

CCA Weekly Parent Update
Monday, November 6, 2023

From the Principal

WOW! Our seniors did an amazing job on their Fall ACT testing! The scores are back, and we learned that 65 students increased their scores. Seven students moved their scores to 21 or above, which opens doors to college admissions and more scholarship money. The overall average score increased by 2 points, which is big news for a test that only has 36 points. Also, we had one student score a 36 and another score a 35. Several students increased their scores by 6 or 7 points – remarkable! We have been working really hard on ACT prep, and we are so proud of our kids!

Special Congratulations to our amazing dancers and the tech crew! The ballet was so wonderful. And, thanks to all the parents who helped with ticket sales, concessions, food donations, costumes, and more!

Morning Drop-Off: Please do your best to wait until 8:30 to drop off your students. We do not have teachers on duty until 8:30, and our doors do not open until teachers are on hand to provide supervision.

Traffic Reminder: Please remember to turn right at both turning locations as you leave campus. This is a “what’s best for the whole” situation. While it may be a slight inconvenience for some, it helps to keep the traffic moving for everyone.

If you missed your **Student Led Conference**, please plan to come to school with your student at one of the following times to make up the conference. Please come to the office to pick up the folder and then hold your conference in the Commons:

November 8: 1:00, 2:00 or 4:00

Academic Success Interventions

We will have study hall on Wednesday, November 8, from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. for students who have grades lower than 70. Students will be given a letter to be signed by parents. Transportation is not provided for either session, so please make arrangements in advance once you have been notified.

Updates and Opportunities

Spirit Week: Spirit week will take place the week of November 13 - 17

Bring coins to school during spirit week for a contest (pennies, quarters, nickels, and dimes)! Adding pennies to a bucket gets student points for their dynamo day team. Adding silver coins to another team's bucket deducts points from other teams. The winner will get points on the end of year Dynamo day.

Themes for Dress Up Days

- Monday: Pajama day
- Tuesday: Dynamic Duo - Dress up as a pair (ex: PB&J, Sun & Moon, etc.)
- Wednesday: Zoom Day - Dress as if on camera (dress up top half)
- Thursday: Eras / Decades - Dress up in your favorite decade
- Friday: Dynamo Day - Dress up in your team color

Order Picture Day Pictures: [Click this link](#) to order your student's pictures taken on Picture day.

AP Testing Payment & Registration Information: A form has been sent home with information regarding 2023-2024 AP Exams. We will be accepting payments by cash and check until the deadline of **November 15th**. You may still decide to register and pay for an AP Exam at a later date, but for every selection made after November 15th, there is a \$40 additional fee. Please return the form and your cash/check payment to Mrs. Byous in Room #107, across from the Nurse.

Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday, Nov. 8	Student Half Day We will hold a study hall (12:30-4:00 p.m.) for students who have a D or F in any class.	9-12:30
Thursday, Nov. 9-10	Strings Junior Clinic	
Mon - Fri Nov. 13 - 17	Spirit Week	
Monday, Nov. 13	Writer's Lounge	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 14	Parent/Principal Coffee	9:15 a.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 14	PAPA Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 15th	AP Exam Payments DUE	
Thurs-Sat. Nov. 16-18	All-East Vocal	

Friday, Nov. 17 & 18	MS Musical - Honk Jr.	7:00 p.m.
Mon & Tues Nov. 20 - 21	InformDance	Performance for middle school parents of students taking dance.
Nov. 22-23	Thanksgiving Break	
Thursday, Nov. 30	Winds/Percussion Concert	7:00 p.m.

[PAPA Notes](#)

Our big fundraiser - Celebration of Creative Arts (CoCA) is set for Friday, January 19th. Get your tickets [HERE](#)

Please also send in your donations to our silent auction, as well as help us collect sponsors. This is the only fundraiser we do during the year and it helps to fund all of our expenses.

Sign up [HERE](#) to staff our **Shout Outs & Jewelry Sale Table** at upcoming events.

Click [HERE](#) for PAPA Memberships

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](#)

Teachers' Lounge: We would love to have some parents upgrade our teachers' lounge with some organization, fresh coffee (K cups), etc. Please let Ms. Ledford know if you are interested in taking on this responsibility.

Coffee with the Principal: We have another opportunity to meet with Dr. Levine and other parents to discuss some of the things going on at CCA. We will meet on Nov. 14 at 9:15am. Please fill out the Google Form below to let us know if you are planning to attend. We will have a sign up go out next week for those attending to bring coffee or pastries to share. <https://forms.gle/NCLtZPZ14vUwCDux9>

CCA's branch of the National Junior Honor Society is hosting a bake sale during the week of December 4 - 8. The NJHS members would be grateful for both food and drink donations. All bake sale profits will be donated to [Rip Medical Debt](#), a non-profit organization that works to relieve the \$195 billion owed nationwide in debt to medical

services/practices. Parents are encouraged to give whether or not their children are part of the NJHS or NHS. Though certainly not mandatory, all donations will be greatly appreciated.

In-Person Volunteering	Item Donations
Honk Jr. Lunch 11/8	Honk Jr. Lunch 11/8
Honk Jr. Concessions 11/17-11/18	Honk Jr. Tech Week Meals 11/13-11/1
Wind & Percussion Concert 11/30	Honk Jr. Concessions 11/17-11/18
Snow Ball 12/2	Snow Ball 12/2
Art Gallery Opening 12/5	Art Gallery Opening 12/5

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make the Masquerade Ball such a huge success!

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!

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.

Important Senior Events:

May 1, 2024: College Commitment Day and Senior Finale

May 7, 2024: Seniors Last Full Day

May 8, 2024: Senior Exams and Senior Check Out Day

May 13, 2024: Senior Banquet and Senior Sunset 2 (2 guests per student)

May 16, 2024: Graduation at Memorial Auditorium at 5:00 pm

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.

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.