

CCA Weekly Parent Update

November 7, 2022

From the Principal

Thanks so much for your patience and support last week as we made the shift to remote learning. This was something I had hoped we would not have to do (ever) again, but having 35% of our students absent on Wednesday convinced us that the shift was necessary for the health of our entire school community. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday morning! I know some students are worried about getting caught up after being out. I will ask our teachers to be flexible with make-up work as students recover from the flu.

You may have noticed that the school district is sending out monthly “pulse checks.” This is a chance to share how you are feeling about CCA or to express any ideas. I read all of the comments and carefully consider your ideas. I also share positive comments with others! One parent asked how her students could learn more about opportunities at school. Please feel free to share this newsletter with your students each week. We also post weekly updates on our website. Information is also shared in the following ways, such as:

- 1) Morning announcements (daily at 9:01 a.m.)
- 2) Announcement whiteboard and magnetic boards in the Commons
- 3) Posters throughout the school
- 4) Social media
- 5) Schedule for the year in the agenda mates
- 6) Teacher announcements

Please remember that it is always fine just to email me directly if you have a concern or suggestion (no need to wait for the survey).

We are very excited to announce that we will launch our first-ever CCA Dual Enrollment Arts Institute this summer! Rising juniors and seniors will be able to take arts courses (including musical theater, animation, and baking) for college credit. More information soon!

Looking forward to a healthier week!

~ Dr. *Jill Levine*

Important Updates and Student Opportunities

PAPA is hosting a Parent Meet & Greet on Friday, November 18th from 5 - 6:30 PM in the Commons. Please bring \$5/person to join PAPA and share some pizza and conversation with other CCA Parents! If you are already a member, we'd love for you to join us as well! Please RSVP to papapresidentcca@gmail.com for planning purposes.

AP Exam Payments: For students who choose to take AP exams, payments should be made on the CCA website under the Parents tab by November 11th. The fee for each Exam is \$97; a reduced fee is available for families who qualify as low-income. AP Teachers have shared information with their students in class, and they will be available this week to help students with exam registration. If you have any additional questions, please email Mrs. Cox at cox_c@hcde.org.

Spirit Week: November 14-18. Special activities are planned during lunch. Each day has a dress-up theme! Special thanks to our class officers for their ideas. [click here for the Poster!](#)

Monday: Monochromatic Day (wear all of one color - red, yellow, green, etc...)
Tuesday: Twin Day
Wednesday: Wear Black & White Attire Day (wear all black, all white, or both)
Thursday: Dress Like a Teacher Day
Friday: Pajama Day

Admissions for 2023-2024!

Please let any non-CCA students in rising grades 6 -11 know that magnet school applications will be available beginning Nov. 11th. Application information is available at [HCDE School Choice](#). Please encourage families you know to attend our free Auditions Workshop on Saturday, November 12th. Students and families will receive valuable assistance preparing audition materials (i.e. Resume, Portfolio, Selections). Click here for the [CCA Audition Workshop Registration Form](#). For more information contact our Dean of Fine Arts, Vincent Hale, at Hale_Vincent@hcde.org. We welcome all artistically talented students to apply!

Particularly for wind instruments, we welcome rising 6th graders with no experience who have a passion for learning. For specific questions, please contact the Director of Winds and Percussion, Aaron Moore at Moore_Aaron@hcde.org.

14th Annual Dinner and the Arts - Friday, January 20, 2023 - The evening will feature live music and performances from CCA students, a silent auction, and catered dinner. 100% of the funds raised at the annual gala will be used to support arts programs at CCA. Tickets are \$25 per person through December 31st. Beginning January 1st, tickets are \$35 per person. Purchase tickets online [through this link](#). Or, text Dinner&theArts to 44-321.

Middle School Informal Dance - Students enrolled in Middle School dance classes with Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Bowman & Ms. Clark will perform a short demonstration of classroom work on stage during class time. Parents and families are invited to attend!

4A Middle School Informa Dance Performance Monday, November 21 @ 3:00 pm

4B Middle School Informa Dance Performance Tuesday, November 22 @ 3:00 pm

DRESS CODE: Students should be in the dance class dress code for the performance with all required shoes, tights, leotards, etc as required for their specific dance class. Please have your student check with their teacher for specific dress code requirements. No additional after-school rehearsals will be required to prepare for this performance.

Crochet Club - 6th and 7th grade students have started a crochet club during DS and have created a wishlist of items. Click [here for needed items](#). Donations with a receipt earn volunteer hours. Please bring items by November 18. With appreciation, Aseneth Scott (Dean of Students).

Food City School Bucks - Raise money for CCA on your next shopping trip. Log in to your Food City online account foodcity.com/schoolbucks/. When prompted link your account to CCA's school code 60057. It is that easy!

Publix Partners - Raise money for CCA every time you shop at Publix. Log in to your account at [Publix](#) Scroll left to Publix Partners. Enter our zip code 37405, and choose Center for Creative Arts. Every time you shop, enter your phone number at the register. It is that easy!

Community Kitchen Project - Wellness and P.E. students will show their gratitude and generosity by collecting items for the Community Kitchen from Nov. 1st to Nov. 22nd. ALL CCA students are encouraged to bring canned goods or other nonperishable food items, warm coats, socks (new), and gently used walking/running shoes. All items will be collected in bins in the Gym. Donations do not qualify for volunteer hours.

Students are invited to participate (walk or run) in the Grateful Gobbler with Ms. Pound on Thanksgiving morning. 100% of proceeds go to the family shelter at the Community Kitchen. More info about the event and registration [here](#).

CARE Closet - CCA is fully stocked on personal care items for students in need. We are still in need of women's size jogging pants (please, no tight leggings). Sizes XS, S, M, L, XXL. For more information, please contact winne_diane@hcde.org.

Golden Apple Award - Every Tuesday night at 6 pm, WDEF News 12 recognizes an educator for their accomplishments in the classroom and acknowledges the critical role

education plays in the future of our region and nation. Nominate your favorite CCA Educator at [Golden Apple Award - WDEF](#)

Mark Your Calendar!

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

| | |
|----------|--|
| 11/8 | PAPA Board meeting in the library at 5:30 |
| 11/9 | Half day for students - dismissal at 12:15 |
| 11/10 | Academic Excellence celebration for Q1 |
| 11/10 | Junior Clinic 5:00-7:00 (This is for selected students who auditioned) |
| 11/11 | Last day for AP Exam payments on CCA website |
| 11/11 | Junior Clinic 9:00 am - 4 pm |
| 11/11 | Dinner and the Arts meeting in Commons 9 am - for parents |
| 11/11-12 | Fall Acting Show: <i>Our Town</i> at 7 pm |
| 11/12 | Auditions Workshop 10:00 am -12:00 pm - for prospective students |
| 11/13 | Fall Acting Show: <i>Our Town</i> at 2:30 pm |
| 11/14-18 | Spirit Week |
| 11/18-19 | MS Musical <i>James and the Giant Peach</i> 7 pm |
| 11/21-22 | Informal Dance 3:00 - information is above |
| 11-23-25 | Thanksgiving Break |
| 12-1 | Winds and Percussion Concert at 7 p.m. (rescheduled from November) |

Parent/Family Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Opportunities to earn Volunteer Hours:

Our Town tech week 11/5-11/11 [click here](#)

Academic Excellence [volunteer hour opportunities](#)

Various volunteer opportunities for November [click here](#)

James and the Giant Peach tech week [click here](#)

Crochet Club items [click here](#)