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**DECEMBER 2017:
News, events, and information for
Creative Arts Secondary School**

creative artifacts

Celebrate Hmong New Year at CASS

Our students have led the planning and decorating for the Creative Arts Secondary School Hmong New Year celebration. Join us for food and performances:
**Friday, December 8,
from 6-8 p.m.**

You: Audience

by Benjamin Lacina
Arts Program Manager

One of the biggest concepts that shapes the work we do at Creative Arts is the idea of audience. It is the nuance that adds depth to our “Create, Present/Perform, Reflect” or “CPR” standards. Audience adds authenticity to the presentation and performance standards. It moves the work beyond simply the audience of the teacher — or even the group of students in a classroom — toward one that is more “real.”

People who appreciate visual art go to the gallery or the museum. People who enjoy a great performance get tickets to plays, concerts, dance events, and more. These are the roles that we ask you, our community, to play in the months ahead.

Be sure to watch our school calendar, Facebook page, and your message or email inboxes. There is a lot going. December and

January are prime time for our students to showcase their work: the fall one-act plays, winter music concerts, dance performances, and end-of-semester showcases of student artwork.

One other exciting event that is coming up is our Junior Show, which will go up in the Gallery right after Winter Break on January 8, 2018. Our junior seminar class has the theme of “Arts and Activism,” and the students there will be showcasing their various art forms in a culminated project that will be a fundraiser for relief efforts in Puerto Rico. Look for more details as we approach the actual day of the event.

You are our audience, and we need your help expanding the audience for our students. Please tell your family members, coworkers, and neighbors about the great opportunities to view our students’ work. The more people who share in our students’ gifts and talents the better!



create

Create. It’s what we do. We make stuff. In fact, it’s so much a part of what we do, it’s in our name. We are “CREATIVE” Arts.

This shows up in a number of different ways: choreography in dance, a painting in the visual arts, or a great monologue or speech in the theater.

One way we like to ask it: “what have you created, and what wouldn’t have, no, couldn’t have existed in the world until you came into being?”



present

You made it. Now get it out into the world. It’s what artists do. We don’t hide our art, our talent, or our skills. We seek out and appreciate an audience for our thoughts, feelings and ideas.

Performing artists perform. We get on stage to dance. Sing. Act. We might even do all three at the same time. Visual artists hang work on walls, in windows, on buildings, online.

We invite an audience into our creative world, and we build a community.



reflect

So now what? We grow. And we improve. By ramping things up and showing our work, we get feedback. We learn and improve as creative individuals by taking that feedback and making ourselves, and our work, better.

We also share feedback with fellow artists, so they can get better. This helps us improve our own process, just by interacting with others.

It’s up to us to help our community grow and get stronger.



Appreciation for stepping up, student opportunities



Principal's Pen

by Dr. Carlondrea Hines

Happy Holidays!

I would like express my appreciation to the staff members at Creative Arts Secondary School that stepped up to ensure that our theater students had an opportunity to perform in

the fall play. Thank you, Ben Stock, Emily Punyko, Marie Hyduchvich, and Jessica Matson! Our students could not have done it without you.

I am excited to announce that Creative Arts Secondary School now has a chapter with the National Honor Society (NHS). You are all invited to attend our inaugural induction immediately following conferences on Thursday, December 7th. I am very proud of the students and the hard work they put in order to earn this recognition. Congratulations to each of you!

December brings many

opportunities for us to celebrate our students. The plays, concerts, conferences, and celebrations allow the adults to witness the accomplishments of our students in all areas. We celebrate their cultures, talents, and achievements through performances and conferences. Please make time to help us celebrate your student.

Winter break begins Friday, December 22nd. On that the day, the building will be closed. If there is a need to reach someone on staff, the best way to contact them will be via email. All staff

members' email address is located on the schools website www.spps.org/creativearts Students will return to school on Wednesday, January 3rd.

After winter break, we will reconfigure our EDL program with more focus on the arts. The expectation is that students select an art activity and participate fully in the program. If students do not select an area, the expectation is that students will not participate in EDL. More details will come in the upcoming week.

I would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday!

Photos from the One Acts!



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**National Honor Society
Induction Ceremony is December 7!**

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Dec

DEC 1

Fall One-Act Plays:
ALICE and
Super Hero Support
Group
7 p.m.

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Fall One-Act Plays:
ALICE and
Super Hero Support
Group
2 p.m. &
7 p.m.

