

# Weekly Newsletter



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## Year 12 Retreat

Our 2022 Year 12 cohort began Semester 2 by attending their Retreat in Victor Harbor.

During the three days, students and staff explored the theme 'The Road of Life' and worked in a combination of large and small groups. Time was spent experiencing different forms of prayer, deeply listening to the stories of others, reflecting on their paths taken and who God is to each of them.

The Retreat was a wonderful opportunity for the cohort to spend some quality time together before delving into the last semester of their Year 12 studies. Students and staff were also fortunate enough to be joined by Fr Peter on Thursday evening, as he celebrated mass with the group. The cohort have now returned to the College, and we wish them all the best for the rest of the year!

Please see page 8 for more images!

**Chloe Shanahan** | Religious Education Coordinator



# From the Principal



## St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Next Monday we celebrate the spirit of one of our College founders, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary chose to make a difference to the society in which she lived in the 19th Century, by educating the poor and helping them build a life through faith and understanding. The feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is celebrated on the anniversary of her death (8/8/1909) and we acknowledge with deep gratitude the efforts of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

While we celebrate a rich legacy and a significant impact on the weave of Australian society, that commenced over 150 years ago, we also recommit ourselves to the Josephite Charism. Just as Mary did, we too are also called to make a difference for our times, with a spirit of generosity and simplicity of life, open to the changing needs of society and prepared to stand with people in the ordinary circumstances of their existence. Our College commitment this week to National Homelessness Week is one of the many ways we encourage our young to express their faith commitment through action.

*Through the example of Mary MacKillop,  
May we learn to recognise God's will for us and trust in God's providence.  
May her life and service be a light to our path,  
Awakening in us a deep respect for those who suffer and a passion for justice.  
May we share in her courage, see with her vision, and love with her heart.*

## 2022 Pathways and Careers Expo

At Tenison Woods College every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway, every learner will shine. That is our challenge and our celebration.

In 2022 the Subject Counselling process in the Middle and Senior School will begin on Tuesday 9 August with the 2022 Year 7 - 12 Pathways and Careers Expo from 4:00pm until 7:30pm. The Expo will complement the Subject Selection Information sessions for 2023 Year 7-12 students.

The purpose of the Pathways and Careers Expo is to assist students and parents to gather information regarding subjects that are offered at Tenison Woods College and to assist students to make informed decisions regarding their subject choices, learning, and future pathway options.

To support students, the Expo will offer subject information booths which will provide information in relation to:

- Students regarding subject offerings
- Pathways within subject areas
- Skills which can be developed in subjects
- Pathways post schooling
- Tertiary and TAFE education options
- Employment providers and employment support agencies
- Samples of student work

The Expo will be held in the Barrie Holmes Stadium, with a Year 7 Subject Information Session for 2023 Year 7 students being conducted at 6:00pm in the Lecture Theatre.

The Expo, with a range of booths, information session and range of providers will be highly beneficial in assisting students and families to make informed decisions about their learning and subject selections. Consequently, we strongly encourage all 2023 secondary school students and their parents to attend the Expo.

## CESA Community LLL Perception Surveys

By the conclusion of Week 5 of Term 3 all Catholic Schools in South Australia will complete the CESA Living, Learning, Leading Perception Surveys. The surveys are a product of a collaboration between Catholic Education SA (CESA) and Curtin University. They are focused on the development, validation and use of a system-wide survey to examine the understanding of the vision and extent to which Catholic Education SA's Living Learning Leading Framework is taking place in schools as perceived by students, family, and staff.

Teacher and student surveys will be conducted in schools between Week 1 and the end of Week 3, Term 3. Parent surveys can be conducted anytime up to the end of Week 5.

There are 6 surveys in total as described below:

1. Middle Primary Years 3 and 4
2. Upper Primary Years 5 and 6
3. Middle School Years 7, 8 and 9
4. Senior School Years 10, 11 and 12
5. Teacher survey
6. ESO staff

The surveys have been emailed to all schools ready for completion by the end of Week 3 in Term 3. You can access the survey through this link: <https://www.nsipartnerships.com.au/>. The access code is: TWCLLLP.

