



NEWS, CUES & VIEWS

Riley High School's Visual & Performing Arts Magnet
and
Fine Arts Department



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HIGH PERFORMANCE LEARNING THROUGH THE ARTS

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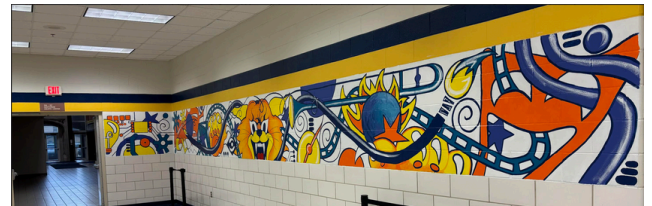
Welcome to our first Visual and Performing Arts Magnet bulletin. Our goal is to keep you informed of all of the wonderful things that are happening with our VPA Magnet and Fine Arts students. With multiple levels of a deep arts curriculum as well as AP course offerings, you will find that our students are provided unique opportunities in the four strands (visual art, music, dance, theatre) that make up the VPA Magnet. Our students' work is nationally recognized and award winning in all of our strands and our goal is to continuously nurture and challenge our students. Along with a multitude of concerts, competitions, plays and musicals, we offer our students professional workshops by local, national, and international artists. Many of our teachers are working artists which affords our students a unique perspective and educational experience. We invite you to learn more about us in the coming months through this bulletin.



Riley's Visual Art

Hallway Mural

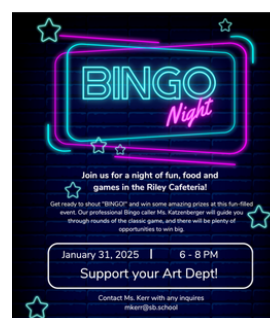
Our Visual Artists have been working on a fantastic new mural in the Fine Arts Hallway. If you get a chance, stop by and see the wonderful work that is currently being done.



Riley HS is proud to welcome South Bend Muralist, Alex Ann Allen, as she begins to install a special Riley HS mural right by the auditorium door. You may have seen Alex's work all over SB. She is also the founder and lead curator of "Mural Mania", an annual mural festival drawing artists from throughout the country to her native South Bend.

2025 Scholastic Art Awards

Riley's talented art students are busy uploading their work for the annual Scholastic Arts Awards at the South Bend Museum of Art. The northwest Indiana and southwest Michigan region includes artists from 18 counties.



COMING SOON

Come join us for a rousing game of bingo on January 31, from 6-8pm, in the cafeteria. There will be food, fun and fellowship all for a great cause...
our Art Department!

MORE NEWS, CUES & VIEWS



Riley HS Drama Club presents

William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

December 6-7 at 7pm & December 8 at 2pm

The world is on fire and chaos reigns over Athens as the Duke, Theseus and Hippolyta the Amazon, prepare to wed. Unbeknownst to all humans,

Oberon, the king of the faeries, and his Queen, Titania, battle over possession of a changeling boy, setting the world ablaze. Passions ignite,

love is in turmoil, and a doddering group of laborers are trying

to stage a play. Riley's Drama Club presents

Shakespeare's ***A Midsummer Night's Dream***

as you've never seen before!

Ticket Prices:

- General Public: \$8 online, \$10 at the door

- SBCSC Students/Staff: \$5 online, \$7 at the door

(*Use code: SBCSC5 at checkout for student/staff discount. *)

To buy tickets online, visit our.show/rhsmidsummer.

Masterclass for the cast of *Midsummer*

The ***Midsummer*** cast was treated to a Shakespearean Masterclass conducted by Christy Burgess. Students learned about iambic pentameter, interpreting and expressing difficult text, and physical presentation of the text.



Christy has been a student and educator of Shakespeare's work for many years. Having worked as the Shakespeare Outreach Program Director at Notre Dame as well as the Education Manager at the Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre, our students were inspired by her knowledge and generosity.

Musical Theatre AUDITIONS

Auditions for Riley's spring musical,

***Hello Dolly*,**

will be December 10th 3:40-6:00

Callbacks will be

December 11th 3:40-6:00pm

Come be a part of this joyful, funny, high energy and classic musical production.



