



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

creative artifacts

DO YOU KNOW?

Honors artists recognized



The Closet • Emily Jarvi



Minnesota • Carla Herrera



Ceramic • Mai Ger Xiong

Photo above from CASS's spring show: High School Musical

From the Principal

Many spring thanks!



The start of May is Teacher Appreciation Week!

I would like to thank each one of the CASS teaching staff for all that they do for students on a

daily basis. Thank you for putting in extra hours so our students can apply knowledge both in and out of the classroom. Thank you for caring for each student. Thank you for all that you do. I appreciate you!

The 2016-17 school year is slowing coming to a close. The month of May is full of celebrations of the year and preparations for *next* school year. We are excited to be welcoming our rising students and new families to Creative Arts.

I would like to invite each of you to the CASS Community Budget Meeting. This meeting will be held the night of Quarter 4 conferences, Thursday, May 4th, at 5 p.m. in the auditorium. As you may have heard, the school district is experiencing a major budget deficit with an overall low enrollment projection. I have worked extremely hard with district personnel to help them understand the needs of an arts programmatic school. However, the school did experience cuts due to our low enrollment projection. Again, these details of the budget impact will be shared at the community budget meeting on May 4th.

As mentioned in previous communications, 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.

Thank you for supporting your student during MCA testing. I understand how stressful standardized tests can be on a student. It is important that students understand that their MCA score is just one data point, at one point in time. Encourage your student to finish strong in their classes. This will help provide additional data points that can speak more broadly to your students' academic ability.

Thank you to the Parents Advisory Committee. They sponsored a wonderful Honors Celebration for Quarter 3 that will be one our students will not forget. Thank you for your dedication to the school and our students. I encourage each parent to connect with the PAC and share your expertise and resources with them. To whom much is given, much is expected.

Lastly, to all of my high school students taking their AP exams this month, the best to you all! I know you will do great!

Creative Arts Community Budget Meeting:

Thursday, May 4
5:00 p.m.

in the Auditorium

State of the Arts

by Benjamin Lacina,
Arts Program Manager

Foundations gets a hand on puppetry

Revisiting the themes from our fall retreats — 6th Grade’s “Kindness” and 7th Grade’s “Courage,” Foundations classes are creating puppet shows to teach these themes to others.

Through our partnership with the East Side Arts Council (ESAC) and with funding from our School Improvement Grant (SIG) these six classes have had the incredible opportunity to work with local puppeteer and teaching artist Malia Burkhart.

After learning a little bit about folk tales in Foundations, and learning how these kinds of stories can help teach us valuable lessons, students spent five days making hand puppets using recycled newspapers, masking tape, and paper maché.



Congratulations to the cast and crew of Creative Arts' production of *High School Musical* for three strong performances April 28-29. Students played leadership roles both on stage and behind the scenes! Thanks to teachers, staff, and parent support that made it all possible!

Once students finish painting their puppets — some are foxes, goblins, emojis, even a potato — they will collaborate to write and perform their puppet plays.

Creative Arts is working with our elementary arts school partners to arrange performances of these plays at those schools, where students will perform for first and second grade students. The top plays from each grade will get to “go on the road” to present to these schools.

CASS dances around the cities

Ms. Noble’s advanced dancers have been busy this spring. First, they were featured performers at the Saint Paul Public Schools Honors Concert at the Ordway on Tuesday, April 18. Dancers worked with Canadian artist Saidet, herself a graduate of SPPS, to perform a piece about how each of us has the power to change the world for the better.

Immediately after that project, the advanced dancers had to get ready for their performance at the Aveda Institute in Minneapolis. Dancers received creative styling from the Aveda students as part of their performance at the event on Sunday, April 23, (pictured at left).

Lastly, these students have been invited to accompany and promote the SPPS Food Truck and summer nutrition as part of the Grand Old Day parade. That event takes place on Sunday, June 4, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Grand Avenue between Dale and Wheeler Avenues in Saint Paul. The parade starts at 9:30 a.m.