Erbert's & Gerbert's
fundraiser for CASS
(downtown location)

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Extended Day
Learning
2-4 p.m.

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Honors Recognition
Lunch Field Trip

Chipotle (Downtown)
Lunch Fundraiser
10:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Parent Advisory
Council
6-8 p.m.

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Extended Day
Learning
2-4 p.m.

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CONFERENCES
4-7 p.m.

National Honor
Society Induction
Ceremony
7 p.m.



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Hmong New Year
Celebration
6-8 p.m.

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Extended Day
Learning
2-4 p.m.

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Instrumental Music
Concert
(Bands & Orchestra)
6 p.m.



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Extended Day
Learning
2-4 p.m.

14

Vocal Music Concert
(Choirs)
6 p.m.



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Extended Day
Learning
2-4 p.m.

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Working
Artist
Panel

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ACT
Practice
Day

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**NO SCHOOL DEC 22-JAN 2
Winter Break**

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**NO SCHOOL DEC 22-JAN 2
Winter Break, School resumes January 3**



CASS Music Concerts!

December 12: Bands & Orchestra • December 14: Choirs

Celebrating volunteers, input, and hard work!



Family Engagement

by Ms. Lee Vang
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Happy Holidays, Creative Arts Families!

As we approach winter break, please take some time to reflect on what we are doing well and how we can do better for you and your student(s) here at Creative Arts. After Winter Break, Ms. Vang will send out a survey to gather these reflections as we kick off in 2018! As always though, please reach out if you need anything in the mean time! Thank you.

Family Volunteering at Creative Arts

Congratulations to all

of our students who have won one-day elevator passes because of volunteer hours from their parent/guardian! Parent/Guardian volunteers who donate 7 hours of their time (at school or off site) can earn their student an all-day elevator pass! Please contact Ms. Vang about how you can volunteer and help out Creative Arts!

- 1) Sabrina B. - 8th grade
- 2) William W. - 9th grade

3) Makayla C. - 10th grade

Family Raffle Drawings!

Congratulations to the following students and their families who have won free tickets to our fall one-acts featuring Alice.

- Daymen J. - 8th grade
Serendity S - 6th grade

Congratulations to the following students have won one-day elevator passes from the quarterly Family Event

raffle (each time you come to Creative Arts for an event, you get a raffle ticket). Thank you to Ms. Keller's 3rd hour middle school choir for drawing these names!

- Avery H. - 10th grade
Lilly K-Q. - 10th grade
Kamren S - 7th grade
Rana E - 6th grade
J. Thompson - 7th grade

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Member Highlight: Karla Lindsay

Parent of an 8th Grade Student

Why did you join PAC?

I get overwhelmed with the problems I read about every day in our city, state, and country. Some days I feel really helpless and struggle with how to make things better. Applying myself on a local level helps me deal with these feelings. It is just a grain of sand, but if we all decide to do something, maybe someday the sand will spread into a beach that we can all enjoy.

What do you like most about CASS?/ What is one hope you have for CASS?

I LOVE the family feeling that exists at CASS. I hope more and more families discover what a great school CASS is, especially high schoolers. There is room for so many more students to learn how to empower themselves through the arts. Their voices need to be heard!

However, I hope CASS stays a little on the small size because of that great family



vibe. It seems like every teacher and staffer I have met knows every student, and everyone cares and works hard to make things happen for our kids.

What is the most meaningful advice you received about being a parent?

Sometimes you have to let things bend so they don't break.

What is the best advice you can give to another parent?

Don't listen to other people's advice! Every kid is different and what works for one does not work for another. Follow your heart and do what you think is right for your kid. They think they are grown, but they still need a strong advocate sometimes.

upcoming events

December 1&2:

Fall One-Act Plays

December 5:

Parent Advisory Council

December 7:

Conferences (4-7 p.m.),

National Honor Society

Induction Ceremony

December 12:

Instrumental Music

Concert

December 14:

Vocal Music Concert

December 22 -

January 2:

