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Creative Arts Secondary School
Monthly Newsletter
February 2019

WE ARE CREATIVE.

Student Feature: Dance Performance

This January we had another amazing dance showcase. This particular performance was filled with a large variety of student work and even featured some solo and duet work by middle school dancers. As always, we were accompanied by an enthusiastic and gracious audience. We would like to take this opportunity to honor junior, Deja Florez-Caravello, for an exceptional amount of dedication and hard work to bringing her creativity to life.

We can’t wait for our Spring show which will feature work from resident artists Lisa Berman, Mathew Janczewski and Darrius Strong! Not to mention we will be saying goodbye to our most beloved seniors: Skye Anderson, Alexis Jameson, Miracle Rogers-Campbell, Yee Vang, Amy Yang, Ger Yang, Kalia Yang and Serenidy Yang.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 1: No Schools, Professional Development Day
- March 8-9, Spring Musical
- March 11, Parent Advisory Council Meeting
- March 15, Performance Night
- March 21-22, Middle School Theater Showcase
- 3/27 Family Bingo Night!
- 3/29, Last Day of Q3
- April 1-5, Spring Break!

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

Don’t let the memories fade away!

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

They are only $22!

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

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

*Parent Advisory Council Meetings*

We have decided to change our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings to every other month. We are hoping this will lead to a larger turnout! Please keep in mind whether you make it to all meetings, just a few, or even one meeting, your presence and voice are appreciated and needed!

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 11 at 6PM. As always, a light dinner will be provided and parking can be validated. Please reach out to Natalie Kemp for transportation support.

*Bingo*

Mark your calendars for our next family fun bingo night! Bingo will be Wednesday, March 27, from 6:30PM. Please let Natalie know if you plan to attend to ensure we have ample food and prizes!

**WE ARE CREATIVE.**

*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: Brian Hallerman**

Brian Hallerman, our instrumental music teacher, grew up in the small town of Wadena, MN. There was always a piano in his house and as early as kindergarten he can remember playing around with the keys, knowing someday he would learn to play. In third grade he started lessons with his church organist. However, it was in fifth grade that he discovered the trumpet was his passion. During his high school years, Mr. Hallerman was in school concert and jazz bands as well as a small jazz bands with friends, which they called the Phunkadelic Phive.

Mr. Hallerman started college as a chemistry major at UMD but it was not where his heart was. That year he attended the annual jazz festival in Duluth and realized he needed to major in music. He ended up in the Twin Cities, getting an associate’s degree from McNally Smith College of Music in audio production. He then got his music education degree from Augsburg College.

Brian currently plays trumpet in the St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra, who he also does recording for. He’s previously been in a brass quintet and an “electro swing hop” band. He occasionally does solo gigs at weddings or churches and has a side gig as a DJ!

Mr. Hallerman’s advice to students is, “Immerse yourself in your art. It’s not a job or a career but a lifestyle. There will be struggles and even rejections but take those experiences and keep going and keep performing.

**COUNSELING CORNER**

**PSEO Workshop**

The spring Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) workshop will be held on February 21st at 8:35 A.M. in room 2207. PSEO program allows high school students to attend college and earn college and high school credits for free. High school students can sign up for this event with their school counselor. High school Juniors are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop.

**Second Semester Testing**

NAEP for 8th grade students; CASS selected as a NAEP site for this year; all 8th grade students randomly selected to take an assessment on 2/28.

The ACT test will be held on 3/12 for all juniors. Testing starts at 8:30 promptly. Please encourage your child to get plenty of sleep!

Stay tuned for info on MCAs coming later this spring.

**College Supports**

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 have already has students accepted to St. Paul College, Century College, The University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, The University of Minnesota - Duluth, Duplica University, and Mankato State University!
WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

Child Sight-US

In late November, ChildSight-US, a service of Helen Keller International, provided free in-school vision screenings and new prescription eyeglasses to all of our students. Over 75 students were given new prescription glasses for free just after the new year!

WE ARE GOOD AT WHAT WE DO.

Creative Arts Secondary School Presents
The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Music & Lyrics by William Finn
Book by Rachel Sheinkin
Conceived by Rebecca Feldman

Friday, March 8 at 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 9 at 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 9 at 7 p.m.
$7 Adults $5 Students/Seniors

Performances at Creative Arts Secondary School
65 E Kellogg BLVD Saint Paul, MN 55101
Free Validated Parking in the Capital City Plaza Parking Ramp
Originally Produced on Broadway by David Stone, et al at Huntington Stage Company, Sound Stage Theater

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On Monday, February 11, we celebrated National African American Parent Involvement Day. Parents and guardians had coffee with our Principal, attended classes and lunch with their student, and watched students perform songs, dances, poems, and spoken word.
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

Kymani Cheatham, 6th Grade
Kymani consistently demonstrates the CASS core values. He is kind and thoughtful and uses his creativity to support others.

Mariah Long, 6th Grade
Mariah is a great addition to class and a truly impressive artist. She is an embodiment for all what Creative Art stands for.

Mookopaw Kasuh, 7th Grade
Mookopaw works to the best of her ability each and every day. She shows a talent for mathematics and her grades show that she is good at what she does.

George Schouweiler, 7th Grade
George is a very eager learner who strives for excellence. He is a positive role model for his peers in the way he is respectful to them and to staff members.

Arianna Lo, 7th Grade
Arianna arrives ready to work each day. She supports her classmates and follows the core values. She is wonderful to work with and to watch learn and grow.

Micole Andrews, 8th Grade
Micole has greatly improved in math and is consistently near the top of her class. She did it through hard work and persistence; Mrs. Busey and I are very proud of her.

Shamya Franklin, 9th Grade
Shamya is a new student that has fit into Creative Arts incredibly well. She is always on task. An excellent student!

Mai Thao, 11th Grade
Mai is a caring, creative, and passionate student. She continues to push herself everyday and I am extremely proud of her. Keep it up Mai!

Ren Christiansen, 11th Grade
Ren is bright, hard-working, kind, and an enthusiastic learner. She is consistently strives for understanding over completion and is a pleasure to have in class.

Trey Taylor, 12th Grade
Trey maintains high expectations for himself by consistently earning exceeding levels in math and he goes above and beyond by supporting his peers in their learning.