

# creative artifacts

## Arts & Activism

by Benjamin Lacina  
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All that we do in our curriculum at Creative Arts has a goal. One of those goals is that students will discover and cultivate their personal artistic voice during their time with us. A second goal is that students realize the power they possess in their work to raise awareness, speak their truth, and even move others to action.

“Arts and Activism” is the theme of our Junior Seminar class. Each year, the students in this course choose a theme and build their art and an exhibition around it. After researching a number of different options with their teachers, Ms. Goebel and Mr. Swan, this year’s juniors decided they wanted to do more than raise awareness around a particular topic, they wanted to make an even bigger impact. So, they turned their exhibition into a fundraiser for Puerto Rico’s hurricane relief efforts.

The show opened on Monday, January 8, with a visual art exhibition in the Gallery. Original student art was on display as part of a silent auction to raise funds. Attendees paid a \$5 donation to attend, and then they were encouraged to bid on the pieces in the show. Pieces were both 2D and 3D and utilized a variety of media.

Following the exhibit, junior class performing artists took the stage with pieces ranging from rap, and spoken word to dance and

original music. Student voice literally rang out through the crowd for over an hour.

At the end of the night, donations and bid were totalled, and the students were able to announce that they had exceeded their goal of raising \$1,000 for hurricane relief.

Local artist, Maria Isa, was on hand to congratulate the students on their hard work. Isa is the advisor of El Fonda Boricua for Puerto Rico. Funds donated to El Fondo Boricua are collected and distributed by the Saint Paul Foundation, which will be granted to non-profits aiding hurricane relief in Puerto Rico.

As an added bonus, El Fonda Boricua has a funder that will be matching the money our students raised, which will bring the total to over \$2,000. Please help us in congratulating our students on their efforts to make a difference.

If you would like to make a donation to this cause, search for “El Fonda Boricua” on GiveMN.org. Or, you can simply click on the QR code above! Thanks for support.



### DO YOU KNOW?

## Facts about Puerto Rico

*These were shared by the Juniors at their event on January 8:*

Puerto Rico became a U.S. Territory after the Spanish-American war in 1898.

Puerto Rico also competes individually in the Olympics each year and they have won six medals total.

Puerto Rico’s currency is the US dollar.

As of July 2017, Puerto Rico’s population is 3,351,827.

Only 55% of the island has power as of January 2018.

Schools are closing because enrollment has shrunk by 22,350 students since the storm hit, according to Puerto Rico’s Department of Education.

**Do you know a future Creative Artist?**  
Tell them about our New Student Showcase on Thursday, Jan. 25!  
6-7:30 p.m.

*Photo above: sculpture by Rachel L. from the Junior Show.*



Maria Isa (L) and Miracle (R)

# School Choice: Matching learner with environment



**From the Principal**  
by Dr. Carlondrea Hines

Happy New Year!

I truly hope that you enjoyed the winter break and have started the New Year off on a positive note.

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.

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. The changes we have made to our high school program shows that when students are placed in environments that align to how they learn best, they thrive. 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.

It is School Choice time and we are recruiting talented young academic artists to join our school community. We are excited to host our Showcase Night on Thursday, January 25th from 6 pm-7:30 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 continuing our audition process for all rising 9th graders for the 2018-2019 school year. Details of the process will be shared during our Showcase Night.

School Choice process is open until February 23, 2018.

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.

Lastly, many students have inquired whether we will have sports options for next year. Depending on the budget and parent support, there may be an opportunity to co-op in sports activities with another SPPS school.

## Students take second quarter finals January 24 and 25

January 25th marks the end of second quarter, and all students will take a cumulative final in each of their courses. Finals will address the most important topics and standards taught 2nd quarter. Teachers have already started talking to students about finals so they know what to expect.

Some things we'd like to highlight for families:

We are operating on a different schedule for the two finals days. We want to ensure there is enough time for each class so that students don't feel rushed. We also did not want students to take seven finals in one day. The schedule below spreads finals out over two days.

A 'final' does not have to be a traditional 'test'. It could

	Wednesday, January 24	Thursday, January 25
7:30-8:25 (MS)	Breakfast 7:30-7:45 Academic Pep-fest assembly 7:45-8:25	(Period 1) — Breakfast/team-building
8:30-9:45 (75-min block)	Period 2 FINAL	Period 4 FINAL
9:50-11:05 (75-min block)	Period 3 FINAL	Period 7 FINAL
11:10-12:40 (60 min + 30 min lunch)	Period 5 Final + Lunch Lunch 1: 11:10-11:40 (Class 11:40-12:40) Lunch 2: 11:40-12:10 (Class 11:10-11:40 + 12:10-12:40) Lunch 3: 12:10-12:40 (Class 11:10-12:10)	Period 5 Final + Lunch Lunch 1: 11:10-11:40 (Class 11:40-12:40) Lunch 2: 11:40-12:10 (Class 11:10-11:40 + 12:10-12:40) Lunch 3: 12:10-12:40 (Class 11:10-12:10)
12:45-2:00 (75-min block)	Period 6 FINAL	Period 1 FINAL (MS) • Period 8 Final HS
2:05-2:55 (HS)	Period 8 reflection/study time	Auditorium Presentation (tentative)

be a presentation, a project, or even a performance. Teachers are already talking with their students about what their course final will look like so nothing will come as a surprise.

