



# THE FINER THINGS

The CCHS Fine Arts Academy Newsletter

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Have you renewed your Friends of the Arts membership? If you need a copy of this year's brochure or want more information, contact Dean Slusser at [dslusser@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:dslusser@camden.k12.ga.us)

## CCHS Chorus presents annual "An Evening of Pops! May 4

The CCHS Choral program, under the direction of Mrs. Lashan Wolfe, will present *An Evening of Pops!* Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30 PM in the CCHS Auditorium. Admission is \$6 admission at the door with a family cap of \$20. Tickets will go on sale at 5:30 PM the evening of the concert. The house will open for seating at 6:00 PM

This year's annual pops concert will feature a broad selection of hits from the songbook of American standards, as well as British classics and Broadway hits. One highlight of the program will be an extended selection led by CCHS Senior David MacArthur, who prepared the piece as his senior capstone in order to complete the requirements for the Georgia Department of Education Fine Arts Diploma Seal.

The choral program has faced some significant challenges in the wake of COVID-19, but their selection to represent Georgia at the 80th anniversary Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in December of this year has given them a sense of triumph and anticipation. *Bella Voce* placing second at state in Girls' Trio last week was another milestone in a difficult year.

*Friends of the Arts* members will find ticket vouchers attached to this newsletter. For more information, contact CCHS Fine Arts Director Dean Slusser at [dslusser@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:dslusser@camden.k12.ga.us)

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# An Evening of Pops!

The annual CCHS Spring Chorus Concert

Tuesday, May 4, 2021  
6:30 PM  
CCHS Auditorium

All tickets \$6 at the door  
(\$20 family cap)

Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing

## CCHS Fine Arts Academy presents Cumberland Sounds on May 8

The CCHS Fine Arts Academy will present its first-ever outdoor musical festival this weekend on Saturday, May 8 from 4:00 - 9:00 PM at the Howard Gilman Waterfront Park in downtown St. Marys. The CCHS Chorus and Band, both of which were selected to represent Georgia at the 80th annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in December of this year, are putting together *Cumberland Sounds*, an entire evening of music and entertainment to raise awareness and community support for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Admission is free and the event is open to the public, but patrons will be given ample opportunities to support the trip by participating in a silent auction and other activities sponsored by the CCHS Chorus Boosters. Food trucks will be present for dinner and drinks, with a portion of all proceeds going to the cost of the trip to Pearl Harbor for participating students.

Patrons will also be able to make contributions on site during the festival.

All proceeds from Cumberland Sounds will support student travel and the transportation of instruments and equipment required for the trip. Adult travelers will not benefit from contributions or proceeds.

Organizers are excited about the festival, which they are considering as a pilot run to determine whether an annual outdoor music festival might be in order. We hope you will join us for this very special evening of music. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, and don't forget the bug spray!

## CUMBERLAND SOUNDS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 8th, 2021  
4pm-9pm  
Howard Gilman Waterfront Park,  
St Marys, GA

Proceeds to benefit Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade Trip December 2021



## CCHS Trio Named State Runner Up!

Congratulations to *Bella Voce*, the CCHS girls' trio, and their director, Mrs. Lashan Wolfe! The group placed second at the Class 7A State Literary Championship on Saturday, April 24 at Buford High School.

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# Metamorphosis

The Spring 2021 CCHS Art Exhibit

Thursday, May 6 & Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
CCHS Auditorium Lobby

Artists' reception at 5:00 PM Thursday  
Free and open to the public

## Spring Art Show Reception Set for Tuesday, May 4 at 5:00 PM

*Metamorphosis*, the spring semester Art Exhibit at CCHS, is set to open at 5:00 Tuesday afternoon with a reception in honor of participating artists. The event, which is free and open to the public, includes a variety of two and three-dimensional work by CCHS art students from every level.

The work this year will remain on display on May 4, which is the date of our *Evening of Pops* Chorus concert, and May 11, the night of our annual *Prism* concert by the CCHS Band, in an effort to allow more patrons to see the work of our students. If you are planning to attend either concert, we hope you will come early to enjoy the exhibit - and if you are coming for the art, we invite you to stay for the concert!