May News from the Library & Genius Squad

iPads will be turned in on May 30 and 31! Be on the lookout for information on wiping your iPads. Next year you’ll get a different one!

Beginning May 1st, students will only be allowed to check out ONE book at a time, and if you have any missing or overdue books, those need to be returned before you can check any out.

All books are due in the library May 25th. Anything still out after that could affect important things, like graduation, so be sure to get your overdue books in now! Check at home, in your lockers, in book bags, and get them turned into the library!

Are you interested in technology? Robots? 3D printing? Come to GeniusCon at Washington Tech on May 13th! Open to everyone, students, adults, and community members. See Genius Squad in the library for more information.



Advanced Dance students performed at the Aveda Institute on Sunday, April 23.

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Parent Advisory Council meeting: May 9

Lend your voice to the conversation and give input into goings-on at Creative Arts!

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m. High School Musical Cast/Crew Party	2 Audition Night for new High School Students 5:30-7:30 p.m. New Middle School Registration Night 7-8 p.m.	3 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	4 <i>The Bluest Eye</i> Field Trip Festival of Nations Field trip — High School Spanish Conferences 3:30-5:30 p.m. Budget Meeting 5 p.m.	5 Festival of Nations Field trip — 8th Grade AP US History Exam Prom 6-11 p.m. Mounds Theater	6 TeenLitCon Field Trip
7	8 Guthrie Interplay Festival Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m. Costa Rica Student Meeting 3-4 p.m.	9 PAC Meeting 6-8 p.m.	10 AP English Exam Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	11 6th Grade Field Trip to Science Museum	12 AP Human Geography Exam	13
14	15	16	17	18 High School P.E. Field Trip to Science Museum	19 Dance Performance 6 p.m.	20
21	22	23 Music Concert 6 p.m.	24 Costa Rica Family Meeting 6-8 p.m.	25 Senior ValleyFair trip	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Holiday NO SCHOOL	30	31	June 1 Dance Department Field Trip to BrownBody Theater Department Showcase night 6 p.m.	2 Seniors' Last Day iPAD Turn-in Day	3

May

Student Performances in May!

Check the calendar above!

Families honor students & teachers efforts



Family Engagement

by Ms. Lee Vang
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What an amazing year with our students and families!

Honors Celebrations!

The Honors Events for students earning As and Bs has been completely planned and organized by the Parent Advisory Council this school year. Our most recent Honors event for Quarter 3 included a fresh, hot pancakes and sausage

breakfast followed by a field trip to see TU Dance at the Ordway.

Huge thanks to Mr. Bryan Winget and his company for donations of Honors certificates all year!

Teacher Appreciation Week - A Huge Success!

The Parent Advisory Council also organized a week full of gifts and love for the staff at Creative Arts.

Monday 5/1: gift bags were given to every staff member at Creative Arts

Tuesday 5/2: donuts, fruits, coffee, tea and a breakfast spread of epic proportions

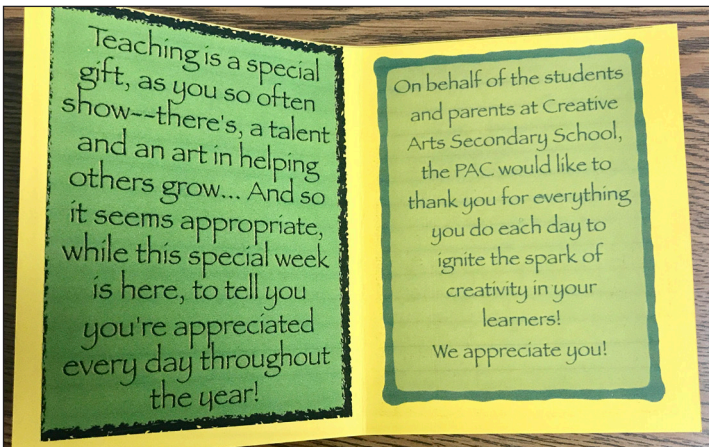
Wednesday 5/3: meatball bake, salad, toast and cookies lunch

