

# CCA Weekly Parent Update

## Sept. 6, 2022

### *From the Principal*

Thanks so much to the hundreds of you who attended our Open House last week. We loved having you in the building and appreciate that you spent your evening here learning more about all that CCA has to offer your students!

Remember that Wednesday is a ½ day of school. Dismissal will begin at 12:15.

And, for Senior parents, be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. for Graduation!

### *Important Updates and Student Opportunities*

**Parking Update:** All parking spots on Tier 2 and 3 are reserved (and paid for) by our student drivers. Please do not park in these spots in the mornings. Once you drop off your child, please do not park in a spot and stay on campus. Our student drivers need to be able to access their spots when they arrive at school. Thank you!

**After School Tutoring:** Tutoring will begin Monday, September 12. 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.

**Mural club** is starting back up as an after-school club this year. The first meeting will be in Ms. Kur's room (114) from 4-4:30 pm on Thursday. The club is open to all high schoolers and newcomers are welcome!

**Open House:** Thank you so much for attending our open house this past Thursday. [On this link](#) you will find the slides and documents used in the middle school, high school, and senior presentations. These are also available at [cca.hcde.org](http://cca.hcde.org) by clicking "For Parents" and then "Open House".

### ***Mark Your Calendar!***

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

- 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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.