



## Monday Memo - August 23, 2022

Wow! What a wonderful start to the school year. Despite the challenges of Covid, we are up and running. I am so grateful that you choose to share your children with us -- they are simply amazing -- smart, talented, thoughtful, intellectual, energetic, dramatic, musical, artistic.... I could go on and on. It is such a joy to walk through the building and hear music spilling out of classrooms, paintings being created, and applause and cheers breaking out as students support each other and celebrate successes. While we are not permitting visits (due to Covid), I am doing my best to update our social media sites so you can catch a glimpse of the on-goings here at CCA.

Each week, I will send out a Monday Memo and will also send you a text to remind you to check your email. I do not plan to do a voice recording for this; I will reserve voice recording messages for urgent matters only. So, if you do receive a call from school (423-498-7365), please answer.

Attached to this email is our Parent Handbook. We decided to provide a digital version this year instead of printing paper copies. However, if you would like a printed copy, please feel free to email Regina Brantley to request one.

### **This week's news:**

**Open House:** We are moving our Open House to a virtual platform, and we are moving the date to September 2 at 6:00 p.m. We hope you will join us on Zoom. The link will be sent out next week.

**Beach Ball:** Friday 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold this week during lunch for \$5. The event will be outside, and we will have fans blowing to circulate the air as an added precaution. The event will be open only to CCA students (no students from other schools). Parents, please consider volunteering. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084faba62da2fc1-beach1>

**Class Meetings and Student Government Elections:** August 25 (during school day)

**Fees:** Thanks so much to those who have paid their school/arts fees. We had much lower revenue last year due to the lack of in-person performances, so every penny helps.

**Principal's Coffee:** August 31 at 9:15. Join me for coffee on the front porch! I will provide a brief update and then will open it up for questions and discussion.

**Covid-19 Update:** As of Friday, we have had two positive cases. One was prior to school starting, and one was identified earlier this week. As soon as we learned of the positive case, we started contact tracing, and we identified 9 students as close contacts. Students are doing an excellent job with mask-wearing, and we believe that this has contributed to our relatively low

positive case numbers so far. A few reminders:

1. If your child is experiencing any symptoms, please keep your child at home until you receive a negative test result.
2. If you receive a positive test result, please notify Dr. Levine immediately ([levine\\_jill@hcde.org](mailto:levine_jill@hcde.org)). It appears to be taking several days to receive information about positive cases from the Health Department, so we would appreciate you contacting us directly. The sooner we learn of a positive case, the sooner we can begin contact tracing.
3. If your child begins to have symptoms at school, Nurse Fareh is able to offer a free rapid test, but only with written parent permission.
4. The Health Department is offering numerous vaccination clinics this week for students who are 12 and over. Visit [vaccine.hamiltontn.gov](http://vaccine.hamiltontn.gov) for details. Questions? Call the COVID-19 hotline at 423-209-8383.

It's a challenging time, and I have noticed there is some speculation around CCA and a variety of Covid-related topics on social media. Thanks to all who have reached out to ask questions or provide input. Please know that I am here to respond to your -mails and calls when issues or questions come up.

We are looking forward to a great week!