

CCA Weekly Parent Update
Monday, November 13, 2023

From the Principal

We are so excited for the production of Honk Jr. this coming Friday and Saturday! For many of our 6th graders, this will be their first performance on the big stage. Please come to support them!

We are also excited about Writer's Lounge (Monday at 5:30) and about sending many of our singers to All-East this week. Of course, our students are looking forward to Spirit Week!

I hope to see you this Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. for our next Principal's Coffee. This is a casual time to talk about CCA.

To help to increase school/parent communication around dress code issues, we will start using dress code violation notices. If a student has a dress code violation, we will fill out the form and send it home with them for your signature. If we don't receive the signed form back, we will email the parent. Our dress code is significantly more lenient than most other schools. However, there are some issues that must be addressed. The top two issues are jeans/pants with holes and rips and exposed midribs. Please be sure to check in with your students before they leave for school each day.

Please welcome Deputy John Perry as our new School Resource Officer. We are confident that he will do a great job at CCA. However, you may have heard that Officer Ernie was reassigned. We will really miss him! Below is a note from him:

Dear CCA Family,

For those that may not be aware, Thursday (11/09/2023) was my last day at CCA. I have been reassigned to Chattanooga Central High School. It was an absolute pleasure getting to know and helping to protect your kiddos. I will miss them dearly. I want to thank you so much for the love and support you have shown me. I will definitely miss CCA and all who are a part of it.

SSO Ernie Garcia

Updates and Opportunities

Spirit Week: Spirit week is this week!

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

Tutoring update: There will be no tutoring the week of November 20th. Tutoring will resume November 27th.

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 **this Wednesday, 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!

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	Cancelled
Wednesday, Nov. 15	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	2:30 p.m. Performance for middle school parents of students taking dance.
Nov. 22-24	Thanksgiving Break	
Thursday, Nov. 30	Winds/Percussion Concert	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 1	Fantastic Mr. Fox Show	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2	Snow Ball – High School Only	8 - 10 p.m.

PAPA Notes

Celebration of Creative Arts (CoCA) is set for Friday, January 19th. Tickets are on sale [HERE](#). We need **sponsors** and donations for the silent auction. Reach out to papapresidentcca@gmail.com with any questions.

The Snow Ball is set for December 2. Click [HERE](#) to volunteer and/or donate items. This is the only dance sponsored by PAPA and the money raised directly funds the Passion for Excellence Scholarship. This is open to high schoolers only. Tickets are available online [here](#). They will be sold in person at school the week after Thanksgiving and info will be going out to the students soon.

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

Click [HERE](#) for PAPA Memberships or General Donations

PAPA is continuing the tradition of providing pies/desserts to our teachers and staff for Thanksgiving this year. Please help us by donating desserts for our amazing teachers and staff!

[PAPA - Performers, Artists, Parents & Advocates of CCA: Thanksgiving Pies 2023 \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

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](#)

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.

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. Concessions 11/17-11/18	Coffee with the Principal 11/14
Wind & Percussion Concert 11/30	Honk Jr. Tech Week Meals 11/13-11/1
SnowBall 12/2	Honk Jr. Concessions 11/17-11/18
Art Gallery Opening 12/5	7th Grade Bake Sale 11/13-11/17
Holiday Vocal Concert 12/7	Snow Ball 12/2
Literary Gala Rehearsal Meals	Art Gallery Opening 12/5
Literary Gala 12/18-12/19	Literary Gala Rehearsal Meals
	Thanksgiving Pies 2023

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.

As the Holidays approach and college decisions begin to trickle in, I know many of you are thinking about financial aid and scholarships. Here's a quick reference guide to Tennessee Financial Aid & Scholarships: [State-Aid-Summary-Co24.pdf](#)

collegefortn.org) All CCA seniors have already applied for the TN Promise Scholarship.

To qualify for any Federal, State, or College/University aid you will need to complete the 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA. Most institutional scholarships require the FAFSA as well. Due to a redesign of the FAFSA form, the 2024-2025 FAFSA will be available sometime in December instead of the usual opening in October. Federal Student Aid has not provided the exact date, so I expect it will be toward the end of December. We will send updates as they are available.

On January 11, 2024, there will be a required meeting for seniors and their parents to go over senior events and fees, graduation, and financial aid updates and the FAFSA. Federal Student Aid has released some helpful videos that answer many FAFSA questions.

What is the FAFSA: [What Is FAFSA®? - YouTube](#)

Changes to the FAFSA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOgIb7StyPU>

If you have questions regarding financial aid, please reach out to Ms. Sarabia at sarabia_m@hcde.org

Important Senior Events:

January 11, 2024: Senior Meeting

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 cca.hcde.org 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.