

**CCA Weekly Parent Update**  
**Monday, April 8, 2024**

***From the Principal***

**Eclipse on Monday:** Due to our many competing priorities and district safety requirements, we decided to not take students out for the eclipse. All students will be inside on Monday afternoon. While we are not encouraging students to be checked out early (especially because we are one week away from the start of testing), we will excuse the absence if you check your student out for the afternoon. However, we will not dismiss any students to drive/walk home on their own after 1:00 p.m. If you decide to check your student out after 1:00 p.m., please pick them up. Again, we would prefer that students stay at school.

**TNReady Testing:** The testing window for TCAP and EOCs is from April 15th to May 3rd. Please make a strong effort to have students well rested, on time, and prepared to test during these days. Also, please create some reminders to be sure your student charges their chromebook each night and brings it to school the next day. Daily testing should be completed by lunch, students will return to regular classes in the afternoon.

**TNReady and EOC Testing Snacks:** We provide students with a mid-test snack on each day of testing. Please start sending in snacks for this. Here's the link for providing snacks: [TN Ready Test Snacks 4/9](#)

***Mark Your Calendar!***

Tuesday, April 9	PAPA Board Meeting	5:30PM CCA Commons
Friday, April 12 Saturday, April 13 Sunday, April 14	The Play that Goes Wrong	7:00 p.m. CCA Blackbox 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 13, 2024	Saturday School	9:00 - 1:00 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	5:30 p.m. CCA Art Gallery
Tuesday, April 23	Piano Recital	6:30 p.m. CCA Auditorium
Thursday, April 25	Musical Theatre Showcase	7:00 p.m. CCA Auditorium
Friday, April 26	Acting 2 Showcase	7:00 p.m. CCA Blackbox
Saturday, April 27	PROM	7:00 p.m. The Historic (1601 Rossville Ave.)
Tuesday, April 30	Vocal & Strings Concert	7:00 p.m. First Baptist (401 Gateway Ave.)

**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.

**Piano Apparel:** You may order t-shirts and sweatshirts to support the piano department using this [link](#). The passcode is “cca2024”

### **PAPA Notes**

Please join us for our final “working” PAPA meeting of the year on Tuesday, April 9th at 5:30 PM in the Commons.

Auditorium plaque seats are now on sale! Click this [link](#) to purchase your little piece of CCA history! Commemorate your student, staff or alum!

### **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="#">Prom 4/27</a> <a href="#">Dance Dept Tech Week 4/15-4/20</a> <a href="#">Musical Theater Showcase 4/25</a>	<a href="#">Prom 4/27</a> <a href="#">TN Ready Test Snacks 4/9</a> <a href="#">Dance Dept Tech Week 4/15-4/20</a> <a href="#">Musical Theater Showcase 4/25</a> <a href="#">Dynamo Day Wishlist</a>

**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!

### **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](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 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](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 is a great opportunity for your student to receive individualized help from their classroom teacher.

The tutoring schedule can be found [here](#).

**Saturday School:** Saturday School will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024. All students who have grades below 60 for the quarter are to stay to do work from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. Students who wish to come and work on assignments who do not have grades below 60 are welcome to attend, and they will need to contact Mrs. Frazier or Mrs. Ghazi.

**Use this link to order your yearbook:** [Order Yearbooks | Lifetouch Yearbooks](#)

The school code will appear in the box when you click the link.

### **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.