in Google Classroom. Please meet with Miss Pike or Mrs. Shawver if you need help logging into your UNM portal and accessing UNM courses. All students must complete the student contract in order to stay enrolled in the dual credit program. This is also available in Google Classroom.

Congratulations for all students who successfully completed college level courses in the Fall semester. We are looking forward to another successful semester!



**Attention Seniors and Senior Families:** Jostens will be on campus **Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 at 1p.m.** If you have not had the opportunity to place your order graduation this is the time to do it. Required attire for the graduation ceremony cost is \$50. This includes: Mortar board cap, tassel with year, black matte gown, and turquoise stole. You may place your order online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). If you have any questions please contact Mrs. [Jamie Lucero-Martinez](#) .

## School Counseling Office Updates

Welcome to Spring semester! We were happy to meet so many students and parents last semester and invite you to reach out and let us know how we can help your student on their academic journey. January is a great time for all students to think about their goals for the semester: academic, socio-emotional and future college/career focused. You can visit the School Counseling page on the TA website under “Contact Us”. We will share a lot of useful information for all students but especially our seniors with updated graduation, college/career and scholarship information. Reach out to either Sara or Melissa with any questions or concerns you have related to Academic, Socio-Emotional and College/Career Planning.

### Senior Checklist

- Graduation Requirements**—Review your Semester 1 transcript and grades from Fall 2021. Confirm with your advisory teacher and/or School Counselor that you will have all the credits you need to graduate in May.
- Complete your FAFSA**—Go to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, and fill out the application for the upcoming Fall 2022-23 college year. This is required for all 2022-2023 college students, and it is a free application. Please fill it out whether you have decided to attend college next Fall or not. Priority for financial aid is given on a first come basis. Please do not delay. If you need help filling out this application please reach out the school counselors at TA <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- Prepare/Apply for Scholarships and College Admissions**
  - Check the application deadlines for college admissions applications and scholarships, add them to your calendar and plan a timeline for completing the applications.
  - Ask teachers and other school staff for letters of recommendation. Make sure to ask 2-3 weeks before any deadlines.
  - Hunt for scholarship opportunities on the web. Check the TA school counseling page for local scholarship opportunities.
  - Draft essays needed for scholarship and college applications. Ask for help improving/editing these essays.
  - Complete applications a couple days before any deadlines so that you give

yourself plenty of time to fix any issues that could come up with your application.

- Career Planning**-If you do not plan on attending college and have another plan such as joining the Military, Peace Corps or taking a gap year, please check in with your school counselor as well, so that you will have everything you need for that next step.
- Visit with the school counseling office**– For any college/career planning help stop by our office or send us an email. We are here to help make your next steps after graduation as easy as possible.
- Soak it up:** Make sure you find time to enjoy your last semester of High School. Join a club or volunteer for something you've always wanted to try. Take time to savor the memories you have had and make new ones.

## **TA Foundation**

### **Purchases that donate to Taos Academy**

**Fundraisers - Sign up once for FREE and these organizations will donate to Taos Academy**



You shop. Amazon gives.

**Amazon Smile** will contribute a portion of their sales to Taos Academy Foundation. Just follow this link – **[smile.amazon.com/ch/27-2765965](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-2765965)** - type in Taos Academy

Foundation for your charity and start shopping!!



**Smith's Grocery Store** Earn money for Taos Academy every time you use your rewards card. Go to [ww.smithsfoodanddrug.com/inspire](http://ww.smithsfoodanddrug.com/inspire) and enroll your Smith's rewards card. Taos Academy's non-profit number is 80215. This does not affect the cost of your purchases, your points or your fuel points.



**Box tops for Education** Please cut off of grocery products at the store and bring into the school. Taos Academy receives funding for each boxtop.



**Taos Academy Foundation** - Relatives and Friends may want to contribute to our school in your name or you may want to give a donation as a gift to the school. Just go to [taosacademy.org](http://taosacademy.org) and click on the "Donate" button at the top of the home page.



**Sweet Slide** - Due to Covid this fundraiser has been postponed until a later date.



- 1/12-1/14– Winter Activity Days
- 1/17 – School day for MS- Observation for MLK Day
- 1/18 - Jostens on campus 1p.m. (Cap and Gown)
- 1/24 - STEM Arts Begin
- 1/25 – Parent Advisory
- 1/26- Middle School Dance at TA from 4-6 pm in the gym!

*February*

### **At a Glance**

- 2/7 - Governing Council Meeting
- 2/11 - Sweet Slide Fundraiser
- 2/14- In School President's Day Observation
- 2/22 - Parent Advisory
- 2/26 - Teacher In-Service