Each survey has been trialled, refined, and piloted in a range of CESA school settings and the development team is confident that schools will derive very useful information for planning and improvement.

## COVID-19 Challenges

The interesting times continue, and I thank the whole College community for their supportive approach to the COVID-19 precautions.

As per the jointly signed letter by the CESA Director and the Chief Public Health Officer, sent to families last week, mask wearing while indoors at school by children and young people in Years 3-12 is strongly encouraged.

We will continue to deliberately and carefully continue with our HHDL Strategy in Term 3. Asserting good Health, good Hygiene and hand washing, good Distancing and care for others, and good Learning regardless of student location.

As always, the health and wellbeing of students, families and staff remain our priority. If your family are needing to self-isolate, please contact your child's teacher and they will ensure that your child's learning will progress through our Connect@Tenison strategy.

It is clear to me that, as has been shown by recent national events, complacency continues to be our enemy at this time, so I ask that you maintain the high HHDL standards which have been achieved since 2020 and continued into 2021 and 2022. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Stage 2 – Years 1-6 Junior School

I am delighted with the progress of the Junior School building site with several tilt up panels being erected over the past few weeks. Deliveries of pre-cast panels will continue until the end of Week 2. It is a very busy, exciting site at the moment.

## Reception Enrolments 2023

I advise parents and caregivers that interviews are about to begin for all 2023 Term 1 Reception Enrolments. Tracey Davey will be in contact with families so they can arrange a suitable time for families to meet with Mrs Francesca Dickson, Head of Junior School.

## Need a tutor? Studiosity is our free online tutoring service

I remind families that students of Tenison Woods College in Years 7-12 have access to a free online tutoring service. Students are able to connect to expert tutors for live, one-to-one conversations about homework, assignments and exam preparation from 3:00pm – 10:00pm Monday to Friday. Give it a try – I know you will appreciate the service offered by Studiosity!

## Parish Planned Giving Rebate

I remind families that parents contributing to the Parish Planned Giving may claim a rebate from Tuition Fees of 50% of their contribution up to a maximum claim of \$750. Official Parish receipts are to be presented to the Finance Department after the 30 June 2022 for a deduction to be made.

## Student Exemption Form required for absences over 5 days.

If your child will be absent from school for more than 5 days, please ensure that you contact the Administration Office to obtain a Student Exemption Form. All absenteeism for more than 5 days is approved by the College Principal and entered into our Attendance system to ensure accurate records are maintained and family's government benefits and allowances are protected.

God Bless,

David Meziniec | Principal



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community. Please click [here](#) to view this page.

# CIM Team News



## Your Voice in the 2022 Diocesan Assembly – Together on the Way

The Diocesan Assembly is part of a larger movement of synodality, being a church on the journey together. The Assembly is connected to the Australian Plenary Council, held at the end of Term 2, and the 2023 International Synod in Rome. "Together on the Way" represents the next phase of our diocesan synodal journey. The first phase, held in 2021, people, through the Archdiocese of Adelaide were asked what they think are the most important things to discuss as the Church in Adelaide. After discernment and dialogue around those points, the next phase, held in October, will be focused on discerning and committing to actions and strategies.

The Assembly Council are encouraging Church communities – parishes, schools, and offices – to provide feedback to discern the key priorities that will be discussed in the 2022 Diocesan Assembly held in October. Tenison Woods College staff and students will have the opportunity to consider the top priorities for our Archdiocese and College community, and we are encouraging our families to do the same.

Families will have until 5:00pm Friday 12 August to look through the recommendations and complete the survey.

Click [here](#) for the recommendations, and click [here](#) to complete the survey.

### National Homelessness Week

National Homelessness Week runs from Sunday 1 August to Saturday 7 August and the theme this year is 'To end homelessness, we need a plan'. Currently in Australia there are 116,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night. As individuals and families, we can eliminate homelessness by:

- Advocating for the rights of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness;
- Identifying and striving to address the conditions that create homelessness and inequality;
- Promoting a society where all people are valued and included; and
- Encouraging active participation, cooperation and innovation.

