

CCA Weekly Parent Update

Sept. 26, 2022

From the Principal

It's showtime! We are excited to launch into our fall performance schedule. Join us on Tuesday night at 5:30 for our first art opening of the year and on Thursday at 7:00 for CCA Idol, our annual singing competition!

Thanks to a grant from the state, we will soon begin building a music and film recording studio! To make this happen, we need lots of help. The more we can accomplish through volunteers, the more money we have to spend on equipment and visiting artists. We are looking for particular skills to help build the studio. Please [click here for specifics](#). (and to sign up to help). Also, feel free to email me if there is another way you may be able to help with this project. levine_jill@hcde.org

Important Updates and Student Opportunities

Important information for parents of seniors is located at the end of this update.

Curb Appeal - Parking Space Painting Saturday, October 1st. Students who have purchased a dedicated parking space and have completed a design application by September 27 will be able to turn their space into a work of art! [Click here](#) to view the application and guidelines. Paint and rollers will be provided, but supplies are limited. **Students must bring their own brushes.** Students may bring friends or family to help them. Please park at the top level or by the Sandra Box theater. Please check [this sign up](#) for items that are still needed.

After School Rehearsals - If your student is staying for an after school activity or rehearsal, please make sure they bring a snack. We do not provide snacks for regular rehearsals or activities. However, dinner or a light meal is provided during tech week for shows.

After school tutoring- The end of the first quarter is approaching. You can keep up with your student's grades in PowerSchool and Canvas. The tutoring schedule is available [here](#). If your student has less than a C, they are required to attend tutoring. If your student is failing at the beginning of Quarter 2, they will be required to attend the tutoring for any class they are failing. This is a part of our academic probation process. They will not be released from tutoring until they have earned and maintained at least a C average, they have been attending tutoring regularly, and an administrator has cleared them.

Looking for a carpool? Completely optional, [click on this link](#) to connect with other parents. CCA will not organize the carpools. This is simply a space for parents to connect.

Golden Apple Award: Every Tuesday night at 6 pm, WDEF News 12 will recognize an educator for their accomplishments in the classroom and acknowledge the critical role education plays in the future of our region and nation. Nominate your favorite CCA Educator at [Golden Apple Award - WDEF](#)

Safety Information - A parent passed along the following article about a dangerous new trend with fentanyl that looks like candy: [click here for article](#) Please review the article and consider whether this is something you might want to discuss with your child. Parents have asked if we have narcan at school in case we ever have a drug related emergency. We do have narcan, and our nurse is trained to use it if ever needed.

PAPA (Performers, Artists, Parents, and Advocates): Is a 501c(3) non profit organization which supports and promotes all endeavors at CCA. 100% of proceeds stays at CCA. Every \$2 of the \$5 membership fee directly supports the Passion for Excellence Scholarship fund. Volunteering for any of the committees with PAPA does qualify as volunteer hours for CCA. For more information contact papapresidentcca@gmail.com or [click here to join or donate](#)

Passion for Excellence Scholarships will be available beginning October 7th. The deadline for submission is October 21st. Scholarships are available to students for any endeavor that advances their academic or artistic pursuits. Applications will only be available on-line. At least one member of the student's family must be a PAPA member. Membership is only \$5 [click here to join](#).

Mark Your Calendar!

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

9/27 Art Gallery Opening 5:30 PM

9/29 CCA Idol 7:00 PM - Fun event for the whole family!

10/1 Curb Appeal - Parking Space Painting - for all students who paid for a parking space

10/6 Choo Choo Kids Show "Rhythm of Life" 7 pm - Another fun family event!

10/7 End of 1st Quarter

10/10-10/14 is Fall Break!

10/18 ACT Test for seniors

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.

Choo Choo Kids volunteer opportunities [click here](#)

Curb Appeal Parking Space Painting [sign up here!](#)

ACT day Oct. 18 volunteer hours opportunities [click here](#)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF SENIORS (Also posted on our website cca.hcde.org by going to the For Students and clicking “Senior Updates”)

New GPA Information

The new TN Uniform Grading Scale (10-point scale) goes into effect for grades Fall 2022 and forward only. Grades awarded prior to Fall 2022 will remain in the former TN Uniform Grading Scale (7-point scale.) This will impact the transcripts of Class of 2023, 2024, 2025 and any students within the Class of 2026 that took high school credit-bearing classes in middle school. These classes will have grades from two separate state uniform grading scales appear on their official transcripts.

Previous 7-point Grading Scale: A=100-93, B=92-85, C=84-75, D=74-70, F=69-0

Updated 10-point Grading Scale: A=100-90, B=89-80, C=79-70, D=69-60, F=59-0

Class Rank

Computations for the Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be figured at the conclusion of Fall Semester of Senior year. Both honors are based on numerical computation. To be eligible a student must attend CCA for the entire Junior and Senior years.

Class rank beyond Valedictorian and Salutatorian are not reported on transcripts; we have found that we have so many high achieving students their class rank is not an accurate representation

of their academic performance. The top ten percent of the class will be determined in the Spring for the Superintendent's Honors Banquet.

Student Volunteer Hours

Seniors are expected to complete twenty (20) volunteer hours throughout their senior year. They have been given a log sheet to track their hours from Mr. Flowers, and additional sheets are available with him if your child has lost track of their sheet. On the sheet, there will be a place for whoever your child is volunteering with to sign off on the sheet to verify the hours spent volunteering.

Many of your seniors already spend time volunteering in some capacity or another. The general rule of thumb is that as long as they are not receiving payment for their volunteering, are not required by school to participate, or doing normal chores around your home, most likely they could count those hours as volunteering. We really want to have the seniors out working to better their community before they head off to college or whatever they have planned after CCA. If there are specific questions about if a particular volunteer opportunity would count for these hours, please reach out to Mr. Flowers.

Additionally, those students who plan to utilize the Tennessee Promise Scholarship are required to do volunteer work in order to satisfy the requirements to receive that scholarship. Seniors can use the volunteer hours for TN Promise and also count those for their CCA volunteer hours.

All seniors who complete their 20 hours by the end of their senior year will receive a volunteering cord to wear with their cap and gown at graduation.