

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our **2026–2027 Parent Meeting!** We are so excited to begin another season together and are incredibly grateful that you have chosen to trust CPAA with your children.

For those who were unable to attend—or if you simply want something to reference throughout the year—below is a recap of the most important information we covered.

## **Our Mission**

At CPAA, our goal extends far beyond developing talented dancers, actors, and singers. We want to create a positive, encouraging environment where students develop **confidence, discipline, responsibility, character, and a strong work ethic** while feeling known, supported, and challenged.

**Elite Training. Eternal Impact.**

## **New This Year: Student Assistants**

This season, you may see our **Student Assistants** helping in classes, working with younger students, demonstrating combinations, supporting rehearsals, and occasionally taking on additional leadership responsibilities.

When serving in this capacity, our Student Assistants have been given authority by CPAA leadership and should receive the same respect and cooperation students would give their regular instructor. This program is designed to help develop the next generation of confident and responsible leaders within CPAA.

## **Classes Begin the Week of August 17**

The first few weeks of the season are an adjustment period as instructors get to know their classes and students settle into new levels and expectations.

Please remember that **placement is based on more than age**. Technique, experience, maturity, work ethic, and readiness are all considered, and CPAA may reevaluate placement when necessary. Our goal is always to place students where they can be both **successful and appropriately challenged**.

## **Our Gala Is Moving to Spring!**

One of our biggest changes this year is that we will **not hold our traditional Christmas Gala**. Instead, we are moving our Gala celebration to the **spring**.

We hope this gives our families more breathing room to enjoy the Christmas season while allowing us to reimagine the Gala and create something special alongside our Spring Showcase.

We will, however, hold a **Mini Silent Auction this October**, featuring some favorite CPAA & CCA items such as a reserved parking spot for the remainder of the year, show tickets/reserved seating, graduation tickets, special experiences, and more.

Beginning next school year, these auction opportunities will become part of our **Spring Showcase Gala**. More October auction information is coming soon!

## **Communication Is Key**

Please read all CPAA emails and text messages **in their entirety**. Calendars, rehearsals, schedule changes, costumes, performances, deadlines, and other important information will be communicated throughout the year.

For absences, injuries, scheduling concerns, conflicts, or questions, please communicate **directly with CPAA** rather than relying on students, other parents, or school staff to relay information.

If you are ever unsure about something, please ask! We would much rather answer a question than have your family miss important information.

## **Attendance, Dress Code & Preparedness**

Consistent attendance is extremely important. We recommend students arrive approximately **10 minutes early** so they have time to use the restroom, change shoes, fix their hair, get water, and be completely ready when class begins.

Students should also arrive in the appropriate dress code, with hair properly secured and the correct shoes. **Please label everything!**

Dress code information can be found on the CPAA website under “**Class & Dress Code**.”

## **Drop-Off, Pick-Up & Lobby Reminders**

Please be mindful of drop-off and pick-up times. Students with a waiting period before classes beginning after 3:30 must be **supervised by an adult on property or enrolled in Cougar Care**.

Parents waiting during classes should utilize the **White Lobby**, and our studios remain closed to parent visitation unless an Open House or special viewing has specifically been announced.

We allow a **5-minute grace window** for late pick-up; however, CPAA must be notified if you are running late.

## **Classroom Culture & Parent Partnership**

We expect students to be respectful, participate fully, encourage their classmates, receive corrections appropriately, and give their best effort.

We also take the culture of CPAA very seriously. There is no place for **bullying, exclusion, gossip, disrespectful behavior, or negative talk about classmates**—and that expectation applies to students and adults alike.

Parents have an enormous influence on how students perceive teachers, casting, placement, choreography, performances, and other CPAA decisions. We ask for your partnership in encouraging **resilience, sportsmanship, gratitude, commitment, and respect** throughout the season.

## **Calendars & Important Dates**

Please make it a priority to **check all CPAA calendars regularly throughout the season**. Depending on your child's classes and programs, you may receive a general CPAA calendar as well as **class-, team-, production-, or program-specific calendars**.

It is important to review **all calendars that apply to your student**, as they may include different rehearsals, performances, deadlines, meetings, or other required dates.

We strongly encourage families to **add CPAA dates to their personal calendars as soon as they are released**. Performing arts schedules can occasionally require adjustments, and we will always communicate changes as early as possible.

Please remember that **emails and text messages work together with our calendars**. Continue checking all CPAA communication throughout the year so important updates or changes are not missed.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Classes Begin:** Week of August 17
- **Musical Theater Parent & Student Meeting:** Monday, August 17 at 4:30 PM
- **Tiny Tots / Mini / Junior Competition Team Meeting:** Friday, August 21 at 3:30 PM
- **Senior Competition Team Meeting:** Thursday, August 27 at 5:30 PM

Additional rehearsal, performance, **Spring Gala**, and year-end dates will be communicated as they are finalized.

### Tuition & Accounts

Please keep your payment method and account information current. As a reminder, **monthly tuition does not fluctuate based on the number of classes in a particular month**. Tuition is averaged across the year and already accounts for scheduled school closures.

If you ever have a question or concern regarding your account, please communicate with us privately and early so we can address it before an issue accumulates.

### Looking Ahead

We are incredibly excited about where CPAA is headed this year. We want our students to become stronger technicians and performers, but even more importantly, we want them to learn how to work hard, handle correction, support others, persevere through challenges, and use their gifts with purpose.

For some students, CPAA becomes one of the places where they feel safest, most confident, and most themselves. We don't take that responsibility lightly. We want every student who walks through our doors to know they are **valued, loved, challenged, and encouraged**.

Thank you again for your partnership, your trust, and everything you do behind the scenes to make your child's participation possible. We truly could not do what we do without our CPAA families.

We can't wait for an incredible 2026–2027 season!