*Lord our God,*

*You who so mysteriously call upon us to share in the sufferings of Christ,  
Fill our hearts with compassion for those who lack the warmth of a home.*

*We commend to you in prayer all the men, women and children who suffer because they have no shelter;*

*those who sleep in our streets and public places,  
who have nowhere safe to lay their heads,  
and who wander from place to place as a way of life.*

*God of compassion,*

*Your love for us is revealed in your beloved son Jesus,  
Who was born into homelessness and lived with nowhere to lay his head,  
and died for us on the cross.*

*Inspire us to act with justice,*

*To right the wrongs of people who are suffering from homelessness,  
and to see in them the dignity of a brother and sister.*

*Let us have the commitment to be mindful of our obligations we have to the poor  
and marginalised,*

*to work in your name, to turn sorrow into joy,  
and to bring all those who live in darkness into your own wonderful light.*

*Amen.*

### 15 Minutes with Father

This very popular short catechesis program for children is making a comeback in August! It will be held every Sunday in August after the 11am Mass starting this Sunday, 7 August. At this time, Father Peter will discuss some important elements of the Holy Mass and how children can participate more deeply and reverently each week. We have been working on some engaging and very exciting resources for the children to take home. Children enrolled in the current Sacramental program are encouraged to participate.

### 2022-2023 Sacramental Program

Mount Gambier Catholic Parish are inviting parents to enrol their children to take part in the Parish Sacramental Program for 2022-2023. This is preparation for a full initiation into the Catholic Church by the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. There is also an opportunity for those seeking Baptism to be involved in the Sacramental Program and to celebrate Baptism in addition to the other sacraments.

If one of your children is in Year 3 or above in 2022 and might be ready to join this preparation program, you need to attend the Enrolment Evening to be held in St Paul's Hall TOMORROW, Thursday 4 August at 7:00pm. The important dates, the structure of the program and the expectation of your involvement will be explained in detail at the meeting.

You will need to bring the Enrolment Form, the registration fee of \$50.00 and a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. Please contact Cisca Teodoro, Parish Sacramental Coordinator, on 8725 6566 or [sacraments@mtgcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacraments@mtgcatholic.org.au) for more information. A parent letter and a copy of the enrolment form was sent home last week to families or these can be obtained from Cisca.

### Term 3 Masses in the College Chapel

Mass is celebrated each Thursday of the term and is led by a different class or year level each week. Mass is held at 9:15am in the College Chapel.

### The roster for Term 2 Masses:

Week 2	Thursday 4 August – Year 9
Week 3	Thursday 11 August – Year 8
Week 4	Thursday 18 August – Whole School Mass, 9:00am
Week 5	Thursday 25 August – Year 5
Week 6	Thursday 1 September – Year 6
Week 7	Thursday 8 September – Year 7
Week 8	Thursday 15 September – Year 11
Week 9	Thursday 22 September – Year 10
Week 10	Thursday 29 September – Year 4

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator

## Year 10 Work Placement

In Week 10 of Term 2 and across the school holidays, 140 Year 10 students completed work placement in a range of locations, including Mount Gambier, Millicent, Penola, Naracoorte, Adelaide, Victoria and Queensland. In a year still impacted by COVID restrictions, students were challenged to think creatively about how to structure their placements. It was therefore impressive to see the resilience and determination demonstrated to secure a placement, with some students arranging up to three different employer experiences to not only meet the week-long requirement, but to explore different interests. Placements occurred in real estate, timber, trades, education, legal, media, entertainment, child care, hair and beauty, defence, viticulture, landscaping, animal care and an extensive range of health care professions.

