

Dear CFA Students and Parents,

Happy Friday! I hope everyone has had a great week! It has been a busy and exciting week for CFA! Please take a moment to read about all the wonderful things that are going on at the CFA and HHS!! And thanks for reading these lengthy Newsletters 😊

First, we would like to congratulate Mr. Day for coordinating and organizing the “Infusion Symposium” that was held on Thursday, February 18 for all CFA Musical Theatre & Theatre students! The “Infusion Symposium” was a one-day conference (but unlike other conferences, this one was FREE for all of our CFA students!) designed to give our students specialized workshops and training on a multitude of musical theatre and theatrical topics.

We also want to thank our Theatre & MT teachers – Mr. Ritter, Ms. Moody and Mr. Dye – for their help with the Symposium! The Symposium was an AMAZING event and we’ve been hearing from the students that they would like to do this again! They especially liked the make-up session – taught by our very own CFA Alum Michael Jones – and the “Wicked Moves” dance class was incredible! And – it was great to hear about the history of our theatre community here in Richmond from Bruce Miller, the Artistic Director of Virginia Repertory Theatre! I know that I learned so much from listening to and watching our Guest Artist Presenters, and I know that our students did too!





Thanks again to our AMAZING CFA MT & THEATRE teachers for organizing the “Infusion Symposium”! **And, special thanks to Dr. Monroe for letting our students out of academic/tech classes so that they could participate in this special event!** We can’t hold events like this without the support of our Administration and we are so lucky to have a principal like Dr. Monroe who appreciates the value of an arts education!!

OTHER COOL THINGS HAPPENING IN THE CFA!!

In addition to the MT & THEATRE INFUSION SYMPOSIUM, the CFA LEVEL IV DANCERS will be attending the National Dance Festival on March 2-6, 2016 at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, PA! DANCERS (and parents!!) - please make sure you are up-to-date with all trip payments and keep an eye out for more trip information from Ms. Fink!

The CFA Visual Arts Department is also excited to be participating in a gallery show on FIRST FRIDAY in March!! More details to come in a future CFA NEWSLETTER!

CFA NEWS

Greetings Parents and Students,

In an effort to streamline the process of ensuring students are selecting the most appropriate courses for the 2016-17 School Year, I am setting aside specific days and times for these individual meetings to review course selections and to discuss other scheduling items. These meetings are as needed and not required.

I will not have any meetings regarding course selections until the Parent Portal is closed which is February 19th. Select the courses that are available to you and we can make adjustments later if you wish to make changes. If you have questions before the Parent Portal closes, feel free to email me.

Use the link below to schedule a time to meet with me regarding the Course Selection Process.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44ada72da7fd0-201617>

*Best,
Ms. Johnson*

CFA MUSICAL THEATRE SHOWCASE WEEK IS ALMOST HERE!!

ATTENTION ALL CFA MUSICAL THEATRE STUDENTS – here is your rehearsal schedule for **SHOWCASE WEEK!!** Please note the times on your calendars! Remember that all rehearsals are **MANDATORY**, performances are **MANDATORY** and that these are graded events 😊

NOTE – the FCFA will be providing snacks on Monday-Thursday. More information about the snacks will appear in a future Newsletter! There will be **NO** snacks provided before the show on Friday and Saturday.

March 14 (Mon.): 4:00-8:30 ALL LEVELS

March 15 (Tues.): 4:00-8:30 ALL LEVELS

March 16 (Wed.): 4:00-9:00 ALL LEVELS

March 17 (Thurs.): 4:00-8:00 ALL LEVELS & FINAL DRESS

March 18 (Fri.): 6:00 CALL; 7:30 SHOW

March 19 (Sat.): 6:00 CALL; 7:30 SHOW

IMPORTANT ONLINE HEALTH INFORMATION FROM MS. JOHNSON

Greetings CFA Parents,

Attached are two documents regarding Summer Online Health (Dance, Musical Theatre and Theatre students only) and Summer Online Health and PE (Visual Arts Students Only). See the chart below to know which course your child needs to take.

This information is for the Summer Option only. There is also the option to take Health and PE in the classroom (visual arts students

only) in the summer. This class is listed in the traditional Summer Academy brochure to be released in the next week or so.

If you have any question, contact Ms. Johnson (info below).

