

# CCA Weekly Parent Update

## October 24, 2022

### *From the Principal*

As I write this from my desk at school (on Saturday), the building is filled with activity! We have dancers from all over the state here at the first Tennessee Youth Dance Festival (led by our own Jessica Laliberte Bowman). We have a rehearsal in our Black Box Theater for the upcoming production of *Our Town*. And, upstairs, rehearsals for the middle school musical theater production of *James and the Giant Peach* are happening. Of course, several technical theater majors are here to ensure lighting, sound, and stage management in three different spaces go smoothly. Plus, several seniors are here to help with stage direction and choreography for the middle school musical. It's a busy, joyous, and purposeful Saturday at our school, and our kids are doing what they each love most – exactly as this wonderful place should be!

We look forward to having our parents here on Monday night for Student-Led Conferences.

Have a great week!

- Dr. Levine

### *Important Updates and Student Opportunities*

**PSAT** - Students who are taking the PSAT on Tuesday, must be here by 8:30. Students who are *late will not be allowed to enter*. No refunds will be issued.

**14th Annual Dinner and the Arts - Friday, January 20, 2023** - The evening will feature live music and performances from CCA students, a silent auction, and catered dinner. 100% of the funds raised at the annual gala will be used to support arts programs at CCA. Tickets are \$25 per person through December 31st. Beginning January 1st, tickets are \$35 per person. Purchase tickets online [through this link](#). Or, text Dinner&theArts to 44-321.

**Hunter Museum Art Installation:** At the beginning of the school year, CCA students mirrored the collaborative process of the graphic novel, *Ain't Burned All The Bright* by Jason Reynolds and Jason Griffin to create diptych pieces consisting of images and poetry that equally responded to the themes of the novel. The resulting body of works has been curated into a singular expression of hope, creativity, and validation of the human spirit as we all emerge from the global pandemic. *Begin Again, Part 1* is

currently on display at the Hunter Museum. A companion work, *Begin Again, Part 2*, is currently on display in the Scott Leach Gallery of Center for Creative Arts.

**Community Kitchen Project** - Wellness and P.E. students will show their gratitude and generosity by collecting items for the Community Kitchen from Nov. 1st to Nov. 22nd. ALL CCA students are encouraged to bring canned goods or other nonperishable food items, warm coats, socks (new), and gently used walking/running shoes. All items will be collected in bins in the Gym. Donations do not qualify for volunteer hours.

Students are invited to participate (walk or run) in the Grateful Gobbler with Ms. Pound on Thanksgiving morning. 100% of proceeds go to the family shelter at the Community Kitchen. For more information about the event and registration: [gratefulgobblerwalk](#)

**CARE Closet** - CCA is fully stocked on personal care items for students in need. We still need women's size jogging pants (please, no tight leggings). Sizes XS, S, M, L, XXL. For more information, please contact [wne\\_diane@hcde.org](mailto:wne_diane@hcde.org).

**Looking for a carpool?** Completely optional, [click on this link](#) to connect with other parents. CCA will not organize the carpools. This is simply a space for parents to connect.

**Golden Apple Award:** Every Tuesday night at 6 pm, WDEF News 12 will recognize an educator for their accomplishments in the classroom and acknowledge the critical role education plays in the future of our region and nation. Nominate your favorite CCA Educator at [Golden Apple Award - WDEF](#)

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

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

10/24	Student-Led Conferences
10/26	Fall picture retakes
10/27	Strings Concert 7 pm
10/28	Masquerade Ball 7 pm
11/1	Tri-M Induction
11/3	Winds & Percussion Concert at 7 pm
11/4-5	Fall Acting Show: <i>Our Town</i> at 7 pm
11/6	Fall Acting Show: <i>Our Town</i> at 2:30
11/9	Half day for students
11/10	Academic Excellence celebration for Q1

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

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.

Masquerade Ball [click here for volunteer opportunities](#)

Strings Concert needs **2 more** background-checked volunteers. HCDE employees are background checked. [sign up here](#)

Winds & Percussion Concert volunteer opportunities [click here](#)

Acting Showcase volunteer opportunities [click here](#)

Various volunteer opportunities for October [click here](#)