A number of students were able to secure placements outside of their home location with Bayley Berkefield going to Clare Animal Health Clinic, Kimberley Opperman to Romsey Equine Services, Ruby Black to Adelaide Koala and Wildlife Centre, Matilda Lamb to Ashford Cardiovascular Clinic, Jack Waters to One Day Studios in Warrnambool, Zac Pearce to Army Familiarisation in Adelaide, and Harry Drew who went to the University of South Australia Research Division to learn more about cyber security and artificial intelligence.

As a result of their outstanding performance whilst on placement, a number of students were also offered employment, including Milla Walmsley, Jack Latham and Jacob Hawthorn. Congratulations to these students.

We also congratulate Raine Scott who was accepted into the work experience program with the State Theatre Company in August.

Overwhelmingly, the feedback from employers during teacher visits and phone calls indicated that students performed well, followed instructions, asked questions and were keen to be involved. We take pleasure in sharing just some of the positive feedback:

*Harrison Fox:  
"He's having a real crack."*

*Jake Richter:  
"He is doing well. An apprentice down the track."*

*Angus Clarke:  
"Is well suited to the work, showing character and maturity."*

*Milla Walmsley:  
"We absolutely loved having you. You're a star with so much potential in any career path you choose but we hope to see you back in our office very soon."*

*Hayden Tickle: "Hayden contributed to our team in a variety of ways, helping us with photography, event set up, sorting through photos and organising lists of unphotographed students, running errands to help the team, anything that we could suggest, he gave it 100% and completed all tasks with a smile."*

*Taj Brumby: "Is pro-active, demonstrates initiative and his a helpful on-court mentor to younger students."*





## Pre-service Teacher Students Join Us

Throughout this Term we have 9 pre-service teacher students from three different universities completing their placements with us, over the course of several weeks.

We warmly welcome Jordann Nelson, Zoe Manego, Lara Craig-Follese, Xinpei (Jennifer) Zhi, Siyuan (Parker) Yin and Taylor Atkins who commenced their placement Monday 25 July, with the final three students starting this month.

We look forward to seeing everyone around the College and wish them the best for their placements!

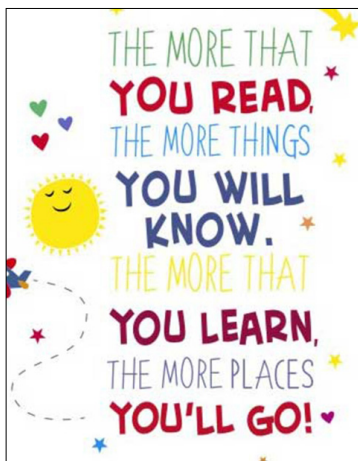


## College Grounds Improvements!

Our wonderful Grounds & Maintenance team have been busy re-working a high traffic area of our College.

This space is a popular thoroughfare for students, and is currently undergoing a new look and purpose. Paths are being concreted, allowing for all-weather foot traffic, as well as a functional BBQ area created adjacent to the paths. How fantastic will this look when the leaves are back on the trees and the area is complete!

We are very excited to follow the progress. Yet another improvement to our picturesque College grounds.



### FREE BOOK OFFER!

We are giving away FREE books on this issue to help celebrate and spread the love of reading in your school.

Let parents know they can get up to 3 free books on issue 5:

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

SPREAD THE NEWS  
Keep an eye out in your email inbox for resources to share this great offer with your school community.

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## Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 Orders

All Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 orders are due by **Monday 15 August** through the LOOP online ordering platform or returning the Scholastic catalogue order form to your child's classroom teacher with the correct money. LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's book club order if you wish to pay by credit card and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Just follow the prompts to create a new account if it is your first-time ordering (only one account per family is required).

If you have any questions please contact me by email at: [mccos@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mccos@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

**Stacy McCourt** | Year 3 Teacher



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## OSHC Enjoy visit from Police Officer

During the Term 2 Holidays, OSHC students had a visit from Police Officer Tom, who explained the role of the Police in our community.

Students asked lots of questions, experienced the lights and sirens, and even got to try on some Police uniforms!

