



FEBRUARY 2017
News, events, and information for
Creative Arts Secondary School

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DO YOU KNOW?

Art & Social Justice

Our seniors participated in a culminating projecting as part of their senior seminar course during first semester.

Look inside for more examples of their great projects!

SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15!

As Creative Arts builds its premier arts program in Saint Paul, please discuss this with your students to find out if they are as excited as we are.

Also, please tell your friends who you think would be a good fit for Creative Arts, and encourage them to apply.

Remember you have choices in Saint Paul Public Schools!

Apply to schools at:
apply.spps.org

Artwork above by
Chris Markowski

From the Principal

Ramping up the rigor



Happy Black History Month!

Mark your calendars! Monday, February 13th is National African American Parent Involvement Day. ALL

parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Teachers, staff and the PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) have planned a full day of activities and experiences. We would like to triple our number of parents that we had last year. So, I encourage you to come to the school and see how your students are learning. If you are unable to attend during the day, we would love to see you at our evening event.

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.

CASS is an arts magnet school for St. Paul Public Schools. We continue to make great strides in becoming a premier arts school. With that said, I am excited to inform you that we are ramping up our rigor in the arts.

It is expected that all students in grades 9-12 will present to their art teachers how they are progressing in their particular art area. This data will be used to properly place students in the correct art level so that they are provided with opportunities to learn more skills in their art form. All of this is done to develop

students' own personal artistic voice.

CASS is also committed to developing **academic artists**. We are here to ensure that all students are developing academically. All student assignments are posted on Schoology. Parents have access to their student's Schoology accounts through Parent Portal. Parents can monitor student's progress in each class through this site. If you need help navigating the site or you need your login information, please contact Ms. Lee Vang, our Family Liaison.

We have started Quarter 3/Semester 2. Your student's schedule may have changed. Please view your student's new schedule via Schoology.

As I mentioned in January's newsletter, School Choice process is open. Every student and family has an opportunity to select a school that they feel best fits the learning needs of their student. The application deadline is February 15, 2017. Creative Arts is an arts magnet school the focuses on the arts and students create (C), perform/present (P), and reflect (R) in every class every day. Students are not given the opportunity to opt out of learning because we support all of our students in every phase of the learning.

It is also time to look forward to the summer break. Is your student interested in participating in an internship or have a summer job? Well, the Right Track Youth Jobs program applications are open. The applications are available from February 1st-February 28th. Here is a link to more information about Right Track: <https://righttrack.stpaul.gov/overview/>

I look forward to see a large number of parents participating in National African American Parent Involvement Day. Also, mark your calendars for other upcoming events this month.

State of the Arts

Senior exhibit tackles social justice topics
 by Benjamin Lacina,
 Arts Program Manager

To celebrate the arts in our school for the month of February, I am proud to present the visual artwork of our Senior Seminar class.

Students chose a social justice topic to research as part of the class's final project.

Then, using that knowledge and their artform, they presented what they learned to world in the form of a senior show.

Works are currently on display in the Multipurpose Gallery at school through Friday, February 10.



Alexis G.



Mai Ger V.



Kaelea Monsrud



Jay G.



Skylar S.



Zella J.



Xochitl C.



Paige G.



Emily W.



Cece N.



Emerald S.



Madalyn M.



Rose C.



Emily X. and Angel Y.



Mikaela D.



Honors Night: Tuesday, Feb 23, 5:30 pm

Join us to recognize students on the A and B Honor Rolls.
 Students received invitations in early January.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 29	30	31 School Resumes January 3	FEB 1 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	2 New High School Student Shadow Visits (by appointment only)	3	4
5	6 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	7 New High School Student Shadow Visits (by appointment only)	8 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	9	10	11
12	13 National African American Parent Involvement Day Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m. Parent Advisory Council 7-8 p.m.	14 New High School Student Shadow Visits (by appointment only)	15 IPR College Visit Field Trip Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m. Costa Rica Planning meeting 6p.m.	16 Arts Career Panel Presentation 7th and 8th Hour	17	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL Presidents Day	21	22 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m. Piano Class and Music Technology Recital 6 p.m.	23 Honors Night 5:30 p.m.	24	25
26	27 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	28 History Day presentations during the day				

School Choice
 If you know a student who would be a great fit for our arts learning community — or if you are looking to enroll at a different school in Saint Paul school for 2017-18, the priority application deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 15. Apply for schools online at: apply.spps.org
 Questions? Visit: placement.spps.org or call 651-632-3760.

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National African American Parent Involvement Day!
Monday, February 13, 2017

Artist Residency involves you!



Family Engagement

by Ms. Lee Vang
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Photography Art Exhibit includes Parent and Guardian Art!!

Whether you use a cell phone, disposable, point and shoot or DSLR camera - share your favorite picture of

your student(s) at Creative Arts with us. Pictures can candid or posed. We just want showcase how our families see their students.

Please join us as a parent volunteer!

The Parent Advisory Council has various programming needs such as those listed below and Creative Arts teachers can use support in classrooms during the school day!

