

CCA Weekly Parent Update
Monday, February 26, 2024


From the Principal

CoCA (Celebration of Creative Arts) is this Saturday, March 2! It's not too late to get your tickets, so please use this link: **Get your tickets [HERE](#)**

New this year: we are offering 5 volunteer hours per family for attending (with purchase of ticket)! Just log your hours on the google form after you attend.

Testing: The final round of benchmark testing begins February 28th and will conclude on March 8th. Please try to have students present during this time as the results are used to inform instruction through the final quarter.

Mark Your Calendar!

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.
Tuesday, Mar. 5	Art Opening	5:30pm
Wednesday, March 6	College Fair	1:30-3:30 @CCA
Wednesday, Mar. 6	Acting/Directing Showcase	5:30pm and 7:00pm
Thursday, Mar. 7	Strings Concert	7:00pm
Week of March 11-15	SPRING BREAK 	Enjoy your time off!
Tuesday, Mar. 19	Beginning Acting Showcase	5:30pm and 7:00pm
Tuesday, Mar. 19	ACT Bootcamp for all Juniors (all day)	Library
Thursday, Mar. 21	ACT Test for All Juniors	Gym

Fri. Mar. 22 & Sat. Mar. 23	Portraits in Dance	7:00pm
Monday, Mar. 25	Communications Showcase	5:30pm
Friday, Mar. 29	Spring Holiday	NO SCHOOL

PAPA Notes

Celebration of Creative Arts (CoCA) - Saturday, March 2 - Annual Fundraiser

Get your tickets [HERE!](#)

The auction is **OPEN** to preview! Check it out [HERE!](#)

The Passion for Excellence Scholarship application will be made available to our students beginning in March. This program supports our students as they pursue their artistic and academic endeavors in the late spring and summer. Please consider a direct donation to this most worthy cause. Click [HERE](#) to donate.

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](#)

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!

<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
CoCA	Open Mic Night 3/1
Art Gallery Opening 3/5	Women's History Lunch Series March

	Art Gallery Opening ^{3/5}
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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. The final team roster will be posted on the Normal Park school website on Friday, February 23rd. Practices will begin the following week and will be Monday- Thursday from 3:15- 4:45. All Students must have a physical form uploaded to Final Forms before tryouts. See the following link for instructions: [Important Forms - Normal Park Museum Magnet \(hcde.org\)](#). If you have any questions please contact Coach Gaines via email at gaines_j@hcde.org

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!

CCA Spring College Fair for Sophomores and Juniors March 6, 2024, from 1:30 – 3:30 Students will rotate through the fair on a schedule with their afternoon classes. There will be a wide variety of colleges attending - state universities, small liberal arts colleges, religious affiliated schools, plus military and two-year options. Parents are welcome if your schedule permits.

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 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.

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

Changes to the FAFSA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOglb7StyPU>

FAFSA Updates

Federal Student Aid announced that pending FAFSA forms will be processed and sent to colleges mid-March.

I want to encourage you to take advantage of the FAFSA line by line webinar series for parents and students every Monday evening through March 26 at 7:30 pm eastern time. This presentation will walk you through every screen and question on the 2024-25 FAFSA. This was a very helpful tool for families last year. You will need to register to join the webinar.

Register here: <https://www.collegefortn.org/college-events/>

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

For communication about dismissals and attendance, email Kristen Weaver 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

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.

After school Tutoring: Tutoring resumed 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](#).

CCA Photo Library

Please upload images of your students performing or participating in their major at CCA. Click into the appropriate folder to share your pictures according to the relevant major. Please limit the number of submissions to 5 per family, per show. Please note that these pictures may be used for marketing purposes.

[CCA Photo Library](#)

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.