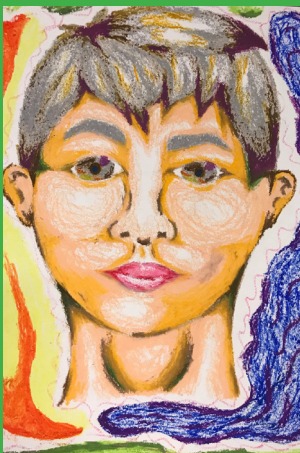




JUNE 2017
News, events, and information for
Creative Arts Secondary School

creative artifacts

DO YOU KNOW?
Portraits
of artists



From the Principal

Congratulations!



Thank you! Parents/Guardians, I would like to thank you for allowing us to teach, shape and mold your students during the 2016-2017 school year.

I have seen students stretch and grow in both academics and in their art area and I am proud of what they accomplished.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017! Job well done! You all have persevered through your K12 educational career and are ready to step into your next phase in life knowing exactly who you are and what you have to offer the world. Continue to use your art as a vehicle to communicate your ideas, thoughts and perspectives. The world needs to hear you.

As the summer months approach, I encourage parent(s)/guardian(s) to keep your student engaged in learning. For 6th-8th grade students, there is summer enrichment opportunities that the district offers to help reduce the summer academic slide. For 9th-11th grade students, there are opportunities to recover credits not earned during the school year. At a minimum, make sure your student is reading novels, newspapers and or magazines over the summer. Ask them questions about what they are reading, what is interesting, and what they would like to read next.

Mr. Lacina, thank you for ALL that you have done this year. You have coordinated experiences and opportunities for our students that has helped them become more expressive, open-minded, and analytical. Thank you for organizing, with the Ordway, our end of the year opportunity of doing our flash mob at the Flint Hills International Children's Festival. This gave the school the

avenue to show the City of St. Paul what type of school community we have. It takes a strong school community to come together and execute a coordinated dance.

Students, we look forward to your return next year. The first day of school next is Tuesday, September 5, 2017. This is a day you don't want to miss; so set your alerts now! See you in the fall.

As mentioned in previous communications, Creative Arts Secondary School will continue to move 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.

The mission and vision drive our work each and every day. As you find yourself inspired, I again invite you to join us in the journey next year and beyond!

**Last day for Seniors:
Friday, June 2**

**Commencement:
Tuesday, June 6**

**Last day for students:
Friday, June 9**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June</h1>				1 BrownBody Dance Field Trip @ Highland Ice Arena	2 Seniors' Last Day	3 Dance performance
				4	5	6 Commencement Rehearsal at St. Kate's 11 a.m. Commencement Ceremony at St. Kate's 5 p.m.

Final Report Cards
Families, look for end-of-year grades in your mailbox around the 18th of June.

State of the Arts

by Benjamin Lacina,
Arts Program Manager

What a year of partnerships & performances!

Revisiting the 2016-17 school year yields quite an exhaustive list of accomplishments, performances, and arts experiences for our students. I think I would definitely label this year a success — and I can't wait to see how we build upon these experiences next school year!

I would like to extend a huge "thank you" to the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, and especially our artist-in-residence, Jess Finney. This experience has provided our students with multiple field

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trip opportunities — to see *King Lear* and *The Bluest Eye*, not to mention facilitating the ability for Creative Arts to host some of the most amazing artists on our stage and in our classrooms. Thank you, Jess, for being such a valuable and benevolent resource for our students' learning.

Secondly, I would like to thank the Ordway Center. This month alone, we had the opportunity to perform in Rice Park as part of the International Children's Festival — both as an advanced dance class and as a whole school when we reprised the flash mob performance from the beginning of the school year.

Third, a huge shout out goes to the East Side Arts Council who helped facilitate a number of incredible artist residencies: in sculpture, creative writing, photography, and even puppetry. The creativity and expertise that these artists shared with our students led to some incredible artistic works

and presentations on behalf of the school.

Finally, I would like to thank our talented arts teachers: Kara Noble, Cornelius Rish, Randy Schutt, John Hallmann, Brandon Mitchell, Siri Keller, and David Billingsley, along with our additional Foundations teachers: Adri Besta, Arielle Goebel, and Jennifer Carroll, for providing the intentional connection-building that many of our students need and value as they choose an arts education at Creative Arts.

This has been an incredible year of connection, exploration, and discovery, as a teaching community, student learning community, and as a member of the greater Saint Paul and Twin Cities arts community.

Please share with me your feedback on the year, and let me know what additional connections we can make in 2017-18 to provide our students with the best arts education in the Twin Cities!

Apply for Genius Squad — And return those 247 books!

Remember, you can still turn in your missing library books!

Want to be on Genius squad next year? Apply now to be ready for fall! Go to bit.ly/cassgs1718 or see Mrs. Duke in the library.

Have a great summer and see you next year!

Library stats 2016-2017:

- Most popular book: 13 Reasons Why by Jay Asher
- Number of books at the beginning of the year: 2,664
- Number of books at the end of the year: 3,678
- Number of books checked out this year: 2,732
- Number of books still missing: 247!



Commencement Exercises: June 6

O'Shaughnessy Auditorium on the College of St. Catherine
5 p.m.

COUNSELING corner

by Jackie Rogalski (A-L) and Edward Xiong (M-Z)

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Celebrating the accomplishments of Creative Arts' 2016-17 seniors

It was an absolute pleasure to have the Student Council (led by teacher Mr. Ruble) host

a graduation breakfast on Friday, June 2, for our 2017 class of graduating seniors.

As seniors went through their day, tying any loose ends, checking grades, cleaning lockers, and saying any last-minute "good byes" to their teachers and classmates, it was a pleasure to watch their close interactions, and listen to their stories of connection at Creative Arts.

They will cross the stage in rehearsal on Tuesday morning, June 6, at 11 a.m. for their commencement exercises at the University of St. Catherine (O'Shaughnessey auditorium).

We look forward to listening

to inspirational speakers and viewing talented performers to take us into the summer, celebrating this great class of 2017!

Junior Opportunity

FREE VIP WEEKEND @ The University of Minnesota Multicultural Student Leadership Retreat for High School juniors

Meet with current U of M students, faculty, and staff. College planing, diversity and leadership, and college success are all included in the retreat.

Lodging, food, and programming included

Creative Arts students recognized for exemplifying "A.R.T.S." during May an modeling for fellow students!

Congratulations to the following students nominated by teachers and staff at school to be Students of the Month for June, based on behavior we observed during May.

6TH GRADE

DOMINIC SCHMIDT
MA KPAW
ANITA MCGRAW
JAYLA STAFFORD
MAX DAVITCH

8TH GRADE

CINTHYA DUQUE
NALEE THAO
PADRA LOR

10TH GRADE

DI'MAR JACKSON
MICHAELA KAMARA
GABRIELLE THOMAS
KALIA YANG

7TH GRADE

REBEKAH TYLER-BEEBE
CHRISTINA CONTRERAS
JUNIA THOMPSON
FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ

9TH GRADE

AVERY HEERINGA
CHENG VANG
EH KLU MOO

11TH GRADE

DIAMOND WILSON
CANYA SCARVER

12TH GRADE

XOCHITL CASTOR

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