

CCA Weekly Parent Update
Monday, April 22, 2024

From the Principal

This was a great weekend for **CCA dancers!** In addition to performances on Friday and Saturday nights, our Project Motion Ensemble performed for the Usher event. All three performances were fantastic!

TNReady Testing: Just three days left of testing – Monday-Wednesday. Wednesday will be middle school only. Due to a state-wide shutdown of the testing system on Friday, we have to make up one test. We will begin other makeup testing on Wednesday and will be finished with everything by the end of the week. Thank you for the snacks and for getting your students to school on time with charged chromebooks! Students have been doing a great job.

Send in your SOLAR ECLIPSE glasses! The CCA National Junior Honor Society is collecting gently used and unused solar eclipse glasses for donation to be “repurposed for future eclipse events in other parts of the world. One of the primary beneficiaries of this initiative are school children in countries that might not have easy access to eclipse glasses. By redistributing these glasses, Eclipse Glasses USA (our partner organization) hopes to provide educational institutions with the tools they need to offer their students a safe and enlightening eclipse viewing experience.”

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.

Summer Arts Institute: If your student is interested in receiving college credit for an arts class this summer, here at CCA, Monday is the last day to inform Ms. McCray. Your student can send her an email or see her in-person to express interest. College dual enrollment classes are FREE to all rising Juniors and Seniors.

Mark Your Calendar!

Tuesday, April 23	Senior Art Gallery Opening	5:30 p.m. CCA Art Gallery
Tuesday, April 23	Piano Recital Student performers link	6:30 p.m. CCA Auditorium
Thursday, April 25	Musical Theatre Showcase	7:00 p.m. CCA Auditorium

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 Concert, with special performances by the Chamber Orchestra of two student compositions.	7:00 p.m. UTC Roland Hayes Concert Hall
Tuesday, May 7	Juried Art Exhibition Composition Recital	5:30 p.m. Art Gallery 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 Sale: You may order t-shirts and sweatshirts to support the piano department using this [link](#). The passcode is “cca2024”.

PAPA Notes

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

Teacher Appreciation Week is fast approaching! We will celebrate our teachers May 6th -10th and the theme this year is "Our Teachers are Our Greatest Gift!" Please help us make this week one where our teachers feel loved and appreciated. On Monday, 5/6, we will have coffee, donuts and bagels for our teachers. Tuesday, 5/7 we will set up a snack and beverage bar for the teachers to grab a little treat. On Wednesday, 5/8, we'd love for students to bring in or send thank you notes or emails and/or flowers to give to their teachers. There will be a place in The Commons to also leave notes for teachers. Thursday we will be providing lunch. And on Friday we'd love to give each teacher a gift card as a small token of our appreciation. Please check the signups below and help however you can. We can't do this without the support of our amazing CCA community.

[PAPA - Performers, Artists, Parents & Advocates of CCA: Teacher Appreciation Week - Coffee, Donuts, and Bagels \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

[PAPA - Performers, Artists, Parents & Advocates of CCA: Teacher Appreciation Week - Gift Cards \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

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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

Click on the links highlighted in blue for the sign-up. [Log Volunteer Hours Here](#)

In-Person Volunteering	Item Donations
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Prom 4/27 Senior Art Gallery 4/23 Musical Theater Showcase 4/25 Writer's Lounge 5/2 Choo Choo Kids Tech Week 5/4-5/9 Senior Banquet Prep 5/13	Prom 4/27 TN Ready Test Snacks 4/9 Piano Recital Tech Meal 4/23 Senior Art Gallery 4/23 Musical Theater Showcase 4/25 Writer's Lounge 5/2 Choo Choo Kids Tech Week 5/4-5/9 Quarter 2 Academic Excellence 5/2 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast 5/6 Teacher Appreciation Gift Cards 5/6 Teacher Appreciation Snack Bar 5/7 Dynamo Day Wishlist
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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.***

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!

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 first and last name, bus number, stop location, parent's first and last name and phone number. For help locating a bus close to you please use the following link:

https://www.hcde.org/district/department_directory/bus_transportation

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 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.