



DO YOU KNOW?

Honors artists recognized

SPPS Honors Art Exhibit
Opening: May 17, 6-7:30 p.m.
Indigenous Roots Cultural Arts Center
788 East 7th St • Saint Paul



Ren Christensen



Ximena Quesnell



Elizabeth Cannon

Photo above, CASS's spring show: *Bring it On: The Musical*

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

creative artifacts

Serving up talent

Students create pop-up dinner menu at downtown restaurant

Over the past ten weeks, twelve Creative Arts students have worked hard to distance themselves from the label “starving artists.” Literally.

STAGE (from a French term meaning “apprentice”) is a program in partnership with Saint Dinette that welcomed a team of young chefs from Creative Arts for a 12-week culinary exploration structured to build their creative and career skills. Students are mentored by artistic, culinary, and business leaders and gain hands-on experience with food planning and presentation, business development and management.

Mai Chue Thao, Avery Heeringa, Robyn Nelson, Latrell Owens, Deanna Kinkle, Kurt Thomas, Cheng Vang, Yeng Xiong, Hasan Kue, Alex Contreras, Mikayla Cheer, and Domo Edwards are the 12 student chefs who are participating in the program. Over the past two months, they have spent their Monday afternoons (and occasional Saturday mornings) learning about nutrition and ingredients, developing their cooking skills with professional downtown chefs, and getting table-side communication tips regarding the guest experience at a restaurant.

On May 21 our young chefs will be taking over at Saint Dinette, when they will prepare and serve a six-course tasting menu of their own design as well as execute all aspects of table-side service. Tickets are \$75 per person and must be purchased in advance. They can be purchased online: <https://dojour.us/e/7523-stage-pop-up-dinner>

Please join us for an evening that celebrates and showcases the fruits of their labor and exploration, as well as supports an incredible school-business partnership that benefits our Creative Arts Secondary School students and community.



Students work along side professional chefs learning to prepare a roasted beet salad in the kitchen at St. Dinette, recently voted one of the best restaurants in Saint Paul by *Mpls.St.Paul Magazine*. Students also learned about presentation, a final product below:



Monday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m.



Showing appreciation and thanks



From the Principal
by Dr. Carlondrea Hines

The week of May 7th through 11th is Teacher Appreciation Week!

I would like to thank each one of the CASS teaching staff for all that they do for our students on a daily basis. Thank you for putting in

extra hours so our students can apply knowledge both in and out of the classroom. Thank you for caring for each student. Thank you for all that you do. I appreciate you!

Parent(s) and Guardian(s), please take a minute to send your student's teachers a little note of appreciation this week.

The 2017-18 school year is slowly coming to a close. The month of May is full

of celebrations of the year and preparation for next school year. We are excited to welcome our rising students and families to CASS.



Thank you for supporting your student during MCA testing. I understand how stressful standardized

tests can be on a student. It is important the students understand that their MCA score is just one data point. End of quarter grades are

another data point that is analyzed to determine student achievement. Encourage your student to finish strong in their classes.

As a reminder, the science MCA test will be administered this week. We will run our regular daily schedule because the test only impacts 8th graders and high school students taking Biology.

Lastly, to all of my high school students taking the AP Exam this month, the best to you all! I know you will do great!



SENIOR EVENTS

ValleyFair

May 31 • Permission slips and \$30 cash payment to Mr. Caleb Chisholm by May 25.

Senior Check-Out Day

Friday, June 1st, 2018
Starts at 8:25 AM

Graduation Rehearsal

Tuesday, June 5th,
11 AM at University of St. Catherine, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium

Graduation Ceremony

Tuesday, June 6th, 5 PM
at University of St. Catherine, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium.

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Highlights from the spring musical



Congratulations to the cast and crew of Creative Arts' production of *Bring it On: The Musical* for three strong performances April 27-28. Students played leadership roles both on stage and behind the scenes! Thanks to teachers, staff, and parent support that made it all possible!



Parent Advisory Council meeting: May 8

Lend your voice to the conversation and give input into goings-on at Creative Arts!

COUNSELING corner

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

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Rotary Awards

Five students were selected for the Rotation Forward Award. This award is for students who have gone the extra mile, overcome an obstacle, have shown significant improvement in an area, or contribute to our school community.

Zakianna Johnson was selected because she has overcome many obstacles. She advocates for herself and even has a summer job lined up. Zaki shows strong leadership in school, was active with Black History Month, and actively participates in dance.

Mariatu was selected because of her contributions to the Creative Arts Community. She participates in choir, Student Council, Performance Night, Hmong New Year, Black History Month and *Bring It On*.

CJ Jarmon was selected because Creative Arts staff have seen significant improvements in attitude, effort, and achievement. He has a strong moral compass and stands up for others. He encourages and challenges others to learn more. CJ has great athletic ability that is also a joy to work with. Keep it up!

