

Dear CFA Students and Parents,

Happy Friday!! This is it – the official “back-to-school” weekend eve ☺ Enjoy your Labor Day holiday weekend and we look forward to greeting our CFA Warriors at 9:00 a.m. sharp on Tuesday, September 8 for the first day of the 2020-2021 school year! Remember - if you have an Early Bird class, we will see you at 8:00 a.m. sharp ☺



CFA TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Thank you to everyone who attended our CFA Town Hall meetings this past week! It was great to see so many smiling faces – from both our new and returning students! Special thanks to Ms. Kroll, Ms. Kreamsreiter, Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Sluss, Ms. Butts and of course our fabulous CFA teachers for helping with the Town Hall meetings! For those of you who were not able to attend, here is a summary of what was covered at the Town Hall meetings:

CFA Town Hall recap:

- 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
- We shared our [CFA 2020-2021 Calendar of Events](#) so be sure to save these dates! We are looking forward to presenting our showcases to our friends and families!
*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 and submitted by September 18, 2020.**
 - Our CFA teachers shared what students can expect to be doing in their CFA classes the first nine weeks! The links to the class syllabus, supply list and summer assignments can be found on each

teacher's Schoology page and the CFA website. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your CFA teacher directly! E-mails and office hours for all CFA teachers is posted below.

- 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.)

Reminder - any student enrolled in Early Bird PE or any other EB class (such as Company 302) – don't forget to login to your EB class on Tuesday, September 8 @ 8:00 a.m.!!

CFA NEWS

#1 – CFA Office Hours

Each CFA teacher will have office hours each week – you are welcome to reach out to your teacher during these times if you need 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 (wr dye@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)
Even Days: 11:00 a.m.-12:10 p.m.
Mary Scurlock (mascurlo@henrico.k12.va.us)
M-F: Warrior Time
Odd Days: 2:25-3:55 p.m.

#2— CFA Counselor Caseload for SY2020-21

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

Ms. Tiffany Kreamsreiter - tmkreamsreiter@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)

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

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

#4 – 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.

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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 4



Check out our Social Media Outlets - Facebook and Instagram!

We are building our connections! Most of us are photographers and artists, right? We take the best selfies, 20 pictures later! Share your favorite Summer photo or Visual Art for the next few weeks on IG or Facebook (school appropriate). Whether it was a social distanced hike, playing in the rain, or did you capture the Blue Ridge Mountains taking a sibling to college? Be sure to mention the discipline of the student (It doesn't have to include a picture of the student).

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.

Save the Date September 24th at 7pm. Opportunities to order CFA Spirit Wear and friendly rivalry between disciplines coming soon.

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

HENRICO HIS 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/HCPJuniorPSAT> 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!

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.

From Ms. Castillo-Rose Weekly Message 8/30/20

1. School Calendar

September 8 First Day of School

September 14 Virtual Back To School Night 5-8pm

September 17 Virtual Club Fair

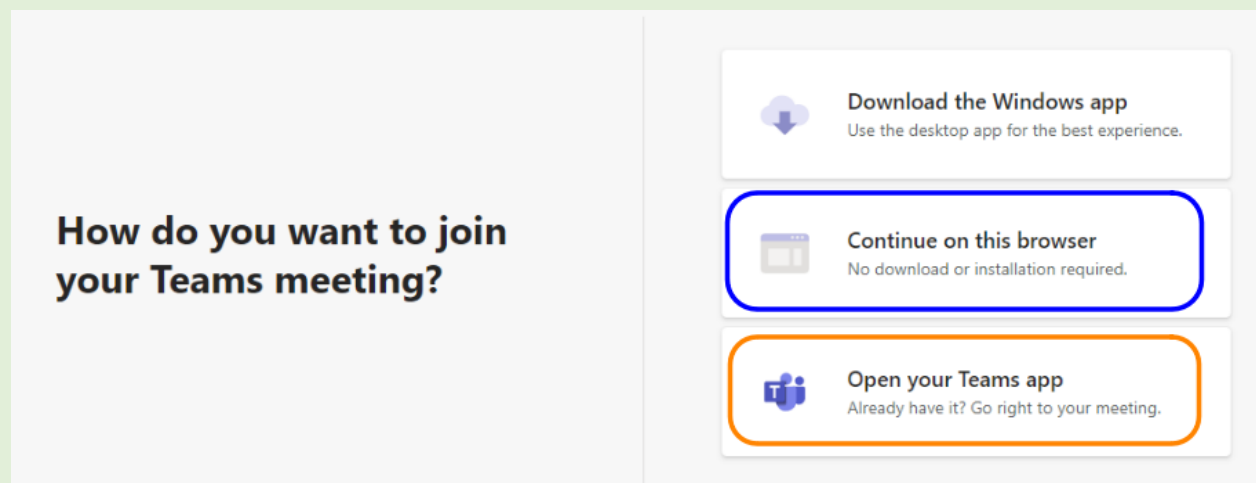
2. **Downloading Microsoft Teams for our class meetings**

As you know, HCPS will be using the videoconferencing function of Microsoft Teams as our virtual meeting platform. Please use the instructions below to download the MS Teams app to your device so you can be ready to join.

