

## CCA Weekly Parent Update Monday, December 11

### ***From the Principal***

Please note that parent/teacher/student conferences will be on Thursday, January 11. These conferences are on an “as needed” basis. We will reach out to parents who are requested to attend a conference by January 5th to schedule a time. However, if you currently have a student who is having any academic challenges/failing grades, please save the date to plan to attend a conference on the afternoon or evening of January 11th.

Benchmark tests begin Monday, December 11th, and run through the 20th. If you know your student will be absent during this period, please email [Ghazi\\_J@hcde.org](mailto:Ghazi_J@hcde.org) so we can test your child ahead of their absence.

Wednesday December 20th is a scheduled full school day. We will have holiday parties in the morning and then a holiday Finale until 12:30. We know that some parents choose to dismiss their children early on that day to get a jumpstart on the winter break. Please wait to dismiss your child until after the Finale (12:30). If you are planning an early dismissal, please communicate by using this link by Tuesday, Dec. 19 so we can be prepared: <https://forms.gle/fwA7tksyrMsk9fzE8>

This is the last week of tutoring for the semester. It's not too late for your student to receive help before the end of the quarter. The tutoring schedule is linked [here](#).

**Communications Literary Gala:** The Communications Department's annual Lit Gala will take place December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Sandra Black Theater. Tickets are on sale during student lunches. A single seat is \$10, and a seat plus our literary magazine Shift costs \$20. Students should bring cash to buy tickets during their lunch this week.

### **Celebration of Creative Arts (CoCA)**

Please be sure to purchase your tickets for **Celebration of Creative Arts (CoCA)** which will be held on **Friday, January 19th**. Tickets are on sale [HERE](#). This will be a fun night with great food, auction items and an all-star cast of performers! **All proceeds will benefit the arts programs at CCA**. Lots of our students will be performing, and you may even be able to catch a few fabulous faculty performances.

***Mark Your Calendar!***

Monday, Dec 11	Holiday Vocal Concert	7:00 pm
Week of Dec. 11	Benchmark Testing Starts	
Monday, Dec. 11 and Friday, Dec. 15	Christmas at the Courthouse	Various performing groups will participate. Parents are welcome. Performance 11:30 am
Tuesday, Dec. 12	Piano Recital	6:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 13	HS Musical Call Backs	4:15 pm
Thursday, Dec. 14	Jazz Band Concert	7:00 pm
Monday, Dec. 18 and Tuesday, Dec. 19	Literary Gala in the Black Box	6:30 pm
Dec. 21 - Jan. 5	Winter Break	Rest, Relax and Enjoy!
Monday, Jan. 8	Students Return to School	
Friday, Jan. 19	Celebration of Creative Arts	Doors open at 5pm Showcase begins at 7pm

## **PAPA Notes**

Celebration of Creative Arts (CoCA) is Friday, January 19th. Tickets are going quickly! Get yours [HERE](#). We need donations for our silent auction - click [HERE](#) for our Amazon wish list and have everything sent straight to the school or pick up something extra while you're out doing your holiday shopping! Reach out to [papapresidentcca@gmail.com](mailto:papapresidentcca@gmail.com) with any questions.

To thank the teachers and staff for all of their hard work and dedication during the first semester, PAPA would like to treat the CCA faculty to a Holiday Party at Fiamma on December 20th. We need your help! Please click the link below to make a donation to our teacher appreciation fund!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8AA22ABFFC25-46518271-ccafaculty#/>

## **Parent/Family Events and Volunteer Opportunities**

Jennifer Ledford, Volunteer Coordinator [ledford\\_jennifer@hcde.org](mailto:ledford_jennifer@hcde.org)

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

**As a reminder (from our student handbook and HCS magnet school commitment documents): “Parents may not bring other siblings to school while volunteering.”**

**Please note that this includes dances and other school social events.**

In-Person Volunteering	Item Donations
<a href="#">Holiday Vocal Concert 12/7</a>	<a href="#">Piano Recital Student Meal 12/12</a>
<a href="#">Literary Gala Rehearsal Meals</a>	<a href="#">Choo Choo Kids Breakfast 12/14</a>
<a href="#">Literary Gala 12/18-12/19</a>	<a href="#">Literary Gala Rehearsal Meals</a>
	<a href="#">High School Dance Majors Party 12/20</a>

**High School Dance Majors Party** - the dance department is hosting their majors for a holiday party on December 20th! If you can provide supplies, please make sure they are delivered by 12/19/23 (except for pizza, which should be delivered on 12/20/23 before our 12:00 pm lunch time.) Please review the available slots above and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

**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](mailto:ledoux_mary@hcde.org) so the books can be removed from the list to prevent duplicates and email [ledford\\_jennifer@hcde.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:sarabia_m@hcde.org)

Important Senior Events:

**January 11, 2024:** Senior Parent Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:brantley_regina@hcde.org) if you need us to let your student know about a transportation change.

For communication about dismissals and attendance, email Kristen Weaver [weaver\\_kristen@hcde.org](mailto:weaver_kristen@hcde.org)

Please avoid last minute transportation changes, unless it is an emergency.

For bus passes, email Regina Brantley [brantley\\_regina@hcde.org](mailto:brantley_regina@hcde.org)

**Bus Pass:** If your student needs to ride a different bus, please send a written note or email [brantley\\_regina@hcde.org](mailto: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](http://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.