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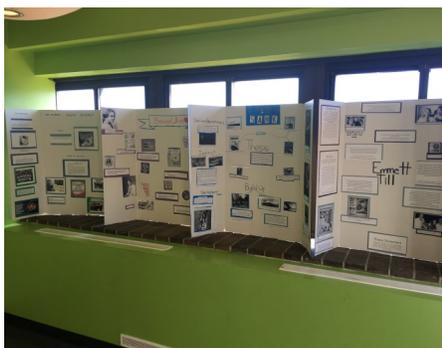
WE ARE CREATIVE.

Student Feature: History Day

Each year, seventh grade students learn History through self-exploration of a topic of their choice. To further challenge students, a history day Theme is presented as a tool for exploration. This years theme was Triumph and Tragedy.

From November through January, students researched and analyzed primary and secondary sources, formulated an historical thesis, organized information into background, build-up, impact, short-term & long-term legacy, and created a visual representation of their discovery's.

Topics from this years class of students ranged from Emmett Till and Ruby Bridges to the sinking of the Titanic and the discovery of Penicillin. A great quote by a student this year was, "This is a lot of work... but fun work!"



There were triumphs and tragedy's within this work. Tragedy's such as not finding the right source or having to rewrite a Thesis. And Triumphs such as presenting to the whole class and having them mesmerized or learning how to cite a source for the first time. All in all, this years History Day was a success thanks to the hard work and dedication of the students.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 1: No Schools, Professional Development Day
- March 8-9, Spring Musical
- March 11, Parent Advisory Council Meeting
- March 22: Performance Night
- 3/27 Family Bingo Night!
- 3/29, Last Day of Q3, Gallery Opening Reception
- April 1-5, Spring Break!
- April 19: No School, Staff Professional Development Day

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.



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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: Kara Noble

Kara Noble has always been dancing. At her high school in Poyette, Wisconsin, she was on the dance team all four years. She eventually was captain and singlehandedly choreographed the team's hip hop routines, which they toured and competed with.

Although her undergraduate degree is Spanish, when Ms. Noble was not working as an interpreter or in immigration law, she was studying Latin dance in Mexico, teaching hip hop in Japan, studying hip hop further at the Hip Hop Dance Conservatory in New York City, and she even owned her own dance studio in Central, WI.

Ms. Noble has been a full-time teacher for five years now. She enjoys talking with students and leading them through dance. Her travels and love of other cultures comes into her teaching daily. She loves bringing people and groups into her classroom to make collaborations and build connections with her students.

In addition to Creative Arts, Kara is currently teaching dance at CM's Fitness and is part of the Alex and Desiree Worldwide Bachata Dance Team.

Ms. Noble has not showcased her own work recently as she is kept busy with full time graduate school as well as being new to motherhood!

If Ms. Noble could give her students one piece of advice, it would be that "Half of it is believing in yourself. The other half is doing the work. You will not succeed without doing both." Also, "Dance first. Think later!"

WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

COUNSELING CORNER

Fine Arts Festival Field Trip – April 12, 2019

Juniors and Seniors will have an opportunity to meet local artists, explore art careers and attend fine art workshops at Inver Hills Community College's Fine Arts Festival. Space is limited. Sign up with your school counselor.

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.

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

MCA TESTING INFO

MCA Testing

The MCAs, Minnesota's state standardized testing, is just around the corner. The testing dates are listed below.

MCA Reading - April 16 and 17

MCA Math - April 24

MCA Science - April 30 - May 2 **

(extended due to only 1 computer lab)

MCA Reading and Math Make-Up - April

25 - 26

MCA Science Make-Up - May 6 - 8

Families who wish to opt out of the MCAs should complete the Parent/Guardian Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Assessment form and return it to their school counselor.



#ARTISEVERYWHERE

Exhibiting at The Transformation Gallery

Remain an Artist: Mingei-sota Teachers Continue the Lineage

This exhibition showcases Minnesota K-12 educators that teach the Mingei-sota pottery movement to their students and incorporate Mingei principles in their own studios. Randy Schutt, Kent Miller, Lisa Buck, Tricia Schmidt, Sarah Hjelmberg, Angela Heida, Chad Jerzak, and Lucas K. Anderson.