## Key Dates

### Thursday 4 August

2023 Reception Coffee and Craft Open Morning - 9:00am  
St Frances de Sales Basketball Exchange - Thursday and Friday

### Friday 5 August

SAPSASA District Basketball Day - 9:00am  
2023 Reception Coffee and Craft Open Morning - 9:00am  
Years 3-6 Assembly - 2:05pm  
Reception - Year 2 Assembly 2:40pm

### Monday 8 August

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

### Tuesday 9 August

ICAS Design and Tech Competition - 9:00am  
Pathways and Careers Expo - 4:00pm-7:30pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium

### Wednesday 10 August

ICAS Writing Competition - 9:00am  
MASA Quiz Night - 6:00pm



## 2022 Choral and Vocal Eisteddfods

What an uplifting occasion to see our talented vocalists back on the stage performing in our ensembles at the Wehl Street Theatre for the 2022 Choral / Vocal Eisteddfod. Congratulations to our music staff members Beth Creedy and Sarah Raymond, and to Mrs Jodi Swiggs for preparing our ensembles so well for this major musical event.

We had a very successful time and I am pleased to share the results with you.

Ensemble	Section and Performance Piece	Placing
Year 3/4 Ignite Choir	Junior Own Choice "Rainbow"	First Place
Year 3/4 Ignite Choir	Junior Song from a Musical or Motion Picture "I see Stars"	First Place
Year 5/6 Blaze Choir	Primary Schools Choir Any Song by an Australian Composer "You've Got A True Friend"	First Place
Year 5/6 Blaze Choir	Primary Schools Choir Own Choice "I Got The Music"	First Place
Concert Choir	Secondary Schools Choir Song From a Movie, Stage, or TV "Beyond The Sea"	First Place
Concert Choir	Secondary Schools Choir Own Choice "Your Mind Is On Vacation"	First Place
Senior Vocal Ensemble	Secondary Schools Choir Unaccompanied Plus Accompanied "Over The Rainbow" and "Scarborough Fair"	Second Place
Senior Boys Ensemble	Secondary Schools Choir Unaccompanied Plus Accompanied "Tschotscholoza" and "Sittin' On The Dock of the Bay"	First Place

**Penny Mansell** | Head of Performing Arts

## Perm-A-Pleat Job Opportunity

Perm-A-Pleat are seeking candidates for a Casual position in our onsite Perm-A-Pleat Uniform Shop.

The position is a Casual fill-in position to cover sick leave and holidays, as well as the January back-to-school period. Contact will be made to confirm hours as required.

Applicants will need a current Working with Children Check and COVID-19 Vaccination certificate.

Please email your application to [tenisonwoods.uniforms@permableat.com.au](mailto:tenisonwoods.uniforms@permableat.com.au), or call into our onsite Uniform Shop to discuss with Kylie & Alana. Opening hours are listed on our website.

Applications close Wednesday, 31 August 2022 at 4:00PM.



## National Schools Tree Day

Students from the Junior School, Poplars and ELCC participated in National Schools Tree Day on Friday 29 July.

Plants and trees were propagated from the College's indigenous garden and planted into the swale area. We were fortunate to partner with Noel Barr Toyota who provided us with gloves, shirts and hats for the day. The students were very proud of their efforts and achieved a great deal. Well done to all involved.

Please see more photos on the next page.

**Donna Johnson** | ELCC - Year 6 SAKG Kitchen Specialist Teacher



## Week 2 ShineFM Podcast - Careers Expo

Tune in to our Term 3, Week 2 edition of the SHINEfm Podcast as we listen to Old Scholar Alexandra Kenny discuss her experiences at University, her journey to gain her career as a Lawyer and some helpful career tips. Alexandra also shares her special memories from her time at Tenison Woods College, including sporting events, immersions and staff who inspired her.

Listen on Spotify - <https://spoti.fi/3bpu0UT>  
Or, listen via direct link here - <https://bit.ly/3Jy4SYz>



## Save the Date - School Photos 2022

Please be advised that school photos will be held on **Monday 12 September** and **Tuesday 13 September**. Catch-up Photo Day will be on Friday 16 September. Photo envelopes will be distributed at the end of August.

