

CCA Weekly Parent Update  
March 6, 2023

*From the Principal*

We are looking forward to a great week, filled with acting, art and dance shows! One note on audience etiquette – please only exit or enter the auditorium in between numbers (during applause). If you leave and there is not enough time to get back to your seat before the next performance starts, please sit in the back of the auditorium. Similarly, if you arrive late to a performance, please sit in the back so as not to disturb those who are already watching a performance. Please advise friends and family of this as well. Thank you!

We are happy to share that we are finally going to have a full time (and a part time) communications teacher! New classes will be announced to students in the coming weeks. We are also adding an eLab teacher (who will also teach digital arts), and a teacher who will oversee our new recording studio and technical theater. Lots of exciting new offerings will be in place for the 2023-2024 school year!

- Dr. Levine

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

Dynamo Day is CCA's version of field day, but it is so much more fun! We are already gathering materials for this day. Please help us to make it a success by purchasing something from our wishlist. All items will be sent directly to the school:

<https://a.co/5jrEkVQ>

**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/VfW62dCW6i6JVhPjc7>. **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.**

**Parent Meeting for Parents of Current Juniors:** There will be a meeting for parents of rising seniors on Wednesday, March 15th at 5pm in the Library. The main objective of

this meeting is to register for Dual Enrollment with Chatt State (if your child is interested). You will also hear from the Senior class sponsor and College and Career counselor with information regarding what to expect during senior year. There will be another opportunity to receive in depth information about senior year if you are unable to attend this meeting. However, this is the best way to get the ball rolling for Dual Enrollment.

**Benchmarks:** Please ensure students bring their chromebooks fully charged and their chargers. Math and social studies will be tested this week.

**2023 Yearbooks** - Order your 2023 yearbook before March 31st. Order forms are in the main office and Ms. Sowders' room. Cost is \$50. Orders can also be placed online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) CCA school code is 10772323.

**Songbirds Youth Talent Show** - The Songbirds Foundation is hosting a talent show on Friday, April 21, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Songbirds Guitar & Pop Culture Museum. The talent show is open to ages 12-18 years. All genres of music are welcome. The winning act will be awarded the chance to perform as an opening act for a national musical artist (TBD) at Songbirds, \$250, and a free four-hour recording session in a pro studio. The second place winner will get to shoot a professional music video and receive \$100. The third place winner will receive \$50. Video submissions will be judged on talent, song choice, and stage presence. Twelve contestants will be notified by email on Monday, March 27, by 5 p.m. They will move on to compete in the ultimate battle of the bands at the Songbirds Talent Show. Contestants who move on to the Songbirds Talent Show will be judged by a panel of musicians and other music industry professionals. [Click here](#) to view the poster!

To enter, students must submit a video of themselves or their band playing a song up to three minutes long to [contests@songbirdsfoundation.org](mailto:contests@songbirdsfoundation.org). Entries must be received no later than 5 p.m., Friday, March 24. For questions and more information, please email [info@songbirdsfoundation.org](mailto:info@songbirdsfoundation.org) or call 531-2473.

**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.

**Piano Concert** - Please join Ms. Stipelcovich and her students on Monday, March 20th at 6 pm. The concert will be held at Pilgrim Congregational, 400 Glenwood Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37404. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated.

**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.

**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!

### **MARCH**

Monday, 6th	Acting/Directing Showcase 7:00 (Rescheduled from Friday)
Tuesday 7th	Art Gallery Opening 5:30 pm
Friday 10th	Portraits in Dance 7:00 pm
Saturday 11th	Portraits in Dance 7:00 pm
Thursday, 16th	Strings Concert 7:00 pm
Friday, 17th	Bamboozled! 5:30 pm
Saturday, 18th	Bamboozled!
Monday, 20th	Piano Concert 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 21st	Visual Arts and Communication Showcase
Thursday, 23rd	Vocal Concert @ First Baptist Gateway 7:00 pm
Friday, 24th	Beginning Acting Showcase
Friday, 31st & Sat, April 1	HS Musical: Legally Blond 7:00 pm

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

**Courtyards Clean Up!** Do you like to garden? We are looking for some parent volunteers to clean up, plant, etc. in our courtyards (we have 3). Please email Diane Winne if you have some time this month.

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

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

**Dynamo Day Wish List - [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!