

# CCA Weekly Parent Update

## December 12, 2022

### *From the Principal*

I just returned home from the Chattanooga Ballet's Nutcracker – wow! Our CCA dancers did a wonderful job.

It's hard to believe we are at the end of the 1st Semester! Despite Covid, flu, and several other challenges, we made it through with only a few schedule changes. It feels great to have a more typical school year and to have parents, friends, and family back in the building for so many live performances. We are already looking forward to 2023 and all that the new year has in store for our school!

A note about this Friday... at the start of the year, Friday was listed as a ½ day. However, due to a state policy, the district had to switch Friday to a full day. On this Friday, we will have class holiday parties during first block (please check with your student about what to send in) and then a holiday concert during second block. After lunch, we will hold a four-hour study hall for students who need to catch up on any missing work.

Are you thinking about year-end giving? Consider a donation to CCA as a gift in honor of a friend or family member. You can use the Hamilton County Schools Foundation link ([School Donation Form \(donorsnap.com\)](#)) and then select CCA from the drop-down menu. All funds donated will be sent directly to CCA and will be spent on learning materials and arts opportunities. [School Donation Form \(donorsnap.com\)](#)

Thanks to those who have made some holiday purchases of school supplies for our teachers. Teachers have been thrilled to receive new materials, such as pencils, dry erase markers, chart paper, and much more. Here is the link in case you still would like to donate: <https://a.co/92r1OGI>

Best wishes for a very happy holiday season!

~ Dr. Levine

### ***Important Updates and Student Opportunities***

[The Week is CCA Holiday Spirit Week!](#)

Monday: Anything but a Backpack Day

Tuesday: Flannel & Mittens Day

Wednesday: Dress Like a Candy Cane

Thursday: Dress Like Your Favorite Holiday Movie Character

Friday: Pajama Day

### **CCA Inaugural Summer Arts Institute - May 30 thru June 30**

This is an exciting opportunity for rising juniors and seniors to earn dual enrollment credit through ChattState Early College on the CCA campus! Participating students will complete a five-week summer intensive Arts course earning high school **and** college credit. Qualifying students may use the Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grant to pay tuition. CCA's counseling team will help students access this grant. Potential course offerings include:

Intro to Computer Animation

Intro to Film & Television Tech

Baking

The Audition Process

All classes meet at CCA

Intro to Film Studies

Musical Theatre

Jazz Dance

Stage Craft

All classes will meet at CCA Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon. We will assist families with registration and Dual Enrollment Grant paperwork at a Parent Night for participating families on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please let us know if you're interested by completing the interest/pre-registration: [Duel Enrollment form](#). If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Sarabia, College and Career Advisor, at [sarabia\\_melissa@hcde.org](mailto:sarabia_melissa@hcde.org)

**National Honor Society/National Junior Honor Society Requirements:** Students will collect a form explaining the requirements **to maintain membership and to receive their graduation cords**. This form will need to be signed and returned by Friday, December 16. [Here is a link to the form](#) and a [link to the community service log](#).

**After-School Tutoring:** Tutoring will **not** take place the week of December 12th-16th. Tutoring will resume Monday, January 9, 2023.

**Benchmark Testing:** We will have Benchmark 2 testing from December 5 - December 14 for math, english, social studies, and science. The tests are spread out over this 2-week testing window.

**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.

**Grade Level Baskets:** See below (*bottom of newsletter*) for grade-level themes. Those that attend Dinner and the Arts will be able to bid on them!

**2022 Broadway Regional Awards** - Georgia Sharp has been nominated for “Best Performer in a Musical” for her role as Jo March in the CTC musical production of *Little Women!* To vote for Georgia [click here!](#)

**Food City School Bucks** - Raise money for CCA on your next shopping trip. Log in to your Food City online account at [foodcity.com/schoolbucks/](http://foodcity.com/schoolbucks/). When prompted, link your account to CCA’s school code 60057. It is that easy!

**Publix Partners** - Raise money for CCA every time you shop at Publix. Log in to your account at [Publix](#) Scroll left to Publix Partners. Enter our zip code 37405, and choose Center for Creative Arts. Every time you shop, enter your phone number at the register. It is that easy!

### ***Mark Your Calendar!***

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

Tuesday, Dec. 13	Piano Concert 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 14	Literary Gala 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 15	Literary Gala 6:00 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 16	End of 2nd Quarter - Winter Break Begins!
Wednesday, Jan. 4	Students Return

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

Spirit Week Winners Pizza Party [click here](#)

Literary Gala opportunities [click here](#)

Dance Dept. Holiday Party [click here](#)

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

Volunteers needed for Student Auditions [click here](#)

CCA Faculty Holiday Party (sponsored by PAPA) [click here](#)

### **Dinner and the Arts Silent Auction Baskets**

Students may start bringing in items for their Dinner and the Arts silent auction basket. Please try to have all items turned in the first week back from the winter break.

Remember to include a receipt with the student's name and grade. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to [winne\\_diane@hcde.org](mailto:winne_diane@hcde.org). Thank you!

#### Class Basket Themes for Silent Auction

**6th Grade:** The Great Outdoors - camping or picnic-related items for enjoying beautiful TN

**7th Grade:** Gardening - plants, succulents, gardening supplies, gloves, tools, kneeling pad, gift cards to nurseries

**8th Grade:** Date Night - date nights in or out of the house, including gift cards, theater gift cards, local experiences like axe throwing, bowling, concerts, delivery services, local shops/bars/restaurants

**9th Grade:** Gourmet Gifts - chocolates, savory or sweet specialty foods, specialty cheese shop gift card, charcuterie board gift card, trays/dishes/non-perishable food items to make your own snack trays, coffees, teas, spices, cooking classes, baking items, wine glasses, Crumbl gift cards, etc.

**10th Grade:** Rainy Day - books, puzzles, games, throw blankets, mugs, local food services gift cards

**11th Grade:** Water-Related – tickets to duck boat or Southern Belle, pool toys, lake floats, paddle rentals

**12th Grade:** Self-care - spa gift cards, at-home face masks, nail polish/manicure sets, candles, bath salts, etc.