

CCA Weekly Parent Update  
February 27, 2023

*From the Principal*

Our students are not only shining within the walls of our building - they are out in our community performing at high levels. Just in the past two weeks, multiple students (and faculty) have performed in *The Color Purple*, have competed (and tied for 1st place!) in the Climbing Team league, and (on Monday night) will perform in the CSO side-by-side concert with the CYSO. CCA's Neshawn Calloway will be featured in this performance. These are just a few of the many ways that our students are providing arts opportunities throughout Chattanooga! We are so proud of our kids!

Through two grants and through the school district's new staffing model, we are working to provide even more amazing opportunities for our students! We recently sent in orders for a new sprung dance floor for the stage, for Macs for film, digital arts, and music editing, and for our upcoming new recording studio. We also accepted new students for next year in our effort to grow the school to 700 students. More talented students should have the opportunity to be at CCA. The additional students will allow us to hire more teachers, which, in turn, will allow us to provide more opportunities. I will have more exciting news about this in the coming weeks!

- Dr. Levine

***Important Updates and Student Opportunities.***

**Summer Arts Institute** - The Summer Arts Institute is now open to high school students in grades 9-11 currently. Please be advised, if your student has not completed the 10th grade (by the start of the Summer), they do not qualify for the Dual Enrollment Grant through the state of Tennessee, so the course would have to be paid out of pocket. The only other requirement is that the student must have a minimum 2.8 GPA. If you have not already done so, please complete the interest/pre-registration form here: <https://forms.gle/VfW62dCW6JVhPjc7>. If you have registered your student for the Institute, please plan to attend a meeting at CCA on March 8 at 5:30 p.m. At this meeting, we will walk you through the registration and scholarship process.

**College Fair** - Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> CCA will host a regional college fair sponsored by the Tennessee Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers from 3 to 5 pm in the gym. The sophomores and juniors are scheduled to attend during 4<sup>th</sup> block; the fair will be open to all students and parents from 4 to 5 pm.

**Benchmarks:** The two-week benchmark testing window starts this week and ends on Wednesday of next week. Please ensure students bring their chromebooks fully charged and their chargers. English and Science courses will be tested this week while math and social studies will be tested next week.

**Class Officer Meeting:** Class officers will meet with Dean Scott on Friday, March 3rd at 8:25 in the library and will wrap up by 8:55 to report to class.

**Quarter 3** - The quarter ends March 10th, so students need to submit missing work and complete assignments prior to that date. Report cards will go out March 17th.

**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.

**Need Volunteers for Concert** - The Winds and Percussion department is in need of volunteers for rehearsals and the concert on March 2nd who either work for HCDE or are background checked. Please see the link for details. [click here](#)

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

**Passion for Excellence** - The Passion for Excellence Scholarship is offered by PAPA as a funding opportunity for students to pursue their academic and artistic interests. This scholarship is available to support students' extracurricular activities such as lessons, festivals, camps, summer programs and other special opportunities in order to enhance their development. Students from all majors, who are interested in receiving this scholarship, are encouraged to apply. The digital application will be available on 3/1/23 and should be completed by the student before 3/22/23. Click [HERE](#) to link to the form (note – it will be opened on 3/1/23). An in-person interview by the applicant will occur on 3/28/23 or 3/29/23. More information to come. If you would like to make a donation toward the PFE Scholarship, please text **PFE** to **44-321**. Any questions can be directed to: [papapresidentcca@gmail.com](mailto:papapresidentcca@gmail.com).

**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.](#)

**Contest Opportunity:** The Women's Fund of Greater Chattanooga is hosting a T-Shirt design contest for high school students. The deadline to enter is March 13. [Click here](#) to read more about the requirements and prize opportunities.

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

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

### **FEBRUARY**

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 College Fair 3:00 to 5:00 pm  
Thursday 2nd Winds and Percussion Concert 7:00 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 7:00 pm  
Saturday 11th Portraits in Dance 7:00 pm

**Parent/Family Events and Volunteer Opportunities -**  
Diane Winne, Volunteer Coordinator [winne\\_diane@hcde.org](mailto:winne_diane@hcde.org)

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

**Portraits in Dance - [click here](#)**

**February Opportunities - [click here](#)**

**Wind and Percussion Wish List - [click here](#)**

**Chaperones for Field Trip March 10th - [click here](#)**

**Literature Circle Books Needed -** Mrs. Kuttig is in need of 3 books for literature circles. [click here](#)

**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](mailto:ledoux_mary@hcde.org) so the books can be removed from the list to prevent duplicates, and email [winne\\_diane@hcde.org](mailto:winne_diane@hcde.org) a copy of your Amazon invoice. Thank you for your support of our Library!