

Dear CFA Students and Parents,

Happy Friday!! I hope everyone made it through this first “virtual” week without much incident. Remember – this is new to all of us and we will figure it out! I enjoyed watching some of your classes today – thanks for welcoming me in and letting me join in on the fun! – and if I haven’t made it to your class yet, don’t worry! I’ll be popping in and out of classes all next week!

Even though things seemed to go fairly smoothly this first week, Ms. Castillo-Rose will be sending out a survey for your feedback on what we can do to make this virtual experience work better for you! Stay tuned for the survey and thanks in advance for your comments.

I am SO PROUD of our CFA students and teachers! Thanks for all your hard work and for an amazing first week ☺

Keep connected with CFA & FCFA!

CFA and FCFA on FACEBOOK and TWITTER – be sure to **LIKE** the CFA and FCFA’s Facebook page! CFA Alumni – help us out by sharing the CFA and FCFA Facebook with your friends!!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Center-for-the-Arts-at-Henrico-High-School/356876134481174>

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfCFA>

Twitter -- @ CFA_Henrico

CFA and FCFA Websites – be sure to check out these websites! Lots of great information is contained on these pages, so be sure to add these pages to your Favorites/Bookmarks for quick reference!

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

www.friendsofcfa.com

CFA Reminders/To-Do List:

- Communication is KEY this year! **Our main form of communication to you are the weekly CFA Newsletters.** Please make sure that you are receiving and reading the Newsletters! Students should also be reading these Newsletters – so please send an email to Dr. Poxon (slpoxon@henrico.k12.va.us) if you want to be added to the Newsletter list.

NOTE – CFA Newsletters can be found in THREE places:

- a. Sent directly to your e-mail address every Friday
- b. On the [CFA Website](http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/cfa) (blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/cfa)
- c. On Schoology

- Our [CFA 2020-2021 Calendar of Events](#) is now available so be sure to save these dates! We are looking forward to presenting our showcases to our friends and families! Please add these dates to your calendars now!
*All CFA showcase/gallery events are tentatively planned to be held in-person/live. If HCPS continues all-virtual learning past the first nine weeks of SY2020-2021, adjustments for the safety of our students and community will be made and alternate virtual showcase/gallery options may be planned and dates may be subject to change. For more information, call 228-2718 or visit our website: <http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/cfa>
- Our [2020-2021 CFA Handbook](#) is posted on the CFA website. All CFA students and parents must review the expectations outlined in the Handbook and complete the [2020-2021 CFA Handbook Contract form](#). You can also find the Handbook Contract under the “Current Students” tab on the website.

- The [2020-2021 Handbook Contract form](#) needs to be completed by all students and parents and submitted by **September 18, 2020**. **Completion of this form will count as your participation grade for CFA Seminar for September.**
- Please pay your fees including CFA fees. Fees can be paid online at <https://osp.osmsinc.com/HenricoVA/>
 - FCFA Virtual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, September 24 @ 7:00 p.m. – more details to come!

Class schedules

Students should be able to access class schedules in Power School. HHS Daily Schedule is attached. Here is the CFA class schedule:

CFA Class schedule

ALL CFA Level I classes meet during 4th/5th block (12:45-2:15 p.m.)

ALL CFA Level II classes meet during 1st block (9:00-10:00 a.m.)

All CFA Level III classes meet during 6th/7th block (2:25-3:55 p.m.)*

*Dance Level III will meet during 2nd/3rd block combined with Dance Level IV

All CFA Level IV classes meet during 2nd/3rd block (10:10-11:40 a.m.)

CFA NEWS

#1 – CFA Seminar – we will NOT be holding CFA Seminar the month of September. Your CFA Seminar grade for September will be the completion of your [2020-2021 Handbook Contract form](#). Stay tuned for information about CFA Seminar for October and November.

#2 – CFA Office Hours

All CFA teachers will have office hours each week – you are welcome to reach out to your teacher during these times for additional help with classwork or if you have questions in general. Of course, you can always make appointments with your teacher, but these office hours are specific times each week your teacher has set aside to be there for you for any reason!!

