



September 20, 2021
Parent Update

Finale is back! We can't wait to see our kids perform later this week! On Wednesday through Friday, we will have an Intermezzo schedule. Students will rotate through *Finale*, a Health and Wellness session, and an hour-long study hall. This will reduce audience size for *Finale* and also provide some additional opportunities for our students.

Thanks to everyone for following Covid safety procedures. We had just one new case this week, which is a big improvement from the last few weeks. I want to let you know that I am concerned about students and vaping. Students are telling me that vaping among our teens is widespread, not just in our school but throughout the community and nation. Later this week, we will share some information with students about the dangers of vaping. However, I encourage you to do your own research as well. Know what vapes look like (some look like a flashdrive while others look like a metal pen) and watch for signs and symptoms. Note, also, that kids are sharing vapes -- a terrible idea in the time of Covid. Let's work together to keep our kids safe!

Please continue to use caution, encourage mask-wearing, keep kids with symptoms home, and communicate any new cases with us. Lots of exciting events are coming up this fall, and we want to make them all happen!

- Jill Levine, Principal

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, Sept. 21 - Art Opening @5:30 P.M. (Masks are required.)

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - Intermezzo Schedule & *Finale*

Friday, Sept. 24 - *All Night Theater* (7:00-9:00 P.M.) - High School Acting Majors

Monday, Sept. 27 - Picture Day

Announcements:

WDEF Golden Apple Award

Every year, 30 local educators are honored with a Golden Apple Award. Click on the link and nominate one of our own outstanding CCA Educators!

<https://www.wdef.com/golden-apple-nomination-form/>

Student Opportunities

The Communications Department is accepting submissions for *Shift* magazine until September 24th. Written submissions such as poetry, prose, monologues, artwork, photography, etc. should be emailed to ccashift@hotmail.com. Art that is not "email friendly" may be delivered to Ms. Sowders in Room #215. Original artwork will be returned. See the sign on Ms. Sowders' door for more information.

CCA Ensembles, Organizations, and Clubs are posted on our website under the "Students" tab. [Click here](#) to view what we have available. To join a club, read the instructions for it and feel free to contact the club sponsor(s).

Math Tutoring:

Math Tutoring is available after school from 4pm to 5 pm three days a week. Please have your ride to the school by 5 pm.

Mondays: Dr. Pate (Room 108) & Mrs. Zerr (Room 116)

Tuesdays: Mr. Hogan (Room 128) & Mr. A. Kuhn (Room 237)

Wednesdays: Ms. Field (Room 111) & Mrs. Stalans (Room 124)

Volunteer and Donation Opportunities: (This is also available on our website by [clicking here](#))

Chess Boards: Our newly formed chess club would appreciate 10 new or gently used chess boards. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084FABA62DA2FC1-various>

Snacks for ACT Test: Please bring items before Oct. 5th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084FABA62DA2FC1-various>

Items and volunteers needed for September 21 Art Gallery Opening

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084FABA62DA2FC1-artgallery>

Stain and Seal Four (4) Wood Picnic Tables: Please contact winne_diane@hcde.org

Bulletin Boards: We are in the process of revamping the space in the Commons where we post performance flyers and newspaper clippings. If you have experience with vinyl finishing and/or painting cork boards please contact Mr. Hale, Dean of Fine Arts, at hale_vincent@hcde.org. All ideas and designs are welcome!

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.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NhRCFhIheH6auyKacD3kZevRBE6XclOHqzvadU0Zrm8/edit?usp=sharing>

Amazon Smile: Are you an Amazon Shopper? Everytime you make an Amazon purchase, you can help support PAPA through AmazonSmile! Use this link

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-1834744> and a percentage of each purchase will come to PAPA. This feature can now be used through your Amazon app! Once you have signed up with an AmazonSmile account, you will need to turn on this feature on your Amazon app on your phone. Go under Settings, select AmazonSmile, and select "on."