Instructions:

1. Click [here](#) to download the Microsoft Teams application (desktop or mobile device).
2. When it's time to join the meeting, click on the link provided (

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)) using the device on which you downloaded the application. You should be redirected to a browser (ideally Chrome) and see the screen of options below.



If you have the app installed, select Open your Teams app and click “Join.” You may be placed in a Lobby to wait until the organizer is ready at which point they will admit you.

If you have any issues or do not get a chance to download the app beforehand, you can simply select Continue on this browser. You will be directed to the Teams site, given the option to enter your name, then “Join.”

Any questions or issues, you can email your admin directly.

3. **Longwood University Econ and 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 flyer in your class Schoology group and let your counselor know if you plan to register.

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

[2020 FALL EPF INFO Flyer.pdf](#)

[FINA150 Registration process.docx](#)

4. Technology info

Camara Activation

If you have not done so already, please come to Henrico HS Attendance loop to have your camera activated from 8:30-4:30, Monday through Friday.

The Tech Hub

Extended hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Here is a link with more details: <https://henricoschools.us/2020/08/20/starting-monday-hcps-mobile-tech-hubs-will-expand-schedule-for-final-weeks-of-summer/>

Revised tech support summer hours:

- Aug. 24-28: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 4: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Where:

- Deep Run High School, 4801 Twin Hickory Road, Glen Allen, Va.
- Douglas Freeman High School, 8701 Three Chopt Road, Henrico, Va.
- Hermitage High School, 8301 Hungary Spring Road, Henrico, Va.
- Highland Springs High School, 15 S. Oak Ave., Highland Springs, Va.

School-year tech support hours:

- Sept. 8 (first day of school): tech support begins during normal school hours, Monday through Friday.

Where:

- All HCPS middle and high schools.

Families who need help with HCPS technology can email helpdesk@henrico.k12.va.us and a member of the HCPS

Technology team will respond by the next business day to provide assistance.

5. Previous HCPS Messages

Online resources

[PowerSchool](#) (grades pre-K through 12):

PowerSchool gives families easy access to class grades, attendance information and student schedules. The online tool comes in two versions: one for students, and one for parents and guardians called PowerSchool Parent Portal.

NEW: PowerSchool Parent Portal is available now for all grade levels! Parents who are new to PowerSchool can set up accounts for the first time, and returning families can log in for 2020-21 information. If you need assistance with your student's login/password or student I.D. number, please email helpdesk@henrico.k12.va.us and a member of our Technology team will respond within 24 hours to provide assistance.

On Fri., Aug. 28 at 4:30 p.m. teacher assignments for middle and high schools will be available on PowerSchool Parent Portal for students in grades 6-12.

- [RYCOR Online Forms](#) (all grades) lets you do back-to-school paperwork from home. Yes, even in a virtual environment, our schools still must collect a few forms! RYCOR Online Forms, which can only be accessed via the PowerSchool Parent Portal, is expected to open after 12 p.m. on Mon., Aug. 24.
- [Online School Payments](#) (grades K-12)

Here's some good news: Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, HCPS is waiving the laptop fee (\$25), the science fee (\$5) and the P.E. fee (\$4)!

Some other classes (such as some of our Career and Technical Education options for limited in-person learning) may still require a fee. Beginning Mon., Aug. 24, Online School Payments allows families of middle- and high-schoolers to pay school fees electronically. If you haven't used Online School Payments before, you'll need to set up an account. If you need to set up a payment plan, please contact your school to make arrangements. (Also note that there is a 4% fee to pay with a credit card, which pays for the vendor's costs. If you prefer to pay by check, please mail a check to your school with a copy of the obligation list from the online payment system highlighting the fees being paid.

Have a great holiday weekend and enjoy the beautiful weather! We will see you on Tuesday, September 8 for the first day of school!



Best,
Dr. P

Stephanie Poxon, Ph.D.
Director
Center for the Arts

