



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

# creative artifacts

## DO YOU KNOW?

### CASS Gallery is open!

The Gallery on Creative Arts' first floor has housed some amazing student and community projects this year. The next time you're at school, please be sure to stop in and see our students fine work.

On display this month:

- A giant graphic novel created by Mr. Blenkush's first semester Graphic Novel class
- Student protest signs from Ms. Balbo's Spanish classes
- Photographs from our residency with local photographer Pao Her

And, there's more to come. Be sure to check out each monthly newsletter for updates!

*Artwork above from the first semester Graphic Novel class, now on display in the Gallery*

From the Principal

## Reasons to Celebrate



Happy International Women's' History Month!

Have you heard the news? Creative Arts Secondary School had the highest graduation

rate for the Class of 2016 within St. Paul Public School! I would like to congratulate all of our 2016 graduates, their parent(s)/guardian(s), and their families. I also would like to publicly thank our dedicated staff. I appreciate your hard work and dedication.

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.

Our dedication and steadfast work towards our mission and vision has become evident in the results from the University of Chicago's 5Essential Survey. Students, staff and parents completed the survey in early November and the results of the survey indicated that Creative Arts Secondary School is well organized for improvement. Thank you all for your hard work as we move towards greatness.

During the month of March, students will begin registering for classes for next year. Each grade will have a set of required courses that they will have to take and all students must select a primary art area,

which their arts classes will revolve around. In addition, all eighth graders will have to present a final art project to a panel of teachers as a requirement for their Foundations class. Juniors are required to submit a letter of intent for their seminar senior project.

The end of March brings the end of Quart 3. The PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) has planned a great experience for all students and their parents that make the A and B Honor Roll. Check in with your student to ensure that you all have an opportunity to participate in this great celebration.

The first week of April is spring break. When students return, they will begin taking their MCAs starting the week of April 17th. Students will test until the first week in May. This is a time for students to demonstrate their learning for the year. We encourage all students to do their best. We look forward to celebrating students' accomplishments next school year.

## OUR library needs YOUR feedback!

Here is your change to share your thoughts on the new CASS library.

Fill out our survey today:

[bit.ly/CASSlibSH](http://bit.ly/CASSlibSH)

# State of the Arts

## Artists panel tells of the real world

by Benjamin Lacina,  
Arts Program Manager

During February, our 9th-12th grade students had the opportunity to meet the five artists pictured to the right, to learn about what it takes to be a working artist in your field. Panelists spoke to lifelong themes of community, hard work, perseverance, and even “surrounding yourself with people smarter than you” so that you can learn and grow. These artists spoke to questions from students, including personal stories of struggle along their creative journey. These themes are

echoed in our school’s Seminar and arts curriculum, and we plan to have more panels like this one in the future. Please contact me (benjamin.lacina@spps.org) if you know an artists whose story would resonate with our students!

### Photo Exhibit

On Tuesday, March 14, please join us at 6 p.m. to see the work of our Digital Imaging students and their work with local photographer and resident artist Pao Her. Come see these students’ work as they showcase their learning about seeing the world around them through the lens of a camera.

### Performance Night

Finally, March sees the return of Performance and Gallery Night. See you on the 16th to celebrate and be entertained by our shining student artist!



Arthur “L.A.” Buckner  
Musician



Michele Spaise  
Visual Artist



Jamil Jude  
Director



Jessica Huang  
Playwright



Jess Finney  
Guthrie Theater Teaching Artist

## Updates from the Library & Genius Squad

Mr. Mohamed and Mrs. Duke would like to thank first semester’s Genius Squad students for their hard work. Genius Squad is student-run help desk to aid students in handling iPad technical issues. When a student has an issue, they can get help at the Genius Squad help desk with a pass from a teacher. If Genius Squad can’t solve it, they’ll refer it to Mr. Mohamed.

We would like to thank Cheng Vang, Andy Mancilla, Obed Palma, Cesar Larrazabal, and Damion O’Shea for manning the desk first semester and helping us get Genius Squad up and running.

Students can also participate in Genius Squad after school on Mondays and Wednesdays, contact Mr. Mohamed in the media center if you’d like to join.

February is I Love to Read month nationwide. Need help finding a good book? Try one of the recent award winners announced in January:

Newbery Medial: *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill (A Minnesota author!)

Coretta Scott King Award and the Printz Award: *March: Book Three* by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin (Graphic Novel)

Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award: *The Sun is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon

Or, stop by and get a personal recommendation from Mrs. Duke!

**Performance Night**  
**Thursday, March 16**  
**6 p.m.**  
**\$5 Suggested Donation**

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## Costa Rica Fundraiser: March 16

Join us for dinner at 5p.m. before the Performance to help Creative Arts students raise money for their trip!

