

**CCA Weekly Parent Update**  
**Monday, January 22, 2024**

***From the Principal***

And... we're back! We have missed having everyone in the building so much and are so excited to see your kids tomorrow!

You may have seen in the news that the school board sent their facilities recommendation to the board, listing converting the Gateway building into a new school for CCA. I anticipate that any move for us won't occur for *at least* two years. I don't have information yet about the design process, but please be assured that we will hold input sessions once we learn more. This will be an exciting time for us as we dream and plan for the most amazing arts facilities for our kids!

**Report Cards** will be sent home on Monday.

For Parents of Juniors: All **Juniors will take the ACT at school on March 21st.** Although teachers have already been including ACT prep in their teaching, all Juniors will start official ACT prep during DS on Monday. For the 3rd quarter, Juniors will have ACT prep four days each week. We will also hold a full-day ACT Boot Camp on Tuesday, March 19th. The school district purchased a new program (Mastery Prep) and has contracted with the company for one boot camp for each school. Additionally, all CCA high school students will have access to the online ACT prep program through the Class Links page on their chromebooks.

**After school Tutoring:** Tutoring will resume Monday, January 22nd. This is a great opportunity for your student to receive individualized help from their classroom teacher. The tutoring schedule can be found [here](#).

***Mark Your Calendar!***

Friday and Saturday January 26 & 27	Romeo and Juliet	7:00 p.m. in the auditorium Tickets are available online and at the door.
Monday January 29	Vocal Rep Concert	7:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday Feb. 1 & 2	All-East	Congrats to the many musicians who were selected for All -East!

Wednesday Feb. 7	Half Day Study Hall in the afternoon for those who need to make up work or those on academic probation.	
Thursday and Friday Feb. 8 & 9	Improv Show	Black Box Theater
Saturday Feb. 10	Science Olympiad	
Monday Feb. 12	Writer's Lounge	5:30 p.m.
Thursday Feb. 15	Talent Show	7:00 p.m.
Monday Feb. 19	No School Presidents Day	
Thursday and Friday Feb. 22 & 23	CCA Black History Concert	7:00 p.m. at UTC
Thursday Feb. 29	Winds and Percussion Concert	7:00 p.m.
Friday March 1	High School Open Mic Night	6:00 p.m.
Saturday March 2	Celebration of Creative Arts (CoCA)	Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

### ***PAPA Notes***

**Celebration of Creative Arts (CoCA) has been moved to Saturday, March 2.** Get your tickets [HERE!](#)

### ***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](#)

**On Friday afternoons, PAPA sponsors an afternoon treat for our teachers and staff. We need your help to make this happen! Please check the links below to see how you can help. Thank you for your continued support of our CCA teachers and staff!**

**Volunteer to set-up and clean-up Faculty Friday**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8AA22ABFFC25-47293167-faculty#/>

**Volunteer to make homemade baked goods for Faculty Friday**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8AA22ABFFC25-47293963-faculty#/>

**Volunteer to send in drinks and treats for Faculty Friday**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8AA22ABFFC25-47297799-items#/>

In-Person Volunteering	Item Donations
<a href="#">Romeo &amp; Juliet Tech Week Meals 1/22-1/26</a>	<a href="#">Romeo &amp; Juliet Tech Week Meals 1/22-1/26</a>
<a href="#">Romeo &amp; Juliet 1/26 &amp; 1/27</a>	<a href="#">NJHS Bake Sale 1/22-1/26</a>
<a href="#">Romeo &amp; Juliet Concessions</a>	<a href="#">Romeo &amp; Juliet Concessions</a>

**National Jr. Honor Society Jan 22nd -26th:** The National Junior Honor Society will be holding a bake sale this week to raise money for Clifton Hills Elementary School to go on a field trip. Please donate any baked goods, prepackaged snacks, or other items to be sold in the bake sale. Thank you!

**From 7th grade student, Reagan Huskey:** In Chattanooga we have three amazing animal rescues, Troopers Treasures, Meow Meow Rescue, and Jelly Bean Bunny Rescue, all of which are focused on trying to give homeless animals second chances. If you or your child are interested in volunteering for any of them please text 423-364-4493 there will also be more information on each of them on the community board in the commons, as well as what volunteers do. Please keep in mind that volunteering for these organizations is an excellent way to get volunteer hours and will look great on a resume.

**Normal Park Middle School Track and Field tryouts** will be held February 20-22 from 3:15-4:45 pm . Please plan on attending each day. We will meet behind Normal Park Upper School on the athletic field. Bring a water bottle and dress for physical activity. On Friday, February 23rd , the final team roster will be posted on the Normal Park school website. Practices will begin the following week and will be Monday- Thursday from 3:15- 4:45. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Gaines via email at [gaines\\_j@hcde.org](mailto:gaines_j@hcde.org). As a reminder, all CCA rehearsals and performances must take

priority over track events. We will not dismiss our students early from school for track events.

**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 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 TNPromise 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.

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:

**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.