

**CCA Weekly Parent Update**  
**September 11, 2023**

*From the Principal*

Thanks so much to all who attended our Open House last week. We were blown away by both the attendance and the positivity. We heard after the event that parking was an issue. Please accept my apologies if you were not able to find a parking space and, thus, not able to attend. I never imagined running out of parking spaces here! We will continue to think about how to improve.

We wrapped up our week with a school-wide popsicle party to celebrate the outstanding test scores from last school year. These scores contributed to our recent US News and World Reports ranking as a Top Ten School in Tennessee and the #1 high school in Hamilton County. We have lots to celebrate... and lots more to do!

We would love for you and the whole family to join us on Saturday, September 23rd for **Remember the Time**, our Homecoming event! Several alumni will be performing for the CCA Alumni Homecoming Gala on Saturday, September 23 at 7pm in the CCA auditorium. Come to see some of the talent that has passed through the CCA halls and is still being shared in the local and national community. Former families, current families and students are encouraged to attend. Tickets can be purchased using this link. [Homecoming Tickets](#)

**Also, please save the date: January 19th, 2024 for Celebration of Creative Arts** (formerly Dinner & the Arts). Join us for an evening of Appetizers and Arts to celebrate and support the Dreamers! Info to come soon about ways to donate, sponsorships and ticket sales.

**For Parents of Seniors:** Please note that your graduation date has been set for Thursday, May 16 at 5:00 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium. Also, please be sure to check our new *Senior Section* in this weekly update for all the latest news and information about Senior Year!

***Updates and Opportunities***

**Climbing Team:** The first CCA Climbing Team practice will be held Thursday (9/14) at High Point Climbing and Fitness Riverside (Appling St.) from 5:00-6:30 p.m. New and

returning students will need to turn in a waiver/permission form and purchase a membership, punch pass or day pass to participate.

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**ACT testing for seniors** will be Tues., Oct. 17. No cost. All Seniors are required to take the test.

**After school Tutoring:** Tutoring will begin Monday, September 11th. The schedule for tutoring can be found [here](#). This is an ideal opportunity if your student needs some additional help in a particular class. If your student currently has below a 70 in an academic class, we strongly encourage your child to attend tutoring. Transportation is not provided. This can also be found at [cca.hcde.org](http://cca.hcde.org) under by clicking "For Students" and then "Tutoring."

**Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) Club:** As a reminder, the Dungeons and Dragons Club will meet Mondays after school from 4-5 pm, starting this Monday, September 11th. Interested students Grades 6-12 should plan to attend the first meeting in the commons. No prior sign up or experience is required. Parents, please plan to arrive at school by 4:55 pm to pick up your student. Questions can be directed to our club sponsor, Ms. Kristen Hernandez at [hernandez\\_kristen@hcde.org](mailto:hernandez_kristen@hcde.org).

**Chattanooga Football Club Game:** The CCA Men's Ensemble will be singing the National Anthem at the CFC's final game of the season on Sunday, October 1 at 5pm. Our school has been offered a discounted ticket rate. If you are interested in attending the game please send \$8 (per ticket) to school with your student before Tuesday, September 19. All monies should be turned in to Mr. Hale. You may contact him at [hale\\_vincent@hcde.org](mailto:hale_vincent@hcde.org)

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**Morning Parent Parking:** If you are here in the morning, please do not park in any space on the 2nd or 3rd tier of the front parking lot. Students have paid for all of those spots. Also, please do not park in the first ten spaces that are at the bottom of the porch steps (most of those spaces are painted and are reserved for teachers and administration). Thank you!

Additional Parking Note: Please do not park on the lawns of our neighbors. They are reporting to us that this is becoming an issue during dismissal (and even sending pictures!).

**Transportation:** To address traffic congestion in the AM, Bus 300 has been added to the CCA route. It will pick up students at 8:00 am at Big Ridge Elementary and drop them off at CCA at 8:25 am. This replaces Bus 334 which formerly stopped At Big Ridge Elementary. Bus 334 will continue to stop at Big Ridge Rd and Colonial Shores Pool at 7:50 am, Big Ridge Rd. and River Chase Rd. (pool) at 7:52 am then dropping students off at CCA at 8:15 am. The full routes are listed below:

<b>CCE.300 BUS 300 AM - CCE</b>		<b>CCE.334 BUS 334 AM - CCA/CSAS/ELMA</b>			
HIX300		HIX334			
1	08:00 AM	5210 CASSANDRA SMITH ROAD - BIG RIDGE ELEMENTARY - MAGNET ST	1	07:50 AM	BIG RIDGE RD & COLONIAL SHORES POOL - MAGNET STOP
2	08:25 AM	SCHOOL: CCA	2	07:52 AM	BIG RIDGE ROAD & RIVER CHASE ROAD (POOL) MAGNET STOP
3	08:34 AM	SCHOOL: CSAS LOWER	3	08:15 AM	SCHOOL: CCA
4	08:35 AM	SCHOOL: CSAS UPPER	4	08:25 AM	SCHOOL: CSAS UPPER
5	08:43 AM	SCHOOL: EAST LAKE ACADEMY	5	08:26 AM	SCHOOL: CSAS LOWER
			6	08:40 AM	SCHOOL: EAST LAKE ACADEMY

**Mark Your Calendar!**

Tuesday, September 12 at 5:30 P.M.	PAPA Board Meeting	All PAPA members
Friday, September 15 7:00-9:30	Retro Dance	For all students  Arrival and dismissal will be in the front parking lot but with a similar process

		to the Beach Ball.
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 afternoon.
Thursday, Sept. 21 at 5:30	Writer's Lounge	A Communications Department event
Wednesday, Sept. 27	Picture Day	6th-11th grade students. Senior Photos are scheduled through Prestige

**Parent/Family Events and Volunteer Opportunities -**

Jennifer Ledford, Volunteer Coordinator [ledford\\_jennifer@hcde.org](mailto:ledford_jennifer@hcde.org)

**Academic Excellence 9-14-23**

Our PAPA Board has a great team of parents that offer treats to our students that have made Star Roll and Honor Roll. This is a treat the kids earn every quarter. If you would like to send in treats for this group to give our students please see the sign up below.

