



Artwork by Skylar G.

Impressionism: An Art Style

Impressionism is a 19th-century art movement that originated with a group of Paris-based artists whose independent exhibitions brought them to prominence during the 1870s and 1880s. Impressionist painting characteristics include relatively small, thin, yet visible brush strokes, open composition, emphasis on accurate depiction of light in its changing qualities (often accentuating the effects of the passage of time), ordinary subject matter, inclusion of movement as a crucial element of human perception and experience, and unusual visual angles.

The Impressionists faced harsh opposition from the conventional art community in France. The name of the style derives from the title of a Claude Monet work, *Impression, soleil levant* (*Impression, Sunrise*), which provoked the critic Louis Leroy to coin the term in a satirical review published in the Parisian newspaper *Le Charivari*.

The development of Impressionism in the visual arts was soon followed by analogous styles in other media that became known as impressionist music and impressionist literature.

Source: Wikipedia
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Impressionism>

See more student art on the
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APRIL 2016:
News, events, and information for
Creative Arts Secondary School

creative artifacts

From the Principal

Reinforcing learning & expectations in Spring



Greetings, Families! I hope you and your student(s) are enjoying spring break. We have had a busy quarter three, and it is time that we all have a moment to recharge so that we can finish the school year strong.

There is still much for students to learn as we enter Quarter 4. During Quarter 4, we will be making sure students are ready to rise up to their next grade.

As you know, CASS had implemented cell phone expectations at the beginning of the year. The purpose of the expectations is to ensure students can focus on what they are being taught daily without distraction.

If there is a need to reach your child during the school day, please call our lead clerk, Linda White at 651-292-3480. She will either deliver a message to your child or have them call you back. Starting Quarter 4, the cell phone expectations will be strictly enforced. **According to our Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, repeated instances of Technology Misuse/Violation may result in a dismissal from school.**

We are still in testing season. All students in 6th-11th grades will be taking the MCA Reading test, MCA Math test, MCA Writing test, or a combination. Also, our 11th graders will be taking the ACT in our school building on Tuesday, April 19th.

Last month's Parent Advisory Committee was very well attended. At this meeting, the parents requested an additional meeting

before the school year ended. Therefore, we are scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, April 12th at 6 p.m. We will be discussing our discipline process and setting our fundraising financial goals for next school year. If you think you can make it, please contact Josie Ahartz at (651) 292-3480.

As part of living our vision, I feel it is important that students have an opportunity to appreciate art as well as create it. As you have seen in all of our communications, our vision and mission is as follows:

Vision: Creative Arts Secondary School is a premier Saint Paul arts school graduating successful, creative producers, ready for college and career.

Mission: Creative Arts Secondary School develops creative young adults through rigorous study in both arts and academics. Students pursue a personal artistic vision, learning in and through the arts, as part of a safe and supportive creative community.

During the month of April, we will be hosting audition/portfolio workshops for all rising 9th graders and all new high school students to CASS. The differentiated workshop sessions are designed to help students create their piece/portfolio, practice/perfect their piece, or reflect on their piece/portfolio. We will also have a workshop for all new parents to CASS while

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students are participating in their workshop. The dates for the workshop are April 19th from 4-6 p.m. and April 25th from 5-7 p.m. Students currently attending CASS will participate in the workshop during the school day.

Stay updated with events at CASS by viewing the school's website (creativearts.spps.org), reading the monthly newsletters, viewing the email/texting messages or calling the school.

SAVE THE DATE: SPPS Honors Concert will be hosted at the Ordway on April 19th at 6:30 p.m. SPPS Honors Art Show Opening will be hosted at the Minnesota Museum of American Art on April 21st. The show will remain up until May 1st. CASS Honors Reception will be Friday, April 22nd during period one. This is an invitation only event. Students invited will bring home invitations soon.

**Juniors:
ACT testing
is April 19!**

Please contact
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for more
information.

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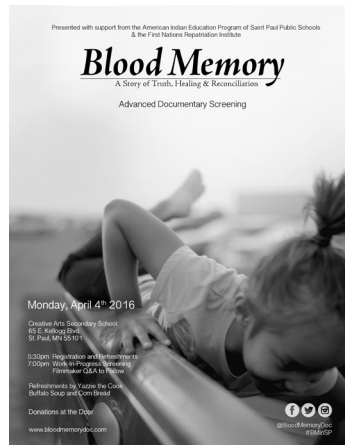
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State of the Arts

Creative Arts hosts events that highlight creativity & the arts

by Benjamin Lacina,
Program Manager

There will be two opportunities in April when Creative Arts Secondary School lives into our role as a hub for celebrating creativity and artistic expression in our community. Monday, April 4, our school along with the SPPS Indian Education Program will host a screening of *Blood Memory*, a feature-length documentary that explores the impact of the Indian Adoption Era and the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) through the personal stories



of three individuals as they encounter and reflect upon the ICWA in their everyday lives. *Blood Memory* is a documentary film supported



by the Independent Filmmaker Project in Minnesota. The screening will be held in conjunction with National Congress of American Indians (NICWA) annual conference happening at the Intercontinental Hotel across the street.

