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New Activities

by Benjamin Lacina
Arts Program Manager

Creative Arts students are creative, and they are multi-talented. They also have lots of interests as creative individuals. This is why we want to provide as many opportunities as we can for students to “show up” in their art forms — both during the day *and* in their activities after school.

There has been a significant push to bolster our after-school offerings in terms of clubs and activities for students. Our goal was to have at least one extracurricular opportunity in each of our major art forms all year, and we have succeeded.

For our literary artists, we have WordFreaks, an after-school group hosted by Ms. Corrigan and Ms. Goebel that meets Mondays. WordFreaks has been around for a few years, as a printed publication supported by Mr. O’Reilly. This year, our two advisors are taking the publication online and developing a new way for our writers to showcase their work. The hope is to also include a place visual artists as well.

Performing artists have a number of options: Glee Club with Ms. Keller is also on Mondays is a non-audition group open to students in grades 8-12. Mr. Jon (our orchestra and band teacher) has a non-audition rock band for high school students that meets before school first hour on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Ms. Noble’s audition based Dance Team had auditions in October and is heading into their third week of practices this week. Theater students are busy rehearsing the fall one-act plays (*Alice in Wonderland* and *Super Hero Support Group*). Be sure to mark your calendars for the first week of December

performances.

Finally for our visual artists, Art Club is a newly formed opportunity that meets on Thursdays for both middle school students (2-3 p.m.) and high school students (3-4 p.m.). We are still looking for someone to assist with a Photography Club, based on student requests. Sewing Club is another activity that meets on Wednesdays.

Other academic, interest-based, and service-related clubs include: Anime Club, a student-run group that meets on Mondays after school; LEGO Robotics is open to 6th-8th grade students and is supported by our school’s EDL program and led by Ms. Collis and Ms. Swenson on Mondays and Wednesdays; “GSA” stands for Gender Sexuality Alliance and meets on Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. with Ms. Weller; Chess Club on Thursdays is a fun group that Mr. Anderson started; Student Council meets with Mr. Ruble on Thursday afternoons as well and is focused on service learning in the school.

Students are encouraged to participate in after-school activities as much as possible — to meet new friends, expand their horizons, and participate in things they can’t fit into their school-day schedule. Research has found that students who participate in after-school activities often feel more connected to their peers, their school, and the academic and social environment of school overall.

We are always looking for more ways for our students to get involved. Please see Mr. Lacina if you have any ideas, any questions, or would like to support one of these great activities as a parent, guardian or community member. Remember: another way to support is by donating to our school on Give to the MAX day on November 16!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			NOV 1 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	2	3	4
		<p><i>Guthrie Theater Field Trip: A Christmas Carol</i> The Guthrie Theater hosts a free field trip to see the classic play on stage in Minneapolis. All Creative Arts 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will attend the show on Thursday, Nov. 16, presented by one of our nation's leading theater companies in the nation, right here in the Twin Cities!</p>				
5	6 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	7 ELECTION DAY! 	8 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	9	10 LAST DAY of the FIRST QUARTER Picture Re-Take Day! 	11
12	13 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	14 GALLERY OPENING 5 PM Parent Advisory Council 6-8 p.m.	15 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m. FAFSA Night 6-8 p.m. 	16 	17 NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day for teachers	18
19	20 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	21	22 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	23 	24	25
26	27 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	28	29 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	30	Nov	



CASS Fall Play: Alice in Wonderland!
December 1-2, 2017 • Call 651-744-2172 for tickets!



Family Engagement

by Ms. Lee Vang

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Family Engagement: Volunteers Needed!

- reading fluency (1 hour during the day, 2-3 times every week)
- math help (after school from 3-4 on Wednesdays)
- fundraising and fundraising ideas
- event planning, organizing and service

Parent/Guardian volunteers who donate 7 hours of their time (at school or off site) can earn their student an all-day elevator pass! Please contact Ms. Vang about how you can volunteer and help out Creative Arts!

upcoming events

November 13:
Start of Quarter 2

November 14:
Parent Advisory Council

November 16:
Give to the Max Day

November 17:
No School -
Professional
Development Day

November 23 - 24:
No School -
Thanksgiving Holiday

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Member Highlight: Dan Feidt

Why did you join PAC?

The first year we were at Creative Arts, the principal needed parent involvement to start a Parent Advisory Council to assist in establishing a Student/Parent Handbook, increase parent involvement and help shape the Creative Arts images, curriculum and future goals for the school.