Publix and Food City: Don't forget us when you shop for groceries! Publix Partners-Log into your Publix account and select CCA as your Publix partner! Food City School Bucks Challenge- Register your Valucard at foodcity.com/schoolbuck

Chattanooga Dances on 9/30/21 has been postponed! Due to Covid numbers and the inability to safely distance patrons and performers in the auditorium, Chattanooga Dances will be rescheduled for April 22, 2022. The Dance Department appreciates your patience and support.

Volkswagen eLab: Contact Mrs. Zerr (zerr_c@hcde.org) for information about specific donations to the eLab to avoid duplicate purchases. We currently need items such as 25' tape measures, brooms/dustpans, Canon Pro-4000 Ink, thread, ironing mats, etc. All donations earn parent volunteer hours.

Coke Rewards: Please continue to send in coke product bottle caps and carton flaps with the coke code.

Much Ado About Nothing Volunteer Opportunities:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084faba62da2fc1-much>

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

- Wanted: A DIY person who can work with cork rolls for displays.
- **Do you sew?** Our Theatre Department is requesting the following help:
Male Officer Service Dress White Jacket (4)
<https://images.app.goo.gl/LYuqAouw8FQ3UFMh6>

Here is a suggestion for a pattern:

<https://www.amazon.com/McCalls-Patterns-M4745-Costumes-SML-MED-LRG/dp/B000L5R4QM>

Parenting in the Brave New Digital Age Course: Starting 9/13, Ms. Taber will be teaching a lesson on Social Media and Fact Checking with grades 6, 7, 8, and 9. If this is a subject that you as a parent are interested in learning more about, First Things First (a local Chattanooga company) is offering a discount on a virtual course called "Parenting in the Brave New Digital Age". For \$4.99 you can access the course and all the resources made available through First Things First. Contact Ms. Taber at taber_linden@hcde.org if you have any questions.

Link to the course: <https://firstthings.org/product/parenting-in-the-brave-new-digital-world-online/>.

Here is the discount code: DIGITALWORLDCCA

Picture Day 9/27-- The senior group photo will be taken on the front porch at 11:45 A.M.

Senior Portrait Information: This information is also available on our school website.

<https://cca.hcde.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=364354&pageId=36298899>

Q: Are seniors required to purchase photos from Prestige Portraits?

A: No, there is no requirement for seniors/parents to purchase photos from Prestige Portraits. However, the only photos that will be in the yearbook are those taken by Prestige. CCA holds a contract with Prestige Portraits. CCA suggests parents make an appointment with Prestige (as early as June following their Junior year but no later than November of their Senior year) and pay a small sitting fee for yearbook picture poses. No further obligation to purchase picture packages is required.

Seniors pictures are taken at Prestige Portraits by scheduling an appointment at 892.1332. They provide what is needed for the formal and casual pictures for CCA. Make sure you take several formal pictures with a sky blue background. Each senior can have one formal with this background and one casual picture in the yearbook; however, both must be a vertical layout. You do not have to purchase anything except the sitting fee for the yearbook pictures.

Q: Are there any requirements for the format of the two photos chosen for the yearbook?

A: Yes, CCA requires the formal yearbook choice be made with a sky blue background. Both formal and casual yearbook choices must be in a vertical format. Yearbook poses/photos must be chosen with the Yearbook Sponsor (Meri Sowders), by December 1st. Ms. Sowders has online access to the portraits, so no hard copy is needed. Please have proof numbers for both choices ready when meeting with sponsor.

Q: What is the cost for the required photos from Prestige Portraits?

A: Parents are advised to contact Prestige Portraits directly to obtain detailed information on the costs for sitting fees, how many poses/portraits are included, possible portrait packages, etc. Contact info: phone 423.892.1332 or toll-free 1.800.566.0783.

Q: Are seniors required to have a photo made on “Picture Day”?

A: Seniors should have a photo made on “Picture Day” (Wednesday, Sept. 27th) if they do not intend to take formal Senior pictures at Prestige. If a student does not submit their Prestige “formal” and “casual” choices by Dec. 1 to the Yearbook Sponsor, the photo taken on “Picture Day” will be used as the senior portrait in the yearbook.