Erica Webb participated in Black History Month and Student Council this year. Her performances with dance bring smiles to our faces. She is definitely a positive leader

in our school.

Yulissa Hernandez is receiving this award because she has shown significant improvement in attitude, effort and achievement, while overcoming obstacles. She has

persevered this year, and she works each day to improve. A lot of adults would give up and she keep moving forward.

All Rotation Forward Award winners will be honored at a luncheon on

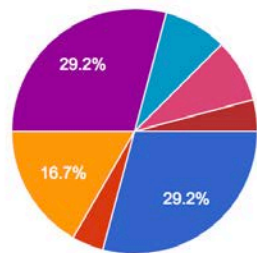
May 22 at the Intercontinental Hotel at 11 E. Kellogg Blvd. Included in your recognition is your name in the St. Paul Pioneer Press, your name on a plaque, and a gift card to Target stores.

Family Priorities Survey results

Thanks to the families who responded to our online survey about priorities that are important to them. This information was shared with our staff and our Leadership Team, and it helped informed decisions being made for the 2018-19 school year.

This is MOST IMPORTANT to me and my family.

24 responses

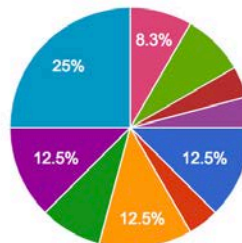


- Advanced Coursework - classes like AP or IB
- Extra-Curricular Opportunities - club sports
- In-school Arts Experiences - guest artists
- Out-of-school Arts Experiences - field trips
- Small class sizes - 30 or fewer students
- College pathways - partnerships and internships
- Academic Support for students - after school
- Behavior Support for students - PBIS

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This is SECOND MOST IMPORTANT to me and my family.

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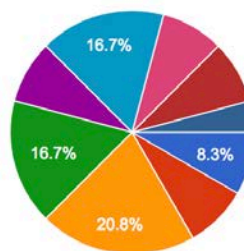


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Plan ahead: Graduation is Tuesday, June 5!



Students from Creative Arts Secondary School's Student Equity Team and Forest Lake Area High School came together at CASS in April to wrap up their work together.

CASS Students lead equity partnership work

In November 2017, high schools were invited to apply for a unique opportunity provided by the Office of Equity that would allow one of Saint Paul's high schools to partner with a suburban high school to engage in an integrated learning environment.

Students will be introduced to racial equity tools that will allow them to

build their voice to identify and address issues in their school and/or community.

In December, Creative Arts was selected and began a year long partnership with Forest Lake Area High School. Students met three times this year to engage in racial equity youth development focused on the following goals:

1. Provide an integrated learning environment

2. Increase student racial and cultural fluency, competency, and interaction

3. Develop a positive self-racial and cultural identity

4. Provide a platform for students to identify and address issues in their school and/or community

In February, CASS students trekked north on a wintry day to Forest Lake for their second meeting and spent the day at

their high school.

The last meeting between two student groups took place on Friday, April 27th at Creative Arts. Thanks to Lisa Thao and the Office of Equity for the awesome experience that included many arts-embedded activities led by community artists with the Irreducible Grace Foundation.

Lend your voice to important school conversations



Family Engagement
by Ms. Lee Vang
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Happy Spring, Creative Arts Families!
A huge thanks to all of our PAC families for their continued dedication and

support this school year! We appreciate you and all the hard work you do on behalf of our students, staff, families and school!

If you would like to join the PAC and serve in any capacity, we would love to have your voice at the table especially as we start to plan for next year.

PAC MEETING

May 8, 2018 is our last PAC meeting of the 17-18 school year! Come join us as we review and revise our Family-School Compact, Family Engagement

Plan, and School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP)

Contact Ms. Vang for more information.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Member Highlight: Your Name Here

Why join PAC?

Joined PAC to connect with your child's school in a meaningful way. Be the first to know about things going on at school, and offer your voice and perspective on decions that affect the entire school.



Conferences are Thursday, May 3!

Join us between 4 and 7 p.m. at school.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

May


MCA SCIENCE TESTING: MAY 1, 2, & 3

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Extended Day Learning
2-4 p.m.

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Conferences
4-7 p.m.

New High School Student Auditions
6-7:30 p.m.


Festival of Nations Field trip

AP US History Exam

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7
Extended Day Learning
2-4 p.m.

8
PAC Meeting
6-8 p.m.

9
AP Literature & Composition Exam

Extended Day Learning
2-4 p.m.
(Last day)

10
Enemy of the People
Guthrie Field Trip


11
AP US History Exam

Working Artist Panel
6th period

12
Prom 7-11 p.m.
Union Depot

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15
CASS Film Festival
6 p.m.