Summer Online Health vs. Summer Online Health & PE	
Summer Online Health 9/10	Summer Online Health & PE 9/10
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dance/MT/Theatre Students Only• No Lottery• \$100/course• Registration:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ March 14 to March 24• Course dates:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ May 31 to Aug 2• Required Class Meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ May 31 Orientation○ August 2 Final Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visual Arts Students Only• Lottery<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Feb 8 to Feb 26• Notice of Acceptance<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ March 11 via email• \$300/course• Registration & Payment<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ March 14 to March 24• Course Dates:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ May 31 to August 2• Required Class Meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ May 31 Orientation○ June 28 for HPE 9○ June 29 for HPE 10○ August 2 Final Exam• Gym Membership Required• Open House<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ February 2 at 7pm at Tucker○ February 4 at 7pm at Glen Allen

CFA trip to Europe - summer of 2017!!

Students and parents – we hope you know that the CFA is committed to providing travel opportunities to enhance the students’ arts education outside the classroom. We organize trips to the Regional/National Dance Festival every year for our Dance students, and every year we take students to New York City (although we alternate the trips every year between the Visual Art and the Theatre/Musical Theatre curriculums.)

Every four years, however, we organize a trip to Europe during the summer that is open to ANY CFA student in ANY CFA curriculum area. We are excited to announce

that we are currently in the planning stages for our summer 2017 trip to Spain! The Europe trips are not inexpensive, but they are a worthwhile and unique experience. We will hold an interest meeting for the Europe trip later in the spring so please check the CFA Newsletters for details. In the meantime, if you are seriously interested in spending summer 2017 in Spain, please start saving your money now!



Upcoming CFA Events for February:

February 25 – CFA MT Level IV Cabaret in the Black Box Theatre @ 7:30 p.m. Please join us for an evening of musical entertainment featuring our CFA MT Level IV class! Refreshments and desserts will be served in the Main Commons following the cabaret! Hope to see you there!

Semester grade review letters

CFA Students and Parents – each CFA student will be getting a Semester Grade Review letter in mid-to-late February (after report cards are issued). The semester grade review letters will let students know if they are meeting the CFA Handbook requirements. To be in good standing within the CFA program, each student must maintain a GPA of 2.7 or higher, and must earn a grade of “A” or “B-” in the CFA discipline class. If you have any questions about the CFA academic/grading policy, please contact Dr. Poxon via e-mail or call the CFA Office (228-2718).

SPECIALTY CENTER FEES AND SENIOR FEES

For those who have sent in their fees recently, thank you! However, we still have a number of students who have not yet paid their \$20 Specialty Center fee. These fees are used to purchase important supplies for our program. We need to settle these fee payments ASAP so please send them in right away. This is especially important for seniors who will not be allowed to fully participate in senior year activities if all fees are not paid. Payments may be made to Mrs. Pippert in the CFA office (checks payable to Henrico High School).

****SENIORS - please make sure to pay all fees, library book fines, past payments for trips, etc. Your account will be "flagged" if you have an outstanding balance and you will not be permitted to attend the HHS Prom or participate in the graduation ceremony at the Siegel Center in June.** Please, please, please make sure to get your money in before it's too late! Please see Dr. Poxon or Ms. Pippert if you have any questions about your outstanding balances.**

CFA SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Mr. Dye (CFA MT Level III teacher) who wrote the book to *Songs from the Soul*, which was presented by Virginia Repertory Theatre at Wilder Middle School February 16, 2016. Songs from the Soul is a revue of African-American music from slave songs to jazz and blues to rap – not only is it toe-tapping entertainment but it's also a vital history lesson that teaches pride, responsibility and respect.

Congratulations to Karyn Cumming (CFA MT Level IV; Theatre III; Dance II) who has been invited as a Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient to attend the General Assembly and reception at the Governor's Mansion on Monday, February 22, as an advocate for State level support on Scout Awareness Day! Way to go Karyn!

Congratulations to the CFA Theatre Level IV class who will be performing Tuesday, February 23 at Wilder Middle School at their African American History "Blacks in Wax" event.

FCFA NEWS

Friends of Center for the Arts (FCFA) Corner

Website: www.friendsofcfa.com

Email: friendsofcfa@gmail.com

FCFA is excited to announce our Spring Breakfast! Please use the link below for signup genius to volunteer food, supplies, and/or time. We cannot do this without your help!

When: Wednesday, February 24th
Time: 8:15-8:45 am



Where: HHS North Cafeteria (note - this is a CHANGE from the location of our fall breakfast)

Why: To bring the CFA kids together for a meal before the craziness of showcase begins!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4da8ac2aa20-cfaspring1>

Other Important Dates:

- March 18 & 19 - Musical Theater Showcases
- April 8 & 9 – Theater Showcases
- April 15 & 16 – Dance Showcases
- April 15th – Visual Arts Showcase

Join the ***Friends of the Center for the Arts (FCFA)*** – whether you can give a little or a lot please join FCFA and help us as we provide event assistance, teacher assistance and scholarships for the CFA Students. OUR GOAL = 100% Participating. Membership forms can be found on the FCFA website!