In conjunction with:

Intersection: A Coalition of Makers/Educators in K-12

This exhibition showcases the diversity of makers and educators who work in the K-12 field while promoting awareness of other ways to serve our community through K-12 education. Sara Beth Truman, Brenda Quinn, Kyla Toomey, Autumn Higgins, Shanna Fliegel, Nick Bivins, Thaddeus Erdahl, Bryan Horn, Aaron Sober, and Mike Gesiakowski.

NCECA: National Conference for Education of Ceramic Arts

Claytopia- Concurrent Exhibition

March 26-29, 9-7pm. April 8- 26, 9-3pm, 2019. Opening reception March 29, 5-9pm.

The Transformational Gallery at Creative Arts

65 Kellogg Blvd E, St. Paul, MN 55101

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WE ARE GOOD AT WHAT WE DO.

Principal's Note *Kristen Lynch*

While I realized that we still have 12 weeks of school left, we are already planning for next year.

In the coming weeks, your student will be bringing home course registration forms to select their courses for next year.

A few things to know:

- For 8-12th graders, students can choose from American Sign Language, French and Spanish. The language chosen most by students will be the one we offer.
- 7-10th graders have the opportunity to take an AVID elective for the first time. AVID is a college readiness program designed to help students develop the skills they need to be successful in college and global society. The program places special emphasis on growing writing, critical thinking, teamwork, organization and reading skills.
- Starting in 9th grade, students need to identify a primary art area: Dance, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music or Visual Arts. Students are then guaranteed year long criterion-based classes in that area. We will still have classes in media arts, theater and literary arts, but due to our small size as a school are not able to offer intentional, articulated course work in those areas.
- We are debuting our new Arts and Entrepreneurship Career Pathway next year. This innovative pathway will teach students to be their own bosses as well as make money from their ideas. Starting in 10th grade, students can begin taking Personal Finance and Marketing courses. Internships, being part of a school-based business, or even learning to market and sell their art on their own will be possibilities for our students.

Next month, I'll have more updates on our opportunities for next year.

#wearegoodatwhatwedo

You really can't turn a corner without running into student art-work in our building! Whether it's made for fun or for a core class, #artiseverywhere at CASS!





STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

Kiara Oliver, 6th Grade

Kiara is a superstar in the classroom. She is always willing to share her creative ideas and listen and support her peers authentically.

Colton Mergens, 6th Grade

Colton is a hard-working and inquisitive student. He goes above and beyond what is expected of him in science and completes experiments at home!

Dowon Hall, 7th Grade

Dowon stays on top of the material and asks excellent questions. Dowon uses his excellent sense of humor to support his class.

Gillian Chan, 7th Grade

Gillian has a wonderfully positive personality. She is very intelligent and rarely misses an assignment. I cannot think of a more deserving student this month.

Gaby Tirado-Gamez, 7th Grade

Gaby is a hard-working student who is a positive role model for other students. She is positive, respectful and challenges herself to do well.

Damarion Evans, 8th Grade

Damarion is a critical thinker who is developing into an excellent writer. He is academically motivated, participates, and is always willing

to help others.

Daymen Johnson, 9th Grade

Daymen's bright and positive personality is really showing up in the classroom. He asks thoughtful clarifying questions, and has demonstrated an ability to provide classroom leadership vocally and by example.

Anna Fields, 10th Grade

Anna is a kind, respectful, focused, and puts in the effort to create excellent work. She gives constructive feedback to peers and helps keep others focused as well. Anna is a Creative Arts Leader!

Mai Lee Vang, 10th Grade

Mai Lee has great work ethic! She comes prepared for class and is always ready to learn. Mai Lee does a great job of asking clarifying questions and almost never gets off task.

Emmy Nowaczewski, 10th Grade

Emmy consistently puts her best foot forward. She excels in her classwork, provides thoughtful commentary, and is overall a pleasure to have in class.

Kyah McCall, 10th Grade

Kyah works hard in class and is always on task. Kyah shows respect to her fellow students in all interactions with them and

demonstrates how to be organized and academically successful.

Elizabeth Cannon, 11th Grade

Elizabeth works hard and demonstrates the CASS core values in everything she does. I miss having her in class!

Kalia Yang, 12th Grade

Kalia is doing an amazing job at balancing her academic classes, art form and her other responsibilities. She is a great example and role model for others!

