

OCTOBER 2017:
News, events, and information for
Creative Arts Secondary School

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Great Humans

by Benjamin Lacina
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It's great to be back at school, and we've started things off by examining the human side of what we do here. Through collaborative and creative learning, we created the "Humans of Creative Arts" photography exhibit, currently on display in our new first floor Gallery space.

You might be wondering how or even why all of this came together. At Creative Arts, we as adults pride ourselves on modeling and practicing what is expect from our students.

Prior to the start of school, our teaching staff gathered for three days of an Arts Retreat, August 22-24. During this retreat — which is funded by our School Improvement Grant (SIG) — teachers examined their own creative process, inspired by a visit to the Science Museum's PIXAR exhibit.

In all the hard work of teaching, we sometimes forget that there is a lot of creativity that goes into this profession, not to mention the staff at Creative Arts really takes inspiration from the name of our school as well.

Teachers also practiced writing about this process, and got feedback and a targeted writing lesson about "metaphor" from our Literacy Coach, Mr. O'Reilly. They were then instructed to think about their creative process through the use of figurative language, much like we teach our students to do.

After a brief photography lesson from Mr. Blenkush (one of our ELA teachers), teachers were paired up randomly with a partner and directed to

share their story with one another, to inform the taking of photographic portraits of one another.

Finally, teachers were wrote an artist statement about the final image they chose for our gallery exhibition. Once school started, we rounded out the exhibit by adding portraits of all the other adults who interact with our students: Teaching Assistants, Cafeteria workers, Behavior Specialists, to our head clerk, Mrs. Whitesell, and more.

Our next step is to add students' work to the exhibit. Our Foundations and Seminar teachers have already begun to guide students through this process. We hope you will take some time at conferences on Thursday, October 12, to enjoy everything that we've created, presented, and reflected on with this project.

Even better, tell all your friends about the great, creative work that our students and staff bring into the world at Creative Arts. We're excited to continue this work throughout the year with exhibitions, performances, artist residencies, after-school activities, and even some ideas we haven't discovered yet!



Photograph from the
Humans of Creative Arts Exhibit

DO YOU KNOW? Photography



Ms. Besta photographed by Ms. Vang

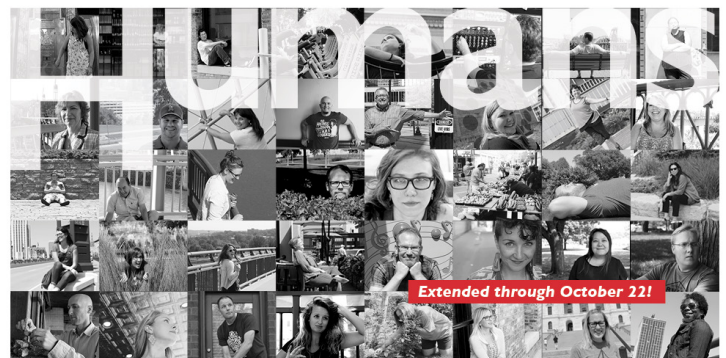


Nurse Evans photographed by Ms. Berger



Ms. Vang photographed by Ms. Besta

Humans
of Creative Arts



Extended through October 22!

In the gallery 8.3 | 10.22.2017
Creative Arts Secondary School
65 N. Holladay Blvd
Salt Lake, Utah 84119
creativearts.org | 651.292.3480

of Creative Arts



Principal's Pen

by Dr. Carlondrea Hines

Happy October Creative Arts Families!

What we're about

At Creative Arts Secondary School, we are very intentional in how we create an environment that ensures our academic artists are successful in their academic and arts classes. We are 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.

Assessments

The MCAs taken last year shows that there was a decline in overall student achievement in Reading and Math but an

increase in Science. Reading declined from 34% (2016) to 28% (2017). Math declined from 21% (2016) to 19% (2017). Science increased 14% (2016) to 20% (2017).

Why they matter

Assessments are one of the many data points we use to guide what we do for students. It is important that students understand that they must perform their best on all assessments taken; whether it impacts them directly or not. In effort of teachers to better understand how to address each student's opportunity gaps, CASS has developed a new assessment procedure. This new procedure helps explain what the students are responsible for doing and what the teacher is responsible for doing. Please take some time to review the new procedures and talk it over with your academic artist.

Parents/guardians of 11th grade students, please mark your and your academic artist's calendar for February 27, 2018! All 11th grade students will take the ACT with writing test. This is a college entrance exam that assesses students' college readiness.

Literacy

During the months of September and October, 6th-8th grade students will take assessments in Literacy. Students have completed their fluency assessments and will

begin to take the Formative Assessment Systems for Teachers (FAST) aReading assessment. The aReading assessment is a computerized test that that takes approximately 20-30 minutes and uniquely adapts to your child's level of learning based on your child's performance. FAST assessments help us to determine your child's instructional level and allow us to measure his or her reading growth. Students will take the FAST assessments in the fall, winter and spring this year.

Homework

Every day students have "home work". That "Homework" may consist of an assignment, studying information from the day, or studying in preparation of an assessment. All students in grades 6th through 12th have daily reading expectations. So, when your academic artist informs you that they do not have any homework, ask them to share with you what they did in each class and if they have completed their daily reading.

Get Involved

We believe that we are partner in your academic artist's development. You are the parent and at the secondary level of education, it is important that we are aware, informed, and active in CASS school community.

In an effort to help parents/guardians be informed, you will receive emails, text and phone calls from school. It is important that all of your contact information in up-to-date. To help you be aware, we will host events that we feel is essential information that can help you help your academic artist be successful academically, artistically, socially and emotionally. To support you in being active in the CASS school community, we invite you to join or attend our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). PAC meeting are help on the second Tuesday of each month.

