

June 20, 2016 CFA Newsletter

Dear CFA Students and Parents,



Congratulations – we made it through the 2015-2016 school year! And what a year this has been! We celebrated the CFA’s 25th anniversary this year – with a fabulous anniversary reception hosted by our FCFA and a fundraiser concert starring Rayvon Owen; we faced one of the snowiest winters we’ve had in years (no exams!); to May and SOLs, AP and finals exams (and the CRAZY LAST DAY OF SCHOOL STORM!); and finally to the renovation challenges we endured all YEAR -- we’ve ALL earned a little R&R time, so make the most of your summer vacation! I know that some of you are planning trips, some of you are in performances/shows this summer, and some of you are going to kick back, relax, and do a lot of nothing! Whatever your summer plans may be, please enjoy your well-deserved break!

This will be my last “official” e-Newsletter of the 2015-2016 school year. I will still be working the last two weeks of June (except on Fridays) if you need to contact me. I am out on break the month of July and my first day back in the office will be August 8. If you need anything over the summer while I am not here, please feel free to contact the HHS Main Office at 228-2700.

I will resume the e-Newsletters in early August upon my return to the office. At that time, I’ll send reminders about your Summer Reading projects and any AP summer work you need to complete. I’ll also have information about transportation, the Henrico High School new student orientation and Fee Nights which will be August 30 and 31 in the evening.

Finally, to our recently graduated seniors and/or our recently graduated parents – I know that some of you want to stay connected to the CFA and want to remain on the CFA Newsletter list. If I haven’t already heard from you, please send me an e-mail if you would like to stay on our Newsletter list. Our alumni parents and students are always welcome at our CFA events so staying on the Newsletter list is a great way to keep abreast of all CFA activities and showcases!!

Returning and current CFA students – I will be updating and “cleaning up” the distribution list this summer, so please let me know of any e-mail changes sooner rather than later – THANK

YOU! And thanks to those of you who have already sent your new and/or additional e-mail addresses for the Newsletter list – I have them and will be updating the list in the next few weeks! ☺

HENRICO HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

I hope this Newsletter finds you safe and with power after last Thursday night's storm. If you haven't received the official communications from Andy Jenks, HCPS Communications Director, about the procedures for the last few weeks of school, here it is below. Please take a moment to read this message:

The following message is intended primarily for **students and families**. Teachers and staff are expected to receive separate instructions directly from their principals. **Please read all the way to the end as the instructions for middle/high school families are slightly different than those for elementary school families.**

THIS WEEKEND: All community activities at all Henrico County Public Schools are being cancelled for Saturday, June 18, and Sunday, June 19. We apologize for this inconvenience.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS:

The exam schedule for Friday, June 17th has been cancelled and there will be no mandatory "make up day" as a result of the storm.

Beginning Monday, June 20, schools will operate on "Summer Hours" which are Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Schools will be closed on Fridays.

Students still have the option to take Friday's exams. If you need or want to take the exam, call your school on Monday to schedule a time to do so. Schools are being instructed to remain flexible. All exams should be completed by Thursday, June 30.

Students/families will have the opportunity to come to the school and retrieve any personal belongings.

Medications will be held until June 30. **Only a parent/guardian may pick up medications. We will dispose of any medications not picked up by June 30.**

Students needing to return a school laptop need to make arrangements to return it to the school as soon as possible for re-imaging and preparation for summer school programs.

From this point forward, schools are being encouraged to share more detailed information directly via phone calls and emails, as well as your school's website.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Beginning Monday, June 20, schools will operate on “Summer Hours” which are Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Schools will be closed on Fridays.

There will be no mandatory “make up day” as a result of the storm.

Students/families will have the opportunity to come to the school and retrieve any personal belongings, as well as the final report card. **Only a parent/guardian may pick up a report card.** Report cards not picked up by Thursday, June 30 will be mailed.

Medications will be held until June 30. **Only a parent/guardian may pick up medications. We will dispose of any medications not picked up by June 30.**

From this point forward, schools are being encouraged to share more detailed information directly via phone calls and emails, as well as your school’s website.

Please note that as of this writing, at least 38 of our 72 schools still do not have power. Plans remain subject to change on a school-by-school basis, and we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding!

Andy Jenks

Director, Communications and Public Relations

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

CFA Summer Assignments -- All incoming CFA students should have received their Summer Assignments at the New Student Orientation in May. If you were not able to attend the Orientation, please contact the CFA Office Assistant, Ms. Pippert, to get your packet with the CFA syllabus and summer assignment. We also have electronic copies of the summer assignments, which we can e-mail you upon request. The CFA Summer Assignments can also be found on our CFA website: <http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/cfa>.

HCPS Summer Reading Lists – here are the links for the English Summer Reading lists and the AP Summer Assignments (including AP Music Theory and AP Art History!)

English\Reading (All levels)

<http://tinyurl.com/zrnzu87>

Advanced Placement (AP) Summer Assignments

<http://tinyurl.com/hn384tf>

Happy Reading!!

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LOCKERS – STUDENTS – Many of you still have items in the MT, Theatre and Dance lockers. **You have until THURSDAY, JUNE 30 to come by the school and retrieve your items out of the lockers.** After June 30, any items still remaining in the lockers will be donated to Goodwill. Thank you!