Our next Parent Advisory Council meeting will be on Monday, February 13 from 7

p.m. to 8 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Stay connected!

Check out the great resources on the Family section of our Creative Arts Website: Reading strategies! Lunch menus! Daily schedule! Family Calendar!

<http://creativearts.spps.org/cassfam> Also, don't forget to like us on Facebook at facebook.com/sppscass and follow us on Twitter @sppscass!



Literacy Tip #7

You do not have to be an expert on grammar or have an extensive vocabulary to help your students as writers. While the teachers at CASS love well-edited papers, they are mostly interested in your student's ideas. Ask your student to read what they are writing in school. Then, ask questions to encourage more clarity or more information.

Literacy Tip #8

Many reluctant readers respond well to graphic novels. Talk to your child's English teacher or our media specialist to get a recommendation if you think your child would enjoy the combination of images and text.

See more literacy tips in past Creative Arts Newsletters online!

Fundraising	Volunteering	Event Planning & Organization	Academics
Spring Theater Play Establishing a 501C3	2/13 - National African American Parent Involvement Day and College & Career Fair	2/13 - National African American Parent Involvement Day and College & Career Fair Quarter 2 Honors Night on Thursday 2/23	Flash Cards for Student Learning Volunteer Tutor Recruiting
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Costa Rica travelers plan fundraising event



Thursday, March 16th is a HUGE night at Creative Arts! The evening will begin with a fundraiser for our students heading to Costa Rica in June.

At 5pm, we will be hosting a fundraising dinner where \$10 will get you a sampling of cuisine from around the world. Additionally at this time we will hold a silent auction with loads of items. All proceeds go directly to our students.

At 6pm, we will hold our traditional Performance

Night featuring student performances. If you've attended before, you have undoubtedly been astounded by the talent our students exhibit. If you have never been to a CASS Performance Night, prepare to be wowed by the range of talent in our artists.

We are proud to showcase our school and support our students. Please tell your friends and family about Thursday, March 16th at Creative Arts!



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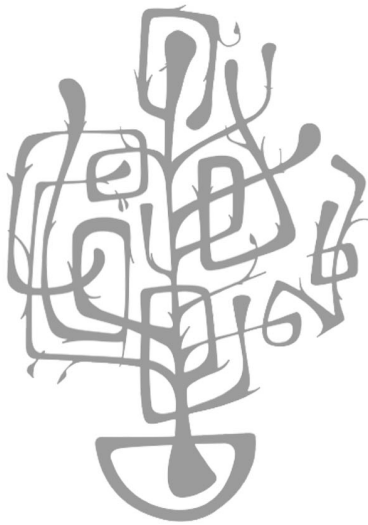
Parent Advisory Council Meeting: Feb 13

Lifting EVERY Voice

Creative Arts Secondary School

NATIONAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY

National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) is a day for all parents to come to their child's school, see what their day is like and to support their child's educational future.



8:30 AM	Welcome & Breakfast
9:15 AM	Attend Class with Your Child
10:00 AM	Coffee with the Principal
10:50 AM	Attend Class & Lunch with Your Child
12:15 PM	African-American Voices
3 - 6 PM	Break
6 - 8 PM	College & Career Fair
7 - 8 PM	Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

To ensure breakfast and lunch are provided for you, please contact Ms. Lee Vang (Family Liaison) ✉ lee.vang@spps.org ☎ 651 -744 - 2132
Transportation arrangements can also be made with Ms. Lee Vang.

All Parents and Guardians Welcome!



COUNSELING corner

by Jackie Rogalski (A-L) and Edward Xiong (M-Z)
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Accuplacer scheduled for February 3

St. Paul College staff will be coming to CASS to proctor the Accuplacer on Friday, February 3, 2017. As of this date, 14 of our seniors have applied to a two year college. The Accuplacer is part of the enrollment process for two year schools. Looking out for our students' best interests Ashley Brand, CASS College and Career Intern, reached out to St. Paul College and worked with them to offer the assessment at CASS.

Creative Arts students recognized for exemplifying "A.R.T.S." during January

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

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. We are proud of comments like, "this student is working very hard to stay engaged in class" or "This student has a great attitude and he works hard. He is willing to put in the effort to do well, no matter what the task."

Keep up the good, hard work!

6TH GRADE
NEHVEAH ARMSTRONG
LILLIE KUE

7TH GRADE
CHRISTOPHER (CJ)
JARMON
CALVIN YANG

8TH GRADE
HAVY NGUYEN
ANJANAY TRAVIS
CHANG VANG
CHRIS YANG
JAMES HENDERSON
DIHN LOR

9TH GRADE
EMERSON (VLADIMIR)
WINGHART
CESAR LARRAZABAL
DAMION O'SHEA

10TH GRADE
TAYLEESHA FOWLER

11TH GRADE
CANYA SCARVER
JACKSON RUIZ

12TH GRADE
XOCHITL CASTOR

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

