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

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From the Principal

Student arts requests require additional help

Potential careers in the visual arts

- art buyer
- art director
- art therapist
- cartoonist
- commercial artist
- costume designer
- display artist
- glass designer
- graphic designer
- illustrator
- jeweler
- lithographer
- museum curator
- painter
- photographer
- sculptor
- studio artist
- teacher
- college professor
- commercial designer
- consultant
- display manager
- preservationist
- interior designer
- museum curator
- production designer
- set designer
- technical illustrator
- photo editor
- photojournalist
- portrait photographer
- visual artist



Greetings, Families!
March is upon us, spring is around the corner, and it is testing season! Our English Language Learners have been busy during the month of

February taking the ACCESS test. During the months of March and April, all students in 6th-11th grade will be either take the MCA Reading, MCA Math, MCA Writing, or both.

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) has resources available to help assist your student in preparing for the MCAs. There are also Parent Fact Sheets available for you to learn more about the purpose of the test. For your convenience, here is the link to resources: <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/JustParent/TestReq/index.html>

I am sending a special request for parent(s)/guardian(s) to attend our next Parent Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 8th at 6 pm. Students are submitting requests for activities and the scale of the requests will require more parent participation to execute. So, we need your help. If you think you can make it, please contact Josie Ahartz at (651) 292-3480.

We are halfway through the third quarter and Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 10th from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. There will have a gallery-style conference this quarter. Teachers will be located on the first floor of the building instead of their classrooms. Please note that

the meetings with teachers will be no more than five minutes. If you feel you need more time with a particular teacher, please use that time to make an appointment to see them another day.

It was a pleasure having Kathleen Gordon, Director of the Power of YOU from St. Paul College, serve as our School Leader of the Day on Thursday, March 3rd. She spoke to the juniors and seniors about the Power of You and the opportunity to receive an associate degree for free. She also monitored the halls and assisted with cafeteria duty. She enjoyed her time and learning more about the direction CASS is growing to.

A part of living our vision, I feel it is important that students have an opportunity to appreciate art as well as create it. As you have seen in all of our communications, our vision and mission is 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.

During the month of February, CASS hosted the Morehouse Glee Club in our theater. The 6th-8th grade a few 9-12 students had an

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Creative Arts' Hip Hop Crew at Harriet Island

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opportunity to watch the Glee Club perform. They graced us with their strong powerful voice and educated us on legacy of the Morehouse Glee Club.

On Friday, March 4th, the sixth graders and twelfth graders had a Q&A session with Grammy and Stella Award winning Antonio Dixon and KMOJ radio personality, actor, and comedian Shed G. Each of the artists encouraged all students to find their passion, never give up, surround themselves with positive people, love who they are and not what someone wants them to be. Thank you, Ben Lacina and David Billingsley, for arrange for these artists

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to come to our students and give of their time and talents.

Stay updated with events at CASS by viewing the school's website (www.creativearts.spps.org), reading the monthly newsletters, viewing the email/texting messages or calling the school.

MCA testing is coming!

Families have the option for their student to opt out of this testing.

Please contact Molly Stafford by March 17:

molly.stafford@spps.org
651-744-5135

State of the Arts

Seeking parents, guardians and other community mentors

by Benjamin Lacina, Program Manager

Creative Arts Secondary School is proud to have great teachers and great students who are working hard to grow strong arts experiences, arts learning, and arts opportunities for our community.

We are looking for additional creative adults join with us as a school to provide additional arts opportunities for our students. Our students are asking for additional experiences, and we know that we have a talented family and community base from which to draw additional people to help bring these to our students.

We also believe that a strong arts community is one where there are powerful connections that stretch across generations and across communities.

One way to get involved is to join us at our Parent Advisory Committee. This group started strong in the fall with a lot participation from families and a diverse collection of hopes and dreams for students. That support has dwindled over the last few meetings, and we need people to plug in to this work to realize those dreams.

A second way to get involved is to connect our school with creative community members who are eager to share their time and talents leading after-school opportunities for students or lend their voice to the learning time during the school day.

Please contact me via email: benjamin.lacina@spps.org or call 651-744-7504 to start this conversation. We're excited to keep the momentum going!



Professional Development Day: March 25

There is no school for students on this Holiday.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar		MARCH 1 Girl Scouts Periods 3 & 4 CAUCUS NIGHT	2 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m. Costa Rica Trip Meeting	3 Optimist Oratorical Contest Coaching	4	5
	6	7 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	8 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL 6-8 PM (rescheduled from March 1)	9 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	10 Youth Summit to State Capitol CONFERENCES 3:30-6:30 PM	11
13	14 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	15 Girl Scouts Periods 3 & 4 Optimist Oratorical Contest 6-8 PM (rescheduled from March 1)	16 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	17		
20	21 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	22	23 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	24 High School Dance 6:30-8:30pm	25 Teacher Professional Development Day No school for students	26
27	28 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m. Costa Rica Parent-Student Trip meeting 6 p.m.	29	30 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	31		

Conferences are Thursday, March 10, from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss your student's progress this quarter!

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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March Students of the Month recognized

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

6TH GRADE

DEVIN VANG
HEE KOR
BRIA MOLIN
MARITZA RODRIGUEZ
BRYANNA DUKES
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7TH GRADE

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10TH GRADE

EVELYN SPEERS
CANYA SCARVER
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11TH GRADE

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12TH GRADE

JAMES KUE
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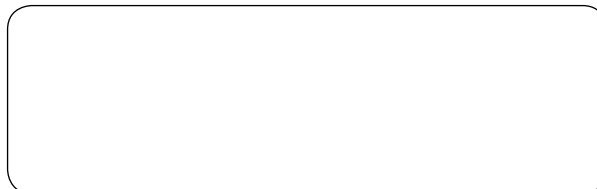


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**Join us for
Conferences
on March 10!**



What is
A.R.T.S.

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