Thursday 5/4: snacks and treats before conferences

Friday 5/5: free lunch by the



(Top) PAC Events Organizing Co-Chairs Carrie Cannon (left) and Dan Feidt (middle) with volunteer Ryan Feidt (right). (Below left) Students were quite happy! (Below right) Students in the audience for a performance by TU Dance at the Ordway.



Thanks to the PAC for providing positive messages and treats to teachers for Teacher Appreciate Week!

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Educators 4 Excellence organization

The teachers and staff at Creative Arts are extremely grateful and appreciative of the efforts and gifts from families and students this week. Thank you!

Planning for Next Year: Get involved!

Give us your input! Here is a list of upcoming events for the 2017-18 school year: <http://bit.ly/cassfamevents1718> Feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with Ms. Vang at lee.vang@spps.org or 651-744-2132.

Add your information to the Creative Arts Family Directory!

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) consists of parent/guardian volunteers who meet monthly to lead school-related

activities, events and discussions that pertain especially to families at Creative Arts. The PAC would like to create a Family Directory so that the volunteer coordinators can communicate with parent and guardian volunteers directly around school-related affairs.

Legally, Creative Arts school cannot provide your contact information to other families including the PAC.

By completing this document, you will give permission to the Creative Arts Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to communicate with you directly for events and volunteering.

Paper version: <http://bit.ly/cassfamdirectoryform>

Digital form: <http://bit.ly/cassfamdirectory>



Conferences are Thursday, May 4!

Join us from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at school.

COUNSELING corner

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

Seventh graders entered their personal and academic goals onto their NAVIANCE account. NAVIANCE is "college and career readiness" software that provides our

students with college planning and career assessment tools. Your child will keep their account throughout their tenure in St. Paul Public Schools.

Eighth graders created their first resumés. Each time they receive an award, show their artwork, perform in a play, and volunteer or work in the community remind them to add their skills and talents to their resumé. Mr. Xiong, Ms. Rogalski, and Ms. Ashley are glad to print them off when students need a hard copy for a job application. Students will use them their senior year when they apply to colleges.

Senior Events

ValleyFair
May 25th • Permission slips and \$30 payment to Caleb Chisholm by May 10.

Senior Check Out Day
Friday, June 2nd, 2017
Starts at 8:25 AM

Graduation Rehearsal
Tuesday, June 6th at 11 AM
at University of St. Catherine, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium

Graduation
Tuesday, June 6th 5 PM at the University of St. Catherine, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium.

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

Lavern Cox in town

A number of our students were thrilled to join the audience at *AIN'T I A WOMAN: My Journey to Womanhood*. Lavern Cox, actress, speaker, and trans advocate told of the unique challenges along her journey to womanhood, professional achievement, self-acceptance, and love.

Creative Arts students recognized for exemplifying "A.R.T.S." during April

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

6TH GRADE
RUSSELL DUKES
KYLIE VANG

7TH GRADE
CARVEL GAYLES
KIMBERLY FUITH
ZAYDEN MONTANO

8TH GRADE
BEE LAO
LAH WAH
TREVON WRIGHT
T'VARIOUS JACKSON
AALIYAH PERRY
YASMIN DELGADO

9TH GRADE
YENG XIONG
ANDY ARAUJO
DESTIN'EE BROWN
VLADIMIR WINGHART

10TH GRADE
KEVONTAE ANDERSON
DI'MAR JACKSON
DANAYA HARVEY
ALYSSA NELSON
ZEKE BECKER
KALIA YANG

11TH GRADE
DIAMOND WILSON
MASON MURPH

12TH GRADE
JJ BOYD

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

