

CCA Weekly Parent Update
September 25, 2023

From the Principal

Performance season has begun! We kicked off our fall performances with a very special Writer's Lounge (using our new stage in the Library!) last week. We hope you will join us this week for CCA Idol - Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.. This is a fun, family event for everyone!

On Tuesday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m. at the Edney Building, there will be a community meeting to discuss the Gateway building renovation as part of the HCS facilities plan. One of the options for this building is to renovate it and turn it into a new arts facility to house CCA. Here's more info from our school board member, Ben Conner:

"Calling all CCA families! We invite you to engage in this important conversation! What are your aspirations for CCA? How can we further refine our already exemplary environment to better foster the future artists of Hamilton County?"

We take pride in being a regionally and nationally recognized creative arts school, exemplifying how an arts-centered curriculum can seamlessly align with creative career pathways for our students.

Lend your voice and help us envision a brighter future for our school, our students, and our entire community. Together, we can ensure CCA remains the premier institution for nurturing budding artists in our community. I look forward to seeing you there!"

We are hiring! Currently seeking a full-time substitute teacher. This person should be able to commit to being at school 5 days per week/8:45-4:15. Must be flexible and willing to teach any grade/subject. Email Dr. Levine or Mrs. Brantley if interested so we can share additional information.

Updates and Opportunities

Testing: The benchmark testing window begins Wednesday September 27th, and closes Friday October 6th. Middle school students will be tested in ELA, Math, Social Studies, and Science. High school students will take benchmarks for English I and II, Algebra I and II, Geometry, and Biology. Please have students in attendance these days and ready to test. These tests give us a good sense of the teaching and learning that is occurring in our building and inform our practice into the next quarter.

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). All inductees are asked to arrive at 5:00 p.m. to practice before the induction at 5:30. Students who were accepted into NJHS and NHS received a letter notifying them of induction and their dues. Attending the induction ceremony is required to become a member (this is only for new inductees). If your student received an induction letter, please complete [this RSVP form](#) if you haven't already done so.

To make payments, purchase tickets, pay fees, or purchase swag, Go to **and click on the CCA Store Front tab.** There will be the following links to choose from:

- **Ticketed Events & More:** This link is to purchase online tickets for upcoming events or special items such as fundraising events. When you click on the link, you will be redirected to Memberhub/Givebacks.
- **CCA Swag:** This link is to purchase clothing and other items with the CCA logo. You will be redirected to the CCA Online Store. Instructions to make an account are on the website.
- **SchoolCash Online:** This link is to pay dues or school fees. You will be redirected to SchoolCash Online and will need to make an account if you don't already have one. This was used during registration for fees.

Intramural Soccer: Intramural soccer will be offered every Thursday, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. This will start on Thursday, September 28 afterschool. Students who are interested should see Ms. Weiler in room 167 to sign up. Scroll down for additional information on the poster. This club will not compete with other schools. Please note that all arts rehearsals and activities must take priority over athletic opportunities. Students should not ask directors to miss a rehearsal to attend a sports practice or event.

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 your student to go. This trip is for grades 9-12 only. Spots will be filled on a first come first served basis. moore_a@hcde.org

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 students' 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. This test will be online.

Academic Success Interventions: we have held our first Saturday School and study hall sessions to assist students with submitting assignments and retaking tests. Both were a success for those in attendance. Our next Saturday School session will be Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. Teachers submit recommendations to attend based on their current grade in their class. Students will be notified Monday, September 25, if they are to stay. They will not need to attend if they raise their grade.

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. There will be fireworks at the conclusion of the game!

Mark Your Calendar!

Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m. Practice at 5:00 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 9:30 am-12:00pm	Curb Appeal	HS Parking Lot Painting

Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 5:30pm	Art Opening	
Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 9:00 am	Celebration of Creative Arts Planning Meeting	Any adults interested in helping with this event
Thursday, Oct. 5 at 7:00pm	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
Tuesday, Oct. 17	ACT Test for all Seniors	
Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 5:30	PAPA Meeting	All PAPA members are invited
Wednesday, Oct. 18	PSAT for students who signed up	

PAPA Notes

Remember that PAPA meetings and events count toward volunteer hours. Don't forget to log any PAPA hours on the google form link below.

Celebration of Creative Arts (CoCA) (formerly Dinner and the Arts) - January 19, 2024

1) We need volunteers to help plan our upcoming fundraising event, *Celebration of Creative Arts*. Our first committee meeting will be ****Wednesday, October 4th at 9:00 am**** at the school. We understand that everyone has different schedules, so we'll be rotating meeting times between mornings and evenings to accommodate work and household commitments. However, we would love for everyone to attend this first meeting if at all possible. If you are interested in the committee, please fill out this form to let us know: <https://forms.gle/9WVvkJsuTB39acr99>

The committee will meet every 2 weeks in October and November, then weekly in December and January (excluding winter break). We are looking for volunteers who can attend at least 1 meeting each month and can complete assignments between meetings. This committee is a fantastic way to get plenty of volunteer hours in!

2) One of the favorite parts of our Celebration of Creative Arts event is our Silent Auction. We will open the auction before the event and have all items available to view at the actual event. For those who have participated in past Silent Auctions, we are no longer assigning themes for each grade. **Anyone can donate anything** to the auction and here are some key categories we would love to see:

- Gift cards - restaurants, entertainment, delivery services, online or local
- Chattanooga Fun/Great Outdoors - activities and experiences in town, camping or hiking gear, picnic items
- Travel gifts - airline gift cards, Airbnb (local or gift card)
- Gourmet items
- Tickets - sporting events, concerts, shows
- Technology or Electronics
- Jewelry - handmade or unique pieces
- Sports, fitness, toys, games
- Home goods or decor - art, pottery, decor, "stay-at-home" activities, serveware, barware, unique gadgets
- Lessons or Camps - art, music, theater, writing, adventure, etc.

You can have items delivered to the school or bring them by anytime...the sooner the better so we can plan. Please have items delivered to Jennifer Ledford's attention.

3) We'd love for one of our students to **DESIGN THE LOGO** for this fantastic new event! Click [HERE](#) to submit your artwork for our design contest. Entries are due by October 6th.

EXTRA Fun Faculty Friday: We plan 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 need to restock some of our supplies 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: PAPA supports all aspects of student life at CCA. Please join for only \$5/person. Also consider making a one time or recurring donation through our online portal. <https://chatthighccapapa.memberhub.com/>

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
NJHS/ NHS Reception Set Up Parking Lot Painting Event on 9/30 Courtyard Clean Up 9/30 CCA Idol Concession Stand 9/28 Jazz Fronts Build Pottery Kiln Structure Build EXTRA Fun Faculty Friday	NJHS/ NHS Induction and Ceremony 9/26 Supplies for Parking Lot Painting on 9/30, supplies needed by 9/25 Art Gallery Opening 10/4 Sleeping Beauty Rehearsal 10/4 Dance Rehearsal Snacks Musical Theater Snacks 11th Grade Bake Sale 9/25 Open Mic Night Concessions Soccer Club Equipment Pantry Restock 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.

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."

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>

Upcoming College Visits:

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

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: 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.