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Creative Arts Secondary School
Monthly Newsletter
November 2018

WE ARE CREATIVE.

Every month we will showcase how our students are expressing their creativity.

Student Feature: Fall Performance Night

Our first Performance Night of the year was a great success! Thank you to everyone who supported our students and our arts department. Students from all grades were represented in the gallery and on stage. In the gallery, all kinds of mediums were represented and on stage students rapped, danced, and sang their hearts out.

Did you know that 95% of all Performance Night art, whether visual or performance, is outside of school student work? We are committed and we certainly are creative!

Stay tuned for more upcoming arts events!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 9: End of Q1
- November 12: PAC Meeting
- November 13: Picture Retakes
- November 14: Family Bingo Night
- November 15: Give to the Max Day
- November 16: No School, Professional Development Day
- November 22-23: No School, Thanksgiving Break
- November 30: Fall Play Anonymous

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

Don't let the memories fade away!

Go to treering.com to get your 2018-2019 yearbook.

Yearbooks are 5% off for the month of November. After November, the price will be \$22.00.

For just \$6.95 you can upgrade to a hardcover yearbook.

If you have any questions, contact Ms. Van Voorhis or Ms. Duke.



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Every month we will be honoring one of our staff members and their creativity by providing a brief overview of their life and work.

Staff Feature: Randy Schutt

Mr. Schutt has been with CASS longer than any other staff member. He started as a volunteer in 1999 and jumped right into becoming a guest teacher, which shortly led to becoming a full-time teacher.

Mr. Schutt's passion for art began at a young age, when he painted old saws with his grandparents. When he reached middle school he became very interested in skateboarding and even built his own skateboarding ramp. Once he reached high school, he joined art club and took AP art. From there, he attended the College of Visual Arts and studied painting, although he is also became very interested in one-line sketches and currently spends most of his time sculpting.

Mr. Schutt has showcased work in Minnesota and Wisconsin, has shown his pottery nationally, and has murals at Fat Lorenzo's in Minneapolis as well as in Rochester, MN. He also has previously had monthly art shows at Ginkgo Coffeehouse in St. Paul. He even once sculpted and painted a frog at the Rainforest Café restaurant in the Mall of America.

Mr. Schutt is very involved with the Northern Clay Center, an established ceramic arts organization. Whether he's working at school or in his studio, Mr. Schutt is living and breathing art 24/7. He loves bringing fresh, current ideas and happenings into his classes as well as preparing his students for art colleges and art contests.

If Mr. Schutt could give one bit of advice to CASS students, it would be "push your ideas *beyond* your most creative idea. Never stop pushing. Never settle."

WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

Family Engagement

Hello Creative Arts Families! My name is Natalie Kemp and I'm the new Family and Community Liaison at CASS. I'm coming directly from working in alumni relations at Mitchell Hamline and previously spent five years at Humboldt High School in a variety of roles, including family engagement. I look forward to supporting you and working with you all.

We are currently revisiting some Title 1 documents: School Continuous Improvement Plan, Family Engagement Plan, and the Family-School Compact. We would love your feedback on these materials. Please refer to the bi-weekly email newsletter for the link to online surveys or view our Parent Advisory Council meeting minutes, which houses the links, by going to the CASS website and clicking on the Families tab.

It is never too late in the school year to become involved! Please join us for our next Parent Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, November 12, from 6:00-8:00pm here at CASS.

Additionally, if you have any interest in volunteering or tutoring, please let me know!

Best,
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COUNSELING CORNER: THANKSGIVING FOOD GIVEAWAY

This food is provided by Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities and caring friends and organizations in our community.

REGISTRATION TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

Ober Community Center
376 Western Ave. N, St. Paul, MN
55103 • Thursday, October 25, 3:30 p.m.-
7:00 p.m. • Saturday, October 27, 10:00
a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Men's Campus
435 University Ave. E., St. Paul, MN
55130 • Tuesday, October 30, 9:00 a.m.-
6:30 p.m. • Thursday, November 1, 9:00
a.m.-6:30 p.m. • Saturday, November 3,
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT: Remember to bring a photo ID and a current piece of mail to verify your address to registration. Limit one bag per household.

