

CCA Weekly Parent Update
Monday, March 25, 2024

From the Principal

I write this as I reflect upon last week – what a wonderful week of *all that is CCA!* From observing a senior music major’s composition as it was rehearsed by the Chamber Orchestra, to experiencing two nights of incredible dance performances at our *Portraits* concert, to getting to spend a few minutes working with students who were rehearsing a duet in the Commons, to chatting with middle school art students about their animal sculptures, my week was rich with experiencing our students’ passion for their arts! Also, we were honored to have a visit from 15 of Hamilton County’s principals this week as they came to observe powerful instructional strategies in our academic classrooms. And, we had the opportunity to celebrate Ella Hill who was just named a National Merit Scholar!

On Friday afternoon, your student should have come home with a large envelope containing their report card, benchmark scores (if they took benchmarks), and scheduling information for next school year. Please be sure to review the contents of this folder carefully. Students should discuss the scheduling information with you and work with you to complete the paperwork. We will start scheduling on Monday, so please make this form a priority and be sure students return to school with it.

Dynamo Day is coming up – May 22! This is 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!

Monday, March 25	Communications Showcase	6:00pm
Tuesday, March 26	Summer Arts Institute Meeting	5:30 p.m. in the Library For parents of rising Juniors and Seniors
Thursday, March 28	8th Grade Dance	6:00-8:00 p.m. Drop off and pick up outside the gym

		For 8th graders only.
Friday, March 29	Passion for Excellence Scholarship Applications due Spring Holiday	12:00pm NO SCHOOL
Monday, April 1	Teacher PD Day	NO STUDENTS
Wednesday, April 3	Actors Rep/Directing Showcase	7:00 p.m. CCA Blackbox
Friday, April 5	9 to 5	7:00 p.m. CCA Auditorium
Saturday, April 6	9 to 5	7:00 p.m. CCA Auditorium
Friday, April 12 Saturday, April 13 Sunday, April 14	The Play that Goes Wrong	7:00 p.m. CCA Blackbox 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16	Beginning Acting Showcase	5:30 & 7:00 p.m. CCA Blackbox
Thursday, April 18	Jazz Cafe	7:00 p.m. Rise Chattanooga (2901 Taylor St)
Friday, April 19	Project Motion Show	7:00 p.m. CCA Auditorium
Saturday, April 20	Senior Dance Concert	7:00 p.m. CCA Auditorium
Tuesday, April 23	Senior Art Gallery Opening	5:30pm CCA Art Gallery
Tuesday, April 23	Piano Recital	6:30pm CCA Auditorium
Thursday, April 25	Musical Theatre Showcase	7pm CCA Auditorium

Friday, April 26	Acting 2 Showcase	7pm CCA Blackbox
Saturday, April 27	PROM @ The Historic	7pm The Historic 1601 Rossville Ave.
Tuesday, April 30	Vocal & Strings	7pm First Baptist 401 Gateway Ave.

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 at 5:30pm 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, and we hope to see you at the informational meeting.

PROM!: Prom tickets are on sale NOW! Prom is only for Juniors and Seniors. Tickets can be purchased online only linked [here](#). Outside guests forms must be submitted by April 12th. No guests over the age of 19 allowed.

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 if you have any questions. We also have the event posters from performances this school year. They are \$5 each and will be available at the PAPA merch table.

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](#)

In-Person Volunteering	Item Donations
Communication Tech Meal 3/25 8th Grade Dance 3/28 Actor's Rep/ Playwriting 4/3 Prom 4/27 9 to 5 Tech Week 3/30-4/6	Women's History Lunch Series March Communication Tech Meal 3/25 8th Grade Dance 3/28 Actor's Rep/ Playwriting 4/3 Prom 4/27 9 to 5 Tech Week 3/30-4/6 Dynamo Day Wishlist

Donated Items: If you take a spot on one of the sign ups please make sure you are honoring that volunteer spot. We have several people trying to sign up and the lists are full, however, not all the items are making it to the events. Thank you all so much for being so willing to jump in and help.

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!

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 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 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](#)

[Slide presentation from Junior parent meeting](#)

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 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 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.