

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

***From the Principal***

Happy New Year! We are excited to welcome our students back to school tomorrow, and we are looking forward to an awesome second semester!

Please note that **parent/teacher/student conferences are this week on Thursday, January 11**. These conferences are on an “as needed” basis. Ms. Frazier will reach out to parents who are requested to attend a conference to schedule a time. However, if you currently have a student who is having any academic challenges/failing grades, please save the date to plan to attend a conference on the afternoon or evening of January 11th.

**Meeting for Parents of Seniors** will be this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. All parents of seniors should plan to attend.

**Celebration of Creative Arts (CoCA)**

Please be sure to purchase your tickets for **Celebration of Creative Arts (CoCA)** which will be held on **Friday, January 19th**. Tickets are on sale [HERE](#). This will be a fun night with great food, auction items and an all-star cast of performers! **All proceeds will benefit the arts programs at CCA**. Lots of our students will be performing, and you may even be able to catch a few fabulous faculty performances.

***Mark Your Calendar!***

Monday, Jan. 8	Students Return to School	
Jan. 8 - 12	Silent Auction Donation Drive	Earn points for your student's Dynamo Team
Tuesday, Jan. 9	PAPA Board Meeting	Email only
Thursday, Jan. 11	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences	We will schedule with you if a conference is needed.
Thursday, Jan. 11	Parent of Seniors Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Important
Sunday, Jan. 14	Online Ticket Sales for CoCA	Online sales END at 11:59pm
Monday, Jan 15	MLK Day – No School	

Friday, Jan. 19	Celebration of Creative Arts	Doors open at 5pm Showcase begins at 7pm
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## **PAPA Notes**

**Celebration of Creative Arts (CoCA) is Friday, January 19th.** Get your tickets [HERE!](#) Online ticket sales END on January 14th!!

Heads up! Want to help your student's Dynamo Day Team earn coveted team points? Donate silent auction items to our fabulous fundraising gala in January. We're collecting donations during our first week back in school, January 8-12, and each item earns points for your team AND helps PAPA raise money to advance the purposes and passions of our students and staff. [Click here for item ideas.](#) Bring an item yourself, request donations from a local business OR have something sent from our [Amazon Wish List](#). Please include your student's dynamo team color and the item's estimated value. Questions? Email [bhbehar@gmail.com](mailto:bhbehar@gmail.com) or [papapresidentcca@gmail.com](mailto:papapresidentcca@gmail.com)

## **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](#)

As a reminder (from our student handbook and HCS magnet school commitment documents): "Parents may not bring other siblings to school while volunteering." Please note that this includes dances and other school social events.

Thanks to everyone who made our holiday parties a success. Teachers, staff, and students loved everything that was sent in. We really appreciate you all.

**CoCA volunteer needs.** Please see the sign up below for volunteer opportunities during the week of Jan.15th - Jan. 19th. This will be a great week to support our school and get those volunteer hours. Please let me know if you have any questions.

In-Person Volunteering	Item Donations
<a href="#">CoCA Week 1/15-1/19</a>	

**Normal Park Middle School Track and Field tryouts** will be held February 20-22 from 3:15-4:45 pm . Please plan on attending each day. We will meet behind Normal Park Upper School on the athletic field. Bring a water bottle and dress for physical activity.

On Friday, February 23rd , the final team roster will be posted on the Normal Park school website. Practices will begin the following week and will be Monday- Thursday from 3:15- 4:45. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Gaines via email at [gaines\\_j@hcde.org](mailto:gaines_j@hcde.org). As a reminder, all CCA rehearsals and performances must take priority over track events. We will not dismiss our students early from school for track events.

**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 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.

**On January 11, 2024, there will be a required meeting for seniors and their parents** to go over senior events and fees, graduation, and financial aid updates and the FAFSA. Federal Student Aid has released some helpful videos that answer many FAFSA questions.

What is the FAFSA: [What Is FAFSA®? - YouTube](#)

Changes to the FAFSA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOglb7StyPU>

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:

**January 11, 2024:** Senior Parent Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

**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.

**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.