



Creative Arts  
Advanced Dancers

**FEBRUARY 2016:**  
News, events, and information for  
Creative Arts Secondary School

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## Minnesota Arts Standards



**Strand II: Artistic Process: Create/Make**  
Standard 1: Create or Make in a variety of contexts in the art area using the artistic foundations



**Strand III: Artistic Process: Perform/Present**  
Standard 1: Perform/Present in a variety of contexts in the art area using the artistic foundations



**Strand IV: Artistic Process: Respond/Critique**  
Standard 1: Respond to and critique a variety of creations and performances using the artistic foundations

From the Principal

## Beyond an arts experience



Greetings, Families!

The year 2016 is off to a great start! Students have completed the first semester, and second semester begins Monday, February 1st.

Quarter two report cards will be mailed home during the second week of February. Your student should have received their second semester schedule. Please take some time and review their schedule with them and ask what their goal grade is for each class.

I am excited to inform you that Creative Arts Secondary School will begin living and breathing the vision and mission of the school. As you have seen in all of our communications, our vision and mission are 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.

### Create, Perform, Reflect

Beginning in school year 2017, Creative Arts Secondary School will provide an **Arts Education Beyond the Arts Experience**. Teachers will infuse the contextual skills of the state arts standards in their classes. In every class, every day, students will be Creating, Performing/Presenting, and Responding/Reflecting. Students will be required to

participate in all of their art performances or gallery openings. At CASS, we understand that we are teaching artists, and we must create environments in all classes that will allow the creative, right-side of the brain connect to the logical, left-side of the brain.

Media Arts is coming back to CASS! I am excited to return the media arts program back to the arts offering next school year. Choir will be during second semester and will be taught by our own Phil Clomon.

It is School Choice time. It is important that students are placed in learning environments where they can be successful. It is my desire to inform you of the new direction the school is going so you can make an informed decision to the learning environment of your student. The deadline for submitting the School Choice application is February 16, 2016.

### Tardy Policy

Starting Monday, February 1, 2016, CASS will implement a school-wide tardy policy. Parents, I would like your support in helping your student get to each of their assigned classes on-time, which means students should be in their assigned classroom when the bell ring. You can help your student by checking Parent Portal to monitor their attendance. There will be consequences issued to students that violate the tardy policy. These consequences will increase in severity as the number of tardies increase. Teachers are expected to teach from bell to bell. When students are late, they are missing opportunities to learn which will ultimately affect their grade.

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## SAVE THE DATE:

### Quarter 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 10, 2016

3:30-6:30 pm.

You can also make appointments with teachers if there are any conflicts.

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Also, it is important that students arrive to school on time. Only those students arriving to school late and receiving the Late to School pass will be given a breakfast. Encourage your student to go to the cafeteria when they arrive to school to get their breakfast and then proceed to their classrooms to eat.

### NAAPID

February 8, 2016 is National African American Parent Involvement Day. I would like to personally invite all parents to come and participate in our half-day event for parents. The agenda is scheduled to begin at 8 am with a welcoming, followed by shadowing your student in two classes and ending with a keynote speaker

lunch. There will be a detailed mailing coming soon.

### Contact information

Parents, please make sure that the school has updated contact information on file. If there is an emergency, we need to be able to reach someone.

Teachers also will need to contact parents to inform them of the good things your students are doing in class. It takes the school, student and parents to provide the best opportunities for success.

### 2016-17 Start Times

It's official! CASS will be on a staggered start time beginning next school year. Students in grades 6-8 will start school at 7:30 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. These students will continue to ride the yellow school bus. Students in grades 9-12 will

start school at 8:25 a.m. and end at 2:55 p.m. Students in grades 9-12 who qualify for free transportation with Saint Paul Public Schools will receive a free Metro Go-To bus card.

Students who do not qualify for free transportation (Open Enrollment students) will have the opportunity to purchase a bus card at a discounted rate. More information will be forthcoming.

There will be no yellow bus option for students in grades 9-12.

### Stay informed

Stay updated with events at CASS by viewing the school's website ([www.creativearts.spps.org](http://www.creativearts.spps.org)), reading the monthly newsletters, viewing the email/texting messages, and even by calling us at or stopping by the school.

# State of the Arts

## CASS partners with arts organizations

by Benjamin Lacina,  
Program Manager

Creative Arts Secondary School is proud to work with our local arts partners to provide additional arts opportunities for our students. The Twin Cities has a strong arts community, and the following organizations are a few that are helping make it so strong.

CASS is working with the Ordway Center for Performing Arts in downtown Saint

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Paul to develop internship experiences for our juniors and seniors to work in the professional arts world outside the school walls. Our goal of connecting school experiences to those of the real world is able to happen because of these partners.

VocaEssence is an arts organization in Minneapolis that has connected community members with engaging vocal music programming since 1969. VocaEssence is helping us strengthen our school's vocal music program — particularly in grades 6-8 through residencies with professional artists, field trips to performances at Orchestra Hall, and allowing CASS to host outstanding music groups like the Morehouse College Glee Club

on February 19.

Young Artists Initiative (YAI) is a small non-profit youth theater company on Saint Paul's East Side that produces musicals and plays where young artists can get on stage and perform. YAI also provides opportunities for young artists to work back-

stage, developing design skills and leadership skills. One CASS student worked as a Scenic Painter during the summer 2015 production of *Into the Woods, Jr.*

CASS is always looking for additional partners. Contact the school if you are interested in working with our students.