No School -

Winter Break



Parent Advisory Council Meeting: Dec 5
Parent-Teacher Conferences: Dec 7

Congratulations to Creative Arts' First Quarter Honor Roll students

‘A’ Honor Roll

Becker, Ezekiel J	Goodman, Kaiah C	Nelson, Alyssa R	Williams, Sandra A
Bell, Marquis L	Hannemann, Moriah A	Nguyen, Havy T	Wilson, Na’Jai S
Bird, Alexa E	Heeringa, Avery	Nowaczewski, Emilia G	Xiong, Mai G
Cannon, Elizabeth A	Jarvi, Emily L	Proulx, Sophia G	Xiong, Yeng
Chan, Gillian R	Kampmeyer, Sophie G	Raney, Skye M	Yang, Amy
Duong, Mary	Kong, Nancy	Rogers-Campbell, Miracle L	Yang, Ger
Ellis, Damenica D	Kronholm-Quick, Lillian J	Taylor, Trey R	Yang, Gloria M
Feidt, Hannah R	Lender, Rachel E	Thao, Nang	Yang, Kalia
Gadea Dominguez, Charles	Moo, Richer	Vang, Cheng	

‘B’ Honor Roll

Adail, Andrea	Ganser, Frances G	McCall, Kyah F	Sturdivant, Rissa R
Adams, Trinity R	Garcia, Jovany	McGraw, Anita D	Summerlin, T’sara R
Adamson, Alexander	Giblin, Lily M	McMillan, Breneaja C	Thao, Jue
Adhikari, Utkrista V	Griffing, Lillian J	Miller, Macy A	Thao, Lajlee
Admas, Nane M	Guth, Henry G	Mitchell, Madison L	Thao, Mai Chue
Allen, Takyra K	Hang, Cheeja lah	Mui, Paw E	Thao, Xue
Armstrong, Neveah T	Herrera, Ashley J	Northington, Amorie	Thomas, Je’Teyah L
Bakare, Abdul-Fawaz O	Herrera, Carla J	Nowaczewski, Anna E	Topp, Jada M
Balang, Grace M	Hill, Kenneth D	Nurnberg, Jayden	Vang, Chang
Barsness, Julia R	Hser, Paw Kaw	Oliver, K’von R	Vang, Mai Lee
Booher, Lavontre A	Jenkel, Micah S	Olson, James C	Vang, Pei
Brown, Destin’ee D	Jones, Aliyah M	Pavlica, Kieran M	Vang, Yee
Chang, Mikaela R	Kamara, Michaela	Peterson, Lyric E	Viniegra Uscanga, Andrea
Chess, Janiyah M	Kisling, Alivia M	Prelgo, Skye	Vue, Douachong C
Christiansen, Serenity M	Kong, Unity T	Prom, Celia K	Walker, Zoe E
Contreras, Anna	Kur, Sher Sher	Quesnell, Ximena D	Williams, William H
Danial, Joler S	Larrazabal, Cesar A	Rayfield, Sonny B	Wilson, De’Jiah J
Daniels, Mayalynn N	Lay, Shalay	Rivera, Gregory	Wilson, Diamond
Davitch, Max E	Lee, Alexis K	Robinson, Maikayla	Win, Nyunt
DiMare, Emma	Lee, Erik T	Salguero, Jocelyn	Xiong, Brandon P
Duque Melgar, Jessica D	Leeth, Nevaeha L	Sampson, Tyler M	Xiong, Suwannee
Edwards, Dominique	Lindsey, Lazaya	Sanchez-Chavez, Leslie G	Yang, Evelyn N
Egan, Rana S	Lizama, Johnnessa A	Scarver, Canya E	Yang, Khong Kou
Florez-Carabello, Deja R	Lor, Faith X	Sisneros, Alicia M	Yang, Nou C
Freed, Zora M	Mackfand, LaReese P	Sisneros, Savina C	Zimmerschied, Bruce V
Fulin, Rebecca J	Manneh, Seloma	Stich, Kelsey L	



Winter Break begins Friday, Dec. 22

School resumes Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Creative Arts students recognized 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 December.

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

GABRIELA TIRADO-GAMEZ
KYRA JONES
KENNY HILL
DOWON HALL
KAYLA XIONG

7TH GRADE

COLIN BENNING
KIERAN PAVLICA

8TH GRADE

MARITZA RODRIGUEZ
HTOO KU WAH

9TH GRADE

MARSHALL CARLVIN
HAVY NGUYEN
ALIYAH JONES

10TH GRADE

TRASHONNA ACON
JASPER THOMAS

11TH GRADE

TREY TAYLOR
TANAYA SCARVER-PETTIS
ALEXIS JAMESON
TREY TAYLOR
RACHEL LENDER

12TH GRADE

MAI GER XIONG
ROBYN NELSON



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*Thank you for
being a part of
our Creative Arts
Community!*



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