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**DECEMBER 2015:**  
News, events, and information for  
Creative Arts Secondary School

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## DO YOU KNOW? Sound!

Sound, which is the movement of air, travels in **waves**. All sounds can be reduced to, or created from, a singular wave.

When listening to sounds, parts of the human ear are vibrating. When speaking, a voice causes the air around it to travel, which causes pieces of the ear to vibrate accordingly.

**Microphones** operate in a similar way. After sound is emitted through the **diaphragm**, it begins to vibrate and is converted into a signal. On the other hand, when someone receives a signal, it causes pieces of the speaker to fluctuate back and forth, which then causes the air around it to travel.

In many ways, sound is very much like light. They both emerge from a sure source. However, while light can travel through a **vacuum**, sound cannot do the same. It requires a medium to maneuver through, such as glass, metal, water or air.

The speed of sound is dependent on the medium through which it is traveling. Under typical conditions, at sea level, sound travels 1,225 kilometers per hour, or 340.29 meters per second!

Source: ask.com

From the Principal

## Planning begins for 16-17



As we return from Thanksgiving break, I would like to say “Thank you” to the parents/guardians of our students. Thank you for supporting your student’s learning as an artist. We at Creative Arts are committed to supporting students learning in and through the arts.

During the next few months, we will be planning for the 2016-17 school. Each decision that will be made will allow us to move closer to the vision and mission of Creative Arts Secondary School. 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.

On Tuesday, December 1st, we will host our second Parent Advisory Committee Meeting from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. I encourage each of you to attend. We will discuss the staggered start time and Metro Transit bus passes for

our 9th-12th graders. Tom Burr, Director of Transportation, and Theresa Battle, Associate Superintendent, will be present to facilitate the conversation and respond to any questions.

You are cordially invited to attend our final Parent Academy Seminar on Tuesday, December 8th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The topic will be Digital Citizenship. It is important that parents understand how they can support their student becoming a digital citizen as our students have more access to the digital world.

On December 10th, we will host our first music concerts for the 2015-16 school year. The concert will be directed by our new long-term music teacher sub, Casey Frensz. It is a pleasure to have Mr. Frensz join our teaching community for the second quarter.

I would like to formally wish two employees the best as they move on to other opportunities. Taylor Elaison, music teacher, has returned to his hometown high school to serve as the band teacher. This has been a dream of his, and when the opportunity presented itself he could not pass it up. Victoria Johnson, security officer, has decided to move into the corporate division for American Security. She will truly be missed.

We look forward to see you all at Parent/Teacher Conferences on Dec. 17th!

## Online publication features Creative Arts teacher

Recently Art Force (a Minneapolis company that help organizations achieve their objectives through artwork and visual solutions) featured our very own Creative Arts teacher, Mr. Adam Bucher, in its newsletter. Mr. Bucher teaches Audio Production and Painting classes.



You can read the article at: <http://artforce.org/adam-bucher/>

ART FORCE

# State of the Arts

## Habits of Mind (and what they mean)

by Benjamin Lacina,  
Program Manager

Whether your art form is dance or painting, a spoken word artist or an actor, there are certain “habits of mind” that have been discussed as some of the soft skills that transcend each discipline and unite creative individuals across the disciplines.

The following eight studio habits of mind were developed by Project Zero, part of the Harvard School of Education:

### Develop Craft

Learning to use tools, materials, artistic conventions; and learning to care for tools,

materials, and space.

### Engage & Persist

Learning to embrace problems of relevance within the art world and/or of personal importance, to develop focus conducive to working and persevering at tasks.

### Envision

Learning to picture mentally what cannot be directly observed and imagine possible next steps in making a piece.

### Express

Learning to create works that convey an idea, a feeling, or a personal meaning.

### Observe

Learning to attend to visual contexts more closely than ordinary “looking” requires, and thereby to see things that otherwise might not be seen.

### Reflect

Learning to think and talk with others about an aspect of one’s work or working process, and, learning to judge one’s own work and working process and the work of others.

### Stretch & Explore

Learning to reach beyond one’s capacities, to explore playfully without a preconceived plan, and to embrace the opportunity to learn from mistakes.

### Community

Learning to interact as an artist with other artists i.e., in classrooms, in local arts organizations, and across the art field) and within the broader society.

Additional habits of mind that have been thought of include Listening with Empathy, Metacognition, Finding Humor, Thinking Flexibly, Willingly Suspending Disbelief,

Thinking Interdependently, even Responding with Wonderment and Awe.

Think about your own creative ideas or solutions to challenging problems or situations. When and where do you find yourself working through challenges in unique ways? How do you continue when the going gets tough? When have you found a new, creative solution to a problem that you never knew you knew?

