

CCA Weekly Parent Update
August 28, 2023

From the Principal

A huge **thank you** to the many parents who helped with the Beach Ball – donating items, set-up, clean-up, traffic and parking (in the heat!), concessions, and more. The event was so much fun for our kids, and we could not have done this without your help! We also appreciate the good spirit and smiles in our drop-off and pick-up line. There is no easy way to send hundreds of students home from a dance, so we greatly appreciate your patience! I would also like to note that many of our students said “thank you” as they left the event – you have raised these kids well!

As you may have seen on social media, our school earned the top test score ratings in both value added (growth) and achievement (percent of proficient students). For the value added category, we earned a LEVEL 5, which means that the academic growth of our students far exceeded the projections determined by the state for our students. And, we hit “double AMO” (annual measurable objectives) for increases in proficiency rates. Notably, we also earned a LEVEL 5 for improvements in ACT scores (perhaps the most important score due to the college admissions and scholarships factors associated with the ACT). We should all be very proud of the hard work of our teachers and students. It is not easy to hit these impressive marks for two years in a row, but we did it!

Be sure to congratulate our wonderful 6th grade English teacher, Ms. Sandra Howard, for being selected as the 2023 CCA Teacher of the Year, the 2023 Hamilton County Schools Teacher of the year, and... the 2023 State of Tennessee Teacher of the Year for East Tennessee! We are so proud of her. Here’s her email address in case you would like to send her a quick congratulations: howard_sandra@hcde.org.

I hope you will join me on Wednesday, August 30 at 9:15 a.m. for our first principal’s coffee of this school year. This is an informal opportunity for me to share some updates and for parents to ask questions, provide input, and just get to know each other. Sign up for the coffee here: <https://forms.gle/Uh5X7TzDuVxJL1HP7>

Please mark your calendars for our annual **Open House - Thursday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m.** We are planning to do things differently this year so parents will have the chance to rotate to all 8 of their student’s classrooms and meet each teacher. Please note that this is not an event for students or other children.

Looking forward to another great week with your amazing kids!

Important Updates and Student Opportunities.

PSAT Testing for Sophomores and Juniors

Students who are interested in taking the PSAT/NMSQT test will have the opportunity to do so on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. The cost of the test is \$19. Fill out this [Google Form](#) if you would like your child to take the test. This is optional, but it prepares students for standardized testing (like the ACT) and qualifies juniors for college scholarships. The deadline to register and pay is Friday, September 1. Accepted payments are cash, check, money order, and an online option. A link will be sent to parents who wish to pay online once the Google form is completed. Contact assistant principal Tracey Frazier for more information.

ACT testing for seniors will be Tuesday, October 17, 2023. All Seniors will take the test. No cost. All seniors are currently taking an ACT prep course at school. Juniors will start official ACT prep in January, but teachers are already building the prep into their core academic classes.

Applications for the **National Honor Society (10-12) and National Junior Honor Society (7-9)** are now available in the main office and are due **Friday, September 1.** These are for 7th - 12th grade students that have been at CCA for at least one semester. A complete application involves filling out the application and obtaining 3 teacher recommendations. The two honor organizations provide service to our community and school. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, service, citizenship and character. Applications are available in the school office and linked on our website's homepage at cca.hcde.or. They are also linked here: [NHS](#) or [NJHS](#).

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.

Absences: For absences to be considered excused, we require an appropriate excuse note (parent, medical or other), please send your excuse notes to Kristen Weaver. Notes can be turned in at the front desk, emailed to weaver_kristen@hcde.org or faxed to 423-209-5930 attention Ms. Weaver. Please email Mrs. Weaver with any attendance related questions or concerns.

Performance Attire Swap Doc Do you have CCA performance attire to donate to someone, or are you in need of concert attire for your student? Feel free to use this

google document to exchange information and arrange for a swap: [CCA Performance Attire Swap Document](#)

Summer 2024 Trip to London: Mrs. Hudgins is planning an educational travel opportunity for students to travel to London. Join us Monday at 4:15pm for an Informational meeting to learn more about what we'll see and do, travel logistics, how to earn high school or college credit, affordable payment options and how to enroll on this trip (before it fills up).

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

We're going to...
London
Summer 2024

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am so excited to invite your student on this upcoming educational travel opportunity! Learn more about this exciting tour at an information session where we'll discuss:

- What we'll see and do
- Travel logistics
- How to earn high school or college credit
- Affordable payment options
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!)

I look forward to seeing you there!
Magge Hudgins

P.S. Can't make the meeting but want more information?
Register using the QR code or link below and select "No but send info."

Join us at the meeting for more details!

Register with this QR code to attend the meeting!

For more information contact me: hudgins_margaret@hcde.org <https://bit.ly/3QKWxXS>

Mark Your Calendar!

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 @6:00 pm	Open House	For all parents (no students, please)
Friday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m.	Open Mic Night	For all high school students \$5
Tuesday, September 12 T 5:30 P.M.	PAPA Board Meeting	All PAPA members
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 -

Jennifer Ledford, Volunteer Coordinator ledford_jennifer@hcde.org

If you have not done so, please fill out the parent volunteer survey. [Parent Survey](#)

The Coke Gives program ended this summer so we will no longer accept soda lids or the codes off 12 packs as volunteer hours. If you have not done so, please link CCA to your Publix and Food City accounts. They give back a small percentage of everything you spend to the school.

Coffee with the Principal: Don't forget coffee with Dr Levine is this week. There are still a few items to sign up for.

<https://signup.com/go/hKTgNDv>

Musical Theater: After school rehearsals are starting for some of our Musical Theater groups.

Mr. Murphy would like to have some snacks on hand for these performers to grab before heading into rehearsal. If you would like to send something in please see the sign up below.

Also, make sure to put a note that it is for Musical Theater or Mr. Murphy.

<https://signup.com/go/AVhpBWu>

Thank you so much for all the donated items and time to make Beach Ball a success!

Everyone had a great time and it would not have been a success without you! Please remember to log your hours on the google form below.

[Log Volunteer Hours Here](#)

PAPA would like to provide homemade baked goods for Faculty Friday. You can earn 1 volunteer hour for each hour of baking.

[PAPA - Performers, Artists, Parents & Advocates of CCA: Faculty Friday - Homemade Baked Goods \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

PAPA is in need of drinks, treats, and volunteers for Faculty Friday! This is a weekly treat provided for teachers and staff at CCA. Please sign up here to help:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca8aa22abffc25-faculty5#/>

PAPA Notes:

Board meeting - Tuesday, September 12th at 5:30 PM in the CCA Commons. All are welcome!

To join PAPA (Performers, Artists, Parents & Advocates):
<https://chatthighccapapa.memberhub.com/>

If anyone would like to get involved with PAPA, contact us at
papapresidentcca@gmail.com

HANDY LINKS:

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