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

**Retro Dance**

We are needing some help to put on another dance for our students. Please see the sign up below and let us know where you can help.

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

**Community Volunteer Opportunity:** Enterprise South Nature Park is looking for volunteers for their Haunted Trail. The event is Oct. 13th and 14th. They will need help with trail setup, trail actors, face painters, parking attendants, and inflatable attendants. Applications are due by Friday Sept 29th. Please see the sign up below if you are interested in volunteering. Students in 8th-12th grade have also been emailed this volunteer opportunity by Dean Scott.

<https://parks.hamiltontn.gov/FormCenter/Haunted-Trail-Event-12/Haunted-Trails-Volunteer-Application-For-63>

**Dance Department:** Our dance department is requesting snacks and bottle waters for rehearsals. Please see the sign up below.

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

**Communications:** Our communications department has an upcoming writer's lounge scheduled for Sept 21st. They would like to offer coffee and pastries. Please see the attached sign if this is something you would like to bring in.

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

**Courtyard Beautification:** Please feel out the google form if you are interested in helping us clean up one of the courtyards.

<https://forms.gle/2jx3JZxGEcgGUpeb9>

**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 [ledford\\_jennifer@hcde.org](mailto:ledford_jennifer@hcde.org) a copy of your Amazon invoice. Thank you for your support of our Library!

Food City School Bucks Challenge started on September 6th and runs through May 7th, 2024. We will get a point for every dollar you spend. At the end of the program they will be giving out \$800,000.00 to local schools. Let's make sure CCA is one of those schools. Please link your Food City cards to CCA. It is free money for our school. We are listed as "Center for Creative Arts."

[Log Volunteer Hours Here](#)

### **Senior Section:**

Please click here for the [Senior Year FAQ](#) that Mr. Flowers and Mrs. Sarabia created to try to answer the most commonly asked questions about senior year.

September is College Application Month in Tennessee. Throughout the month, there will be multiple free applications for in-state schools. Seniors will apply to those schools through Mr. Flowers' classes.

This is also posted at [cca.hcde.org](http://cca.hcde.org) by clicking For Students then clicking Senior Updates.

### **Upcoming College Visits:**

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>: 9:00AM Kenyon College, 10:00AM Emerson College

Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>: 9:30AM SCAD, 2:30PM Vanderbilt University

Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>: 9:30AM Purdue University

## **PAPA Notes:**

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**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#/>

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 you'd like to join by cash or check, please send \$5/person, payable to PAPA, in an envelope to the front office. We also need the names and contact information for everyone who is joining, along with your student's name.

If anyone would like to get involved with PAPA, contact us at

[papapresidentcca@gmail.com](mailto:papapresidentcca@gmail.com)

### **HANDY LINKS and Recurring Information:**

[CCA Performance Attire Swap Document](#)

[Log Volunteer Hours Here](#)

**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](mailto:weaver_kristen@hcde.org), or faxed to 423-209-5930 (attention Ms. Weaver). Please email Mrs. Weaver with any attendance related questions or concerns.

**Transportation Changes:** If possible, please make sure your child is aware of any afternoon transportation changes before they arrive at school each morning. If you require a transportation change after the start of school, it is required to be in writing.

Please send an email to [brantley\\_regina@hcde.org](mailto:brantley_regina@hcde.org) if you need us to let your student know about a transportation change.

**Bus Pass:** If your student needs to ride a different bus, please send a written note or email [brantley\\_regina@hcde.org](mailto:brantley_regina@hcde.org) by 3pm that day so that a bus pass can be prepared. You will need to include the following: student's name, bus number, stop location, parent name and phone number.

**Academic Success Interventions:** Mrs. Frazier will notify parents and students no later than September 13, 2023 of those who will need to attend Saturday School on September 16, 2023. The session will be 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. for students, and parents will need to make sure to have transportation arranged. Also, there will be a study hall held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 to assist students with missing work. These are two interventions CCA is providing for students to assist them academically. The time for study hall will be 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., and parents will need to make arrangements for their child to be picked up. This is a half day for students.



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### How to Join

*Whether you're new or returning, you'll need to complete the following steps to join the team:*

- \* Return a signed permission form to Mrs. Linden to be added to the team roster.
- \* Once you are added to the roster (you and your parent will get a confirmation email), sign up for a monthly EFT membership or buy a punch pass at High Point Climbing and Fitness. You can do this in person or follow the link in the confirmation email.
- \* If not already certified-complete a free belay class at High Point (sign up link in confirmation email).

### How it Works

- \* Starting September 14, we'll have weekly Thursday team practices at High Point Riverside (Appling St.) from 5:00-6:30pm.
- \* Once ICL competitions start in November, we will not meet for practices (only competitions). The comp calender will be sent out as soon as we have it.
- \* During the competitions, participants record their top three completed climbs of the evening. The average of the whole teams top three climbs will be our final score.

### New This Year

High School Girls Varsity Team  
Coach Brian Derrig!  
High Point Meet Monitor

