

CCA Weekly Parent Update February 20, 2023

From the Principal

Last week, our Communications Department held its first Writer's Lounge. This event was an informal sharing of prose and poetry by students. We plan to hold a Writer's Lounge each quarter and look forward to continuing to find ways to elevate and expand the Communications Department!

Please help! Remind your students that cell phones may not be seen or heard during the school day (with the exception of lunch). The same is true for earbuds. When students have earbuds in their ears in class or in the halls, they are not able to hear us, and this poses a safety issue (not to mention that they are potentially missing out on instruction). Cell phones are a continuous distraction for some. Additionally, students should not be texting you during the school day unless it's during lunch.

One other friendly reminder... our school day starts at 9:00, and our doors officially open at 8:30. There is no adult supervision until 8:30. Please wait to drop off your child until 8:30.

We are thrilled that so many of our faculty and students are playing a role in the Theater Center's *The Color Purple*. Please be sure to check it out!

- Dr. Levine

Important Updates and Student Opportunities.

Upcoming Study Hall - A study hall has been scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., for students with grades below a C. Parents and students will be informed so transportation arrangements can be made. This study hall will be required, however, students will not have to stay if they pull up their grades.

Arts-Based Teen LGBTQ+ Mental Health Workshops - Workshops will be held: 2/21 (Tuesday) and 2/23 (Thursday) from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. At the request of families and GSA

students, there will be a series of free expressive arts workshops in support of teen mental health for LGBTQ+ high school students. Plus, there will be a workshop for families. Sponsored by the Arts Therapies & Well-Being Program at CHI Memorial and The Hunter Museum of American Art Education Department, the workshops will offer arts-based opportunities for students to cultivate joy and connection within themselves and among their family and community. A parent support workshop will also be offered in March (date TBD). Workshops will be led by Pop-up Project Director of Outreach and Education Louie Marin-Howard and Company/Teaching Artists and local poetry teaching artist Marcus Ellsworth, in collaboration with Registered Drama Therapist (and CCA parent), Chyela Rowe.

Students may register [using this link](#).

If you are interested in the *Parent Support Workshop* (March Date TBD) [please fill out this interest form](#).

Paint for Pettigrew - Mr. Pettigrew needs his classroom painted. He will stay late or come in on a Saturday to accommodate your schedule. If you can help, please contact pettigrew_t@hcde.org.

Tutoring- If you and your student were required to attend a parent/teacher conference, your student is also required to attend tutoring. Please refer to the tutoring schedule [here](#).

Communications Masterclass Book - In November, high school Communications students attended a masterclass with author Scott Reintgen. His new book, *A Door in the Dark*, is coming out in March, and the Communications Department will be doing an order for the school. If you are interested in purchasing the book through the school, please use [this link](#)! Ms. LeDoux will deliver the books to students once they arrive.

Testing Schedules: You can view the upcoming testing schedule for AP exams in May by [clicking this link](#).

Student Scholarships - The Performing Arts League (PAL) is dedicated to promoting and encouraging youth involvement in the performing arts -- Dance, Music, Theater -- through grants to non-profit performing arts organizations and scholarships to individual students located in Hamilton County, TN. More than one student within an organization may make a scholarship request. Only one scholarship award will be allocated per student per year from the Performing Arts League. Deadline for applications is March 20, 2023. [Applications are available through this link](#).

It's curtain time . . . in LONDON! - Whether your student is an actor or a writer, a techie or an audience member, a Shakespeare nerd or a Harry Potter nerd - Curtain Time in London is a trip with something for everyone.

Join us on February 22 at 4:30 p.m. for an informational meeting about a non-school trip to London in **July of 2024**, sponsored by Ms. Hudgins and Ms. Keebler and planned by our longtime travel partner EF Tours. Ask your student to register for the meeting, or request additional info by scanning the QR code located on posters around the school.

Mark Your Calendar!

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

FEBRUARY

Monday 20th President's Day - No School
Friday 24th CCA Talent Show 7 pm
Monday, 27th CSO Side by Side Concert 7:30 pm. - Memorial Auditorium
(Our very own Neshawn Calloway will be impersonating and performing tunes by Chattanooga native, Bessie Smith)

MARCH

Thursday 2nd Winds and Percussion Concert 7 pm
Friday, 3rd Acting/Directing Showcase 5:30 and 7:00 pm
Tuesday 7th Art Gallery Opening 5:30 pm
Friday 10th Portraits in Dance 7 pm
Saturday 11th Portraits in Dance 7 pm

Parent/Family Events and Volunteer Opportunities -

Diane Winne, Volunteer Coordinator winne_diane@hcde.org

Environmental Science Garden Project - [click here](#)

Art Gallery Opening - [click here](#)

Strings Concert - [click here](#)

Winds and Percussion Concert - [click here](#)

Portraits in Dance - [click here](#)

February Opportunities - [click here](#)

Literature Circle Books Needed - Mrs. Kuttig is in need of a few books for literature circles. Please visit [this link to sign-up to order a book](#).

Library Book Wish List - Please [click on this link to access the wish list](#). When you make a purchase, please email ledoux_mary@hcde.org so the books can be removed from the list to prevent duplicates, and email winne_diane@hcde.org a copy of your Amazon invoice. Thank you for your support of our Library!

Coke Products - Please continue to send in Coke product bottle caps and box lids. CCA receives a donation for each cap or box lid. Brands include Coca-Cola, Coca-Cola Zero Sugar, Diet Coke, Sprite, Fanta, Powerade, Mello Yello, Dasani, Barq's, Fresca, SmartWater, Fuze, Pibb, Seagram's, Honest, Surge, Peace Tea, AHA, Coca-Cola with Coffee, and Coca-Cola Energy.

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/. 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!