**Jessica Herring** | Manager Public Relations, Marketing and Events Department

OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE  
2023 RECEPTION STUDENTS

## COFFEE & CRAFT

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST, 9.00AM  
FRIDAY 5 AUGUST, 9.00AM

Come and engage in the wonder of play to  
create, innovate, problem solve and imagine.

Tomorrow and Friday!



### Is your child due to start Reception in 2023?

Would your child like to come and enjoy a morning filled with intentional play, craft, and experience our wonderful facilities?

We are offering two 'come and try' sessions for prospective 2023 Reception students and parents.

The Coffee and Craft sessions will begin at the on site Sugarloaf Café, followed by a tour of the MacKillop Reception Learning Community and other facilities. The tour will end with some craft activity time as well as some intentional play setup in the specially designed Reception Maker's Space.

To book please click [here](#).

Join the two Facebook Events here:

Coffee & Craft Thursday 4 August: <https://fb.me/e/1QRoThRKd>

Coffee & Craft Friday 5 August: <https://fb.me/e/1FKayFsf>

If these dates do not work for you, please contact our Enrolment Registrar, Tracey Davey, to book a personalised tour at [davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

For more information about Reception Enrolments click [here](#).

For our Frequently Asked Questions click [here](#).

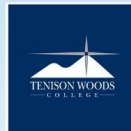
## Generations In Jazz Successes!

We recently welcomed Natasha Little from Generations in Jazz to the College, as she presented our Music staff and students with our certificates from this year's competition.

Well done again to all on these fantastic results!

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts

# PATHWAYS & CAREERS EXPO 2023



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LAWYER

EMILY STAFFORD  
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- > LIVE PERFORMANCES
- > UNIVERSITIES
- > HIGHER EDUCATION
- > INFOTORIALS

ANDY ARMANDI AND  
LIAM TRAPPETT  
CABINET MAKERS



4:00PM - 7:30PM  
TUESDAY 9 AUGUST

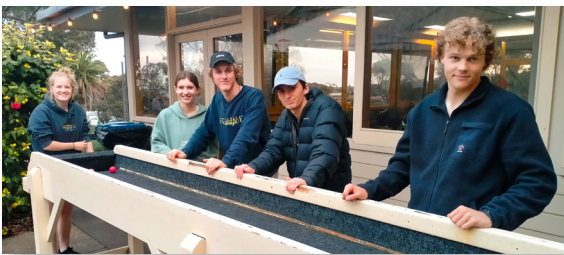
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# National Schools Tree Day



# Year 12 Retreat







# The Prime Minister's Spelling Bee is back!



Don't miss the 2022 Prime Minister's Spelling Bee, a fun, safe and FREE online competition that encourages kids to grow their vocabularies and their love of learning. Proudly presented by Kids News, the Spelling Bee is open to students in Years 3-8 in all Australian schools and registered homeschools.

Teachers can register their students from Monday, July 25, with the school round of competition kicking off on Monday, August 15.



The Spelling Bee has three competition levels:

Green: Years 3-4

Orange: Years 5-6

Red: Years 7-8

Students get 30 randomly generated words from their competition level word list and have 25 seconds to type each answer. The students with the most correct answers in the fastest time progress to finals.

Almost 21,000 children were signed up for the 2021 Spelling Bee, with the three national winners scoring a trip to Canberra to meet the Prime Minister.

**DON'T MISS OUT, REGISTRATIONS OPEN JULY 25!**

## PRIZES



Along with a trip to Canberra, other great prizes include an iPad and a \$250 HarperCollins book pack. Each national winner's school also gets a \$1000 voucher to put towards books, technology or other equipment and supplies.



## KEY DATES



**Registrations:** Monday, July 25 - Friday, August 19  
**School rounds:** Monday, August 15 - Friday August 26  
**State/Territory finals:** Thursday, September 1 - Friday, September 2  
**National final:** Thursday, September 8  
**National winners announced:** Wednesday, September 14



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