

CCA Weekly Parent Update
September 18, 2023

From the Principal

Special thanks to the parents who helped with the Retro Dance on Friday night!

Remember that Wednesday is a ½ day. Dismissal will be at 12:30. Ms. Frazier will be in touch with parents of students who need to stay for study hall to complete work.

Be sure to mark your calendars for CCA Idol - Thursday, September 28. This is a fun, family event for everyone!

Updates and Opportunities

National Honor Society / National Junior Honor Society: The NJHS/NHS induction ceremony for new inductees will take place on **Tuesday, September 26** (not on Monday). Students that were accepted into NJHS and NHS received a letter this week notifying them of induction and their dues. Attending the induction ceremony is required to become a member and this is only for new inductees. If your student received an induction letter from our school to be inducted in the honor societies(s), please complete [this RSVP form](#) by **Sunday, September 17**.

Nashville Symphony Trip Opportunity

Mr. Moore and the Chamber Orchestra are heading to Nashville for an overnight trip to see the Nashville Symphony, and to attend the National Museum of African American Music. They will leave on Friday, March 8th and will return Saturday, March 9th. There are only 16 spots left on the bus. Please see Mr. Moore as soon as possible if you would like to go. This trip is for grades 9-12 only. Spots will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Note from the Counselors: Please be on the lookout for communication from the district regarding the student well-being survey. This year, each parent must opt in to indicate that your student will do the survey. This is different from previous years when parents have only had to opt out. Please do not ignore this communication as we use the student's results to help build a framework for classroom lessons and school wide initiatives.

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

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 26. All monies should be turned in to Mr. Hale. You may contact him at hale_vincent@hcde.org. **THIS JUST IN...there will be fireworks at the conclusion of the game!**

Remember the Time: Unfortunately, due to a low number of ticket sales, we have decided to cancel the CCA Homecoming event for this year. We will go back to the drawing board and come up with a plan for how to advertise and promote the event. All ideas are welcome. Reach out to Mr. Hale hale_vincent@hcde.org.

Writer’s Lounge: Come check out our Communications majors in the first iteration of the Writer’s Lounge on Thursday, September 21 at 5:30 in the Library. Refreshments will be served and the performances will begin at 6:00pm.

Academic Success Interventions: There will be a study hall held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 to assist students with missing work. CCA is providing this intervention for students to assist them academically. The time 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. All students who are failing 1 or more classes will be expected to attend the study hall, and will receive notification. Students who were assigned Saturday School and did not attend (September 16) will be expected to stay as well.

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:

CCE.300 BUS 300 AM - CCE			CCE.334 BUS 334 AM - CCA/CSAS/ELMA		
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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!

Wednesday, Sept. 20	Half Day Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.	Teacher PD afternoon.
Thursday, Sept. 21 at 5:30	Writer's Lounge	A Communications Department event
Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m.	NHS/NJHS Induction	Induction for newly admitted members of the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society
Wednesday, Sept. 27	Picture Day	6th-11th grade students. Senior Photos are scheduled through Prestige
Thursday, Sept. 28 @ 7:00 p.m.	CCA Idol	Bring the whole family!
Friday., Sept. 29	Open Mic Night	Grades 9-12
Saturday, Sept. 30	Curb Appeal	HS Parking Lot Painting
Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 5:30	Art Opening	
Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7:00	Choo Choo Kids Fall Show - 100 Years of Broadway	Another great event for the whole family!
Friday, Oct. 6	End of 1st Quarter	
Oct. 7-Oct. 16	Fall Break	School resumes on Oct. 17 due to a Teacher PD day on Oct. 16
Oct. 17	ACT Test for all Seniors	

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 have the opportunity to apply to those schools next week in Mr. Flowers' classes. View the list of free applications here:

<https://www.collegefortn.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2023-2024-College-Application-Video-Toolkit.pdf>

This is also posted at cca.hcde.org by clicking *For Students* then clicking *Senior Updates*.

Upcoming College Visits:

Tuesday, September 19th: 2:30PM Vanderbilt University

Thursday, September 21st: 9:30AM Purdue University, 1:00PM SCAD (date change)

Friday, October 6th : 10:30AM The University of Alabama Huntsville

PAPA Notes

PAPA needs a Treasurer! Please reach out to papapresidentcca@gmail.com if this is a role you can fill on our executive board.

EXTRA Fun Faculty Friday: We are wanting to add a little extra fun to one Faculty Friday per month. Please see the sign up below if you are interested in being the main coordinator for one of these events.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8AA22ABFFC25-extra4#/>

Faculty Friday Restock: We are needing to restock some of our supply for Faculty Friday. Please see the sign below if you would like to send in a few items.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8AA22ABFFC25-44290337-items#/>

PAPA Membership: Approximately 50% of our families have joined PAPA. We'd love to have 100% participation! To join PAPA (Performers, Artists, Parents & Advocates):

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

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

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, 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 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 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.

Parent/Family Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Jennifer Ledford, Volunteer Coordinator ledford_jennifer@hcde.org

Click on the links highlighted in blue for the sign-up. [Log Volunteer Hours Here](#)

In-Person Volunteering	Item Donations
Parking Lot Painting Event on 9/30	NJHS/ NS Induction and Ceremony 9/26
CCA Idol 9/28	Coffee and pastries for 9/21 Writer's Lounge
Art Gallery Opening 10/4	Supplies for Parking Lot Painting on 9/30. supplies needed by 9/25
EXTRA Fun Faculty Friday	Art Gallery Opening 10/4
	Sleeping Beauty Rehearsal 10/4
	Faculty Friday Restock

Community Engagement: We all know that we have amazing teachers at CCA. Let's let everyone else know. Channel 12 and Food City honor teachers for our area every year by honoring them with the Golden Apple Award. If you have an educator that you would like to nominate the Golden Apple Award, go to www.wdef.com/goldenapple.

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>

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 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."