

CCA Weekly Parent Update August 14, 2023

From the Principal

It was a joyous morning as our students entered the building for the first day of school! We are so happy to have them here – dancing, singing, acting, writing, playing music, creating things, and so much more!

We are excited to share that we will be able to offer free vocal lessons to our vocal and musical theater majors through our Innovative Schools Model grant. We are contracting with Jeron Burney and Rosella Ewing-Terry, two talented teachers and vocal coaches, to provide lessons. Students in the musical theater and vocal departments will receive applications to apply for lessons this week.

We also are excited to launch our new recording studio this week! We have two classes of students who have already started exploring the space.

Other additions this year include a new digital arts lab, new art classes, a new stage in the library for communications performances, a full time communications teacher (and lots of new class options), and added film equipment.

One note about drop off and dismissal. With the addition of almost 50 new students this year, we need to make an adjustment to our traffic pattern. Starting on Monday, all cars must exit campus using a **right turn only**. Please follow the traffic rules. We tested this on Friday afternoon, and it cut back our dismissal time by over 20 minutes. Also, please do not ask your children to walk to Normal Park to be picked up. All student pick up should take place on the CCA campus following our traffic patterns.

Important Updates and Student Opportunities.

CLUBS: New state law requires that parents give permission for students to participate in clubs. If I do not hear from you, I will assume that your student has permission. However, please review our list of clubs [here](#) and email me if there is any club in which you will not permit your student to participate.

Students will sign up for clubs this week for clubs that are held during Directed Studies (30 minute block during school) and during the first 3 weeks of school if the clubs are held before or after school.

Mark Your Calendar!

Friday, August 25 @7:00-9:30 p.m.	The Beach Ball	Our first dance. For all grades.
Wednesday, August 30 @9:15 a.m.	Coffee with the Principal	For all interested parents
Wednesday, August 30	CCA Idol Auditions	For any aspiring star singers
Monday, September 4	No School	Labor Day
Thursday, September 7	Open House	For all parents (no students, please)
Friday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m.	Open Mic Night	For all high school students
Friday, September 15	Retro Dance	For all students
Saturday, September 16 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Saturday School	For any students who have a D or F in a class and need to complete missing work.
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Half Day	Teacher PD Day
Thursday, Sept. 21	Writer's Lounge	A Communications Department event

Parent/Family Events and Volunteer Opportunities -

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It's time to start planning for Beach Ball. Please see the sign up below and sign up to help where you can. If you have not done so please fill out the parent volunteer survey. Please let me know if you have any questions. [Parent Survey](#)

Beach Ball <https://signup.com/go/oWiPTCk>

New this year! Parents will be responsible for logging their own volunteer hours. If you already have completed some hours for the 23-24 school year, please log them using this link: [Log Volunteer Hours Here](#) Note that this will be on the honor system. We will

keep this link on our weekly newsletter all year, so please know that you will always be able to find it here.

PAPA Notes:

Our first board meeting of the year will be Tuesday, September 12th at 5:30 PM in the CCA Commons. Everyone is welcome to join us.

To join PAPA (Performers, Artists, Parents & Advocates):

<https://chatthighccapapa.memberhub.com/>

Please consider making a one time donation here as well. Any recurring donations that were set up using our previous service are still active and we sincerely appreciate the continued contributions! We are working on recurring donations through the new system but it is still in progress. We'll let you know once it's up and running.

If anyone would like to get involved with PAPA, or if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at papapresidentcca@gmail.com