

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

*"To climb a steep hill requires a slow pace at first"*

- Henry VIII (Act I, Scene i)

Welcome to the theatre!

Construction on the Camden County High School Fine Arts Academy has officially begun! As you could see coming into the theatre this evening, construction equipment and crews are onsite, working until 5:30 every evening, clearing out just in time for us to prepare to greet audiences for our performances, which are at 6:30 this year instead of 7:00. We have watched as traffic has been rerouted, and hundreds of tons of fill dirt has arrived. The landscape is gradually being reshaped to create the site for our new building. Weeks of work have already occurred...and yet it looks as though we have barely started...and thus we arrive at our theme for this year's season.

Shakespeare is filled with life lessons. That quality, perhaps more than any other, is why he is the most quoted author in the English language. We have a steep hill before us. Within the next year or two, our campus will be transformed, our programs will be revamped, and with three performance venues and numerous studios, suites and shops, the opportunities for our students will be greater than many of us had ever imagined. Our new film program, led by David Limbach, is one example of what was just a dream a few years ago. Yet, to get there, we started at a slow pace—or what seemed a slow pace at the time.

Our construction project is no different. When it's all finished, the CCHS Fine Arts Academy will have 3 performance venues, a scene shop, a costume shop, a choral suite, a dance studio, a band suite, three art studios, a broadcast/video/classroom suite, a spacious lobby where we will be able to exhibit student work, and ten academic classrooms for our Math, English and Social Studies teachers. It is a steep hill to climb, and we start at what, on the surface, seems a slow pace.

As we move through this new season, and into the next, we cannot tell you what to expect when you arrive at the theatre because—frankly, we do not know ourselves. Eventually, the drama classroom on the side of the building will disappear. Foundations will be laid. New walls and windows will begin to take shape. Every day is sure to be a new adventure.

What we can tell you is that throughout the process, at whatever pace we may be moving, we will do everything in our power to bring meaningful educational experiences to our students, so that when they leave Camden County High School, they will be ready for that next steep hill. We humbly thank you for helping us to serve them.

Sincerely,



Fine Arts Director  
Camden County Schools

The CCHS Fine Arts Academy  
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## FINE ARTS ACADEMY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FALL SEMESTER

September 20-23, 2018	<i>The Fantasticks</i> CCHS Main Stage Production
October 2, 2018	<i>Autumn Vespers</i> , CCHS Chorus Concert
October 11-12, 2018	An Evening of One Acts: <i>Cagebirds &amp; The Entire American Revolution in Forty Minutes or Less!</i>
October 26-27, 2018	CCHS Dance Concert
November 16-18, 2018	<i>Thornton Wilder's Our Town</i> CCHS Main Stage Production
December 3, 2018	SMMS Band Concert
December 4, 2018	CMS Band Concert
December 6, 2018	<i>Reflections 2018</i> , Fall Art Exhibit <i>A Winter Festival</i> , CCHS Band Concert
December 13-14, 2018	A Night of Holiday Classics: <i>A Christmas Carol Radio Play &amp; Selections from The Nutcracker Suite</i>
December 18, 2018	<i>Upon a Winter's Eve</i> , A CCHS Chorus Concert
<b>SPRING SEMESTER</b>	
January 25-26, 2019	Miss Wildcat Scholarship Pageant CCHS Fine Arts Academy
February 21-22, 2019	An Evening Of Children's Theatre: <i>One Upon a Shoe &amp; Home on the Mornin' Train</i>
March 21-24, 2019	Disney's <i>Beauty And the Beast</i> CCHS Fine Arts Academy
April 25-26, 2019	William Shakespeare's <i>Othello</i> CCHS Class Act Production
April 27, 2019	<i>Shakespeare 456 : A Bard's Day Celebration</i>
May 3-4, 2019	CCHS Spring Dance Concert
May 6, 2019	SSMS Band Concert
May 7, 2019	CMS Band Concert
May 9, 2019	<i>Metamorphosis 2019</i> , Spring Art Exhibit <i>The Prism Concert</i> , CCHS Band
May 16, 2019	CCHS Spring Chorus Concert
May 18-19, 2019	CCHS Senior Showcase

