



Parent Updates and News - Monday, January 3, 2022

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a great break. We are excited to have our students back in the building on Wednesday!

You may have seen on facebook that we were able to clear the (very) old tennis courts last week! We really hope to see our entire school community come together to help with our exciting plans to build an amphitheater. Please use this link to sign up to help! We will be happy to include any and all volunteers (aunts, uncles, grandparents, neighbors, etc.) for this huge project. [CCA Amphitheater Team Sign Up](#)

As you most likely are aware, Covid case numbers are very high. From all that we are hearing, this Omicron virus is highly contagious. As we work to keep everyone safe and healthy, please review the following notes below:

- If your student is experiencing any cold/flu/covid-like symptoms, please keep them home and get them tested for Covid before sending them to school. Please do not send students to school if they have any symptoms.
- If a child is symptomatic and then masks symptoms with Tylenol, Advil, etc., they are still contagious. Sending a symptomatic student to school could impact the health and well-being of the entire school community.
- Our nurse advises that our #1 defense right now is mask-wearing. To keep everyone safe, let's all commit to two weeks of mask-wearing during this high tick-up of omicron.
- As always, please continue to email me (Levine_jill@hcde.org) if your student receives a positive Covid test.
- Contact tracing: We will continue to contact trace when we learn of positive cases. However, to try to make our process more efficient, we are no longer going to send an individual email to the parents of every exposed student. Instead, each day that there is a positive case, we will send a blanket email to all parents and will indicate the grade level of the student with the positive case. We will provide exposed students with a printed notice as well. We will

continue to call and email parents of any close contacts who actually need to quarantine.

- Students who are in quarantine are expected to complete all classwork while they are at home unless they are feeling too sick to do so. All work will be posted on Canvas.

A longer Covid letter from Nurse Faleh is at the end of this newsletter. Let's all work together to support the health and well-being of our students.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Dr. Levine

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, Jan 5 Students Return
Friday, Jan 14 Retro Dance (Covid-case numbers permitting)
Monday, Jan 17 No School (MLK Day)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New Clubs at CCA! Parents, please ask your student if they would like to join one of the many exciting new clubs that will be held before or after their lunch period, during Directed Studies. Please email winne_diane@hcde.org with your student's name, grade and what club(s) they would like to join. This needs to be done asap. Clubs start this week! Space is limited.

Middle School Clubs:	High School Clubs:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ping Pong● PE● Ballroom Dancing● Read and Relax (library)● Anime/Manga● Chess Club● Science Club/Debate● Book Club with Ms. Scott● Anxiety Support● Art Therapy● Acting Club● Mindfulness with Ms. Jennifer Knowles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Read and relax (library)● Yoga● Chess● Youth in Government● Science Olympiad● Literary Club● eLab● Ping Pong● Mindfulness

The Snow Ball Dance 2021 raised \$2,000 for the Passion for Excellence

Scholarship Fund! This scholarship is funded by our fabulous PAPA organization to assist our students in furthering their arts and academics while they are CCA students. The next scholarship application will be out in March.

Download free Snow Ball 2021 photos! Special thank you to Mrs. Cass!

For Viewing and Downloading:

[Snow Ball Photos - Viewing and Downloading](#)

For Viewing *and* Ordering Prints:

[Snow Ball Photos](#)

Attendance:

If you have medical excuse notes or other attendance excuse information, please send them to weaver_kristen@hcde.org.

Performance Accessibility - If you or family members are in need of accessible access to any upcoming performances, please contact Mr. Glancy prior to the performance (glancy_jacob@hcde.org). He is happy to make arrangements with you.

PSAT Online Score Reports Now Available - for students who took the PSAT/NMQUIST test in October, scores are now available. If you provided Collegeboard with your email address, they will be emailed to you. If not, you may log-in to your Collegeboard.org student account to access scores.

Free Online ACT Prep for Juniors and Seniors

In partnership with the Tennessee Department of Education, UT Martin is offering the ACT Success Tactics Workshop and the ACT Mastery Classes FREE to Tennessee high school students who graduate in 2022 and 2023. The workshops and mastery classes are available at a multiple of sessions and times - conducted via Zoom. For a complete description of the workshop and mastery classes and to register, go to:

www.utm.edu/actprep

VOLUNTEER AND DONATION OPPORTUNITIES:

[Various Updated Volunteer Opportunities Sign Ups](#)

Courtyard Maintenance

We have 3 beautiful courtyards within our school. Ms. Winne will be setting up a bi-weekly schedule to keep the courtyards looking their best! This will be during school hours. Supplies will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact winne_diane@hcde.org. You can sign up for one or several dates.

