

CCA Weekly Parent Update
Monday, November 20, 2023 & Monday, November 27, 2023

From the Principal

In this season of gratitude, I would like to thank each of you for the many ways you contribute to helping our school be so wonderful. Whether you paint, feed our performers, provide supplies, chaperone trips, make costumes, sell tickets, hand out treats for Honor Roll students, fundraise, help at events, direct traffic, or perform any other important task, please know that we are incredibly grateful for your time and help. Please know, also, that we are thankful everyday that you choose to share your amazing children with us. Best wishes for a very happy Thanksgiving!

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

Kleenex/Tissue Donations Needed! Cold and flu season has arrived, and we are running out of tissues for classrooms. Please send in a box or two if possible. All of these will be for student use – it's amazing how fast they get used!

Mark Your Calendar!

Mon & Tues Nov. 20 - 21	InformDance	We encourage families to arrive at 3:00pm for the show to begin at 3:20pm. This performance is for middle school parents of students taking dance classes at CCA.
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. Tickets are \$15 if purchased at school and \$20 at the door. Email Dr.

		Levine is there is any hardship issue with purchasing a ticket.
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[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 during high school lunch during the week after Thanksgiving.

Sign up [HERE](#) to staff our **Shout Outs & Merch 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
Wind & Percussion Concert 11/30	CCA Stock the Pantry 11/22
SnowBall 12/2	Acting 1 Movie Party 11/30 & 12/1
Art Gallery Opening 12/5	Fantastic Mr. Fox Meal 12/1
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
Jazz Front Painting ASAP	Thanksgiving Pies 2023

Thank you to everyone who sent in food, helped set up or clean up food, and sent in donations! We had a huge week at CCA and every donated item and every minute families spent volunteering was appreciated.

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=UOglb7StyPU>

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](#)

From the Dance Department:

The dance department has commemorative Sleeping Beauty t-shirts with full cast names printed on the back for \$20. Proceeds help support the dance department and future ballet productions, and money and order forms are due to Mrs. Baker the first week of December. If you do not have an order form, please contact Mrs. Baker at baker_christina@hcde.org .

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 and [here](#).
- **[SchoolCash Online](#):** This link is to pay dues or school fees. You will need to make an account if you don't already have one. This was used during registration for fees.