**TITLES AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON AVAILABILITY**  
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*Phantom of the Opera, 2018*

## The 2018-2019 Season



*Much Ado About Nothing, 2018*



*The Crucible, 2017*



# Fine Arts Faculty



**Cedric Corse** (*Visual Arts*) is a Georgia native with 26 years teaching experience at the Middle and High school levels. He received his Bachelors in Art Education from Mississippi State University and as of today, holds the title as the #5 all-time leading Linebacker with the Bulldogs. Outside the classroom, Cedric is a coach for the Wildcats football program and is the Head Coach of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team.

**Grayson Day** (*Visual Arts*) is a native of Kingsland and a graduate of Camden County High School. He received his Bachelor's degree from UGA, a Master's from Armstrong State, and his Specialist degree from Valdosta State University. He is currently pursuing his Doctorate in Leadership. Grayson has taught Visual Arts for the past 18 years in Camden County. He lives in Kingsland with his wife Amanda and three daughters: Kayla, Molly, and Taylor.



**Gregg Harrell** (*Culinary Arts*) is a retired United States Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer who served on the Presidential Food Service Operation Team at The White House for almost six years, during which he was named White House Sailor of the Year. During his tenure, his roles included White House Maitre'd, Presidential Travel Lead, Dining Room Supervisor and other titles. He was named the CCHS Teacher of the Year, and the Georgia FCCLA Teacher of the Year.

**Courtney Holden Henry** (*Dance*) has been dancing for 25 years. She graduated from Brenau University with a BFA in Dance Education. Her passion is ballet and contemporary dance. Mrs. Henry has danced under Bernedette Mathis, Peter Garrick, Vincas Greene, Jolie Long, and Carol Smarowski. She was a founding member of the Brenau Dance Ensemble Educational Outreach program, and a member of the Brenau chapter of Nu Delta Alpha, the National Dance Fraternity.



**Jason Hill** (*Theatre*) came to CCHS in 2009. He is director of CCHS Thespian Troupe 5091, and a former board member of Georgia Theatre Conference. Jason has directed several regional championship winning plays in GHSA One-Act Play competitions and has been involved in more than 75 theatre productions, including *Cats*, *The Yellow Boat*, *1984*, *Scooter Thomas Makes It to the Top of the World*, and *A Piece of My Heart*.



**David Limbach** (*Audio Visual / Film*) graduated from Camden County High School. He first returned as a teacher in our Special Education program. In 2018, he took the reins of our newly formed Audio Visual program, overseeing our livestreaming and video recording efforts at the school and teaching one class. This year, he is working fulltime in that program. He holds an M.F.A. in Acting from UGA, and a Bachelor's degree in theatre from Piedmont College.



# Fine Arts Programs

**AV / Film** Our AV / Film program is the newest addition to our CCHS Fine Arts Academy career pathways. Film and video production is one of the fastest-growing industries in the state, with an annual impact of more than \$6 billion on Georgia's economy. Students in our AV / Film program learn the basics of film production as the first step in a career plan that will help to maintain Georgia as a "camera-ready" state.

**Band** The CCHS Bands supports its students with many extracurricular activities. The Concert Band serves entry and intermediate level students. The Symphonic Band is a medium-advanced level course for which students must pass a playing test and have the director's approval to enter. Students who enroll in the advanced level band, Wind Symphony, play the highest level music, including college level literature, and in Marching Band, students to take their talent to the field.

**Chorus** The CCHS Choral Program has a rich tradition of excellence for students with all levels of musical knowledge or expertise. Wildcat Chorus is a great place to begin your choral studies and focus on the basics of vocal production and music reading. Intermediate Choir, Concert Chorus and the much smaller Volume One are all auditioned groups and offer opportunities for more advanced students to hone their skills and perform upper level literature of all musical genres.

