

# creative artifacts

## DO YOU KNOW?

### Power of YOU deadline: May 1

Seniors still needing help filling out this paperwork see Ms. Ashley Brant, Mr. Xiong, or Ms. Jackie Rogalski in the Counseling Center.

*What is Power of YOU?* Minnesota's Power of YOU means two years of tuition-free college for eligible students allowing Power of YOU participants to transfer to a four-year college or university or enter the workforce with little or no student debt., Power of YOU will pay for all tuition costs that are not covered by state and federal grants. Along with financial assistance, Power of YOU helps students reach their academic and career goals with advising and academic support services.

To qualify for Power of YOU, students must:

- Graduate June 6th, 2017 with your Creative Arts class,
- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), and
- Not exceed the family adjusted gross income of \$75,000

Artwork by Alyssa Nelson

From the Principal

## Testing, registration



Happy Spring!

I hope that your student is enjoying spring break and taking the time to rest so they are prepared to take their standardized exams.

Starting April 17th, students in grades 6th-11th will begin taking the MCAs. Students in 11th grade will take the ACT on April 19th. It is important that students are well rested and are eating healthy foods so they can focus and have a clear mind while testing. I ask that you encourage your student to do their best so that they can have more choices and flexibility in their class schedule for next year. If you would like more information on our testing dates, please see our website.

Quarter 4 begins when students return from spring break. Instruction during this time will be very intentional with making sure students feel confident and comfortable taking all of the upcoming exams. I know our students will do better than they anticipate because our students are moving towards greatness.

Creative Arts Secondary School is continually moving towards fulfilling the mission and vision of the school. Our mission and vision are:

**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 supportive creative community.

It is student placement time. All of our current 8th graders have participated in the audition/portfolio process showcasing their growth in the arts. The information gathered this process will help us place students in their appropriate art level to ensure that they are receiving rigor in the arts. In April and May, we will welcome our newly placed students to CASS. The upper grades will have an opportunity to participate in an audition/portfolio workshop prior to presenting the works on their assigned audition/portfolio night. The lower grades will have an opportunity to confirm their placement for next year through a mandatory orientation and registration night that is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd and Thursday, May 4th. More information can be found on our website.

All current students in grades 6th-11th grade have received 17-18 course registration sheets. Many have turned them in identifying the courses they would like to take next year. Please follow up with your students and ask what have registered for and what art area they will be focusing on.

During the April PAC meeting, there will be a 17-18 CASS Budget Community Review and Input session. We are seeking input from parents to ensure that we are providing the best academic and artistic opportunities for students. We want to ensure that all students and families are honored and represented through our course offerings and student experiences. So, please be in attendance because we want to hear from you.

This has been a great year and we look forward to have an awesome fourth quarter!

# State of the Arts

## 10<sup>th</sup> Graders visit Guthrie Theater; Guthrie visits back

by Benjamin Lacina,  
Arts Program Manager

On March 15, sophomores had the opportunity to witness madness on stage, along with deceptions, villainy and a little bit of “gross.” Shakespeare’s *King Lear* is a classic of the stage, telling tales not that dissimilar to today’s movies and cable shows. Students also got to experience the artistry and technical prowess of the Guthrie Theater.

It was a marathon production, too, and our students stuck it out in good form— students had a snack at intermission and even got to