CFA Office Hours

Dr. Poxon, Director (slpoxon@henrico.k12.va.us)

M-F: Warrior Time

Tues/Thurs 9:00-10:00 a.m. or by appointment

Dance

Theresa Niermeyer, Lead Dance Teacher (tniermeyer@henrico.k12.va.us)

M-F: Warrior Time, 6th period, 4:00-4:30 p.m. and by appointment

Musical Theatre

William Dye, Lead Musical Theatre Teacher (wrdye@henrico.k12.va.us)

M-F: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Morgan Day, Musical Theatre III and Company 302 (mjday@henrico.k12.va.us)

M-F: Warrior Time

Theatre

Todd Ritter, Lead Theatre teacher (teritter@henrico.k12.va.us)

M-F: Warrior Time

M-F: 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Shanea Taylor, part-time Theatre teacher (sntaylor@henrico.k12.va.us)
M-F: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Visual Arts

Genevieve Dowdy (gpdowdy@henrico.k12.va.us)
Odd Days: 11:00 a.m.-12:10 p.m. (note the change in red)
Mary Scurlock (mascurlo@henrico.k12.va.us)
M-F: Warrior Time
Odd Days: 2:25-3:55 p.m.

#3— CFA Counselor Caseload for SY2020-21

Welcome CFA students to the 20-21 school year. Ms. Kremsreiter and Ms. Hernandez will be your school counselors this year.

Ms. Tiffany Kremsreiter - tmkremstreiter@henrico.k12.va.us

CFA 9-12 (Last names A-O)

Ms. Nydia Hernandez - nehernandez@henrico.k12.va.us

CFA 9-12 (Last names P-Z)

#4 -- CFA Course Syllabus, Supply Lists and Summer Assignments

All CFA Course Syllabus, Supply Lists and Summer Assignments are posted on the CFA website [here](#)

#5 - Health & PE

This is a reminder to all CFA students and parents that starting with the 2020-2021 school year, all CFA students must take the full sequence of Health & PE. We no longer offer the online Health modules through the CFA program so there is no fee. If you mistakenly see the \$100 online health module fee when paying online fees, please DO NOT pay it. Anyone that has already paid the fee by mistake will be refunded. The finance department is working on removing the fee from the online system.

#6 - Richmond Theatre Critics Ceremony

For those students who are involved in the Richmond Theatre Community, the annual Richmond Theatre Critics Ceremony (known as the “Artsies Awards”) will be held this Sunday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m. You can see the teaser video at the link below – look closely! You might see someone you know ☺

<http://www.artsies.org/>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITES

VMFA Museum Leaders in Training Program

The [Museum Leaders in Training application](#) for 2020-2021 is live! The program is scheduled to happen in a hybrid format with designated in-person and online workshops. Students have the option to complete the program with virtual participation only if they wish.

Open to: 8th - 12th grade students
Application Deadline: Friday, September 11, 2020 by midnight

Twyla Kitts

VMFA Teacher Programs Educator
200 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard
Richmond, Virginia 23220

VMFA is now open! For the remainder of the summer, all in-person Early Childhood programs, Kids camps, Teen camps, Adult Studio School classes, and K-12-Adult Guided and Self-Directed tours are canceled. Some programs will be offered online. Visit www.vmfa.museum/programs for details and www.vmfa.museum/learn for free, online resources!

Visit the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) page](#) to learn about our safety measures and other details.

Virginia Environmental Film Contest

Richmond, VA – The 11TH annual Richmond Virginia Environmental Film Festival (RVAEFF) **is announcing the 2021 Virginia Environmental Film Contest.**

The contest is open to **Virginia residents with films based on environmental topics pertaining to Virginia.** Films of all formats and genres will be considered. A juried panel will select the winning films and prize money will be awarded to the film producers. Winning entries will be announced January 15th, 2021 on our web site, RVAEFF.org and through a press release.

\$1,000 Grand Prize

\$500 First Prize

\$100 Best Cinematography

\$100 Best Short Film

\$100 Honorable Mentions (two)

“We think the film contest, created in 2014, is important as a way to connect with not just our local natural environment, but also with our Virginia Film community” -

Scott Burger, a founding organizer of the festival.

All films are to be submitted August 15th through December 31st, 2020 to **RVAEFF.org**. When at this site, click the **Virginia Environmental Film Contest** button and you will be taken to FilmFreeway.com web’s page. Film Freeway, is a web site for filmmakers to submit their films to hundreds of film festivals. Once on this site, filmmakers will find full details regarding contest rules, deadlines and how to submit their film.

The Richmond Virginia Environmental Film Festival was founded in 2011 and has been a great addition to the Richmond culture. With over 1,500 people attending last year’s festival, we know what the power of these films can do to inspire positive changes in ourselves and our communities.

The film festival is scheduled for **February 12th through the 28th, 2021.** Award winning entries and other submitted films will be shown at various venues in Richmond and surrounding areas and/or streamed online. The specific venues and platforms for the 2021 festival will be announced later this year and will comply with all state and local Covid-19 guidelines.

