

# creative artifacts

## DO YOU KNOW? Installation Art

Creative Arts has an art installation currently on display in our first floor Multipurpose Gallery.

There are a few well known installation artists who make a big impact because of the scale of their work.

Check out these famous artists' work:

Christo

Damien  
Hirst

Marcel  
Broodthaers

Kara  
Walker

Yayoi  
Kusama

teamLab

*The photo is a picture of Creative Arts' gallery window from the street, showcasing the installation.*

From the Principal

## The new year ahead



Happy New Year! I truly hope that you enjoyed the winter break. January has been identified as Early College Month in St. Paul Public Schools. During the month of January, the focus for Creative Arts is what opportunities can we offer our students in the upcoming school year that will help them become college and career ready.

Have you talked to your student about what they want to do after they graduate high school? Do they want to attend a four-year or two-year college, participate in a gap year program, join the military, or enter in the workforce full time? These are the type of questions students are being asked at CASS so that we are truly preparing them for their next phase in life.

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.**

We are excited to host our Showcase Night on Thursday, January 26th from 6 pm-8 pm. If you know of any young artist that you feel would thrive in an arts magnet school, please encourage them to attend. We are more than happy to inform prospective students and families what we have to offer our students. We are enhancing our audition process for

all rising 9th graders for the 2017-2018 school year. Details to the process will be shared during our Showcase Night.

I believe that all students can learn if they are placed in an environment that allows them to use what they can do best as a vehicle to receive and apply new knowledge. At CASS, we use arts integration as the vehicle for learning. This is not a vehicle that works for all students. I encourage you to have conversations with your students about what they would like in a school. CASS does not offer any sports opportunities because we are an arts magnet school. There are other great schools in SPPS that offer sports, if that is the desire for your student.

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. 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 is gearing up for their summer and internship job offerings. Here is a link to more information about Right Track: <https://righttrack.stpaul.gov/news/>

I am excited about what CASS is shaping to be. If you would like to be apart of the growth, I encourage you be join our Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 10th. We will also celebrate all of our students that were on the A and B Honor Roll for Quarter 1!

# State of the Arts

## Partnerships bring arts opportunities to Creative students

by Benjamin Lacina,  
Arts Program Manager

Based on what we were able to do in 2016, 2017 is going to be a great year for artist creation and exploration at Creative Arts.

Much of this is due to the strong partnerships that we are building with community arts organizations. Some of these partnerships are funded by the arts organizations themselves, and some of the work is funded by Creative Arts' School Improvement Grant.

### Guthrie Theater

Creative Arts is partnering with the Guthrie Theater this school year. One benefit of this partnership is that we have a guest artist in residence for the entire school year. Her name is Jess Finney. She has been a great resource for our teachers, both in terms of arts integration and arts-for-arts'-sake experience.

Already this year, the partnership has brought our students face to face with working Sound Designers and Illustrators in the community. Technical Theater students in Mr. Rish's class were able to work creating sound designs with designer Kathrine Horowitz for a silent film.

Mr. Blenkush's Graphic Novel class is utilizing the talents of artist Jay Eisenberg to help them complete their



Students read original writings at the Poetics of Forgiveness art opening on December 20.

final project — a XL-size graphic novel. (Look for this project to be on display in the Multipurpose Gallery in February!)

### East Side Arts Council

Before winter break, the East Side Arts Council (based in the Payne-Phalen neighborhood) was able to help Creative Arts bring in two artists work on the Poetics of Forgiveness Project, a multidisciplinary art installation that is currently on display in the gallery (through February 18).

ESAC provides logistical support and connections to talented teaching artists in our community that are such an asset for our students to have additional arts learning in the months ahead.

### Ordway Center

Coming next semester is a partnership with the Ordway Center that will bring two classes of our students face to face with *West Side Story*, which will be presented on the Ordway's main stage in early April.

Students will also be working with local actor Charles Fraser to dive deeper into the text of the musical and make connections to the various literary, cultural, and

artistic aspects of the piece, many of them challenging societal norms and artistic conventions of the past and the present.

### VocalEssence

Teachers participated in a workshop on the VocalEssence Witness Program back at the beginning of the year to learn about this year's theme: The Underground Railroad. Did you know that Saint Paul has a direct connection to the Underground Railroad?

Teachers also got to explore and work with connections to their classroom curriculum, meet teaching artists they might invite to our school, and be inspired by this year's featured composer and musician Melanie DeMore.

Ms. DeMore will be at Creative Arts on Friday evening, January 13, as part of a Community Sing that we are hosting. The event is Free and Open to the public.

Look for more information about other connections our school is making to this wonderful program. (This is the second community sing that CASS has hosted this year.)

### Young Artists Initiative

Young Artists Initiative is

a theater company on the east side that was founded by Creative Arts' very own Mr. Lacina back in 2004.

YAI has donated lighting materials and other technical materials to both the theater and dance programs at our school. Visiting director Matt Berdahl worked with Ms. Keller's choir students as well as some of Ms. Noble's dancers during December.

