



APRIL 2018
News, events, and information for
Creative Arts Secondary School

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Please note:

School days adjusted for April testing

April 17 and 18:
Students in grades 6-8
and grade 10 will take
the MCA Reading test.

April 25:
Students in grades 6-8
and 11 will take the
MCA Math test.

For all non-testing
high school students,
there will be a LATE
START schedule in
place: these students will
begin their day at 11:50
am on April 17th, April
18th, and April 25th.

Please note: all 8th
grade students will take
the MCA Science test
May 1st and 2nd but we
will follow our regular
daily schedule without
bells on those days.

Artwork by
Kaiah Goodman

Plan ahead for summer!

Lots of arts opportunities exist around town

Yes. It's time to plan for summer — even while the snow continues to fall, and we're still trying to figure out if spring is ever going to get here.

Creative Arts continues to build opportunities for students both to gain exposure to different art forms and to focus and go deeper in a specific art form. We have also found that students who participate in arts opportunities *outside* of school gain a broader perspective on their art and are able to expand their network of peers (and family connections) to those who do what they do.

As we know, the Twin Cities is home to a vibrant arts community. Summer is a great time to connect with organizations and artists, many of whom are already partners with us at CASS.

If your passion is theater, check out camps and productions provided by Young Artists Initiative and SteppingStone Theatre in Saint Paul. The Guthrie Theater, Youth Performance Company, Lundstrom Center, Shakespeare Institute, Brave New Workshop, and Children's Theater are located in Minneapolis.

If you're interested in Literary Arts, take a look at opportunities provided by the

Loft Literary Center, Open Book, the Minnesota Writing Project, and The Minnesota Center for Book Arts (which is also for visual artists).

Speaking of visual arts, there are summer opportunities provided in Saint Paul by The Art Academy on Snelling Avenue, MCAD in Minneapolis, FilmNorth for media arts

Want more music? Check out ComMUSICation, SheRock She Rock, the Saint Paul Conservatory of Music, The Billingsley School for Art and Music (BSOMA), Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies, MacPhail Center for Music.

Many arts organizations (like ComMUSICation, YAI and East Side Arts Council) also provide a variety of experiences at local community and rec centers.

And if you're looking for other summer opportunities

outside of the arts, there are plenty of things to keep kids interested: check out the Science Museum of Minnesota or Bell Museum of Natural History, The Works Museum, the Bakken Museum, and Leonardo's Basement for STEM activities.

The Animal Human Society if you love pets and animals, CAAM Chinese Camp, Circus Juventas for contemporary circus arts. There are also opportunities out there to learn languages, gymnastics, even juggling!

Be sure to look online (or check out the StarTribune's 2018 Summer Camp Guide) for more information. You can also talk to our teachers, school counselors, and Arts Program Manager to find out what might be a great fit this summer!



Testing, budgets kick off 4th quarter



From the Principal
by Dr. Carlondrea Hines

Happy Assessment (April) Month!

I hope that your student enjoyed spring break. Do you know what month it is? It is testing month! That is right. It is that time of the year where your student can show what they have learned during this school year.

New testing format

We are creating a new testing environment for students this year. Students will take their MCA test on their iPads. This is a great opportunity for us to modify our daily schedule. On April 17th and 18th, students in grades 6th-8th and 10th will take the MCA Reading test.

On April 25th, students in grades 6th-8th and 11th will take the MCA Math test. For all non-testing high school students, there will be a LATE START schedule in place. They will begin their

day at 11:50 am on April 17th, April 18th, and April 25th. Reminders will be sent the week of each test. Please note: all 8th grade students will take the MCA Biology test May 1st and 2nd but we will follow our regular daily schedule without bells on those days.

Parents/guardians, we need your help. Each student should come to school with a fully charged iPad. Please take your student's iPad the night before each test and charge it in your room. This will accomplish two things. Your student will get a good night's sleep and the iPad will be fully charged.

It is important that students are well rested and are eating healthy foods so they can focus and have a clear mind while testing. I ask that you encourage your student to do their best. The results of each students' assessment will have an impact on the school and your student. Their results help us decide what classes to offer. It also allows for more choice and flexibility in your student's class schedule for next year. If you would like more information on our testing dates, please see our website and Schoology page.

Creative Arts Secondary School is 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.

Budget review & input

During the April 10th PAC meeting, there will be a 2017-18 CASS Budget Community Review and Input session. We are seeking input from parents to ensure that we are providing the best academic and artistic opportunities for students. We want to ensure that all students and families are honored and represented through our course offerings and student experiences. So, please be in attendance because we need to hear from you.

All current students in 6th-11th grades have received 2018-19 course registration sheets. Many have turned them in identifying the courses they would like to take next year. Please follow up with your students and ask what have registered for and what art area they will be focusing on.

Finishing strong

Quarter 4 begins April 9th. Instruction during this time will be very intentional with making sure students feel confident and comfortable taking all of the upcoming exams. I know our students will do better than they anticipate because our students are moving towards greatness.

All of our current 8th graders will participate in the audition/portfolio process showcasing their growth in the arts. The information gathered this process will help us place students in their appropriate art level to ensure that they are receiving rigor in the arts.

This has been an awesome year and we look forward to have an awesome fourth quarter!