CFA 2016-2017 Calendar of Events

For those of you who like to plan ahead, this is the CFA Calendar of Events for the 2016-2017 school year. Please mark your calendars now!!

Please note that all performances and galleries are MANDATORY for CFA students – all students receive a GRADE for their rehearsals and performances – so please plan ahead NOW! **For performing arts students (dance, musical theatre, theatre), you must also plan on being at rehearsal every week night leading up to a performance, and you will receive a grade for each night of rehearsal.** **For Visual Arts students, you must plan on hanging the show at least one night and attending the Showcase at least one night – the Arts Teachers will give you more information about this.** A more detailed performance/rehearsal schedule will be available in the fall, but please mark your calendars now! The CFA faculty and staff thank you in advance for your cooperation.

2016-2017 Performance Dates for all current and incoming CFA students

Center for the Arts Calendar of Events for 2016-2017

2016

September 15 FCFA Ice Cream Social @ 7:00 p.m. HHS Main Commons
FCFA fall partnership drive

November 18 and 19 Visual Arts Fall Showcase @ 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. CFA Jeff Hall Gallery

November 18 and 19 Performing Arts Fall Showcase @ 7:30 p.m. HHS Auditorium
(Tech week rehearsals @ night November 14-17)

2017

January 21 CFA Audition Workshop for new students

February 4 CFA Auditions for new students
(Audition snow date is Saturday, February 11)

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| March 24-25 | Theatre Spring Showcase @ 7:30 p.m. HHS Auditorium (Tech week rehearsals @ night March 20-23) |
| March 31-April 1 | Dance Spring Showcase @ 7:30 p.m. in HHS Auditorium (Tech week rehearsals @ night March 27-30) |
| April 21-22 | Musical Theatre Spring Showcase @ 7:30 p.m. in HHS Auditorium (Tech week rehearsals @ night April 17-20) |
| April 22 | Visual Arts Spring Showcase @ 5:00-7:00 p.m. CFA Jeff Hall Gallery |
| May 12 | Senior Theatre Showcase @ 7:30 p.m. in CFA Black Box Theatre |
| May 16 | CFA New Student Orientation @ 7:00 p.m. in HHS Auditorium |
| May 19 | Senior Musical Theatre Showcase @ 7:30 p.m. in HHS Auditorium |
| May 26 | Senior Visual Art Showcase 7:00 p.m. Art Works 320 Hull Street, Richmond, VA 23224 (291-1400) |
| June 2 | Senior Dance Showcase: 7:30 p.m. @ Grace Street Theatre, VCU. Tickets \$5 and SOLD IN ADVANCE in the CFA Office. |
| June 3 | CFA Honors and Awards Picnic: 11:00 a.m. HHS Auditorium Picnic to follow in HHS Main Commons/lawn |

For more information about these events, please call 228-2718 or visit our website:

<http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/cfa>

CFA Faculty Spotlight

Rest – who needs a rest?! - take a look at what our fabulous CFA faculty are doing this summer:

Ms. Genevieve Dowdy – For the entire month of July, Ms. Dowdy is exploring the U.S. with son Kylan on a road trip to see art and landscape as inspiration for future work in the studio. They will spend some time seeing art museums in Chicago, Minneapolis and Milwaukee as well to connect the AP Art History curriculum. In August she will be back in the studio at home!

Ms. Mary Scurlock – will be creating art work in her studio for an upcoming show.

Ms. Karen Moody – will be performing in Dogwood Dell's production of *Spamalot* as the French Taunter/Ensemble on July 29, 30, 31 and August 5, 6 at 8:30 p.m. Free and fun for all! Several CFA Alum are also in the show with Ms. Moody – Peyton Bowen, Bridget Lundberg and Devon Mosby (Ensemble). Ms. Moody will also be teaching Theatre at the VCU Vocal Arts camp this July!

Mr. Morgan Day – is Musical Director for CharacterWorks' production of *Godspell*, which runs June 30 – July 2. See <http://www.cworkstheater.org/shows/GODSPELL-53> for ticket prices and other details.

Mr. Todd Ritter – is Director for CharacterWorks’ production of *Godspell*, which runs June 30 – July 2. See <http://www.cworkstheater.org/shows/GODSPELL-53> for ticket prices and other details.

Mr. Billy Dye – is performing in Virginia Repertory Theatre’s production of *Dream Girls*, which runs June 24 – August 7. See <http://va-rep.org/> for ticket prices and other details.

Ms. Vicki Fink – will be teaching at Dogtown Theatre and collaborating with various artists in the Richmond area on future workshops.

Ms. Theresa Niermeyer – will be teaching dance at Camp Gamin this summer!

Dr. Poxon – will be performing excerpts from Handel’s *Messiah* with the Richmond Symphony Chorus (under the direction of Dr. Erin Freeman) at the WinterGreen Arts Festival in July. She will also be singing at Carnegie Hall with the Richmond Symphony Chorus next year!

Again, have a wonderful summer! See you next fall!

Best,
Dr. P