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Nurse's Corner

Are your students up-to-date on their immunizations? Nurse Karen sent out letters in early October to families of children who are missing mandatory shots for school. If your student is missing necessary immunizations we have resources available.

Fall is a time when students with asthma tend to have more symptoms. If your child has asthma, please make sure their medications are available as needed at school.

Coming soon: mass vision screening for the whole school! Eye exams and glasses if needed for all students for FREE.

If you have questions, please reach out to Nurse Karen at 651-744-5998 or karen.evans@spps.org.



WE ARE GOOD AT WHAT WE DO.

Principal's Note **Kristen Lynch**

When thinking about what to write in my first principal's note, I got myself into a rut. Do I focus on our staff and all the ways they show up for our students? Our students and all the ways they impress and humble me with their talents? Or all the opportunities we've been able to enjoy due to our partnerships and our programming? So much to celebrate, so hard to focus on just one thing.

Ultimately, our core value 'we are good at what we do' is a tangible one. You need to feel it. See it. Live it.

Your student is a member of different courses and groups on Schoology via their iPad. Sit down with them to take a look at announcements, shout-outs, and instructional resources. I encourage you to join us for our November and December events and concerts. Following us on Facebook (highlighting events), Twitter (highlighting cool classroom practices) and Instagram (showcasing student art) also gives you insight into the world we create here.

I welcome you to live this journey with us.

Kristen Lynch is the new principal of Creative Arts. Professionally, she is a big-picture person who is skilled in working with others to plan for and implement the steps needed to make that picture a reality. Personally, she is a product of the Saint Paul Schools, is married to a retired SPPS teacher, and is the parent of an SPPS graduate and an SPPS high school senior. She is excited to be the leader Creative Arts has chosen to achieve its mission and vision .



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Please join us in congratulating the following students for being recognized as students of the month for September:

Suna Lee, 6th Grade

Suna always has a smile and a kind greeting when I see her in the morning. She's also always willing to support her classmates with their learning and encourages them to do their best. She's creative, supportive and a good student!

K'Von Oliver, 7th Grade

K'Von is engaged, participates, turns in quality work, and is always willing to help others.

Everett Jones, 7th Grade

Everett is focused on doing well and sets an example for his peers. He is a positive role model, follows CASS expectations, and works to improve himself!

Jovany Garcia, 8th Grade

Jovany has an excellent work ethic and continually demonstrates our value of "We are good at what we do." His grades are very good and has turned in all of his assignments on time.

Axel Tracy, 9th Grade

Axel is not only on point in English class, but also carries the Core Values of being honest and real at a high level. Congratulations, Axel!!

Havy Nguyen, 10th Grade

Havy has been exemplifying our Core Values before we even introduced them. She writes phenomenal short stories, helps others when they don't understand, and always revises work to push herself. I'm so glad I get to work with this wonderful student again this year!

JOIN US FOR CASS FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!



AMAZING PRIZES FROM LOCAL ARTISTS, STORES & VENUES!

Wednesday, 11/14, 6-8pm- Creative Arts Secondary School

Event sponsored by the Parent Advisory Committee. All are welcome!

Registration is not required but is highly encouraged to ensure we have ample prizes and food. Please register at:
<https://tinyurl.com/CASSPACbingo>

GIVE TO THE MAX DAY

You Can Make a Difference: Donate Today! <https://givemn.org/organization/spscreativearts>



Give to the MAX Day is an annual day of Giving in Minnesota. Join thousands of people from all over the state and make a donation to your favorite non-profit organization or school: Creative Arts!

Your gift supports: • Art Supplies • Artist residencies • professional learning • more student activities • more student clubs • professional artist panels • and more for all arts disciplines in the school.

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