Mrs. Cox, our Library Media Specialist, has a Wish List for library books. [You can click on this link](#) to see the wish list and place an order through Amazon. Please email cox_c@hcde.org as soon as you place an order so that the books can be removed from the list, and we can avoid receiving duplicates. Thank you!

The World Language Department is planning a European tour for the summer of 2023. It is not a school-sponsored trip, but CCA students who will be in High School by the summer of 2023 are welcome to attend. If you are interested in receiving more information about the trip, please contact Ms. Mary Keebler at marymak30707@yahoo.com. We had a great turnout for our initial enrollment meeting, but it's not too late to get information or even sign up for the trip. Contact Ms. Keebler or go directly to the website for our trip at www.eftours.com/2485081EC.

13th Annual Dinner and the Arts - Friday, February 18, 2022

This event will feature live music and performances, a silent auction and a catered meal. Tickets are available in the main office or online. Beginning January 1, 2022, tickets will be \$35.

For tables of 6 or individual tickets [Dinner and the Arts](#) For donations: [Support CCA](#)

Silent Auction Donations

We are requesting donations for our silent auction. This can be in the form of a gift certificate, gift card, an item, service or experience. Donations do qualify for volunteer hours. CCA is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. If you need this form via email or customized for a specific purpose, please contact Diane Winne at 423-498-7365 option 4, or winne_diane@hcde.org.

Grade Level Basket Themes

We are creating baskets for the annual Dinner and the Arts event. The themes are listed below so that you may start thinking of items you may want to donate for your student's grade level. Please feel free to contact our Dean of Students, Mrs. Scott, (scott_aseneth@hcde.org) or our grade level sponsors about donations!

6th - Chattanooga Theme - 6th sponsor (howard_sandra@hcde.org)

7th - Rainy Day - 7th sponsor (pate_glynn@hcde.org)

8th - Around the World - 8th sponsor (field_d@hcde.org)

9th - Picnic - 9th sponsor (keebler_mary@hcde.org)

10th - A Feast to be Experienced - 10th sponsor (hale_vincent@hcde.org)

11th - Date Night - 11th sponsor (kuhn_kelley@hcde.org for ideas, see [this!](#))

12th - Self-Care - 12th sponsor (flowers_z@hcde.org)

eLab Requests:

The eLab is in need of medium to heavyweight cardstock (any colors) and 4 spools of neutral and black color sewing thread. We are planning a shelving project with a pegboard underneath for one of the walls in the eLab and need the following to complete this project: five 48-in shelf upright mounts (white), two white 97-in L x 11.75-in D Laminate Shelf Board, ten 11.75-in white Shelf Brackets, one 1-Piece Hardboard Pegboard (Actual: 47.75-in 95.75-in). Please email Mrs. Zerr at zerr_c@hcde.org for details if interested in donating to the eLab. We appreciate your generosity!

Special Covid Information From Nurse Faleh:

Dear CCA Parents,

If your child has any Cold/Flu/Covid-like symptoms please keep them home and get them tested using an at-home or drive-thru pharmacy before returning to school. Doing so will keep our school community safe & prevent the spread of Flu and Covid-19 that may have been contracted during your celebrations and get-togethers during the holidays around your family members, friends, and public exposures.

We want parents to understand that if your child is symptomatic and you mask their symptoms with over the counter products such as (Zytec, Tylenol, Theraflu, & Advil) your child is still contagious. Also, not getting your child tested doesn't mean they don't have Covid-19 or the Flu. They would still be impacting the health and well-being of the school community at CCA by still sending them to school without being tested to rule out COVID and Flu if they are symptomatic.

We have many students who are immunocompromised and/or have members in their households who are immunocompromised such as parents/family members who are receiving chemotherapy for cancer, newborn infants, and/or pregnant women. We want you to understand that you and your family's cooperation truly saves lives and makes a difference in protecting all of our CCA students' families outside of school as well.

We stress the recommendation of good mask wear and hand hygiene upon returning to school. Even if your child is an opt-out, we would recommend for them to wear a mask, at least for the next 2-weeks, given the pandemic's high up-tick of the Omicron variant. These next 2 weeks will be a crucial time period in our school community's containment of the COVID-19 and Flu viruses to help ensure our all of our students' safety and well-being. We want to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during these pressing times.