

# CCA Weekly Parent Update

## August 22, 2022

### *From the Principal*

Last week ended on a high note with our arts community meetings. All new students were introduced to their arts “sibling,” and new connections were formed! Students worked with guest artists in many departments as well. We were thrilled to have CCA alums Crystall Newson and Fred Davis here last week to conduct dance master classes.

As you know, we asked all students to read *Ain't Burned All the Bright* this summer. Last week, we discussed the book in English classes and then asked students to use homeroom time to work in groups to create a piece of art. Students represented our CCA vision, “CCA: A Beacon for the Arts” on canvases. We will soon create an installation using their work, and we can't wait for you to see it!

Senior Parents: You will receive a letter on Monday (sent home with your student) that describes our new ACT prep program, Jumpstart ACT. As we have told your students, an ACT score that is 2 or 3 points higher could make all the difference in college admissions and scholarship decisions. So, we hope to help our seniors increase their scores through this intensive 9-week program before they take the ACT one last time on October. The program is on-line, so students can also practice from home.

### *Important Updates and Student Opportunities*

Our **eLab** is now open for students Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school from 4:00-5:30. Students may stay after school to try out our digital fabrication tools, such as laser cutting, 3D printing, interactive costume design, class projects, stage and prop design, custom t-shirts and stickers, coding – the list goes on and on. Everyone is welcome! Just stop by the eLab after school on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Students must be picked up no later than 5:30.

#### **Dismissal Update:**

Important: 1) Please do not park on Tier 3 and ask your students to walk to your car. Parking on Tier 3 (the lowest level) blocks our student drivers. Please use the car rider line on Tier 2 and follow our regular procedures. 2) Please arrive for car riders by 4:14 at the very latest. Be courteous of teachers who remain on duty (by being on time) until all students are picked up.

**COVID-19 Testing Consent Form:** On our website, under the COVID-19 tab, you will see this form ([click here](#)). If you would like for your students to be able to get a Covid test at school, please print the form, sign it, and send it in with your student. Students may turn this form in at our front office, or you can email it to our nurse ([faleh\\_tareq@hcde.org](mailto:faleh_tareq@hcde.org)). More information about testing is on the form.

**Middle School Sports:** Normal Park is partnering with CCA students to compete on Normal Park's Cross Country 2022 Team for 6th-8th Grade. Permission and registration forms can be signed at the parent meeting at the upper school on 8/22/22 at 5:30. Note that arts performances and practices must take priority over sports events.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

[Click here](#) to view the yearly calendar!

- 8/26 Beach Ball! 7:00-9:30 PM. Middle School pick-up @ 9 PM
- 9/1 Open House, PAPA meeting, and Senior College Meeting 6:00 PM
- 9/5 Labor Day - no school
- 9/7 Half day for students. Dismissal at 12:15.
- 9/17 All-East Auditions (select HS musicians)
- 9/20 Parent/Principal Coffee 9:15 AM
- 9/21 Picture Day
- 9/23 Retro Dance! 7:00-9:30 PM
- 9/27 Art Gallery Opening 5:30 PM
- 9/29 CCA Idol 7:00 PM

### **Parent/Family Events and Volunteer Opportunities**

If you have not completed the **22/23 CCA Volunteer Information form** [click here](#). This information is needed to ensure all volunteer opportunities are made available to you throughout the school year. It is important that our Volunteer Coordinator knows if there are siblings at CCA or at a different magnet school. [winne\\_diane@hcde.org](mailto:winne_diane@hcde.org)

All volunteers **MUST** sign in and out on the volunteer sheet located across from the cafeteria serving line at the foot of the stairs. If you are at CCA to volunteer, this is the only means to record your volunteer hours.

Beach Ball volunteer opportunities [sign up here!](#)

Art Gallery volunteer opportunities [sign up here!](#)

Various volunteer opportunities [sign up here!](#)