The second opportunity to see and celebrate student artwork in our community will be the fifth annual Learning2Crawl exhibition in our Multipurpose Gallery during the spring Lowertown Art Crawl, April 22-24. Student artwork from across the Saint Paul School district will be on display.

Please contact me via email: benjamin.lacina@spps.org or call 651-744-7504 to begin the conversation about Creative Arts hosting your creative idea or event in our space!

School attendance matters

School attendance is mandatory in the state of Minnesota in order to make certain that all children acquire the necessary skills for success as adults. Creative Arts Secondary School cooperates through the Ramsey County Attorney's office and the Student Attendance Matters program.

The program requires on-going intervention with students who have multiple absences from classes or school. The motto is: Be in school everyday, every class, on time, unless lawfully excused.

Acceptable reasons for absences include:

- Sickness (fever of 100 degrees or higher)
- Vomiting
- Severe diarrhea
- Medical/dental appointments (medical/dental provider excuses required). Please note students cannot be absent for a full day for routine appointments.

- Religious holidays
- Extreme family emergencies (death, fire etc)

Invalid excuses include:

- Staying home to baby sit
- Staying home to care for parents, grandparents or other family members
- Needed at home
- Missing the school bus
- Lack of immunization
- Car trouble
- Work/rest because of work
- Travel
- Cold weather

Please call the school when your child is going to be absent (call 651-292-3480 and select the attendance option). Please provide a written note when child returns. If absent 3 or more days for illness a medical excuse note may be needed.



Spring Break is April 4-8

There is no school for students on this Holiday.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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END OF
3rd QUARTER

Parents! Date added!
April 12
 We are excited to build on the momentum from our March PAC meeting! Please join us at the Parent Advisory Council meeting to help plan our April Honors assembly, provide input on school improvement, and set our fundraising goals for next school year!

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Blood Memory
documentary
screening
7 p.m.



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Extended Day
Learning
2-4 p.m.

Parent Advisory
Council Meeting
6-8 p.m.

Extended Day
Learning
2-4 p.m.

FIRST DAY of
4th QUARTER

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Extended Day
Learning
2-4 p.m.

ACT TESTING

Extended Day
Learning
2-4 p.m.

SPPS Honors Art
Exhibition
at Minnesota
Museum of
American Art

Honors Reception for
Students of the Month
& Honor Roll
7:30 a.m.

Saint Paul Art Crawl

SPPS Honors
Concert 6:30 p.m.
at Ordway Center

Learning2Crawl
Art Event @ CASS
5-9p.m.

Learning2Crawl
Art Event @ CASS
Noon-5 p.m.

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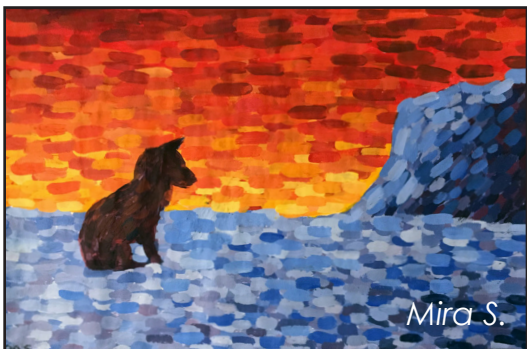
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5:30 p.m.
(parent preview)

The spring Lowertown Art Crawl is April 22-24!

Stop by the school to see Artwork from students all around Saint Paul • 65 E Kellogg Blvd



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April Students of the Month recognized

Congratulations to the following students for exemplifying A.R.T.S. during the Month of March!

6TH GRADE

NOAH ROSENBERGER
ALISSON MARTINEZ VILLA
SHETYRA CLAYBORN
ELISHA ADDISON
DEPIKA SUBEDI
SUWANEE XIONG

7TH GRADE

EMMY NOWACZEWSKI
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8TH GRADE

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9TH GRADE

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RACHEL LENDER
JERRELL ADAMS
RENYAH JONES

10TH GRADE

DONTE HOPKINS

11TH GRADE

MAYA LOPEZ
FAITH CHRISTENSON

12TH GRADE

MOUA YANG



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What is
A.R.T.S.

Accept Responsibility
Respectful
Teachable (Ready to Learn)
Safe