Celebrate

We love celebrating our students. Here are ways will be highlight students this year: Student of the Month, Honor Roll, National Honor Society, and Artists of the Quarter. We also appreciate our students that step up to leadership positions in the school. Students have an opportunity to be part of Student Council and the CASS-SET.

Thank you for your support as we continue to move our students to greatness with your help because at CASS we put C/P/R on education. Where everyday, students are Creating, Performing/ Presenting, and Reflecting in everything they do.

Family Engagement

Ms. Lee Vang is the Family and Community Liaison at Creative Arts Secondary School. She comes from 10

years of teaching middle school and three years at the district office with experience in Technology (iPads) and Equity.

As a graduate of Saint Paul Public Schools, a parent of

a Saint Paul Public Schools student and a Saint Paul resident, Vang is committed and excited to create meaningful partnerships between schools, families and the community,

especially here at Creative Arts Secondary School.

You've already heard from her via text, email, and voicemail. Stay in touch for more about how you can be involved at Creative Arts!



PICTURE DAY IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6!

Smile! Visit Lifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, online payment details and more.

Our school code: MI26042Y0

COUNSELING corner

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

Students in grades 8 through 12 attended the National College Fair at the Minneapolis Convention Center. All students interviewed a minimum of four post-secondary institutions. Before attending the Fair students in grades 10-12 knew their Grade Point Average and their Class Rank. All students chose schools to interview before attending the Fair.

Please ask your students about their experience.

Welcome TRIO

Thao Thao is our Trio/Upward Bound advisor through the St. Olaf College. Thao is a St. Paul Central 2009 graduate. He attended Suffolk University, Boston MA and graduated with a degree in Environmental Science and a minor in Sociology. Thao's high school and college sport was tennis. You will see Thao around CASS on Tuesdays.

His office is Room 8113. If you wish to contact him via e-mail, his address is thao@stolaf.edu. Welcome Thao.

TRIO-Upward Bound is a federally-funded TRIO program designed to help high school students get to college by providing academic and personal support and guidance. St. Olaf College Upward Bound students are from families below 150% of poverty and would be the first generation in their family to attend college.

Mental Health

Minnesota Care Partners are back partnering with CASS this school year. They intentionally and consciously serve the mental health needs of our Creative Arts students within our school day. We know that sometimes trying to make it to outside appointments can be difficult due to transportation, job or other obligations. We know that students who are able to work through difficult situations with a therapist are more academically successful.

If this is a service you would like for your child please contact their school counselor or social worker. There is no fee however, your child's insurance information is needed.

Family Engagement: Get Involved!

• 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.

Win Prizes!

Every time a parent/guardian attends an event at Creative Arts, make sure you look for the

CREATIVE ARTS FAMILY RAFFLE

At the end of the quarter, there will be a drawing for prizes for students and families. We appreciate the continued support for our student artists and community at Creative Arts.

Five Tips for Staying Engaged with CASS

1 Ask your student on a daily basis about school. Just five minutes of meaningful Some example questions could be:

- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- Did any of your classmates do anything funny?
- Tell me about what you read in class.
- Do you think math [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
- What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
- What rules are different at school than our rules at home? Do you think they're fair?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?

* Borrowed from <http://bit.ly/scholasticqs>.

2 Visit our school and our website! Set up your visit with Ms. Lee Vang via email at lee.vang@spps.org or by calling 651-744-2132. Browse the website at creativearts.spps.org - the family section is at bit.ly/cassfam

3 Support your student on the homefront: make time to talk about school and ensure a restful night of sleep is prioritized promote healthy habits of studying, planning and staying organized.

4 Use tools like Parent Portal and Schoology to monitor student progress, attendance, and engage with teachers and school.

5 Volunteer! Creative Arts welcomes parents in any capacity - ways to help now include:

- reading fluency (1 hour during the day every week)
- math help (after school from 3-4 on Wednesdays)
- fundraising and fundraising ideas
- event planning, organizing and service (Performance Night 10/13 at 6 p.m. needs people!)



PERFORMANCE NIGHT: OCTOBER 13!

It's our first performance opportunity of the school year.
Join us for a fabulous night of student talent.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:30 P.M. Europe Field Trip Informational meeting 5:30 P.M.	3 6th Grade Family Night 6-8 P.M.	4 Fall Play Auditions for ALICE	5 Fall Play Auditions for ALICE	6 Picture Day! 	7
8	9 2:00 P.M. Extended Day Learning (EDL) program starts;	10 6:00-8:00 P.M. Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting	11 Performance Night Dress Rehearsal	12 CONFERENCES 4-7 p.m.	13 Lowertown Art Crawl  PERFORMANCE NIGHT 6 P.M.	14 Lowertown Art Crawl
15 Lowertown Art Crawl	16	17	18 Dance Team auditions 3-4:30 p.m.	19 No School MEA Break	20 No School MEA Break	21
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22	23	24	25 <i>Romeo & Juliet</i> Field trip to Guthrie Theater (Grades 9-12)	26 Music Boosters meeting 6 p.m.	27	28
29	30 Eagle Bluff Field Trip	31 Eagle Bluff Field Trip	NOV 1 Eagle Bluff Field Trip	<i>Oct</i>		

Conferences are Thursday, October 12, 4-7 p.m.



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October Students of the Month recognized

Congratulations to the following students for exemplifying A.R.T.S. during the Month of September!

6TH GRADE

SARAE MACKFAND
LAREESE MACKFAND
IMANI CARLVIN
DOWON HALL

8TH GRADE

CJ JARMON
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11TH GRADE

BEE HANG
NA'JAI WILSON
AMY YANG

12TH GRADE

ALICIA SISNEROS
JOCELYN SALGUERO



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