It was important for me to have my daughter in a school that she can feel proud of and achieve success in academics while developing her artistic career.

I was the only parent who stepped forward to be part of this committee but then, started seeking other parents to become involved.

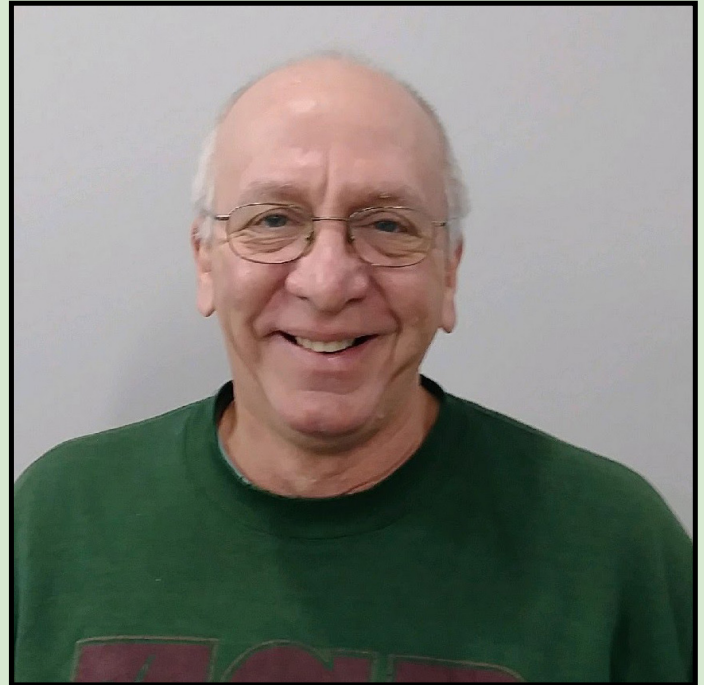
The first year, there were three other parents involved and we helped to develop and acquire some of the current assets at Creative Arts including the School Improvement Grant which help pay for arts integration and family engagement at Creative Arts.

What do you like most about Creative Arts?

The commitment of our teachers and staff. When my daughter started here at CASS her first statement coming home was "the teachers really make you feel like a real person, almost adult like." The teachers and staff work hard to help each students succeed.

What is one hope you have for Creative Arts?

A stronger parent/guardian



presence and involvement on the CASS campus. Parent support is needed in many areas to build a student's success in the academics and ARTS program. I believe that our parents and students can work together to make CASS a "strong academics and arts program in a family atmosphere."

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

I have three kids, One in Bozeman State University, Montana; Senior in CASS; and a 9th grader at White Bear Lake.

It is a juggling act for my wife and I with our job commitments, kids' activities and needs. One piece of advice I received is be there for your kids.

Be involved in their activities

when there is a need. Communicate with them and listen to their stories. Be active with them and know when to give them their own space. Be their sideline support, coach them when they are in need and encourage them when they do not think they can achieve their goals.

Celebrate their success. Hug them!!!

What is the best advice you offer to another parent/guardian?

Be Involved. The more you are connected with other parents in the school you come to know them as a support for you as a parent.

They too, can give advice when you are struggling with your child's academics. Parents need each other.



Parent Advisory Council Meeting: Nov 14

Mark your calendar! Picture Day is coming. Look for information on your child's Picture Day flyer & order form. Visit Lifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, online payment details and more.

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

Congratulations to the following students for being nominated by teachers and staff at Creative Arts Secondary School to be Students of the Month for November.

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.

6TH GRADE

GILLIAN CHAN
DONTAJAH DUNSTON
DOWON HALL
LA'ZAYA LINDSEY
KRISH PRADHAN
LAW WAH

7TH GRADE

TYE'YANNA ANDREWS
MAX DAVITCH

8TH GRADE

MICOLE ANDREWS
MAKIYA HALL
ALISSON MARTINEZ VILLA
YADELIS OLIVO VELEZ
JAMES OLSON

9TH GRADE

ALEXIS LEE
WILLIAM WINGET

10TH GRADE

REN CHRISTIANSEN
ALEXANDER CONTRERAS
SOPHIE KAMPMEYER
MAI CHUE THAO

11TH GRADE

ZEKE BECKER
MICAH JENKEL
ERIK LEE
SHANNA NIEMI
SKYE RANEY
MIRACLE
ROGERS-CAMPBELL

12TH GRADE

CANYA SCARVER

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