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17
AP World History Exam


AP Statistics Exam

SPPS Visual Art Honors Exhibit opening
6-7:30 


18
Dance Performance
6 p.m.

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Rotary Awards @ Intercontinental Hotel

Instrumental Music Concert
6 p.m. 

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Vocal Music Concert
6 p.m. 

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28
Memorial Day Holiday
NO SCHOOL

29
SENIOR FINALS

Theater Department Showcase night
6 p.m. 

30
SENIOR FINALS

31
Senior Valley Fair Field Trip

June 1
SENIORS' LAST DAY

iPAD Hand-in Day

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Lots of Student Performances in May!
Check the calendar above!

Congratulations to Creative Arts' third quarter Honor Roll students

'A' HONOR ROLL

Adhikari, Utkrista V	Goodman, Kaiah C	Nguyen, Havy T
Balang, Grace M	Hannemann, Moriah A	Nowaczewski, Emilia G
Becker, Ezekiel J	Heeringa, Avery	Olson, James C
Bird, Alexa E	Herrera, Carla J	Pavlica, Kieran M
Cannon, Elizabeth A	Hser, Paw Kaw	Taylor, Trey R
Chan, Gillian R	Jarvi, Emily L	Thao, Nang
Christiansen, Serenity M	Kampmeyer, Sophie G	Vang, Cheng
Davitch, Max E	Kong, Nancy	Wilson, Na'Jai S
Duong, Mary	Kur, Sher Sher	Yang, Amy
Ellis, Damenica D	Lender, Rachel E	Yang, Ger
Fulin, Rebecca J	McClintock, Nazaria J	Yang, Kalia
Gadea Dominguez, Charles	McMillan, Breneaja C	

'B' HONOR ROLL

Adail, Andrea	Garcia, Jovany	Moo, Richer	Vang, Mai Lee
Admas, Nane M	Giblin, Lily M	Moua, Christopher C	Vang, Pei
Arphul, Chanel T	Herrera, Ashley J	Nelson, Alyssa R	Vang, Vanessa D
Bakare, Abdul-Fawaz O	Hill, Kenneth D	Nowaczewski, Anna E	Vang, Vince T
Barsness, Julia R	Jefferson, Nevaeh M	Oliver, K'von R	Vang, Yee
Bell, Marquis L	Jenkel, Micah S	Orellana, Ada L	Viniegra Uscanga, Andrea
Booher, Lavontre A	Kamara, Michaela	Peterson, Lyric E	Williams, Sandra A
Brickle-Mosley, Emma L	Kong, Unity T	Prom, Celia K	Wilson, De'Jiah J
Chang, Mikaela R	Kronholm-Quick, Lillian J	Proulx, Sophia G	Wilson, Diamond
Danial, Joler S	Lay, Shalay	Rivera, Gregory	Win, Nyunt
Daniels, Mayalynn N	Lee, Alexis K	Rodriguez, Maritza	Xiong, Mai G
DiMare, Emma	Lee, Erik T	Rogers-Campbell, Miracle L	Xiong, Yeng
Dunston, Dontajah A	Leeth, Nevaeha L	Servellon, Brian	Yang, Gloria M
Edwards, Dominique	Lindsey, Lazaya	Sisneros, Savina C	Yang, Khong Kou
Egan, Rana S	Lo, Arianna N	Sturdivant, Rissa R	Yang, Nou C
Eh, Wah W	Love-Sheppard, Marcquia D	Thao, Jue	Yang, Pa Jar
Florez-Carabello, Deja R	Martinez Villa, Alisson D	Thao, Mai Chue	Yang, Palee
Freed, Zora M	McCall, Kyah F	Thao, Xue	Zimmerschied, Bruce V
Ganser, Frances G	Moo, Hser T	Vang, Chang	Zimmerschied, Lyllie

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Students recognized for exemplifying "A.R.T.S." during the month of April

Congratulations to the following students nominated by teachers and staff at school to be Students of the Month for May, based on behavior we observed during April.

6TH GRADE JANIYA FERRELL JEREMIAH PUREE KRISH PRADHAN	7TH GRADE BRANDON SANTAMARIA HUEZO SHAE DUKES TIANA CARTER MICOLE ANDREWS KIERAN PAVLICA	8TH GRADE NOU YANG PA JAR YANG ANTHONY XIONG HEE KOR ESYIS EVANS YADELIS (JAZZY) OLIVO VELEZ	9TH GRADE UTKRISTA ADHIKARI	10TH GRADE ANDREA ADAIL MAKAYLA CHEER	11TH GRADE SKYE ANDERSON KALIA YANG EMILY PATRICK GER YANG	12TH GRADE EDDIE SANCHEZ XUE THAO ROBYN NELSON MAI GER XIONG
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*Thank you for
being a part of
our Creative Arts
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