**Culinary Arts** Students in our Culinary Arts Program learn the foundation and history of the food service industry, the importance of teamwork and basic cooking skills. They study cost control techniques, equipment safety, industry sanitation procedures, nutrition, and basic kitchen management skills. Our graduates are ready to seek entry-level positions in commercial and non-commercial food service establishments.

**Dance** The CCHS dance program strives to teach aspiring dancers the discipline, grace, and beauty of many forms of dance. At CCHS we believe in well-rounded dancers. Dancers enjoy learning about dance history, anatomy and kinesiology, improvisation, and the creation of dance itself. At the end of each semester, over 100 young dancers perform on the CCHS stage in a dazzling display of their artistic ability.

**Theatre** This year, the Award-winning CCHS Theatre marks its 24<sup>th</sup> season of plays, participating in the GHSA region and state One-Act Play competitions, the Georgia Theatre Conference, and Georgia Thespians. The theatre program has presented youth theatre in all nine elementary schools, participated in a variety of service activities, and assisted in community events. Last year, the troupe won first place in the GHSA Region I-AAAAAAA One-Act Play competition!

**Visual Arts** Visual Arts students at CCHS explore the academics of art through the creation of 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional works of art in a semester of study. They focus on basic drawing techniques and color theory as a starting point in their education., moving on to principles of design, elements of art and an understanding of art in historical context. Visual Advanced students can participate in 2D/3D AP art studio .

# Fine Arts Faculty



**Lisa Limbach** (*Theatre*) also a graduate of Camden High, came on board as our Technical Director in 2010. . She enjoys directing on occasion and is particularly fond of the challenge of designing shows on a budget with her students. Her favorite performance experiences include roles in *Company*, *Hello Dolly*, and *A Betrothal*. She is excited that her husband, Dave, has joined the Fine Arts team this year. They have three children.: Kalise, Dixon, and Davis.

**Dean Slusser** (*Fine Arts Director*) came to CCHS in 1995 as a theatre teacher, then Fine Arts Coordinator (1996) and Fine Arts Director (2002). Dr. Slusser is the GHSA One Act Play Coordinator, and sits on the boards of directors for the Georgia Theatre Conference, and the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC). Locally, he serves as Director of Music Ministries for St. Marys First Presbyterian Church. He became a grandpa in August of this year!



**Allan Smith** (*Band*) received his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Valdosta State University, his Master's from Cambridge College and his Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University. He came to Camden County Schools in 1991, teaching music at Mary Lee Clark Elementary, St. Marys Middle, and Camden Middle Schools before becoming Director of Bands at Camden County High School in 2002.



**Sonya Williams** (*Band*) received her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Georgia Southern University, and her Masters degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. Her professional affiliations include the National Association of Music Ed, National Band Association, Georgia Music Educators Association, and Sigma Alpha Iota international Music Fraternity for Women. She has been teaching nearly 30 years and is the current Associate Director of Band for CCHS.



**Lashan Wolfe** (*Chorus*) holds a Bachelor's in Music Education and a Master's Degree in Reading from Jacksonville University. She completed her Specialist degree at Nova Southeastern University. Mrs. Wolfe began her teaching career as a social studies teacher in Atlanta. After returning to the area, she taught elementary music, middle school chorus, AP United States History. In 2016, she transitioned into the role of Choral Director at CCHS.



**Rebecca MacArthur** (*Accompanist*), our adjunct accompanist for the CCHS Fine Arts Academy, works primarily with the Choral Program, but plays for musical rehearsals and performances, helps students prepare for college auditions, and provides music support for a variety of other activities. After several years of working as accompanist at the NSB Kings Bay Chapel, Mrs. MacArthur recently joined the music staff at St. Marys First Presbyterian Church







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