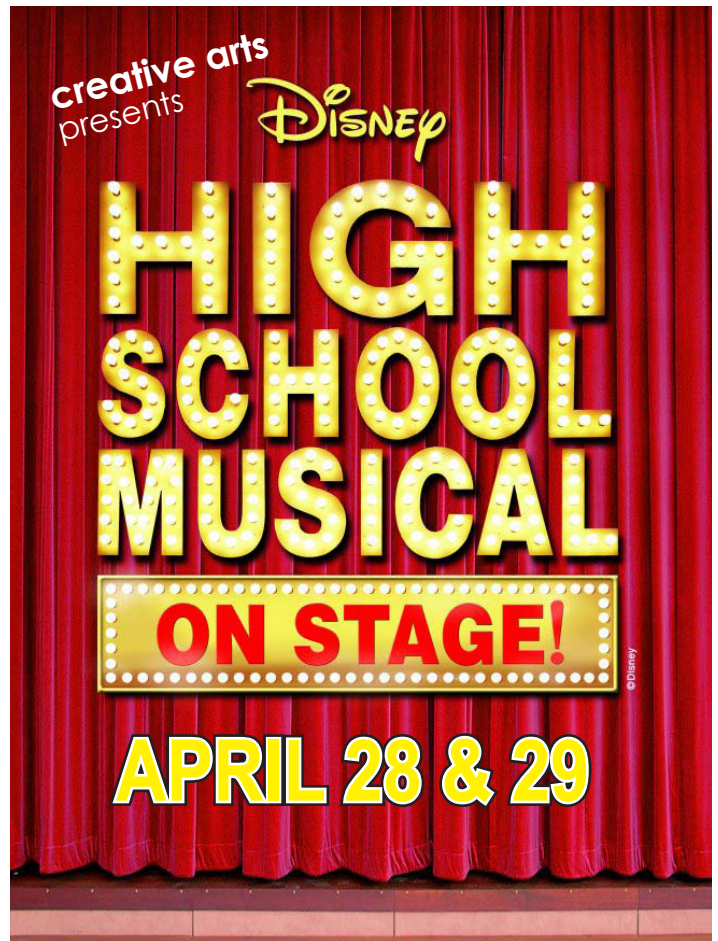
eat lunch at the theater before returning to school.

Two weeks later, two of the actors from the production James A. Williams and Thomas Brazzle, were joined on stage by Education Program manager Karim Muasher at Creative Arts. They discussed their career paths to the stage, why they enjoyed performing Shakespeare, and even why it takes so much spit when you’re acting on stage.

Actors shared insight into the nature of rehearsing lines out loud — and not just reading them in your head — as one of the secrets to getting things right.

### Photos on display

Be sure to stop by school and check out the photographs by students from Mr. Mitchell’s Digital Imaging class. They worked with photographer Poa Her during February and March. We are proud to bear witness to students’ talents!



Don't miss the Creative Arts theater department spring musical: *High School Musical* April 28-29!



Actors (L-R) James A. Williams and Thomas Brazzle, currently featured in the Guthrie Theater production of *KING LEAR*, along with Guthrie Education Program Manager Karim Muasher, took questions from Creative Arts 10th Grade students at school following their field trip to see the classic Shakespeare play at the Guthrie in Minneapolis earlier this month.

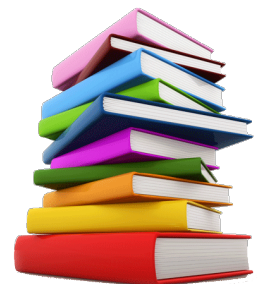
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## April News from the Library & Genius Squad

Feel free to stop by and visit the library, we’ve updated the space with a student-created rainbow mural making its way across the space! The space is getting warmer and more welcoming every day.

TeenLitCon is coming! Join authors such as Jay Asher (*13 Reasons Why*) and more at TeenLitCon on Saturday May 6th in Inver Grove Heights at Sibley High School from 10am to 5pm. If you want to come and need transportation, see Mrs. Duke or Ms. Corrigan to sign up for the bus! This event is free and open to the public.

Don't forget! You can use your SPPL LibraryGO! card to check out public library books right on your iPad! You can also check out books and items from the library with it, up to 5 at a time. See Mrs. Duke if you need help, or want to know your number!



## Parent Advisory Council meeting: April 11

Lend your voice to the conversation and give input into goings-on at Creative Arts!



**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

**Mar 26      27      28      29      30      31      April 1**

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**Audition assistance!**  
 Help spread the word: if you know a student who will be new to Creative Arts as a 9th-12th grade student next fall, tell them about our audition workshop! Answers to questions about the process can be found on our website: [creativearts.spps.org/auditions](http://creativearts.spps.org/auditions) or call Benjamin Lacina, Arts Program Manager at 651-744-7504.