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# The 7th Annual PRISM CONCERT

featuring the CCHS Bands and Ensembles

Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
6:30 PM  
CCHS Auditorium

Admission \$3 at the door!

## Seventh Annual Prism Concert Set for May 11

Make plans now to attend the seventh annual Prism Concert, featuring the CCHS Band and Ensembles. This highlight of the spring concert season is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 PM at the CCHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 each and will be available at the door beginning one hour before the performance. If you are a Friends of the Arts member, your ticket vouchers are attached. The CCHS Band program, in the midst of a challenging year, was recognized with straight Superior ratings at their annual Georgia Music Educators' Association Large Group Performance Evaluation. Be sure to come and celebrate with them as they bring an evening of music for everyone! For more information, contact Fine Arts Director Dean Slusser at [dslusser@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:dslusser@camden.k12.ga.us).

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# SENIOR SHOWCASE

May 13 - 14, 2021  
6:30 PM  
CCHS Auditorium

All tickets \$6 at the door

## What's Senior Showcase? *The Best of the Best!*

We like to believe that the CCHS Fine Arts Academy has the best there is, so it makes sense that our Senior Showcase is the best of the best. Directors from each of our programs name outstanding seniors to take part in this annual event designed to recognize the accomplishments and hear about the future plans of our CCHS Fine Arts Academy seniors. Performers from Band, Chorus, Dance and Drama will be featured on stage, with the work of some of our best visual arts students on display in the auditorium lobby.

We hope you will join us as we celebrate the class of 2021, May 13 and 14 at 6:30 PM in the CCHS Auditorium. Tickets, available at the door, are \$6 each. If you are a Friends of the Arts member, you should find your ticket vouchers attached.

*From the Director...* **Almost there...**

I had my first conversation about an addition to the CCHS Auditorium with superintendent Mr. David Rainer in 1996. We were almost there!

We explored block scheduling and Career Academies with superintendent Dr. Ann Proctor for several years before making the transition to Career Academies at CCHS in 2008, which was also the year that the community first approved the CCHS Fine Arts addition as part of the proposed Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax initiative. We were almost there!

We did not get to the project in that five-year cycle, but it was at the top of the list in 2013, when with superintendent Dr. Will Hardin, we hosted the annual convention of the Georgia Theatre Conference at Camden County High School and, a couple of weeks later, the community once again approved the ESPLOST proposal. We were almost there!

And now, under superintendent Dr. John Tucker, the building is under construction and approaching completion. It appears, once again, that we are almost there.

We have had our share of hiccups, to be sure, but when we move into the new Camden County Fine Arts Academy in the coming months, it will be the result of the combined efforts and shared vision of four superintendents. I appreciate all of them for not letting go of the dream. Something tells me that, before very long, we will be able to stop saying "almost."

## Do you want to support the CCHS Fine Arts Academy?

Fund-specific checks should be made payable to "CCHS Fine Arts Alzheimer's Fund" or "CCHS Pearl Harbor Trip," and earmarked "donation" in the memo portion of the check. 100% of your contribution will go to the charity indicated. Only students will benefit from donations to the Pearl Harbor Fund. You can send donations to:

Camden County High School Fine Arts Academy  
6300 Laurel Island Parkway  
Kingsland, GA 31548

If you are interested in supporting the general activities of the Academy, we invite you to join our *Friends of the Arts* patronage program. Donations to this fund, as well as ticket sales, and fundraising activities, are used to support the students, faculty and programs of Camden County High School and the Fine Arts Academy.

For more information, contact Camden County Schools' Fine Arts Director, Dr. Dean Slusser at (912) 729-7463, ext. 7066, or by email at [dslusser@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:dslusser@camden.k12.ga.us).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Look for us at the following events! We will look for you!

MAY 4 *An Evening of Pops!* (CCHS Chorus)

MAY 4-11 *Metamorphosis: The Spring Semester Art Show* (CCHS Visual Arts)

MAY 8 *Cumberland Sounds Music Festival* (CCHS FAA)

MAY 11 *7th Annual Prism Concert* (CCHS Band)

MAY 13-14 *Senior Showcase 2021* (CCHS FAA)

Attached to this newsletter: PDF version, ticket vouchers (*An Evening of Pops*, *Prism Concert*, *Senior Showcase*)

Until next time...!