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

<b>Feb 29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>March 1</b> Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	<b>2</b> Performance Night Auditions 2-4 p.m.  Conferences 4-7 p.m.  Spring Musical Family meeting 7-8 p.m.	<b>3</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS</b> (Teacher Professional Development Day)	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	<b>14</b> Photography Exhibit Opening Event 6-7 p.m.  PAC Meeting 7-8 p.m.	<b>15</b> 10th Grade trip to <i>King Lear</i> at Guthrie 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	<b>16</b> Youth Summit at State Capitol  Costa Rica Fundraising Dinner 5 p.m.  Performance & Gallery Night 6-7:30 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Current 8th Grade Auditions & Portfolio Presentations in Auditorium during the day	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Last Day of Quarter 3	



**Performance & Gallery Night**  
6 P.M. THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017

# Families make things happen!



## Family Engagement

by Ms. Lee Vang  
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### Way to go, volunteers!

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) served dinner to over 60 families in February for the Quarter 2 Honors Night. Dan and Karla Feidt (parents of an 11th grader) and Carrie and Murphy Cannon (parents of

a 10th grader) joined forces in laying out a delicious spread of meatball subs, salad and cookies for the evening. Huge thanks to the Feidt and Cannon family for their hard work, dedication and leadership in organizing such a wonderful event to acknowledge and celebrate our Honors students!

Parent volunteer Karla Lindsay secured 100 packs of math flash cards to donate to students in need of further practicing math skills! Flashcards were handed out during conferences. If your student needs a pack, please speak to their math teacher!

Please join us at our next PAC meeting - March 14, April 11, May 9.

### CREATIVE ARTS FAMILY DIRECTORY!

Please consider adding your name and contact information to the Creative Arts Family Directory! This directory will only be accessed and utilized by the Parent Advisory Committee who will do outreach for school-related matters and coordinate volunteers for events and tutoring. If you are willing, please contact Ms. Lee Vang.



### Literacy Tip #9

Any parent of an adolescent knows that requiring or even suggesting something to them is often met with some level of indifference. When it comes to reading, try leaving various magazines, books, and other reading materials around the house and see what disappears.

### Literacy Tip #10

Read a book or two that is meant for teens, even if your child hasn't necessarily expressed interest in them. Not only does it provide good modeling, but it can be an easy "in" for talking to you child about tough subjects.

See more literacy tips in past Creative Arts Newsletters online!

## 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!

## Congratulations March students of the Month:

- 6TH GRADE**  
ASHLEY HERRERA  
JANNYS VASQUEZ REYES  
JOHN VANG
- 7TH GRADE**  
BRYANNA DUKES  
ASHANTI JONES  
SUWANNEE XIONG  
ALISSON MARTINEZ VILLA  
REMI HENSEL-STAAB  
DEREK ANDERSON

- 8TH GRADE**  
NEVAEH EVANS  
EMILIA NOWACZEWSKI  
COLLIN KASTNER  
GABRIELLE COOK
- 9TH GRADE**  
QIOSA BOLTON  
DESTIN'EE BROWN

- 10TH GRADE**  
PAYTON TOWNSEND  
MICHAELA KAMARA  
BEE HANG
- 11TH GRADE**  
JOE PFLEPSEN
- 12TH GRADE**  
EMILY WINKELAAR



## Parent Advisory Council Meeting: March 14

# Congratulations to Creative Arts' Second Quarter Honor Roll students

## 'A'-HONOR-ROLL

Austin, Olivia A  
Balang, Grace M  
Becker, Zeke  
Cannon, Elizabeth A  
Christensen, Rae  
Cruz, Ysabella R  
Day, Akili J  
Dukes, Russell A  
Duong, Mary  
Ellis, Damenica D  
Feidt, Hannah R  
Fuith, Kimberly  
Goodman, Kaiah C  
Hannemann, Moriah A  
Heeringa, Avery  
Her, Cha  
Her, Sutthinee  
Herrera, Carla J  
Htoo, Kaw Kay

Jarvi, Emily L  
Johnson, Zella E  
Kong, Nancy  
Lender, Rachel E  
Lor, Dinh  
Lor, Padra  
Markowski, Chris J  
Miller, Macy A  
Moo, Eh Klu  
Moo, Richer  
Nelson, Alyssa R  
Newbauer, Cecelia C  
Nguyen, Havy T  
Pavlica, Kieran M  
Price, Maddie  
Roby, Layonna Z  
Romero Garcia, Vanessa  
Smith, Emerald M