Admission to the Festival is free and open to the public due to generous community sponsors. More

information on the Festival can be found at RVAEFF.org

FCFA CORNER

FCFA Corner September 11



STUDENTS, How was your first week? FCFA believes in you! Keep up the great work!

Don't forget to add FCFA to your Kroger or Amazon Account!

Did you know that you can donate to CFA every time you make an Amazon purchase? Select the Amazon **Smile** App on your preferred device/Log in and choose Friends of Center for the Arts.



Spirit Wear Sale coming up soon! Keep an eye out!

Stay Tuned...

1st Virtual Ice Cream Social – September 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

Center for the Arts' yearly Ice Cream Social has been a yummy, fun way to gather and kick off our school year. We want this year to be just as AWESOME-just virtual. Don't forget to save the date AND purchase your favorite ice cream + toppings! September 24th 7pm See you there!

The discipline with the **highest percentage of attendees** gets the bragging rights of 2020 and...🎁! Yes, there is a PRIZE (TBA) for the CFA discipline with the highest percentage of attendees at the Ice Cream Social – more details on how this will work in next week's Newsletter!

Hugs and High Fives,
Michele Butts
President, FCFA
Friends of Center for the Arts (FCFA)
Email: friendsofcfa@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.friendsofcfa.com/>

HENRICO HS NEWS

PSAT Testing for Juniors – October 29, 2020

In preparation for the SAT, Henrico County Public Schools is offering an opportunity to interested Juniors who would like to take the PSAT/NMSQT for a fee. They will need to register and pay \$17. Those 11th grade students who wish to sign up to take the October 29, 2020 PSAT **MUST** complete the registration form at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/HCPSJuniorPSAT> and pay the registration fee online by Tuesday, September 15, 2020. **Late registrations will not be accepted and there are no refunds for missed tests.**

The PSAT being offered on October 29, 2020 will provide preparation for the SAT with detailed score reports arriving in January 2021. Students are encouraged to check out the free personalized practice thru Khan Academy for the PSAT and SAT tests found here: (<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>)

See the attached document for more information about the PSAT!

Econ & Personal Finance

Do you still need the Econ and Personal Finance credit required for graduation? An additional opportunity is available for a Dual Enrollment Econ and Personal Finance credit through Longwood University at a reduced rate. Please see attached flyer and let your counselor know if you plan to register.

The link for registration is https://longwoodu.force.com/DualEnroll/TX_CommunitiesSelfReg

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

The Code of Virginia requires compulsory attendance for students in grades K-12. Attendance will be taken in the virtual environment. A student will be counted as present if the student is observed by the teacher to be visually present during a synchronous (live) lesson during the class. If the student must be absent for a valid reason, and completes the warm-up activity for the class by 12 midnight, the student will be counted asynchronously present for the class.

When a student is unable to attend class or meet an assignment deadline, parents or guardians should notify the teacher and the attendance office.

Active Minds Chapter at HHS

We hope that you're doing well and are excited for returning back to school! My name is Ilakkiya Senthilkumar (rising sophomore), and along with Maitri Pathak (rising junior), we have started an Active Minds chapter at Henrico High school. Active Minds is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to bringing more mental health awareness and education towards young adults. We hope that this club can empower students to speak openly about mental health and advocate for more awareness regarding mental health issues.

If you're interested in participating in this club, a link is attached below to sign up for the first interest meeting! You can receive club updates through email (activemindsathhs@gmail.com) and by following us on Instagram (@activemindshhs). Even though things are different this year, we are looking forward to initiating important conversations about mental health and seeing all of you soon!

<https://forms.gle/5ujBA1yEJqLyFiaP9>

2020 HHS Virtual Club Fair!

When: Thursday September 17, 2020

Please click the link below for important information for faculty club sponsors!

[Show More](#)

Web Link

[2020 Virtual Club Fair Memo](#)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DNyY4RC89wMm8lzIGY50LP-h8V8MuGzulCdxRfAXU-0/edit?usp=sharing>

September dates to remember

September 15 Virtual Back To School Night 5-8pm

September 17 Virtual Club Fair

September 14-18 Senior At-risk meeting KCR, AP, Counselor, Gooden (by Alpha)

September 24 CFA "Virtual" Ice Cream Social @ 7:00 p.m. - FCFA fall partnership drive

September 28 HOLIDAY Yom Kippur

Finally, our thoughts and prayers to those families who lost loved ones in the 9/11 tragedy nineteen years ago. We are thinking of our first responders - both then and today - who do so much for our communities.

Have a great weekend and we are looking to another great week!

Best,
Dr. P

Stephanie Poxon, Ph.D.

Director

Center for the Arts