Finals are worth 16% of a

student's total course grade. Teacher gradebooks are updated to reflect this. Also, finals cannot be re-taken for a better grade. If a student has an unexcused absence on the day of their final, they will not be able to make

it up. If a student has an excused absence on the day of their final, they will have an opportunity to make it up before January 30th. That opportunity will need to be arranged with the teacher(s).

**Tell your artist friends to come to Creative!**  
**New Student Showcase Night: January 25 • 6-7:30 pm**

# Celebrating a new year with goals and arts



## Family Engagement

by Ms. Lee Vang  
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### Happy New Year, Creative Arts Families!

Welcome back to school in 2018!

We had an awesome Reboot day on Friday, January 5th! Thanks to the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for helping to organize, communicate and recruit community partners like She Rock, She Rock, the National Youth Leadership Council and Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli to come in and lead sessions with our students.

Mr. Bryan Winget of the PAC was also a guest presenter who shared his expertise with photography

and business. Overall, it was a successful and fun day for both students and staff and the PAC plans to help organize and lead a Reboot every winter after break.

### Family Volunteering at Creative Arts!

- Reading partners (1 hour a week)
- Showcase Night on January 25, 6-7:30 p.m.

- High School Winter Formal chaperones on Friday, February 9 at 6 p.m.

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

*Member Highlight: W Bryan Winget  
Parent of an 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Student*

### Why did you join PAC?

Another parent member of the PAC invited me to join and help. I believe that students do better when parents are involved. I wanted to see both my son and the school succeed. PAC gave me the opportunity to help with making CASS a better school for my son and the other students.

As an artist I feel strongly about provide opportunities for the students and the school. I see all the talent at the school. I want share that amazing talent with the community. I want the students to learn that their work is worth sharing with others and for them to learn about presenting their work. PAC has allowed me to work on that and to connect with venues to showcase student artwork in the community.

### What do you like about CASS?

I like how supportive the teachers and staff are. I have found that the teachers work to find what interests the students and they try to bring that into teaching. By doing this I see that it creates a stronger interest in the students and they can see how the academics relates to the real world.

All the staff seem to know all



the students. To me this shows an interest of the teachers in providing the best environment for the kids to learn and grow.

### What is one hope you have for CASS?

I hope as the school and the students work becomes better known in the Twin Cities that it brings more opportunities for the students to showcase their work to the public. Also that CASS will be able to draw in more artists from the community to work with the students. This will take more involvement from parents through volunteering with the school to support the students.

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

Find the humor in life. Being a parent comes with many

challenges and rewards. If you can find the humor you will make it through. Some days this is harder than others, but it has always made life better.

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

Be there for your kid. Support them in all their endeavors.

Although they can stand on their own, supporting them gives them the strength and courage to try new things. Opportunities will arise for them. Let them succeed. Let them fail. But be there for them. Help them learn from their failures and celebrate their successes. Help guide them to the next adventure and challenge.

upcoming events

#### January 12:

Dance Performance

#### January 25:

New Student Showcase

Last day of Semester

(No classes Jan. 26)

#### January 27:

St. Paul Winter Carnival

#### February 12:

National African

American Parent

Involvement Day -

spend the day with your

student at Creative Arts!

#### February 13:

PAC Meeting (scheduled

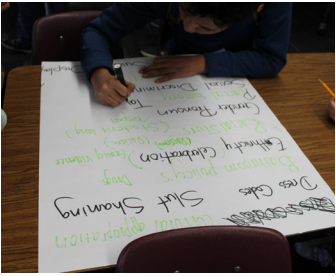
off site, tentatively)



## Parent Advisory Council Meeting: Jan 9

# reboot

January 5, 2018



## Get ready to Read Brave!

This year's Read Brave book has been chosen! This year, every high school student will receive a copy of "Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe". In addition, the author, Benjamin Alire Sáenz will be visiting Creative Arts on March 1st to talk to students, sign books, and visit our art gallery.

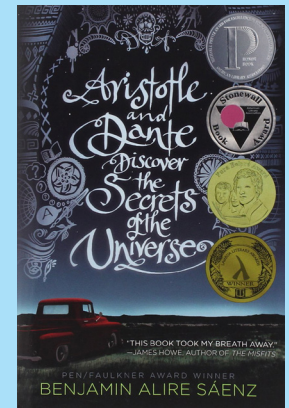
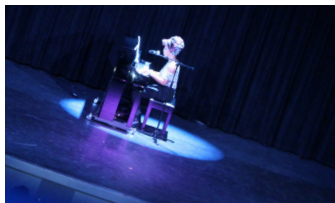
Mr. Sáenz is a visual artist in addition to a best selling author. We are very excited to share our arts vision and work during this visit. Talk to Mrs. Duke or your English teacher for more information.