Our Dance Magnet Has Taken Off!!

Our dancers have had a busy semester. We recently collaborated with the Notre Dame Department of Romance Languages and Literatures to host a masterclass with the Kif-Kif Bledi North African Dance Company from Paris. The event provided students with insights into North African dance styles, as well as the opportunity to learn about the culture and struggles of the dancers.



Dancers will also have the opportunity to see the Nutcracker at the Morris PAC.

Congratulations to Dance students:

Mrs. Misner's choreography class qualified to perform a piece they choreographed at the RAD Festival in Kalamazoo in March. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event.

More MAGNET News Cues, and Views

VPA MAGNET MISSION: to provide challenging learning opportunities which encourage creative expression while developing students academically, aesthetically, and personally.

Riley HS's MUSIC

Congratulations!!!

Our music department has been busy this year! We are so proud of our band's success at ISSMA and the choir and orchestra's performances at the All-City Choir and String-A-Long Concerts.



2024 ISSMA Marching Band
GOLD WINNERS!!!

Riley Band Strong

Greta Berg, Steele Rankin-Jokerst, Kailah Turner and Noah Trost were selected for the Indiana Bandmasters Association All District Honor Band



SBCSC's All-City Choir



SBCSC's String-A-Long

Concerts and Contests

December 11

Choir/Dance Holiday Concert at 7pm in Auditorium

December 12

Band/Orchestra Holiday Concert at 7pm in Auditorium

ISSMA Solo/Ensemble

Choir - February 1, 2025 at Penn HS

Band/Orchestra - February 8, 2025 at Northwood HS



Wishing all of our Magnet Families
Happy Holidays

VPA MAGNET APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Applications for the Riley Visual and Performing Arts Magnet are now available on our website as well as the SBCSC's website.

Any current 8th grade student or new family may register online at the Riley or SBCSC website. If your student is interested in the Fine Arts, the Riley VPA Magnet is a great choice. Riley has a much deeper arts curriculum and greatly expanded arts activities and opportunities in music, art, drama and dance.

Don't forget about our Riley Shadow program. Current 8th grade students can shadow one of our Riley ambassadors for a half or full day. Check out the website for a link to sign up. Remember - you must be a student in good standing to shadow here at Riley.



A HUGE "THANK YOU"

To all students, teachers, and parents who helped with the Marching Band (*who won gold in the ISSMA competition*), the One Acts, Hallway Halloween, Ceramics class fundraiser, the All City Choir Concert, String-A-Long, and the VPA Magnet Information Night our sincerest gratitude!! We could not do this with out all of your amazing support!

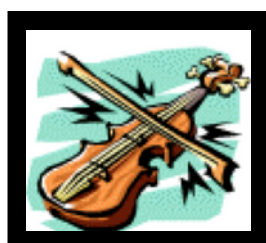


SUCCESS

Is achieved through hard work, commitment,
and
a positive attitude



Join us in celebrating
The Sights and Sounds
of the
Season



Fine Arts and VPA Magnet
2024/2025 Calendar of Arts Events



DECEMBER 2024

- 6-7 Winter Play - ***A Midsummer Night's Dream*** @7pm in the auditorium
- 8 Winter Play - ***A Midsummer Night's Dream*** @2pm in the auditorium
- 10 Auditions for ***Hello Dolly***
- 11 Callbacks for ***Hello Dolly***
- 11 Choir/Dance Winter Concert
- 12 Band/Orchestra Winter Concert
- 17 Scholastic Entries due
- 20 Teacher Record Day
- 21 Winter Break begins

JANUARY 2025

- 6 Classes resume
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - no classes
- 31 Visual Arts Bingo Night

FEBRUARY 2025

- TBD Marshall Family Arts Festival
- 1 ISSMA Vocal Solo & Ensemble @ Penn HS
- 8 ISSMA W/P/S Solo & Ensemble @ Northwood HS
- 17 Presidents Day - Schools Closed
- 20 Jazz Soundsations @ Adams HS
- 22 ISSMA State Vocal Solo & Ensemble

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***VPA MAGNET VISION: High-Performance Learning
through the Arts***