**NO SCHOOL APRIL 1-9  
 Spring Break, School resumes April 10**

**9      10      11      12      13      14      15**

**10**  
 First day of 4th Quarter  
  
 Extended Day Learning  
 2-4 p.m.

**11**  
 PAC Meeting  
 6-8 p.m.

**12**  
 Extended Day Learning  
 2-4 p.m.

**13**  
 Student Equity Conference Field Trip

*West Side Story*  
 Field Trip

Workshop Night for new 9th-12th students  
 5-7 p.m.

**16      17      18      19      20      21      22**

**17**  
 St. Paul College ACCUPLACER at Creative Arts  
  
 Extended Day Learning  
 2-4 p.m.

**18**  
 SPPS Honors Concert at Ordway Center  
 6:30 p.m.

**19**  
 Extended Day Learning  
 2-4 p.m.

**20**  
 Spanish Field Trip to MIA

**21**  
 National Day of Silence

**23      24      25      26      27      28      29**

**24**  
 Extended Day Learning  
 2-4 p.m.

**26**  
 College visit to University of St. Thomas

**27**  
 Honors Assembly and Breakfast  
  
 SPPS Visual Art Honors Opening at MMAA  
 6 p.m.

**28**  
*High School Musical*  
 7 p.m.

**29**  
*High School Musical*  
 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**Accuplacer!**  
 Seniors planning to attend St. Paul College (SPC) during the 2017-18 school year, who have yet to take the Accuplacer will get another chance to take it at CASS April 17th. If you have not already done so, contact Ms. Ashley Brant. Sophomores and Juniors attending SPC - PSEO Fall 2017-18 are welcome to take the placement assessment as well.

**High School Musical: performances April 28-29**

Tickets: \$7 Adults • \$5 students/seniors • \$3 children under 5

# COUNSELING corner

by Jackie Rogalski (A-L) and Edward Xiong (M-Z)  
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## The Rose Garden: A Sneak Peek at a Senior

Rose Cooper, a senior and visual artist at Creative Arts, took on a project this spring.

What began as a project quite honestly turned into a random act of kindness toward students Rose will never know use the donations of clothing, hygiene products, and school supplies are appreciated by our students. Our community has been fortunate to receive these gifts. What they needed was organization.

“Let’s ask our creative students for some help.” The project of folding clothing began. Rose took over and created a welcoming, easy to navigate space for students to go to get clothing, school supplies, and hygiene. She labeled clothing

by size and style. Backpacks found their own box.

How did the room get its name? Well, it was the Utility Closet. “We’ve got to call it something else,” stated Ms Vang, “I’ve got it. The Rose Garden.” She approached Mr. Schutt and told him of her idea. A couple days later he showed up at her door with a painting naming the Rose Garden.

Thank you Rose for creating a space that feels accessible, comfortable and respectful for the students who use it. We are so glad you are a part of our community.

## Creative Arts students recognized for exemplifying “A.R.T.S.” during March

Congratulations to the following students for being nominated by teachers and staff at Creative Arts Secondary School to be Students of the Month for April, based on behavior we observed during March. Students were nominated based on their ability to model the positive “A.R.T.S.” behaviors and characteristics that we display as a school community.

**6TH GRADE**  
MAYA DANIELS  
PHENG LEE  
MICHEAL FLECKNER

**7TH GRADE**  
JUNIA THOMPSON

**8TH GRADE**  
ALEX PEREZ  
BEE LAO  
DINH LOR  
ATHENA VANGSOUA  
JET MOUA

**9TH GRADE**  
DEJA FLOREZ-CARABELLO  
REYNA DAVILLA-DAY  
CHEEJA HANG  
MAXIMUS MOONIN  
DESTINY DEERING  
EH KLU MOO  
MAI YEE VANG

**10TH GRADE**  
BEE HANG  
TREY TAYLOR  
MIRACLE ROGERS  
MORIAH HANNEMANN  
RENYAH JONES  
RAE CHRISTENSEN  
ARIANA DUNN  
PARIS FOSTER  
NA’JAI WILSON

**11TH GRADE**  
ROBYN NELSON  
JACKSON RUIZ

**12TH GRADE**  
ROSE COOPER



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