



Parent Updates and News - Sunday, October 3, 2021

Lots to share this week as we wrap up the 1st Quarter!

- Thanks to everyone who volunteered at school this weekend -- wow! So much was accomplished.
- Be sure to check out the awesome student-painted parking spaces this week.
- Friday is the last day of the 1st Quarter. This means that it's the last day for students to turn in any work. Please take some time today to look at Power School with your students and help them identify any missing work.
- The emotional rollercoaster of being a teen! Yes -- we were all there once, and we are all living this now as we parent our teens. I read the following article this week and thought it might be helpful to some of you:
https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/when-kids-call-the-shots/201801/7-things-teenagers-desperately-need-adults-understand?fbclid=IwAR1-MNSAj3iFr0IbvtYbUvu8_-A1IHv7679EgF0OPP9f-ZXMup6VcT10yg
- Cell Phones: As you may have heard, we have been enforcing the cell phone policy that is detailed in our student handbook [CCA Handbook - Chattanooga High School Center for Creative Arts \(hcde.org\)](#) . We want to encourage students to be present in the moment while in school. Through the first few weeks of school, I noticed that many students were distracted by alerts, texts, etc. during class time. A few tips to help our students remain focused while at school:
 - Please do not text or call your student (or any other students) during the school day (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). If there is an emergency, call the main office and we will get a message to them.
 - Consider an app, such as Screen Time, that allows you to restrict cell phone usage during school hours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CCA Idol October 7 at 7 p.m.. A fun, family event!

CCA Idol features some amazing middle school and high school performers. Come and cheer for your favorite idol on October 7 at 7 p.m. in the CCA auditorium. Admission \$5. Tickets are available online. <https://osp.osmsinc.com/HamiltonTN/BVModules/ProductTemplates/Bvc2013/Product.aspx?productid=DL511-259>

CCA Souvenir Program Advertising Opportunities - Would you like to feature your student or your business in this magazine-quality program? All the details are provided in the linked pdf:

https://hamiltonschools-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/pe ttigrew_t_hcde_org/ERVFAshndj1MlixvaUhg7QEBkvidaOTP_-lr16tR0QAIFw?e=886DXJ

ACT October 5th - All 12th grade students will take the ACT Senior Retake on Tuesday, October 5th, in the Gym. Seniors should arrive at school on-time and well-rested! Parents have generously provided snacks and beverages for all testing students; the school will provide pizza for lunch. If a student is unable to eat pizza, the student may bring their own lunch, or Mr. Glancy can make arrangements with the cafeteria staff on the day of testing. Seniors should also complete the MyACT Non-Test Information online using the form they received in Mr. Flowers's class. The deadline to complete the non-test information is October 7.

NHS/NJHS - The Induction Ceremony for our new NHS/NJHS members will also include those who were accepted last year. Invitations were mailed to both new and last year's families this weekend. During the remodeling of our Guidance offices, we could not recover a computer that had some of our acceptances from last year. So, please, If you do not receive your invitation by mid-week, please email Ms. Johnston at johnston_d@hcde.org. We don't want to miss anyone! Mark your calendar for October 19, 6:00 p.m. in our school auditorium.

PSAT/NMQST - For those who registered/paid, administration of the test begins at 9:00 October 26 in the school library.

AP Exams - Deadline for submitting payments is November 1. The online payment option for AP exams is now available. To pay online, click here [Exam Fees](#). You may also pay directly to the AP teacher.

Parenting Support Series - The challenges that our students face are unique, much like their artistic talents. While you may have known instinctively what to do to nurture their creative talent, it's perfectly normal to not always know what to do to aid in their mental health. In our efforts to respond to the needs of our students and the requests of the parents, we would like to offer a series of conversations for parents. This survey is designed to gather information about the topics of interest:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YuEEVq0e26fjElrzFE1lzluDZaagXXLcultmJlkZBHQ/edit>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES:

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). **Volleyball Club** has just been added! They meet Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5. First meeting is Tuesday, October 19th. Go to the website for information on how to sign up.

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)

We also have a general after school tutoring program for all subjects. Transportation is provided. Please email Dr. Pate (pate_glynnna@hcde.org) for more information.

VOLUNTEER AND DONATION OPPORTUNITIES:

(This is also available on our website by [clicking here](#))

Opportunities to earn Parent Volunteer Hours:

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

CCA Library: Catherine Cox, 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>

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

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, brooms/dustpans, Canon Pro-4000 Ink, 2-3 spools of black and white sewing thread, 2-3 ironing mats, 1/8" or 1/16" acrylic sheets (any colors) (12" x 12-20"), shelves for wood/materials storage such as Gladiator 24-in D x 77-in W x 72-in H 4-Tier Steel Utility Lowes.com. All donations earn parent volunteer hours. You must provide a receipt with your student's name and grade.

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

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

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