All of these characteristics are pieces of the arts educational experience that Creative Arts Secondary School is building into our curriculum and our expectations for learning.

We believe that these Habits of Mind are key to our students’ success. Together we can meet our mission to develop creative young adults in rigorous artistic and academic ways.

## Creative Arts recognizes December Students of the Month for exemplifying “A.R.T.S.” during November

*Congratulations to the following students for being nominated by teachers and staff at Creative Arts Secondary School to be Students of the Month for October.*

*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

A’NIYAH BANKS  
ANTHONY XIONG  
ASHANTI JONES  
CHOR LEE  
CHRISTINA CONTRERAS  
DE’JIAH WILSON  
ERICA WEBB  
JILLIAN COLE  
LESLIE ESCOBAR-PEREZ  
MIKE YANG  
PAW KAW HSER  
WILLIAM WILLIAMS III

### 7th Grade

DASHAY NALLS-WEAVER  
DINH LOR  
KENNEDY VANG  
SUTTHINEE HER  
XANG THAO

### 8th Grade

ARIES STEWART  
BROOKE BEHRENDT  
DEJA FLOREZ-CARABELLO

### 9th Grade

ARIANA DUNN  
BEE HANG  
CHA HER  
DALARRYOUS BROWN  
NA’JAI WILSON  
RACHEL LENDER

### 10th Grade

EVELYN SPEERS  
KIASIA GLOVER  
MASON MURPH

### 11th Grade

FRANCIA PEREZ ORTEGA  
JJ BOYD  
SARAH ROUTHIEAUX

### 12th Grade

EVAN HOEFFLIN  
HEILI TRUEBLOOD  
JULIA SCHULTZE

What is

## A.R.T.S.

**Accept Responsibility**  
**Respectful**  
**Teachable (Ready to Learn)**  
**Safe**



## Learn about SPPS transportation and start times

Join us at the December 1st Parent Advisory Council meeting (6-8 p.m.) to learn more about the possibilities for the 2016-17 school year!

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

*Dec*

**Dec 1**  
 Mobile Jazz Project  
 2-5 p.m.  
  
 PARENT ADVISORY  
 COUNCIL  
 6-8 p.m.

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

**3**  
 Mobile Jazz Project  
 2-5 p.m.

**4**

**5**

**6**

**7**  
 Extended Day  
 Learning  
 2-4 p.m.

**8**  
 Mobile Jazz Project  
 2-5p.m.  
  
 Parent Seminar #3  
 6-8 p.m.  
 at Creative Arts

**9**  
 Extended Day  
 Learning  
 2-4 p.m.

**10**  
 Mobile Jazz Project  
 2-5p.m.  
  
 Orchestra Concert  
 5:30 p.m.  
  
 Band Concert  
 7:30 p.m.

**11**

**12**

**13**

**14**  
 Extended Day  
 Learning  
 2-4 p.m.

**15**  
 Mobile Jazz Project  
 2-5 p.m.

**16**  
 Extended Day  
 Learning  
 2-4 p.m.

**17**  
 Mobile Jazz Project  
 2-5 p.m.  
  
**CONFERENCES**  
**3:30-6:30 p.m.**  
  
 Transportation  
 meeting  
 6:30 p.m.

**18**

Honors Recognition  
 Assembly & Reception  
 7:30 a.m.

**19**

**20**

**21**  
 Extended Day  
 Learning  
 2-4 p.m.

**22**  
 Mobile Jazz Project  
 2-5 p.m.

**23**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**Winter**  
**Break**  
**(through**  
**Jan 1)**

**24**

**25**

**26**

**27**

**28**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**Winter**  
**Break**

**29**

**30**

**31**

***Be a part of it!***  
 Our Parent Advisory Council meeting is a key place for families to lend their voice to the discussions we have as school and lend a hand to creating a strong school community. We are already busy thinking about next school year. The PAC is a great place to be involved in this year and next year. You are a valued voice in the conversation!



**Winter Concerts: Orchestras & Bands**  
 December 10, 2015 • 5:30 and 7 p.m.

# Congratulations first quarter Honor Roll students!

**A HONOR ROLL**

Balang, Grace M  
 Barsten, Cordelia C  
 Brown, Danica  
 Christensen, Faith H  
 Christensen, Rachel B  
 Davila-Day, Reyna G  
 Dukes, Bryanna P  
 Duong, Mary  
 Ellis, Damenica D  
 Feidt, Hannah R  
 Fellerman, Devyn  
 Fesseha, Zufan W  
 Gerst, Kyra D  
 Graling, Paige M  
 Grantee-Bowman, Diana G  
 Hannemann, Moriah A  
 Harrington, Cordelia G  
 Heeringa, Avery  
 Her, Cha  
 Her, Kanyanee  
 Johnson, Zella E  
 Kamara, Michaela  
 Khang, Pa Nthia  
 Kue, James Y  
 Lee, Ntshuanplaim  
 Lillmars, Malakai C  
 Lor, Dinh  
 Lor, Padra  
 Martinez Villa, Alisson D  
 McClelland, Angus J  
 McKnight, Noah S  
 Miller, Macy A  
 Moreau, Emilia M  
 Newbauer, Cecelia C  
 Nguyen, Havy T  
 Nowaczewski, Emilia G  
 Nurnberg, Jayden  
 Ogbeifun, Natasha  
 Olson, James C  
 Parteh, Slawannie L  
 Quiroga Macouzet, Denasia E

