

CCA Weekly Parent Update
April 17, 2023

From the Principal

The upcoming weeks will be quite busy, as we balance standardized testing and lots of performances and activities!

Special congratulations to CCA's Acting Department Head, Magge Hudgins, for her recognition as a Hamilton County Schools Hero. Magge was honored at a banquet last week for her many contributions to her students and the arts. We are so proud of her!

Important Updates and Student Opportunities.

TNREADY/EOC Testing - Standardized testing will start on Tuesday, April 18 and will continue the following week. Please ensure students get a good breakfast and adequate rest. As testing starts this week, here are some suggestions of things you can do to help:

1. **Ensure chromebooks are charged** as all tests will be online
2. Help your **student arrive on time**
3. Ensure they get a good night's rest
4. Provide them with encouragement
5. Commit to **perfect attendance** each and every day.

Students will operate on an adjusted bell schedule throughout the testing weeks; it is important to **communicate any morning DR's appointments** or early dismissals with the front office staff. Once a student has begun taking a TNReady or EOC assessment, they may not be dismissed from the building until after the required testing time has been completed or their test may become nullified. With proper communication, we can work together to ensure the success of your student and our testing requirements.

[CCA TCAP/EOC Student Presentation](#)

Deadline for Volunteer Hours - Please don't forget that parent volunteer hours are due by the last Monday of the school year which is May 22, 2023. Letters are being mailed out to those families who have not reached at least half of their hours. If you receive a letter and think it was sent in error or if you have more questions about options or how to earn hours, please contact winne_diane@hcde.org. *New opportunities are listed at the end of this update!*

8th Grade Dance - Our annual 8th grade dance is on **Friday, April 21st from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the CCA Gym**. The theme is “Starry Night” and the dress code is semi-formal. Outside guests will not be allowed. Tickets are cash only for \$5 and will be sold this week during school lunch hours and also at the door. Pick up and drop off will be outside the gym (the right side of the school just up the hill next to the Sandra Black Theatre). Reach out directly to kur_andrea@hcde.org if you would like further information.

Prom Tickets on Sale Now - Prom will be held April 28th at 7:00 at The Church on Main. Tickets are \$50 each - [click here](#)
 Opportunities to help make the Prom a success [click here](#)

Earth Club Bake Sale - The CCA Earth Club is hosting a bake sale April 17 through April 21. We welcome “earth friendly” donations of homemade cookies (with ingredient lists), uncut washed fresh fruit, juice boxes, fruit snacks, gummy worms, individually wrapped sunchips, or baked chips, popcorn. Remember to send your receipt and a note of your time spent baking to earn those very important parent volunteer hours. Always remember to write your student’s name and grade on the receipts.

Trivia Night! - This 10th grade fundraiser is going to be a fun filled night with trivia ranging from music to pop culture! Friday, May 5th at 7 pm. Tickets are \$5 per person.

The district has asked that we share the following two videos with students/parents regarding issues related to students making threats:

HCS Real Talk for Families - <https://youtu.be/j1LH5MLwU4o>

HCS Real Talk for Students - <https://youtu.be/YUGICDifZY0>

Mark Your Calendar!

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

APRIL

Monday, April 17	7:00 p.m.	Jazz Cafe - at RISE Chattanooga
Tuesday, April 18		TN Ready Testing Starts

Wednesday, April 19		All-State for Vocal and Instrumental
Friday, April 21	6:30 p.m.	8th grade Dance
Tuesday, April 25	5:30 p.m.	Senior Art Gallery Opening
Wed/Thurs, April 26 & 27	7:00 p.m.	Godspell
Friday, April 28	7:00 p.m.	PROM

MAY

May 1		Senior College Commitment Day Senior Finale (3:00 p.m.) (Senior parents are welcome to attend.)
May 2	7:00 p.m.	Opera Scenes
May 3	5:30 p.m.	Writer's Lounge
May 5	7:00 p.m.	Trivia Night
May 9	5:30 p.m.	Juried Art Exhibit
May 9	7:00 p.m.	Musical Theater Showcase
May 9		Seniors Last Day
May 10	9:30 a.m.	Seniors Make-Up Exams (as needed) & All Seniors pick up cap and gown
May 11-14		Instrumental Disney Trip
May 12 & 13	7:00 p.m.	MS Acting Show

May 16	All Day	Field Tip Day
May 18	2:30 p.m.	Piano Concert
May 18	7:00 p.m.	Senior Banquet
May 19	7:30 p.m.	Graduation (Memorial Auditorium)
May 22	9:30 a.m. MS; 1:30 p.m. HS	Awards Day
May 23	All Day	Dynamo Day!
May 24	9:00 a.m.	Report Card Pick Up (for those who didn't get their report card the previous day)

Parent/Family Events and Volunteer Opportunities -

Diane Winne, Volunteer Coordinator winne_diane@hcde.org

Prom 2023! - [click here](#)

Academic Excellence Q 3 - [click here](#)

Testing Snacks - [click here](#)

Vocal All-East Trip - [click here](#)

8th Grade Dance - [click here](#)

Lunch with Calloway for Vocal Seniors - [click here](#)

Trivia Night - [click here](#)

Various Items - [click here](#)

Teacher Supplies 2023/2024 School Year - As we start to plan for next year, we have a big list of classroom supply items that are needed for teachers. We will be grateful for any and all donations of school supplies. If you order from amazon, the items will be shipped directly to the school PLEASE send items with a gift note that has your student's name on it!! <https://a.co/92r1OGI>

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.

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!

College and Career Information-

Melissa Sarabia, College and Career Advisor sarabia_m@hcde.org

PAPA stands for Performers, Artists, Parents and Advocates and serves as the support organization for CCA. PAPA is looking for new members! We need new members at every level on our board for the 2023-2024 school year. If you would like to get more involved at school and offer your support to our teachers, students and staff, please reach out to papapresidentcca@gmail.com

Great way to help... 2023 PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP! - PAPA received a record number of applications for the Passion for Excellence scholarship this year! These remarkable kids have found opportunities to explore their passions in programs all over the country. They range from 7-week intensives to short term workshops. Many of the kids are trying to fund their experiences themselves and they NEED OUR HELP! Please make a donation to PAPA by texting PAPADonate to 4432.

or [CLICK HERE](#). Every dollar helps us to meet the need for the PFE and other requests
- You can make a difference in a child's life!