



Video Cinema Arts (VCA)

Family Newsletter – Volume II, Issue 2

This is the second VCA Family Newsletter of the 2014-15 school year. PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE E-MAIL (and any attachments) or you might miss something important!!! I'll try to add ***NEW***, ***REMINDER*** or ***UPDATE*** to help save time from one newsletter to the next. Any questions, comments, suggestions or contributions should be sent to [Chip Galaty](#), VCA parent liaison.

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VCA Family Organization (VCFO) Meeting ***NEW***

Thanks again to everyone who attended our kick-off meeting last Tuesday night! As discussed, we've got a very exciting (and busy!) year ahead. Our next meeting will be in January or February (if needed). In the meantime, please feel free to contact Mr. Glassman or Ms. McGrath if you have any questions. Thanks!

Resident Artist – JD Gonzales ***NEW***

Please welcome JD Gonzales to the VCA instructional team! JD graduated from DSA in 2007, attended film school in Santa Fe, and will be serving as a paraprofessional for the department going forward.

Goodwill CTE Specialist – Nate Greene ***NEW***

Please welcome back Nate Greened to the VCA instructional team! As a CTE specialist, Nate will continue to work with our high school students on resume/portfolio development, community outreach and internship opportunities.

VCA Website ***NEW***

If you haven't had a chance yet, please check out the new VCA [website](#). It's a work-in-progress, so we'll let you know as new content gets posted...

MS Field Trip ***NEW***

All middle school VCA students have been invited to attend an after-school field trip on Tuesday, September 16. They will be seeing "Guardians of the Galaxy" at Harkins Northfield. Please send \$10 with your student to cover the price of a ticket and a snack of their choice.

HS Silent Film Collaboration ***NEW***

The VCA high school students are currently working on a Silent Film Collaboration with the Orchestra department. Live performances of "Not So Silent: An Evening of Orchestral Music and Spooky Cinema" are scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, at 5:00pm and 7:00pm in the DSA Concert Hall. Tickets for this event will be sold through the Box Office.

VCA Clean-Up Day ***NEW***

Thanks to all the parents (and two students) who helped clean-up the Soundstage and Control Room this past Saturday. What a huge difference! Photos to come...

VCA Supplies ***UPDATE***

All HS Students need to purchase their own 16GB or 32GB SD Card (speed = 10).

Department Needs/Pleads ***NEW***

- Red Rock Should Mount
- C Stands

- Lenses
- Filters
- Zoom Audio Device
- Camera Slider Rail

Upcoming VCA Dates ***UPDATE***

Here are the key dates for the 2014-15 school year. Please add them to your family calendar.

DATE(s)	TIME(s)	EVENT	LOCATION
September 16	3:00pm	VCA Field Trip (MS Only) to "Guardians of the Galaxy"	Harkins Northfield (Stapleton)
October 15	5:00pm and 7:00pm	VCA/Orchestra Collaboration Show	Concert Hall, DSA
October 29	5:00pm	VCA Halloween After-School Movie Fundraiser	Schomp Theater, DSA
November 3, 7, 12, 14, 17, 18	7:30am	DSA Visitation Days (for prospective VCA families)	DSA
November 15	TBD	VCA Field Trip (Everyone) to Starz Denver Film Festival	Sie FilmCenter
December 12	7:00pm	VCA Fall Film Festival	Schomp Theater, DSA
January 8	7:00pm	VCA Senior Showcase	Sie FilmCenter
January 28 – February 1	All Day	VCA Field Trip (Seniors Only) to Sundance Film Festival	Park City, UT
April 10-12	All Day	VCA Field Trip (HS Only) to ASPENshorts Festival	Aspen, CO
May 14	7:00pm	VCA Junior Project Showcase	Schomp Theater, DSA
May 15	7:00pm	VCA Spring Film Festival	Schomp Theater, DSA
May 20	7:00pm	VCA Awards Ceremony	Concert Hall, DSA

DSA Closures ***UPDATE***

There will be no classes for students on October 20 and 21 (for Fall Break) and October 24 (for the Arts School Network). Please add these dates to your family calendar.

Parent-Volunteer Opportunities ***UPDATE***

Thanks to everyone who signed-up for various parent-volunteer opportunities. Once we've updated the document in Google Drive, we will send out a link for others to join.

VCA Guest Artist Fund ***REMINDER***

As discussed at the VCFO Meeting, we are asking the family of each VCA student to commit to raising and/or donating at least \$200 per student each school year to support the VCA Guest Artist Fund. Please consider making your donation before December 31. Thanks!!!

DoE Perkins Grant ***REMINDER***

Last spring, Mr. Glassman and Ms. McGrath were able to secure a Perkins Grant for the VCA department. Administered by the U.S. Department of Education, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act provides resources for competency-based applied learning programs. As a result of this grant, VCA was able to upgrade over half of its computer workstations (in both classrooms) over the summer.

VCA Merchandise ***UPDATE***

The VCA department recently unveiled its new logo, designed by VCA parent Bryant Fernandez. We will be taking orders for gear and merchandise during the first few weeks of school.

King Soopers Gift Cards ***UPDATE***

Please join in the easiest VCA fundraiser that is out there! These gift cards are preloaded with \$5 to keep them active. All you have to do is add any amount (up to \$500) to these refillable cards prior to purchase and then use them to pay for groceries or gas. King Soopers will then donate 5% of everything purchased with these cards to the VCA department. Over the past 12 months, VCA made \$2,428 from this program! If you would like to begin participating, need additional cards for other family members, or if your cards have been lost or deactivated, please contact Ms. McGrath.

DSA App for iPhone ***REMINDER***

One of our students, John Keller (11th grade, VCA major), has created a great DSA App! Just go to the App Store and search for "Denver School of the Arts." The app is free and is essentially the same as the DSA website. Just easier to use on your phone! **FREE!**

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