Ratliff, Marius A  
 Robinson, Lyric M  
 Rodriguez, Roxanna M  
 Routhieaux, Sarah E  
 Ruiz, Jackson F  
 Sanchez, Rebeca  
 Schmitz, Alan M  
 Schultz, Julia E  
 Smith, Emerald M  
 Taylor, Trey R  
 Thao, Dyno  
 Thao, Jue  
 Thao, Kao Ly  
 Thao, Xue  
 Townsend, Payton C  
 Tschida, Elissa M  
 Vang, Mai G  
 Vang, Yee  
 Vang, Yee  
 Velasquez Mata, Rosario A  
 Vue, Justice F  
 Webb, Erica I  
 Williams, William H  
 Wilson, De'Jiah J  
 Wilson, Na'Jai S  
 Winkelaar, Emily J  
 Xiong, Mai G  
 Xiong, Suwannee  
 Yang, Amy  
 Yang, Chaly  
 Yang, Gaohlinsa  
 Yang, Ger  
 Yang, Gloria M  
 Yang, Kalia  
 Yang, Moua

**B HONOR ROLL**

Adams, Jerrell K  
 Anglin, Hanah R  
 Armstead Dassier, Devin J  
 Banks, A'Niyah S  
 Boyd, Janeka L  
 Buck, Jerod M  
 Cajune, Zackery A  
 Cole, Jillian M

Contreras, Anna  
 Coppess, Matthew D  
 Courneya, Frances L  
 Delgado, Guadalupe Y  
 Downs, Aeryana L  
 Duque, Cinthya J  
 Edwards Randall, LaDaijaa  
 Edwards, Dominique  
 Edwards, Sarah E  
 Eh, Wah W  
 Farmer, Shabrea A  
 Florez-Carabello, Deja R  
 Gadea Dominguez, Charles  
 Garcia Velazco, Michelle  
 Gebretsadik, Angela  
 Glover, Kiasia L  
 Godfrey, Rosario X  
 Goodman, Kaiah C  
 Grantee-Bowman, Hunter B  
 Hadley, Montrevion L  
 Her, Sutthinee  
 Her, Toua  
 Hoefflin, Evan A  
 Hogan, James R  
 Holman, Tanisha D  
 Hser, Paw Kaw  
 Htoo, Kaw Kay  
 Hu, Htoo M  
 Kong, Unity T  
 Kue, Hasan  
 Lao, Bee  
 LaPonte, Kaden T  
 Lender, Rachel E  
 Mangaroo, Creg D  
 Manneh, Seloma  
 McKnight, Victor A  
 Mcswain, Arabella R  
 Million, Valentina  
 Mitchell, Caila J  
 Montano, Zayden A  
 Moo, Richer  
 Nelson, Alyssa R  
 Nelson, Mackenzie V  
 Nelson, Robyn A

Orellana, Ada L  
 Ortega, Erik  
 Perez Ortega, Francia  
 Peterson, Hailie J  
 Pop, Pong  
 Prom, Celia K  
 Rodriguez, Maritza  
 Rosario, Elenajayde M  
 Scarver, Canya E  
 Sisneros, Alicia M  
 Sisneros, Savina C  
 Speers, Evelyn F  
 Tanner, Aniya R  
 Thao, Gary K  
 Thao, Nalee  
 Thao, Nang  
 Thao, Richard  
 Torrescano-Sanchez, Adamari  
 Tristan Lopez, Dulce  
 Trueblood, Heili J  
 Vang, Chang  
 Vang, Kennedy N  
 Vang, Mis Mai S  
 Vang, Zena  
 Vue, Douachong C  
 Wah, Lah L  
 Waldo-Okoneski, Savannah B  
 Webb, Nataisha M  
 Wilson, Diamond  
 Win, Nyunt  
 Woods, Shalaciana L  
 Xiong, Brandon P  
 Xiong, Emily  
 Xiong, Lue  
 Xiong, Yeng  
 Yang, Calvin T  
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 Yang, Nou C  
 Yang, Pa Jar  
 Yang, Serenidy

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 conferences on  
 December 17!

