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TCS SPIRIT WEEK!
January 27-31

Monday: Character Day
Pick your favorite book, movie, comic, TV, or anime character!
(Remember, no masks or face paint).

Tuesday: Wacky Tacky Tuesday
Mismatched socks, crazy hair, tacky clothes, and laughter!
(Remember, no masks or PJS.)

Wednesday: Student Teacher Swap!
Wear your best professional teacher outfits. Teachers will dress as their best middle schoolers!

Thursday: Throwback Thursday!
Flashback to another decade!
Tie-dye, poodle skirts, bell bottoms, side ponytails, flapper dresses—have fun!

Friday: What’s Your Spirit or Pride? Day!
Sports? Dance? Goals? What fuels you and sparks your interest??
(Remember, no props or flags)
January:
Jan. 23: 8th grade trip payment due
Jan. 23: Staff Mtg/PTA help with car duty
Jan. 29: 8th grade to TekTone in Franklin
Jan. 31: Village Recess

February:
Feb. 4: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
Feb. 6: 5pm SIT Meeting, 6pm PTA Meeting
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Feb. 11: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
Feb 13: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
Feb. 17: No School
Feb. 18: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
Feb. 19: 8th grade trip payment due
Feb. 20: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
Feb. 20: Staff Mtg/PTA help with car duty
Feb. 25: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
Feb. 26: Library Trips in ELA
Feb. 27: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
Feb. 28: Village Recess

March:
March 3: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
March 5: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
March 5: 5pm SIT Meeting, 6pm PTA Meeting
March 9-13: Spring Break, No School
March 17: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
March 18: 8th grade trip payment due
March 19: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
March 19: Staff Meeting, PTA help with car duty
March 24: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
March 25: Library Trips in ELA
March 26: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
March 27: Village Recess
March 28: Science Olympiad Competition

April:
April 2: 5pm SIT Meeting, 6pm PTA Meeting
April 8-10: No School
April 15: Library Trips in ELA
April 16: Staff meeting, PTA help with car duty
April 22-24: 8th Grade Trip to Atlanta, GA
April 23: STEM-E Conference, Cherokee
April 25: Greening Up the Mountains

May:
May 1: Spring Dance
May 7: 5pm SIT Meeting
May 7: 6pm Student Led Conferences
May 9: ARTS Night at UC Theatre
May 20: EOgs Begin
May 21: Staff Meeting, PTA help with car duty
May 25: No School
May 28: 8th Grade Promotion, 6pm, UC Theatre

June 3: Last Day for Students – Family Event @ East La Porte, Cullowhee
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