## The Junior Show

A Benefit for Puerto Rico

January 8, 2018



# SAINT PAUL ART COLLECTIVE

## CALL FOR ART!

The St Paul Art Collective and Creative Arts Secondary School are calling for artwork submissions from CASS Students to display at the St Paul Winter Carnival in the Landmark Center to be seen by thousands of visitors. The theme of the show is "Winter." All art pieces must follow the theme and be family friendly. The show will be juried and winners will receive prizes.

**Who:** CASS Students • **What:** Any medium of artwork that follows the theme of "Winter"

**When:** Submissions due by end of school day January 23rd, 2018 to Art Club/Mr. Schutt. Submit artwork with title, student name, and grade. Contact Mr. Schutt or Mr. Lacina with any questions.

The art show will take place during the St. Paul Winter Carnival on January 27th and February 3rd at the Landmark Center. During the show the art will be juried and prizes awarded after the show. The show is sponsored by the Vulcan Community Charities, Creative Arts Secondary School, and the St Paul Art Collective.

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

**1                      2                      3                      4                      5                      6**

**NO SCHOOL DEC 23-JAN 2  
Winter Break**

**SCHOOL RESUMES  
JANUARY 3**

Extended Day Learning  
2-4 p.m.

**reboot  
JAN 5**

**7                      8                      9                      10                      11                      12                      13**

Extended Day Learning  
2-4 p.m.

JUNIOR SHOW  
6 PM  
Hurricane Relief for Puerto Rico



Parent Advisory Council  
6-8 p.m.

Extended Day Learning  
2-4 p.m.

Dance Performance  
6 p.m.

Winter Dance Performance  
6 p.m.



VocalEssence TOGETHER WE SING Festival

Visit: [vocalessence.org](http://vocalessence.org) to attend

**14                      15                      16                      17                      18                      19                      20**

**NO SCHOOL  
MLK  
Holiday**

Extended Day Learning  
2-4 p.m.

Arts Articulation Elementary Schools visit CASS during school day

**21                      22                      23                      24                      25                      26                      27**

Extended Day Learning  
2-4 p.m.

Extended Day Learning  
2-4 p.m.

Piano Class and Music Technology Recital  
6 p.m.

**LAST DAY OF  
2ND QUARTER and  
FIRST SEMESTER**

School Showcase for New Students and Families  
6-7:30 p.m.

**NO SCHOOL  
Grading  
Day**

**Saint Paul  
Winter Carnival  
KIDS DAY**  
Featuring CASS student artwork at Landmark Center



**28                      29**

Extended Day Learning  
2-4 p.m.

**Winter Carnival**  
Students in the Creative Arts Secondary School ART CLUB are preparing interactive artwork for the 2018 Saint Paul Winter Carnival! Stop by Landmark Center on Saturday, January 27, or Saturday, February 3, to see what they have created. Look for other CASS student performances and artwork there as well!

**Jan**



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

# COUNSELING corner

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## Scholarships and FAFSA Help

Seniors, there are several scholarship deadlines fast approaching. Please review and apply at

<http://bit.ly/2CZvUIw>

In addition, seniors if you need assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), contact your counselor or Ms. Ashley.

## 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. Sometimes, our teachers say it best: "This student is a pleasure to have in class and has many creative ideas that are exciting to listen to. He is friendly to his classmates and is always willing to help out in the classroom."

Keep up the good, hard work, students.

### 6TH GRADE

KABAO LEE  
PACHIA LEE  
HSERTI MOO  
K'VON OLIVER  
CHRISTOPHER MOUA  
PEI RU VANG

### 7TH GRADE

DA'VION GEORGE  
JASMINE GREEN  
BRANDON SANTAMARIA HUEZO  
JE'TEYAH THOMAS  
JOHMYA THOMPSON  
JOHN VANG

### 8TH GRADE

DAMENICA ELLIS  
CAMERON JOHNSON

### 9TH GRADE

ALIYAH JONES  
LAJLEE THAO  
SANDRA WILLIAMS

### 10TH GRADE

DESTIN'EE BROWN  
ELIZABETH CANNON  
AVERY HEERINGA  
ALTON (AJ) JENNIE  
MAI CHUE THAO

### 11TH GRADE

EMMA BRICKLE-MOSLEY  
ERIK LEE  
SKYE RANEY  
CHUYIE YANG

### 12TH GRADE

JUE THAO



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NEWSLETTER

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being a part of  
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Community!*