When students read books, it helps our school library!

The library has a \$7K grant for books and makerspace items. The caveat is that students have to read and review a book, then they get to pick a book to order. Can we put this in the next newsletter, or if you need announcements, or something? What's the

best way to get this info out to parents/community? It's Middle School only.

Grab your bookmarks... The CASS library is launching a new reading program!

SPPS Middle School Libraries were awarded a grant for \$6,125 each to buy new books for their libraries. The catch? Mrs. Duke cannot

spend a penny of that money without the help of students.

Student Choice Reading Program

Students can help Mrs. Duke choose books for the library by reading and writing a review to post in Destiny (mylibrary.spps.org). For every review a student writes, they can pick out a new book

for their school library AND be the first one to read it.

But wait! There's more! After 50 reviews are written at our library, CASS will be given an additional \$700 to buy Makerspace items from a menu choices for the Makerspace funds for the library.



MCA Testing is in APRIL and MAY

Check the calendar and listen for alerts about changes in our school schedule!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NO SCHOOL APRIL 1-9 Spring Break, School resumes April 10						
8	9 First day of 4th Quarter Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m. STAGE @ St. Dinette 3:15-5 p.m.	10 PAC Meeting 6-8 p.m.	11 Intermediate Dance @ Cowles Center (Field Trip) Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	12 Saint Paul College visit for PSEO 12:30 p.m.	13 Arts Assemblies MS - Period 7 HS - Period 8	14
15	16 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m. STAGE @ St. Dinette 3:15-5 p.m.	17 LATE START for non-MCA testing students SPPS Honors Concert at Ordway Center 6:30 p.m.	18 LATE START for non-MCA testing students Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	19	20	21
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p>MCA testing! Students will be taking Reading, Math, and Science MCA tests during the month of April and the first week of May: Reading: Tuesday & Wednesday, April 17 & 18 Math: Wednesday, April 25 Science: Tuesday & Wednesday, May 1 & 2</p> </div>						
22	23 St. Paul College ACCUPLACER at Creative Arts Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	24	25 LATE START for non-MCA testing students Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	26	27 National Day of Silence Spring Musical: <i>Bring it On</i> 7 p.m.	28 Spring Musical: <i>Bring it On</i> 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
						
29	30 Extended Day Learning 2-4 p.m.	<h1>April</h1>				

Bring it On: The Musical • April 27 & 28

Tickets: \$7 Adults • \$5 students/seniors • \$3 children under 5

Fourth quarter conversations about 2018-19



Family Engagement

by Ms. Lee Vang
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Happy New Year, Creative Arts Families!

Welcome back for the final quarter of the school year!

I hope you will join us at our April PAC meeting to lend your voice to the conversation with Dr. Hines, our principal, and myself about budget priorities for the 2018-19 school year. (Our staff is having this same conversation with our leadership team and as a staff this week.) We will meet at CASS, and as usual a light dinner is provided.

- April 9:** First day of 4th Quarter
- April 10:** PAC meeting
- April 27-28:** Spring Musical:
BRING IT ON!

events

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

*Member Highlight: Todd & Lisa Heeringa
Parent of an 10th Grade Student*

Why did you join PAC?

We joined PAC so that we would be connected with our student's school and to support the wonderful and creative events/programs that CASS offers.

What do you like about CASS?

Helping to shape the school and highlight the students and their talent. We also enjoy getting to know other parents.

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

The days are long and the years short so enjoy every moment...good and challenging. Be present for your children. Support your child no matter what and tell them you love them each and every day.

What is the best advice you can give to another parent?

Get to know your child, what their likes and interests are so



that you can connect with them. You don't have to like the same things, but getting to know them helps in understanding them. Also, try to remember what it was like when you were their

age — listen to them; they could be the generation of change! And remember to have a sense of humor!


BRING IT ON
THE MUSICAL™

**CASS Spring
Musical:
April
27 & 28!**



COUNSELING corner

by Jackie Rogalski (A-L) and Edward Xiong (M-Z)
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The Art of Counseling

We are thrilled to announce in-school mental health counseling for our students.

PSEO information

Mark your calendars! Thursday afternoon, April 12

at 12:30 Saint Paul College will be at CASS to give an informational session on their school, along with an opportunity to apply to their college for freshman or PSEO!

Student news

Shout out to Robyn Nelson and Akili Day for contributing to our community.

Check out the March 17 Pioneer Press article: "American Indian Teens Head to Vatican, Hoping to Overturn Historic Papal Decrees" to hear from Akili Day.

The Papal decrees formed the basis of the so-called "Doctrine of Discovery," which shapes U.S.-Indian

policy to this day and haunts Indians' well-being, the group says. "There's so many people who don't know about this," said Akili Day, as he was preparing for the trip. "Even if we are a small group, we can shed light on it and what it has done to us."

Robyn Nelson was chosen as one of six student jury members to evaluate and jury films during the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Film Festival next month. The link is to the film program he will be judging. Our students are making waves this week!

<http://mspfilm.org/nextwave-youth-film-competition-submissions/>

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

6TH GRADE

EVERETT JONES
JESSICA DUQUE MELGAR
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MONTRELL EVANS

9TH GRADE

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being a part of
our Creative Arts
Community!*