## Presidents Day is Monday, February 15

There is no school for students on this Holiday.

| Sunday        | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                      | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---------------|--|---|--|---|---|-----------|
| <b>JAN 31</b> | <b>FEB 1</b><br>First Day of 3rd Quarter<br><br>Extended Day Learning<br>2-4 p.m.                            | <b>2</b><br>Vision Screening for 6th Grader students<br>10 a.m.   | <b>3</b><br>Extended Day Learning<br>2-4 p.m.  | <b>4</b><br>Optimist Oratorical Contest Coaching<br><br>Costa Rica Trip Meet & Greet<br>2-3:30 p.m. | <b>5</b><br>Totally '80s Dance<br>Grades 9-12<br>6:30-8:30 p.m.                               | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>7</b>      | <b>8</b><br><b>National African American Parent Involvement Day</b><br><br>Extended Day Learning<br>2-4 p.m. | <b>9</b><br>Student Shadow visits (for incoming 9th Grade students)   | <b>10</b><br>Extended Day Learning<br>2-4 p.m. | <b>11</b><br>Student Shadow visits (for incoming 9th Grade students)                                | <b>12</b><br>Honors Assembly<br>7:30 a.m.   | <b>13</b> |
| <b>14</b>     | <b>15</b><br><b>Presidents Day Holiday</b><br><br><b>No school</b>   | <b>16</b><br>Student Shadow visits (for incoming 9th Grade students)<br><br><b>SCHOOL CHOICE DEADLINE</b><br>apply.spps.org | <b>17</b><br>Extended Day Learning<br>2-4 p.m. | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b><br>Morehouse College Glee Club performance  | <b>20</b> |
| <b>21</b>     | <b>22</b><br>VocalEssence Field Trip<br><br>Extended Day Learning<br>2-4 p.m.                                | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b><br>Extended Day Learning<br>2-4 p.m. | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b><br><b>Teacher Professional Development Day</b><br><br><b>No school for students</b> | <b>27</b> |
| <b>28</b>     | <b>29</b><br>Extended Day Learning<br>2-4 p.m.   |   |  |   |   |           |

**School Choice Deadline!**  
February 16  
is the deadline for submitting school choice applications for the 2016-17 school year. This is the time new families can elect to attend Creative Arts Secondary School or to choose a different school for your student.  
Visit: [apply.spps.org](http://apply.spps.org) or call 651-632-3700

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**February 8: National African American Parent Involvement Day**

The next Parent Advisory Council meeting is Tuesday, March 1. See you there!

# New portfolio/audition process for 2016-17

New in 2016-17, new students in grades 9-12 placed at Creative Arts, are expected to complete an audition or portfolio process and presentation for placement within their arts areas. This aligns with the expectation that all Creative Arts students are expected to Create, Present and/or Perform, and Reflect on their work and others' work.

## What it isn't

This is not to determine whether or not you "get in" to Creative Arts Secondary School. If you are going through this process, you have already been placed at our school.

This process allows us to determine the appropriate placement in your arts area that matches your skills and abilities in that area.

## What it is

If you are a performing artist, you will do an audition. This could be a one- to two-minute presentation highlighting your proudest musical skills and abilities.

If you are a visual artist, you will complete a portfolio. This would be a collection of three or four images, photos, or movies highlighting what you feel is your best work in your art form.

All students will present a sample of their artwork that shows their best work and demonstrates their skills and interest in their art area.

## Timeline

Once Creative Arts is notified of your placement, the school will contact you to provide more details about the audition and portfolio process, including work sessions to help you develop your portfolio or audition, and schedule a time to see you in the spring.

Please contact the school with any questions.

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## February Students of the Month recognized

*Congratulations to the following students for exemplifying ARTS during the Month of January.*

**6th Grade**  
Calvin Yang

**7th Grade**  
Chris Yang  
Collin Kastner  
Sutthinee Her  
Essence Craig  
Jayleen Pena  
Chaly Yang

**8th Grade**  
Jayden Nurnberg  
Justice Vue  
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**9th Grade**  
Yvonne Oldham

**10th Grade**  
Xue Thao  
Joe Pflpson  
Joan Fellerman

**11th Grade**  
Rachal Johnson  
Daniel Sellie

**12th Grade**  
Malakai Lillmars  
Kao Ly Thao

## Parent Advisory Council needs your help

Attention all parents and guardians of CASS: the Parent Advisory Committee will be sponsoring the 2016 Junior/Senior Prom at the end of April.

Many hands are needed

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to help ensure the event is successful for our students. Help is needed to finalized the plans, decorate, chaperone, clean-up and much more. Contact Dan Feidt via email dkfeidt@comcast.net or call 651-340-3818 if you would

like to be involved. The PAC group is also scheduling more honors events. Contact Josie Ahartz for more information or to help out.

**The next PAC meeting is Tuesday, March 1, at 6 p.m.**



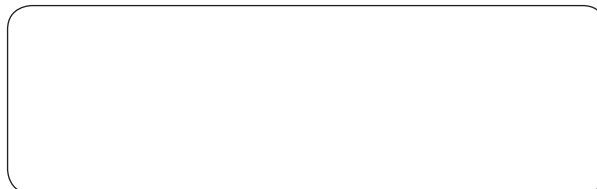
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**School Choice  
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**A.R.T.S.**

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