



Parent Update
August 29, 2021

Thanks to the many parents who supported the Beach Ball last week. The kids had a great time, and we were able to experience some outdoor fun! For me, a personal highlight this week was accompanying some of our amazing singers on the piano while waiting for the Beach Ball to begin -- what a treat!

Our students continue to do really well with mask-wearing and letting us know if they are experiencing and Covid-like symptoms. Last week, we had 11 positive cases. Each time we learn of a case, we immediately get to work on interviewing the positive case and identifying any close contacts. For us, this means personally speaking with each student who is a close contact and also notifying parents through a phone call or email. As you may imagine, this process is labor-intensive and, oftentimes, imperfect, as we have to rely on the memory of the positive case to recall who they ate lunch with, sat on the bus with, etc. It also requires that each teacher quickly stop what they are doing to review seating charts to tell us who is a close contact in each class.

If your child is a close contact, is unvaccinated, and must quarantine, you will receive a call from us. If your child does not have to quarantine, you will receive an email. A few parents have questioned the guidelines around who is and isn't quarantined. Please know that we are following CDC guidelines as directed by our district.

Important: If you do not let us know that your child has tested positive for Covid, we may not get this information for five or more days. Therefore, it is essential that you let us know asap if your child has received a positive test. Thanks for working with us to keep everyone safe!

Lots of announcements this week...

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, Aug. 31 @ 9:10 a.m. Principal & Parents Coffee

Join Dr. Jill Levine for an informal CCA update and Q & A on Tuesday, August 31, 2021. There will be refreshments, coffee and donuts. We will meet on the front porch at CCA. Please park on the bottom parking level. RSVP is required. Sign Up Here:

<https://forms.gle/GQ519N9iaPgVJDfs8>

Wednesday, Sept. 1 Asynchronous/Remote Day

Students complete school work from home.

Thursday, Sept. 2 @ 6:00 p.m. Virtual Open House

Join us on Zoom for our Open House! A link will be sent out on Thursday.

Monday, Sept. 6 Labor Day - No School

Wednesday, Sept. 8 Picture Day

Announcements:

Lost & Found: We are collecting many water bottles and lunch boxes. Please be sure your student's name is written on their water bottle with a permanent marker. We also have collected 2 pairs of glasses, earbuds and more.

For 10th & 11th grade: **The PSAT/National Merit Scholarship** registration deadline is **September 2**. Students sign up/register for the test simply by paying \$18 either in person to Ms. Johnston or online here:

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/HamiltonTN/BVModules/ProductTemplates/Bvc2013/Product.aspx?productid=DL511-191>

This test is open to all 11th grade students who desire to compete for scholarship dollars. Tenth grade students who plan on taking the test junior year may take the test this year for practice. Information about the test was distributed through English classes. For questions or more information, contact Ms. Johnston (at johnston_d@hcde.org) or your student's English teacher.

National Honor Society/National Junior Honor Society: Applications are due in the front office by Tuesday, **September 14**. Honor Society is open to all 7-12th grade students who meet the criteria for outstanding academic performance. Applications are available in the front office.

Volunteer and Donation Opportunities:

CCA Library: Catherine Cox, our new Media Specialist, has a wishlist for items in the library. Any items purchased for the library earn volunteer hours. Every \$10 is 1 volunteer hour.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28QRY7LFJQPC?ref_=wl_share

Amazon Smile: Earn free money for CCA, at no cost to you! Sign in to your regular Amazon Account. Under Your Account/Your lists, go to Amazon Smile Charity List and **search for Performers Artists Parents and Advocates Inc.** Location: Chattanooga, TN. That's it! Amazon will automatically credit a portion of your purchase to CCA.

Dance Department: Bobby pins, ponytail holders, new or gently worn yoga mats would be greatly appreciated. Please purchase items at a minimum of \$10 for each volunteer hour. Any monetary donations received directly for the Dance Department is tax deductible and used to bring in guest artists to teach Master Classes.

Do You Have Wordpress Website Experience (or other Web Design talent)? Please contact Diane Winne at winne_diane@hcde.org.

Honey-Do-List: We have a variety of tasks for volunteers. Please contact Diane Winne at winne_diane@hcde.org.

- Stain and seal picnic tables.
- Create a new wall in the Commons representing all of our Arts Departments. We have a plan, and would like to form a group of volunteers to make it happen.
- Applying Cork material to a concrete wall for a special Senior Class recognition area.
- Touch up painting throughout the school.

Upcoming College Visits to CCA:

Tennessee Tech - August 31

University of the South - Sept. 7

Guilford College - Sept. 7

Illinois Wesleyan University - Sept. 7