Taylor, Trey R  
Thao, Nang  
Thao, Xue  
Vang, Cheng  
Vang, Mai G  
Webb, Erica I  
Williams, Sandra A  
Wilson, Diamond  
Wilson, Na'Jai S  
Winkelaar, Emily J  
Xiong, Mai G  
Xiong, Suwannee  
Yang, Amy  
Yang, Angel  
Yang, Ger  
Yang, Gloria M  
Yang, Kalia

## 'B'-HONOR-ROLL

Adams, Trinity R  
Allen, Zalisha D  
Alonso Garcia, Kenia  
Armstrong, Neveah T  
Bakare, Abdul-Fawaz O  
Barge, Sabrina L  
Barrientos Ortega, Christian G  
Barsness, Julia R  
Bird, Alexa E  
Castor, Xochitl  
Cook, Gabby  
Cooper, Rose A  
Davila-Day, Reyna G  
Davitch, Max E  
Eh, Wah W  
Florez-Carabello, Deja R  
Funaro, Hunter  
Gadea Dominguez, Charles  
Garcia, Jovany

Graling, Paige M  
Hang, Cheeja lah  
Herrera, Ashley J  
Hser, Paw Kaw  
Htway, Michael  
Jenkel, Micah S  
Kamara, Michaela  
Kong, Unity T  
Kue, Paj Txhieng Yien L  
Liebgott, Gabryella M  
Martinez Villa, Alisson D  
McDonald, Robin P  
McGraw, Anita D  
Montano, Zayden A  
Nowaczewski, Emilia G  
Nurnberg, Jayden  
Ogbeifun, Natasha  
Orellana, Ada L  
Pena, Jayleen A

Prelgo, Skye  
Prom, Celia K  
Proulx, Sophia G  
Ruiz, Jackson F  
Saffold, Kamren A  
Sisneros, Savina C  
Stein, Mara H  
Stich, Kelsey L  
Thao, Gary K  
Thao, Kaying L  
Thao, Nalee  
Thao, Pa N  
Thomas, Je'Teyah L  
Tyler-Beebe, Rebekah A  
Vang, Chang  
Vang, Demyce P  
Vang, John Z  
Vang, Kylie G  
Vang, Yee

Vela, Lakendra C  
Vue, Douachong C  
Wah, Lah L  
Walker, Zoe E  
Williams, William H  
Wilson, De'Jiah J  
Win, Nyunt  
Xiong, Brandon P  
Xiong, Yeng  
Yang, Ava  
Yang, Calvin T  
Yang, Chaly  
Yang, Kevin  
Yang, Pa Jar  
Yang, Palee  
Yang, Serenidy



# COUNSELING corner

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## Make Your Summer Plans Now

Spring is fast approaching. Saint Paul Public Schools is now accepting registration for S-Term (summer school). There are two options: S-Term 1 is from June 19 through July 13 and S-Term 2 is from July 17 through August 10.

Middle School - Eighth grade students can only register for S-Term 2. Families who live within the historic Rondo neighborhood are also eligible for Freedom School, which operates from July 17 to August 25. An alternative to S-Term are the FREE multi-district programs such as National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) and Camp Teranga with ArtsUs. Families will receive S-Term and multi-district program registration form in the mail. Additional forms are available in the counseling center.

High School- Students who need credit recovery should contact their counselor for register for S-Term. Please note that students who miss more than 2 days during S-Term will not receive credit for the course.

## Reclaim partners with Creative Arts

Reclaim is a community mental health center which provides services to 13-25 year olds. We are fortunate to be partnered them, as they will offer support groups at Creative Arts for our students.

Their services specialize in areas of gender identity, health sexuality and sexual orientation. Groups focus on managing stress, time management, healthy identity, positive relationships and more.

For further information students may contact their counselor Jackie Rogalski or Edward Xiong.

## Foundations and Seminar classes write resumés

Counselors, Foundations Teachers and Seminar Teachers worked with all 8th graders through Juniors to create or add to their re-

sumes.

Every day you child performs a task, participate in or learns a new skill which makes them a desirable award recipient, college student, and/or employee. Thus, it is important for them to keep a working document. Ask your child to show you their resume' and encourage them to add to it, as they perform in a concert, show their artwork, participate in a play, and ...

You will find this document with them when they log in through Creative Arts Counseling Services tab. We are fortunate to have this program through Naviance found through [succeed.naviance.com/creativearts](http://succeed.naviance.com/creativearts)

## Recognizing student leaders

Creative Arts students are on the Honor Roll. Creative Arts students are Student of the Month. They are:

- Presentors
- Collaborators
- Self Starters
- Leaders
- Punctual
- Dependable
- Fluent with i-pads, applications and programs

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

