

Approximately 30,000 Tibetans reside in foreign countries other than India, Nepal, and Bhutan. We are all aware of the trend of many Tibetans migrating to affluent countries such as the United States and European countries, and it is not far-fetched to assume that half of the Tibetan population in exile will be residing outside of India, Nepal and Bhutan within the next couple of decades.

One of the major concerns is how do we ensure that our younger generation, born or brought up in the US and other foreign countries are able to read, write and speak our Tibetan language. Keeping this in mind, the Tibetan Association of Colorado supports our Tibetan Cultural School with developing, sustaining, and growing our various learning programs. We are fortunate to have so many of our community members that play an important role by volunteering their precious weekend and teaching language classes, music instruments, traditional dance, and songs to our children.

With the support and guidance of the Tibetan Association of Colorado, the school's operation is overseen by the Teacher Association headed by its Principal Dicky Dolkar la and Vice Principal Dorjee Bhuti la. Currently, 72 children, ages 5 to 18 years old, are attending the school.

Every year, the number of students attending TCS increases, which is why we are always in need of more teachers for language, music instruments, traditional dance, and song. You can make a difference and contribute in your own way towards our common goal of preserving our Tibetan culture and language. Please send an email to TAC at [info@coloradotibetans.org](mailto:info@coloradotibetans.org) or contact Dicky Dolkar la directly @ 303-859-8731.

### **2022 to 2023 School Year**

**School Location:** 34 Garden Center, Broomfield CO 80020

**First Day of School** – September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Last Day of School** – May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

#### **No School Days -**

11/27/22 – Thanksgiving break

12/25/22 and 1/1/2023 – Winter break

2/26/23 – Losar (tentative depending on Tsokpa's program date)

Inclement weather cancelations will be announced on the morning of the school day

#### **Class Schedules:**

11:00 – 12:00 pm: Instrument Classes

12:00 – 12:30 pm: Lunch break (For instrument teachers and students. Bring your own lunch)

12:30 pm: Arrival time for all students. Students must be in their classrooms by this time

12:30 - 1:00 pm: Prayers and National Anthem

1:00 – 2:00 pm: Language classes

2:00 – 2:45 pm: Snack break (Parents will take rotations to provide snacks to all students)

2:45 – 3:30 pm: Nyamshey class

3:30 – 4:30 pm: Dance classes

4:30 – 5:00 pm: Gorshey

5:00 pm: Disperse

## **Attendance Policy**

Regular attendance is important for the success of students at Tibetan Cultural School. All students must attend their classes regularly and promptly.

- 1) Excessive unexcused absences and tardiness will result in discipline up to and including suspension from school.
- 2) Parents must notify the teachers ahead of time if their children will be absent or late
- 3) Parents must notify their teachers if their children will be picked up early so they can get them ready without causing too much disruption in the classroom
- 4) Parents must notify their song/dance/instrument teachers ahead of time if their children will be out of town and unable to perform during any of the three occasions we observe - Nobel Peace Prize celebration, Losar and Trungkar. This helps the teachers in deciding their dance formations for performance. Last minute notifications (or no notifications) cause too much disruption to their performance plans

## **Homework Policy**

Since we meet only on Sundays for few hours, it is very hard for the teachers to cover everything in the classrooms although they will make their best efforts. The best way to ensure student's success is by doing their homework. We would like to request the parents to assist their children in finishing and submitting their homework on time.

- 1) All students must do their assignments and submit them on time (this means before Sunday mornings)
- 2) Students who are absent from school must also complete their assignments and submit on time. This means the parents will have to assist their children with their assignments at home.
- 3) Weekly homework could be assigned by their language, song, instrument, and dance teachers
- 4) Teachers will communicate their weekly assignments via email and/or WhatsApp group.

## **Snack Rotation**

All students will get 45 minutes snack break from 2:00 to 2:45 pm.

- 1) All parents will be assigned a snack rotation per student (not per family)
- 2) Parents on snack duty must provide snacks and drinks to all the students (No nuts please due to allergies)
- 3) Parents on snack duty must also provide utensils to serve their snacks
- 4) Parents on snack duty must help clean up the cafeteria after break
- 5) If you are unable to serve snacks on your assigned day, please try to switch with other parents on your own and let Tenzin Tsering know ahead of time. Email/Call him for parent's contact info

## **Student Supervision Rotation**

We need parent's assistance to supervise the students during school, especially during snack break.

- 1) Parents on duty must assist the teachers to supervise the students going to restrooms during classes (students tend to wander away)
- 2) Parents on duty must supervise the students during snack break when they play outside

- 3) NEW – Parents on duty must assist to clean up the classrooms, rest rooms and common area after classes (vacuum, take out trash, organize classrooms, clean restrooms, etc.)
- 4) If you are unable to supervise on your assigned day, please try to switch with other parents on your own and let Tenzin Tsering know ahead of time. Email/Call him for parent's contact info

### **Rules and Expectations during school**

- 1) All students must speak in TIBETAN during classes
- 2) No students shall use phone or electronic devices during classes
- 3) No students shall cause damage to the furniture and properties of our Community center. If a child causes damage, his/her parents will bear the full financial burden to replace or repair the damaged property
- 4) Bullying, fighting and inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated in school.
- 5) All students must be respectful to the staff, teachers, and each other. Disrespect to the teachers (especially our younger dance teachers) will be addressed immediately and will get escalated to the parents for repeat offenses.
- 6) Anonymous suggestion box will be placed in a common area if parents wish to share their opinions

### **What to bring to school**

- 1) One notebook
- 2) Several pencils and eraser
- 3) Water bottle
- 4) Bag pack
- 5) Draynen & Yangchin (if enrolled in instrument lessons)

### **Student Annual Fees**

- 1) \$100 per student – For TAC community members who have paid their current annual dues
- 2) \$200 per student – For TAC community members who have NOT paid their current annual dues
- 3) You can pay TAC via Zelle, Paypal or pay on the first day of school
- 4) Textbooks are \$10 each. Students will be provided their textbooks on the first day of class.