



General Questions and Answers About CSA:

- **After-School** – Is provided by Manhattan Youth from dismissal for each grade to 5:45pm from Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., and after early dismissal on Wed. To 5:45pm. After-school is available for free to all CSA students.
- **Application Process** - If you have questions about the application process, please reach out to the admissions team at Admissions@cityschoolofhearts.org
- **Arts Program** - If you have questions about CSA's art program, please contact the Artistic Director, Geoffrey Kiorpes at geoffrey@cityschoolofhearts.org
- **Authorizer** - CSA's authorizer is the State University of New York (SUNY).
- **Cell Phone Policy** – In order to decrease distractions and assist students to focus on learning, all students turn in their phones to the main office in the mornings and collect them at dismissal.
- **Chromebooks** – There is a Chromebook provided for every student.
- **CSA's Family Handbook** - [HERE](#).
- **Culture** - If you have questions regarding student culture at CSA, please contact the Dean of Students, Desiree Jones at Desiree@cityschoolofhearts.org
- **Curriculum** - If you have questions about the curriculum, please contact the Academic Director, Maria Siskar at maria@cityschoolofhearts.org
- **Ensemble Classes** - In addition to Core Art classes, CSA offers Ensemble classes 3 days a week, (4 for eighth graders). Students have the option of continuing in a former Ensemble from a previous year, or selecting a new one for their current year. CSA tries to place students in one of their top choices. Ensemble is a year-long commitment. Disciplines include Piano, Vocal, Strings, Music Tech, Digital Story Telling, Visual Art, Creative Writing and Theater. Students participate in smaller in-school showcases/recitals, as well as the full school showcases.
- **Eighth Grade Core Arts Class** - Creative Connections is for CSA's 8th Graders. The course integrates artistic and academic learning in cross-curricular projects. The first trimester focuses on the intersection of Visual Art, History, Personal Narrative Writing and Performance with the work of Black Gotham, an arts collective based in Lower Manhattan. Subsequent topics in the second trimester include interdisciplinary connections in music, art, math and the sciences, linking natural forms with fundamental principles of music theory, visual art, and architecture. In the last trimester, students delve into the work of artists who use their creativity to address climate change. The interdisciplinary nature of this class is designed to support students' development as powerful creative practitioners, thinkers, writers, speakers, and community leaders.
- **Food** - The school provides breakfast and lunch. The school provides vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options and also has a salad bar. There is no charge for meals at CSA.
- **High School Placement** - Families are assisted with high school placement and receive coaching for High School auditions and portfolio submission. 80% of CSA's 8th grade students were accepted by their top 3 High School choices and over half of the graduating class was accepted to an Arts High School. If you have additional questions about high school placement please contact Desiree Jones at Desiree@cityschoolofhearts.org
- **Hours** – 7:30am to 4:00pm from Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. and 7:30am to 2:20pm on Wednesdays. The doors open to the school for breakfast at 7:30am.
- **Lockers** – Students are provided with a locker and a lock for their locker.
- **Music Program** - If you have questions about the music program at CSA, please contact the Artistic Director, Geoffrey Kiorpes at Geoffrey@cityschoolofhearts.org
- **Nurse** – The school has a nurse on the premises from 8:00am to 4:30pm from Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and 8:15am to 2:20pm on Wednesday.
- **Parent Involvement** – CSA has an active Families Association that organizes monthly meetings, a multicultural potluck, a film festival, end of the year picnic and guest speaker events.



- **Security** - The school has a security guard on the premises from 8:00am to 6:15pm, and during all after-school events. In addition, the school has security cameras in all entrances, hallways and classrooms.
- **Seventh Grade Core Visual Art** - In 7th grade Core Visual Art, students discover the language of art known as the elements and principles of art. These fundamental concepts then manifest through drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, 2D design and sculpture. Most importantly, CSA's Core VA class is designed as a portfolio prep class, so that as students matriculate through the grade, they have a substantial high school audition portfolio, should they find they are interested in pursuing the visual arts in a specialized High School. Students create projects according to a rubric aligned with the standardized portfolio review process and complete artistic juries at the end of the 7th Grade year.
- **Shows** – The school has a winter and spring showcase, piano recitals and several smaller showcases throughout the year for each ensemble class. We also have a schoolwide Shakespeare production in the fall and a whole school musical in the spring. CSA averages about one artistic student showcase per month.
- **Space** - CSA has 14 classrooms, a dance studio, a multi-purpose space, an art studio, three breakout spaces, a reading room and a commons/cafeteria space. The space is modern, clean, and full of colorful artwork and natural light.
- **Special Education** - If you have questions about special education and IEPs, please contact the Special Education Coordinator, Laura Neenan at Laura@cityschoolofthearts.org
- **Student Information System (SIS)** – Parents are provided an account to keep track of their children's grades, attendance and communicate with their teachers.
- **Swipe System** – Students utilize an ID card and swipe in as they arrive at school. Parents are sent a text alert notifying them that their child has arrived.
- **Transportation** – Students are provided with a MetroCard. Busing is provided if a child's IEP requires transportation. CSA's students come from all five boroughs and the Families Association helps link up families so they can share the commute as their students are getting used to using the subway. If you have additional transportation questions, please reach out to the Operations Team at CSA_Ops@cityschoolofthearts.org
- **Tutoring** - Afterschool Regents math tutoring is provided as well as general tutoring is provided in study hall.
- **CSA's Wellness Policy** - [HERE](#).
- **Uniforms** - consist only of a CSA top that includes a T-shirt, Polo shirt, Oxford shirt, sweatshirt or track jacket. You can purchase uniform shirts on the school's website. CLICK [HERE](#) TO ORDER YOUR CSA UNIFORM SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS!

If you have additional questions about CSA, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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YouTube CSA Piano channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSB2YeutpYXyqGu6xLsv8Cg>