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Creative Arts Secondary School
Monthly Newsletter
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WE ARE CREATIVE.

Student Feature: Spring Musical

In early March, CASS theater program performed their annual Spring musical, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, to a lively crowd of parents, students, and community members. This unique musical allowed the cast members to perform alongside a few of their teachers, as members of the audience were brought on-stage to be a part of the spelling bee. The audience “volunteers” were given minimal instruction or forewarning of what to expect from their participation, and it was evident on the faces of the volunteers, and the audience, that they were thoroughly enjoying themselves. Cast were provided opportunities to improvise lines and dialogue with the volunteers, thus creating a unique theater experience for the audience at every performance. The songs performed in the musical ranged from emotional solos about lacking friends or parental support, angst ridden numbers about the pressures of being exceptional and the perils of puberty, and a tap number about having a magic foot that helps you spell. Cast and crew of the musical and the audience had such a wonderful time with the performances that they were clamoring to experience more CASS theater this year in some capacity. In response, Creative Arts will be having our first CASS Revue Night on May 28th at 7 PM.

At the revue night, students will be performing short scenes and numbers from their favorite plays and musicals. Students were asked to come to their audition with an act in mind and then each act was assigned one of our fabulous theater staff to help them realize their act for the revue night. We invite everyone within the CASS community to come and experience this evening of theatrical performances with us.
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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: Benjamin Stock**

Benjamin Stock has been with Creative Arts for six years as a science teacher and also involved with our theater department.

Mr. Stock has teaching in his genes. He comes from a family of educators and civil service members, so he was bound to find a vocation in teaching.

Ben first got into theater himself in high school. He enjoyed working behind the curtains with tech and lighting. However, his senior year he performed a one act and discovered he enjoyed performing as well. During college he worked on a few musicals through community theaters. Ben’s curiosities were also in science and medicine, which he went to school for before getting his teaching license.

Mr. Stock’s artistic experience shines through his teaching naturally. He believes that teaching itself is a performance, and the better the performance, the more engaged your audience is.

Ben is not currently involved in any community theaters or organizations, as he runs our after school theater group here at CASS alongside Mr. Liebo. If you were fortunate enough to see our spring musical, The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee, you were able to enjoy Mr. Stock’s presence both on stage and through the direction of the entire production.

Mr. Stock would like our students to know that “art really is everywhere. Art is beauty and science is the explanation of why things are beautiful.”

COUNSELING CORNER

**Graduation**

Graduation is right around the corner! Creative Arts has graduation on June 4th at 5:00PM at St. Kate’s O’Shaughnessy Auditorium. Mandatory rehearsal will be held at 11:00AM.

Caps and gowns have been ordered! We do not order Senior Announcements through school but you are welcome to create or order your own. Friday May 31st is the last day of school for seniors. All books, i-pads, and other checked out materials must be returned and final credits need to be turned in. Caps, gowns, and tickets (10) will not be issued until all obligations are met.

Many college application deadlines are fast approaching; don’t miss them! Please encourage your senior to meet with their counselor for application support. If you need help with your student’s FAFSA, please reach out to counselors.

We are excited to say that we already have students accepted to St. Paul College, Century College, The University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, The University of Minnesota - Duluth, Dupoal University, and Mankato State University!
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March Bingo

A huge thank you to all the families and staff that were able to make it to bingo in March! Over twenty people attended and everyone went home with either a bingo or raffle prize!

Did you know when you attend family events you can enter a raffle drawing and your student(s) can then win either an elevator pass for the day or 5 CASS dollars they can use at the school store? Raffles are drawn at conferences, too, so be sure to stop by the family engagement table at May Conferences.

Lastly, we could not have held bingo without support from our NHS and Student Council students as well as our generous donors who provided us with such great prizes. Thank you all so much!

Subtext Books
Eclipse Records
Cadenza Music
Mr. Schutt
Ms. Natasha
Ms. Goret
Nurse Evans
Daybreak Press Global
Mackin
Wet Paint
Creative Kidstuff
PaperSource

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8th Grade Dancing Classrooms

Our 8th graders have been working with Dancing Classrooms for several weeks now, learning the steps and cultural history of the Merengue, Foxtrot, Rumba, Tango, Swing and Waltz, while fostering confidence, teamwork, respect, and politeness.

It is now time to show you how much they have grown and learned! 8th grade families, please join us Friday, May 10, from 12:30-2:00PM for the Culminating Event. Refreshments will be served at 12:30 followed by the performance from 1:00-2:00PM.

Please let Natalie Kemp know if you need assistance with transportation (651-744-1276).

We look forward to seeing you there!
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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