

CCA Weekly Parent Update
May 1, 2023

From the Principal

On Friday, I was walking into a classroom as the students were walking out. As they were leaving, I heard several students thank their teacher for the class. Wow! This made me think about the importance of all that teachers do – and about how we don't thank them enough. What if every student thanked each teacher at the end of each class? What if every parent took a few minutes to express their appreciation to our teachers? As Teacher Appreciation Week starts next week, please take a few minutes to consider an expression of gratitude to our wonderful teachers!

Parents of Seniors – please remind your students to wear their college attire on Monday as we celebrate them! Also, parents of seniors are welcome to attend Senior Finale tomorrow (Monday) at 3:00 p.m.

Important Updates and Student Opportunities.

Graduation Cap Design Guidelines - Seniors have been provided a document that outlines the guidelines for decorating their graduation cap and a design sheet that includes a space for student and parent signatures. [Click here](#) to read more about the guidelines. Designs are due in the front office box by **Friday, May 5**. Email Dean Scott with any questions at scott_aseneth@hcde.org.

Class Officer Elections - Class officer elections will be held on Wednesday, May 17 for rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Applications will be collected this week at the front office and are due May 8.

Planner Cover Design Contest! (Deadline extension)- We are searching for a new cover design for next year's planner. [Click here](#) to view the cover design requirements and submission instructions. All designs are due to Dean Scott (scott_aseneth@hcde.org) by **May 4, 2023**.

This summer Hamilton County Schools will be offering free, 2 week long ACT Bootcamps to any rising 11th or 12th grade students. Students must commit to coming all 10 days of the program to register. The program is open to all high schoolers.

Session 1: June 5-June 16

Session 2: June 19-June 30

[HCS ACT Bootcamp Flyer](#)

[Harrison Bay – ACT Bootcamp Registration](#) (Central HS)

[MidTown – ACT Bootcamp Registration](#) (Brainerd HS)

[Missionary Ridge – ACT Bootcamp Registration](#) (The Howard School)

[North River – ACT Bootcamp Registration](#) (Hixson HS)

Rock Point:

- [Lookout Valley - ACT Bootcamp Registration](#)
- [Red Bank HS – ACT Bootcamp Registration](#)

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. *If you have reached your required hours for this school year, all volunteer hours turned in after May 1 will count toward next school year's requirement* Get a jump start! If you have questions about options or how to earn hours, please contact winne_diane@hcde.org. ***New opportunities are listed at the end of this update!***

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. Concessions will be available for sale. Free popcorn!

Teacher Appreciation Week - sponsored by PAPA. We're almost there.....the end of this school year is around the corner. Before we get to the last day of school, we have an entire week to celebrate our teachers: May 8-12. The theme this year is "We have the best teachers in the world!" 🌍 Each day will feature food/snacks/drinks from a different country. Please select your grade(s) from the links below to sign up.

May 8 | Monday | **Grades 7 & 12:** [click here](#)

May 9 | Tuesday | **Grades 6 & 11:** [click here](#)

May 10 | Wednesday | **Grade 8:** [click here](#)

May 11 | Thursday | **Grade 10:** [click here](#)

May 12 | Friday | **Grade 9:** [click here](#)

As always, **thank you** for all you do to make our teachers feel appreciated.

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. Click [HERE](#) to see

our open opportunities. 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.

Make your mark on CCA - Purchase an auditorium plaque to honor your student, graduate or alum! Click [HERE](#) to go to the link to buy a plaque.

Class of 2023 Rings - if you are interested in a class ring for your Senior you can find them [here](#).

Mark Your Calendar!

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

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May 1		Senior College Commitment Day Senior Finale (3:00 p.m.) (Senior parents are welcome to attend Finale.)
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

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

Trivia Night - [click here](#)

Various Items - [click here](#)

Juried Art Exhibit - [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-

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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!