They are holding auditions for their winter musical *Mary Poppins* on Sunday and Monday, January 15 and 16. Ask Mr. Rish or Mr. Lacina for more information.

### Other organizations

Creative Arts also has the pleasure of working with many other organizations on various levels, and our school is constantly looking for additional ways to partner.

Creative Arts is also working with ComMUSICation to provide additional vocal music opportunities to our students, both in and out of school. Ask Ms. Keller, our vocal music teacher if you have any questions about this organization.

Ms. Noble has been working hard getting our dancers out into the community, and she is also working to bring local dance companies in to our school to work with our students here.

She is arranging a partnership with ARENA Dance, a local dance company

### Help us connect!

If you know an arts organization that would be a great fit for our school, please have them contact Mr. Lacina, Arts Program Manager at CASS:

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or 651-744-7504

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 School Resumes January 3	4 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	5	6	7
<b>NO SCHOOL DEC 22-JAN 2 Winter Break</b>						
8	9 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	10 Honors Recognition 5:30-6:30 p.m.  Parent Advisory Council 7-8 p.m.	11 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	12 Dance Performance 6 p.m.	13 VocalEssence Community Sing, featuring Melanie DeMore 7 p.m.	14
						
15	16 <b>NO SCHOOL MLK Holiday</b>	17	18 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.  Costa Rica Trip Family Meeting 6 p.m.	19 Arts Articulation Schools visit CASS during school day  Senior Showcase 6 p.m.	20	21
22	23 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	24 Theater Department Showcase night 6 p.m.	25 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.  Piano Class and Music Technology Recital 6 p.m.	26 School Showcase for New Students and Families 6-8 p.m.	27	28
29	30 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	31	<h1>Jan</h1>			



**CASS Dance Performance!**  
**Thursday, January 12 at 6 p.m.**

# Resolve to get involved! It's not too late



**Family Engagement**  
by Ms. Lee Vang  
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Happy New Year from Family & Community Engagement!

It is never too late to get involved and what better time than a new year! What would motivate YOU to get involved at Creative Arts? Any and all input is greatly appreciated.

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 Tuesday, January 10 from 7 p.m.

to 8 p.m. We will be meeting in committees following the Quarter 1 Honors Night. Hope to see you there!

As always, please 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](https://www.facebook.com/sppscass) and follow us on Twitter @sppscass!

Committees	Fundraising	Volunteering	Event Planning & Organization
<b>Upcoming Event</b>	Spring Theater Play Establishing a 501C3	Winter Dance Concert 1/12 Showcase Night 1/26	National African American Parent Involvement Day 2/13 - all day event and includes Quarter 2 Honors Event
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## Check out our student artwork

When you're in the building this month (or any time), be sure to allow time to look at our students work hanging in the gallery space on the first floor. We are proud of their hard work, and the work of our art teachers to get it displayed!



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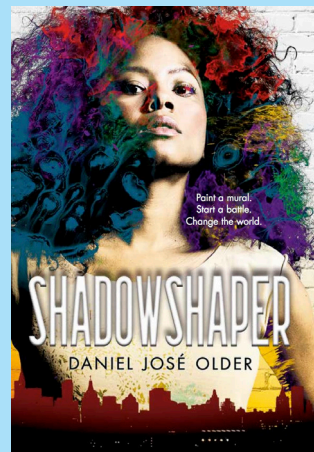
## Read Brave in the Library!

Some high schoolers have started the ReadBrave book: *Shadowshaper*. Those who finish the book will be invited to meet the author at an event in March.

If your child wants to read the book, have them check with Mrs. Duke in the library!

LibraryGo! Is alive and growing. Unless previously opted out, every St. Paul student now has a public library card!

They can check out books and resources on their iPads, they can



even download free music! Students can also go to the library and check out books, movies and more.

For more information, go to [spspl.org/go](http://spspl.org/go), or contact Mrs. Duke.



## Parent Advisory Council Meeting: Jan 10

Stop by to get involved — you can also help build the sculpture for our Poetics of Forgiveness Art Installation!

# 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 December

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. 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

HOOO MOO  
MAKAYLA HER  
NEVAEH SCOTT  
ANNABEL YANG

### 7TH GRADE

CHRISTOPHER (CJ)  
JARMON  
CALVIN YANG

### 8TH GRADE

MARSHALL CARLVIN  
PONG POP  
ERIC WEBB  
JAYLEEN PEÑA  
SANDRA WILLIAMS

### 9TH GRADE

DASH BECKER  
CARLA HERRERA  
JOHNNY LIZAMA  
JAYDEN NURNBERG  
CHENG VANG

### 10TH GRADE

TREY TAYLOR

### 11TH GRADE

MIKAELA CHANG  
XUE THAO  
DANIEL TORRESCANO-  
SANCHEZ  
KELSEY STICH

### 12TH GRADE

VALENTINE ALSIDES

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