

CCA Weekly Parent Update

August 29, 2022

From the Principal

We hope to see you on **Thursday night for our Open House!** This event is just for parents (not for students). Please join us in the auditorium for a whole-school meeting and then for break out sessions by grade and, then, by major. See the end of this update for the program and schedule.

Important Updates and Student Opportunities

eLab: Our **eLab** is now open for students Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school from 4:00-5:30. Students may stay after school to try out our digital fabrication tools, such as laser cutting, 3D printing, interactive costume design, class projects, stage and prop design, custom t-shirts and stickers, coding – the list goes on and on. Everyone is welcome! Just stop by the eLab after school on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Students must be picked up no later than 5:30.

After School Tutoring:

Tutoring will begin Tuesday, September 6th. Teachers will submit names of students they believe could benefit from additional help. If you receive a letter inviting your student for after-school tutoring, it does mean that they are required to attend. Tutoring ends at 5pm, and transportation must be arranged by the parent/guardian. Please be on the lookout for additional information.

COVID-19 Testing Consent Form: On our website, under the COVID-19 tab, you will see this form ([click here](#)). If you would like for your students to be able to get a Covid test at school, please print the form, sign it, and send it in with your student. Students may turn this form in at our front office, or you can email it to our nurse (faleh_tareq@hcde.org). More information about testing is on the form.

Hamilton County 4-H Archery Club is open to all Hamilton County students in grades **4th-12th**. Archery practices are held at **Chester Frost Park in Hixson on one or two Saturdays each month during the school year**. Registration for the 2022-2023 4-H archery program is **open now through September 15**. There is a **\$50 annual fee** for this activity. You can find out more about this program and download the registration form at <https://hamilton.tennessee.edu/outdoors/>. Please call the UT-TSU Extension office (**423-209-8560**) with any questions. As with all outside activities/sports, CCA rehearsals and show schedules take precedence.

Human Development Workshop: [The Chatterly](#) just launched its Human Development series! Human Development is a collection of classes, workshops, events, and written material designed to better equip and challenge us to be better human beings. This wonderful opportunity is available to all high school students and interested adults. The Human

Development program includes an impressive slate of local and national instructors and speakers. National speakers are below:

- [Jessamyn Stanley](#) is a health & wellness advocate and the co-founder of The Underbelly. She will lead a talk and yoga session on [Thursday, September 1, 2022](#).
- [Ericka Hart](#) is a race and gender justice educator and will lead a lecture on Thursday, [October 13, 2022](#).

All Human Development workshops are donation-based. Registration and workshop information can be found here, thechatterry.org/humandevelopment. For updates on The Chatterry's Human Development program follow them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

Mark Your Calendar!

[Click here](#) to view the yearly calendar!

- 9/1 Open House, PAPA meeting, and Senior College Meeting 6:00 PM
- 9/5 Labor Day - no school
- 9/7 Half day for students. Dismissal at 12:15.
- 9/17 All-East Auditions (select HS musicians)
- 9/20 Parent/Principal Coffee 9:15 AM
- 9/21 Picture Day
- 9/23 Retro Dance! 7:00-9:30 PM (MS dismissal at 7:00 p.m.)
- 9/27 Art Gallery Opening 5:30 PM
- 9/29 CCA Idol 7:00 PM - Fun event for the whole family!

Parent/Family Events and Volunteer Opportunities

If you have not completed the **22/23 CCA Volunteer Information form** [click here](#). This information is needed to ensure all volunteer opportunities are made available to you throughout the school year. It is important that our Volunteer Coordinator knows if there are siblings at CCA or at a different magnet school. winne_diane@hcde.org

All volunteers must sign in and out on the volunteer sheet located across from the cafeteria serving line at the foot of the stairs. If you are at CCA to volunteer, this is the only means to record your volunteer hours.

Art Gallery volunteer opportunities [sign up here!](#)

Various volunteer opportunities [sign up here!](#)

Senior Portrait Information! Please Read!

(This is also posted on our website under [For Students → Senior Updates](#))

Q: Are seniors required to purchase photos from Prestige Portraits?

A: No, there is no requirement for seniors/parents to purchase photos from Prestige Portraits. However, the only photos that will be in the yearbook are those taken by Prestige. CCA holds a contract with Prestige Portraits. CCA suggests parents make an appointment with Prestige (as early as June following their Junior year but *no later than November* of their Senior year and pay a small sitting fee for yearbook picture poses. No further obligation to purchase picture packages is required.

Seniors' pictures are taken at Prestige Portraits by scheduling an appointment at 892.1332. They provide what is needed for the formal and casual pictures for CCA. Make sure you take several formal pictures with a sky-blue background. Each senior can have one formal with this background and one casual picture in the yearbook; however, both must be in a vertical layout. You do not have to purchase anything except the sitting fee for the yearbook pictures.

Please schedule appointments by or before November 16th to allow processing time.

Q: Are there any requirements for the format of the two photos chosen for the yearbook?

A: Yes, CCA requires the formal yearbook choice to be made with a sky blue background. Both formal and casual yearbook choices must be in a vertical format. Yearbook poses/photos must be chosen with the Yearbook Sponsor (Meri Sowders), by December 1st. Ms. Sowders has online access to the portraits, so no hard copy is needed. Please have proof numbers for both choices ready when meeting with the sponsor.

Q: What is the cost for the required photos from Prestige Portraits?

A: Parents are advised to contact Prestige Portraits directly to obtain detailed information on the costs for sitting fees, how many poses/portraits are included, possible portrait packages, etc. Contact info: phone 423.892.1332 or toll-free 1.800.566.0783.

Q: Are seniors required to have a photo on "Picture Day"?

A: Seniors should have a photo taken on "Picture Day" if they do not intend to take formal Senior pictures at Prestige. If a student does not submit their Prestige "formal" and "casual" choices by Dec.1st to the Yearbook Sponsor, the photo taken on "Picture Day" will be used as the senior portrait in the yearbook.

OPEN HOUSE – September 1, 2022

Welcome!

6:00 (Auditorium)

1. Welcome (Dr. Levine)
2. State of the School Information
3. Department Heads Introduction
4. Excuse all teachers to prepare for grade level meetings
5. Overview of Dinner and the Arts, January 20, 2023
(there is a sign-up in the lobby)
6. Introduce PAPA President Angie Nye
7. Approve PAPA Board and annual budget

6:30-6:50

- Middle School families to the Commons
- Families of Grades 9-11 remain in Auditorium
- Families of Seniors to the Library

6:55-7:15 Arts Majors Meetings

Major	Location
Acting/Tech Theater	Blackbox
Communications (Creative Writing/Film)	Library
Dance	Gym
Instrumental Music (Strings/Winds & Percussion)	Auditorium
Musical Theatre	Strings Studio (5A)
Visual Art	Commons
Vocal Music	Band Room (1A)

7:15-7:30 Teacher will be in classrooms for parents to stop in.**7:30** Building Closing