

**CCA Weekly Parent Update**  
**Monday, April 15, 2024**

***From the Principal***

**TNReady Testing:** Testing for TCAP and EOCs begins Monday!. 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, and students will return to regular classes in the afternoon. Please do not ask to dismiss students before noon for appointments. Once we start testing, we cannot disturb the testing environment to call students for dismissal. Therefore, there will be no dismissals from 9:00-12:00 each day of testing.

**As we move into warmer weather, please review the CCA dress code with your students.** Note that we have one of the most lenient dress codes out there, but we do need to require a certain level of appropriate attire. If in doubt, students should bring a change of clothes.

**DRESS CODE – Appropriate dress is required.**

Students are expected to dress appropriately at school. At the Center for Creative Arts, the dress code is as follows:

1. Cutoffs, beachwear, running shorts, spandex shorts, or mini-skirts are not allowed. Shorts and skirts worn with or without leggings should be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee (front and back). Leggings or jeggings (no holes above the knee) worn as pants must have a top that falls to mid-thigh front and back.
2. Shirts must cover cleavage, midribs/stomachs, and backs. No “off the shoulder” tops
3. No pajamas.
4. No clothing with mesh or sheer material without proper undergarments.
5. Jeans must have NO holes above the knee. **Note: for the 24-25 school year, no rips or holes in pants/jeans will be permitted.**
6. Articles of clothing bearing a symbol, design or emblem that has racial overtones, having indecent or obscene words, slogans or weapon images, representing affiliation with unlawful organizations, advertising the use of drugs, tobacco or alcohol, or causing a disruption of any sort is not to be worn at any time.
7. Shoes must be worn at all times – no house shoes, flip flops/slides, or bedroom slippers.
8. No blankets.
9. No personal grooming in public – hair, makeup, etc.
10. Hooded outerwear is allowed, but hoods should not be worn over the student’s head while in the school building.

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**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](#) Thanks so those who have already sent in snacks!

**Note from the Counselors:** As a reminder, we have paused the 24-25 scheduling process while test prep and TN Ready testing are taking place. We will resume meeting with students to make their schedules in early May.

***Mark Your Calendar!***

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.)
Wednesday, May 1	Senior Finale!	3:00 p.m. CCA Auditorium
Thursday, May 2	Writer’s Lounge	5:30 p.m. CCA Library
Friday, May 3	Jazz Band	7:00 p.m. UTC
Tuesday, May 7	Juried Art Exhibition	5:30 p.m. Art Gallery
	Composition Recital	6:00 p.m. Library

Tuesday, May 7	Senior Last Day	
Wed. & Thurs. May 8-9	CCK Musical - Urinetown	7:00 p.m. CCA Auditorium
Fri. & Sat. May 10-11	MS Acting: Alice in Wonderland	7:00 p.m. CCA Blackbox.
Monday, May 13	Senior Banquet	6:00 p.m. CCA Commons
Tuesday, May 14	Piano Recital	2:45 p.m. CCA Auditorium
Thursday, May 16	GRADUATION	5:00 P.M. Memorial Auditorium
Wednesday, May 22	Dynamo Day!!	
Thursday, May 23	Report Cards	

**PROM!:** Prom tickets are on sale NOW! Prom is only for Juniors and Seniors. Tickets can be purchased online only linked [here](#). Outside guest 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”.

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## **PAPA Notes**

We are doing a fundraiser for our teachers! Please consider making a donation to show our teachers some love! <https://app.memberhub.gives/ccateachers>

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

PAPA has posters from every event this year. \$5 per poster - on sale at the PAPA 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="#">Prom 4/27</a>	<a href="#">Prom 4/27</a>
<a href="#">Acting Showcase Meal 4/16</a>	<a href="#">TN Ready Test Snacks 4/9</a>
<a href="#">Dance Dept Tech Week 4/15-4/20</a>	<a href="#">Acting Showcase Meal 4/16</a>
<a href="#">Senior Art Gallery 4/23</a>	<a href="#">Dance Dept Tech Week 4/15-4/20</a>
<a href="#">Musical Theater Showcase 4/25</a>	<a href="#">Piano Recital Tech Meal 4/23</a>
	<a href="#">Senior Art Gallery 4/23</a>
	<a href="#">Musical Theater Showcase 4/25</a>
	<a href="#">Quarter 2 Academic Excellence 5/2</a>
	<a href="#">Dynamo Day Wishlist</a>

Parent Hours: Hours are now on PowerSchool. You may have to log out and log back in. They are listed above your student's grades on the main page. If you have any questions please contact me, JENNIFER LEDFORD .

**Tech Week Meals:** I know that we are requesting several meals for the students after school. We are in our performance season. These meals mean a lot to our performers. They are working so hard throughout the day with not only their academic classes but in their arts classes, then they have long rehearsals after school. We appreciate everyone that donates their time and food to help these students keep going. I know that it is not always easy to get warm food here at 3:30 in the afternoon but our performers not only need these meals but they love having them. They also love the people that come and set these meals up for them. Thank you!

**Film Screening Opportunity:** *Greetings everyone, our film department has received an exciting opportunity from an established industry filmmaker looking to screen their feature film, "Introducing Jodea". On Thursday, April 25th, we will screen from 4:15-6:00 PM in the library. The film is rated PG and should be a cool opportunity for our students. From 6:00-6:30 PM, we will hold a zoom Q+A with the writer/director, Chloe Traicos. **If your child would like to join, please email your approval to [lutsko\\_jacob@hcde.org](mailto:lutsko_jacob@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](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 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.