

**CCA Weekly Parent Update**  
**Monday, March 18, 2024**

***From the Principal***

**We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back from Spring Break on Monday! Just 10 weeks left to the school year, and it will be jam-packed with learning, rehearsals, performances and fun!**

**2024-2025 School Year:** If your student is not returning next school year, please be sure to let us know right away. We have a long waiting list and want to accept additional students when a space opens up.

We are excited to share that we will host our second annual **Summer Arts Institute** in June in partnership with Chattanooga State. This is a wonderful opportunity for rising Juniors and Seniors to take college level arts classes and earn college credit for free! See below for more information.

**Dynamo Day is coming up – May 22!** This a day of fun (and some friendly competition) for our kids. Mark your calendars now so you can take some time off from work and volunteer! Also, each year we provide students with sunglasses and bandanas in their team colors, thanks to the parents who purchase these from our wishlist. Please consider ordering something to help us make this day extra special for our kids! Here is the link to the amazon wishlist: <https://a.co/c1WfSa5>

***Mark Your Calendar!***

Tuesday, Mar. 19	ACT Bootcamp for all Juniors (all day)	Library
Tuesday, Mar. 19	PAPA Board Meeting	5:30pm Commons
Wednesday, Mar. 20	Junior Parent Meeting (See below for more info)	5:30pm Library
Thursday, Mar. 21	ACT Test for All Juniors	Gym
Friday, Mar. 22	Coffee with the Counselors	9:15am Library
Fri. Mar. 22 & Sat. Mar. 23	Portraits in Dance	7:00pm
Monday, Mar. 25	Communications Showcase	5:30pm

Tuesday, March 26	<b>Summer Arts Institute meeting</b>	5:30 in the Library
Friday, Mar. 29	Passion for Excellence Scholarship Applications due  Spring Holiday	12:00pm  NO SCHOOL
Monday, April 1	Teacher PD Day	NO STUDENTS

**Junior Parent Meeting- Wednesday, March 20-** All Junior parents/guardians are invited to attend this meeting where we will discuss course offerings for next year, Dual Enrollment, post secondary planning, and what to expect during your students senior year. **Please leave your student at home so they can rest for the ACT** (which is the next day). They will receive this information after ACT Bootcamp.

**Coffee with the Counselors- Friday, March 22-** Mrs. Linden and Ms. McCray invite you to join them for coffee and conversation about scheduling. This is a great time to gain information on the scheduling process, and ask any whole group questions. Both counselors will be available after *Coffee with the Counselors* for individual questions.

**Communications Showcase - March 25th at 6:00** - Join us in the Library for an evening of creative writing and films. Tickets for this event are \$5 and are available for purchase online or at the door. There will be popcorn included. It should be a great night to enjoy our students' latest work! Come and support the Communications department!

**Summer Arts Institute-** Tuesday, March 26th we will host an informational meeting for those interested in our Summer Arts Institute (SAI). SAI will run from June 3rd-June 28th. This is an opportunity for students to earn a college credit in an Arts class offered by Chattanooga State. This can even be free if your student is in 10th or 11th grade. For more information, please email Ms. McCray at [mccray\\_freda@hcde.org](mailto:mccray_freda@hcde.org), and we hope to see you at the informational meeting.

### **PAPA Notes**

The [Passion for Excellence Scholarship application](#) will be available until Friday, March 29 at 12 noon. 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.

CCA Seat Cushions are now available for purchase at the PAPA merch table seen at each event. \$20 cash or card. If you purchased a Gold level ticket for CoCA, the seat cushions were yours to take home. Please reach out to [papapresidentcca@gmail.com](mailto:papapresidentcca@gmail.com) if you have any questions. We also have the event posters from performances this school year. They are \$5 a piece and will be available at the PAPA merch table.

### **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](#)

In-Person Volunteering	Item Donations
<a href="#">Rocking Chair Build</a>	<a href="#">Women’s History Lunch Series March</a>
<a href="#">Help with Laundry 3/19</a>	<a href="#">Portraits in Dance Tech Meal 3/22</a>
<a href="#">Portraits in Dance Tech Meal 3/22</a>	<a href="#">Communication Tech Meal 3/25</a>
<a href="#">Communication Tech Meal 3/25</a>	<a href="#">8th Grade Dance 3/28</a>
<a href="#">8th Grade Dance 3/28</a>	<a href="#">Prom 4/27</a>
<a href="#">Prom 4/27</a>	<a href="#">9 to 5 Tech Week 3/30-4/6</a>
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**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!

**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.

### **Coast to Coast College Fair April 11, 2024**

The Coast to Coast College Fair is coming to Chattanooga on April 11 at the Chattanooga Convention Center. Sponsored by Baylor, GPS, McCallie, and St. Andrews-Sewanee, **the**

**fair is open to all Chattanooga area high school students.** There are currently 80 colleges registered and we are hoping to see that number rise a bit in the next month. You can see an updated list of attendees here:

<https://www.coasttocoastcollegefair.com/representatives>

The fair will begin at 6:30 and will go until 8:30. While students are not required to register for the fair, we are partnering with StriveScan and if they would like their information provided to colleges with which they interact, they will need to create an account with StriveScan: <https://app.strivescan.com/registration>. There will be some special programming available during the fair as well. A representative from Senator Haggerty's office will be leading a session on the application process for the service academies from 7-7:30.

## **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>

## **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](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.

**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](#)

**Peer Tutoring Opportunity:** **Iris**, our peer mentoring club, will be meeting every week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If your child is planning on attending (students AND tutors), please fill out or have your student fill out the respective attendance form. It would be much appreciated if this is done at least one day prior to the meeting(s) your child will be attending. The attendance forms are listed below:

[Iris weekly attendance \(students\)](#)

[Iris weekly attendance \(tutors\)](#)

Thanks, and we're looking forward to seeing your students at **Iris**!

**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.