FCFA is the Booster Club for CFA and we have the best FRIENDS (FCFA)!

Visit our **website** for more information about events throughout the year at:

<http://www.friendsofcfa.com/>

Like our **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/FriendsofCFA?fref=ts>

Henrico High School News

HHS DRAMA CLUB NEWS

The HHS Drama Club is currently rehearsing “Almost Maine,” directed by Todd Ritter, which will be performed March 3-5, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the HHS Auditorium. Please see the attached information about how you can support the Drama Club by purchasing ads in the upcoming program!

MORE HHS NEWS:

*REB Nominations for Educators

The Community Foundation invites nominations from students, parents, colleagues, school staff and administrators (except for the school principal), and the community at large for outstanding HCPS teachers. All nominees must have completed at least three years of full-time teaching.

Nominations must be submitted online through the Community Foundation's website by 5 p.m., February 22nd. For instructions, eligibility criteria and a link to the nomination portal, please visit tcfrichmond.org.

Additional Resources

- [Website](#)
- [Document/File](#)

Testing Dates:

Feb 16-26 ACCESS Testing (LEP students only)

March 15-16 EOC Writing SOL

March 17-18 EOC Writing SOL Make-ups

***YEARBOOK:** Attention Parents and Students: You may order your 2016 yearbook online at <http://www.balfour.com/> from now until March 31, 2016. The cost of the book is \$50.

1. Go to the <http://www.balfour.com/>.
2. Enter Henrico High School under "Shop Your School."
3. Scroll down under "Shop Your School's Products" and select YEARBOOK.
4. Select the quantity and proceed to checkout.

If you have questions regarding the 2016 yearbook, please contact Mrs. Lynn Farley at lmfarley@henrico.k12.va.us.

***The UPDATED Scholarship Newsletter 2016** can be viewed at this **link:** [January Scholarship Newsletter v4 2015-16.pdf](#) The newsletter and supporting documents/applications will also be in SCHOOLSPACE◊ **For School space, go to schools.space.henrico.k12.va.us (parents, enter your child's username and password- Click HHS Community> Content Tab> Scholarships 15-16> Click recent month or application you need)**. *See the last page of newsletter for further instructions regarding use of Schoolspace- the most resourceful place to find scholarship applications.*

* **NOTE THAT SUMMER SCHOOL HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION IS CAPPED AT 500 STUDENTS. ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO ENTER A LOTTERY TO BE SELECTED FOR THE COURSE THIS SUMMER. SEE DETAILS** <https://sites.google.com/a/henrico.k12.va.us/online-health-and-pe/home>

*Please visit the Henrico HS website (<http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/henrico/>) for additional information, scholarship newsletter, exciting news, events, and weekly highlights featured in the Monroe Message!

*The Henrico High School Calendar of SPORTING Events and Activities is located: www.capitaldistrictva.org

Entire Varsity Basketball Schedule: [Henrico High School Varsity Basketball Schedule.docx](#)

Thank you, and remember to *Behold the Green and Gold!*

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

VCU VOCAL ARTS SUMMER CAMP

I'm happy to send you updated information on this year's exciting choir camp at VCU July 11-15.

Featured guest conductors:

Dr. David Brunner, Chamber Choir, for singers in gr 9-12 fall 2016

Philip Keirstead, Festival Choir, for singers in gr 6-8 fall 2016

Please find information about these dynamic directors on our website

<http://rampages.us/vcuvocalartsproject/about-vap/faculty/>

This week-long music camp will include amazing opportunities for musical growth and self-expression for your students. With elective classes offered in theory, drumming, drama, and vocal methods, the week is packed with rehearsals/performing/learning and sharing the love of music.

We have overnight options for students grades 9-12 with move-in date of July 10. Our early bird rate will expire March 15 with the final deadline for application May 20, in order for us to send out music to students in early June.

Best regards,
Becky

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SAT INFORMATION – FREE WEBINAR next Tuesday, February 23 at 8:00 p.m.!

We wanted to make sure that you knew about our upcoming (next Tuesday night) webinar about the new SAT. Our webinars are very popular and well-received, and this one is aimed at students and parents to let them know about the changes coming to the SAT next month. All of our webinars are free, and we do not market to students.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS – see attachment

Apply at www.tcfrichmond.org. All applications and documents are due to the community foundation on or BEFORE March 3rd at 5 pm.

Have a great evening and good luck to our HHS Basketball Warriors tonight!

Best,
Dr. P