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Dear CAPAA Families and Students,

Welcome to the very first edition of the CAPAA Newsletter! I'm excited to share it with you, and I hope it gives you a closer look at what our students and teachers do every day.

Our students are talented, hardworking, and creative, and they deserve to be celebrated. Beginning with this issue, we will publish this newsletter every two weeks to highlight their accomplishments, introduce you to the instructors who guide them, and keep you informed about what's happening across our programs.

Inside, you'll find updates from Orchestra, Musical Theater, Visual Art, and Technical Theater, along with our Student of the Month and a list of upcoming performances and exhibitions. Be sure to mark your calendar for the Orchestra Fall Concert on November 7th at 3:00 PM in the Oldham County Schools Arts Center Performance Hall. I hope you'll come see our students in Action.

To our teachers, thank you for the care, expertise, and passion you bring to your classrooms every day. To our families, thank you for your steady support, whether that means driving to rehearsals, attending performances, or encouraging your students at home. CAPAA would not be the place it is without you.

I'm proud of what our students have already accomplished this year, and I can't wait to share what's next.

With gratitude,

Alvin "Mac" MacWilliams
Executive Director
Creative and Performing Arts Academy

Image Alt Text: Picture of Alvin "Mac" Macwilliams

Musical Theater

Musical Theater is taught by a great team of instructors. Brandi Persello, who teaches vocal technique and Arts Business and Entrepreneurship, is teaching about the foundations of vocal technique: breathing and resonance. Students have learned how to find and feel resonance vibrations in different parts of their range and have started to apply this to their assigned jury pieces. Rachel Strader has been working with students on applying acting techniques to their individual solo pieces.

Jill Carroll has been teaching students fundamentals and technique in tap, jazz, and ballet. The first couple months are all about setting the groundwork for the rest of the year. Ensuring that students have a good understanding of foundational steps, setting them up with something to grow upon for the rest of the year.

Image Alt Text: Photo of large class of musical theater students in the Dance Studio 1, smiling and looking at camera following a dance masterclass.

Visual Arts

Jessica Guinn and Atalie Fite are the CAPAA Visual Arts instructors. The semester has gotten off to a great start for these wonderful artists. The students just finished a series of mugs and have started sculpting their chess pieces. While the mugs focused on functionality, the chess pieces allow students to explore artistic design and inspiration.

Image Alt Text 1: Eight students stand and kneel while holding their ceramic mugs they created in class.

Image Alt Text 2: Thirteen ceramic cups and teapots displayed on a bench. Designs include a tree, strawberries, anime and cartoon characters, nature, cute images, and horror demonstrating a wide variety of technique and style.

String Orchestra

CAPAA Orchestra is led by instructors Felix Borges and Elise Gambrell. The students are currently preparing for their upcoming concert. This concert will be on November 7th at 3:00 PM in the Oldham County Schools Arts Center Performance Hall. The students are working on pieces such as *The Carnival of the Animals* by C. Saint-Saens, *Country Wedding* by Smetana and the main theme from *Mega Man 3*.

Image Alt Text 1: CAPAA string orchestra performs at the Arts Center Gala, directed by Elise Gambrell.

Image Alt Text 2: Student chamber orchestra made of four students perform at the Arts Center Gala.

Technical Theater

Technical Theater is taught by Kathleen Kerr and Bryan Vander Zouwen. The students who work behind the scenes have been working on their painting skills. The first year students are currently working on their scenic painting project. In this project, students are learning the basics of how to make a flat surface appear 3D. Returning students are in the middle of their Mural Painting Project. These artists are working on a mural of a scene from the Jungle Book to help hone their skills, beautify the space, and leave their mark on the upstairs dressing room hallway. In addition

to painting, students have also been assigned to work stage manage and run tech for Arts Center Performances. Students have already shown their skills in the recent performances of Robin Hood and Shrek.

Image Alt Text: Three technical theater students demonstrate how to paint brick and stone on their classroom walls.

Student of the Month

Zella Robertson is a dedicated, hard-working student who has shown tremendous growth throughout her time in the CAPAA String Orchestra. Her commitment to practicing, coming prepared, and maintaining a positive attitude reflects her strong work ethic and desire to improve. Zella's perseverance and dedication have not only helped her grow as a student but have also made her a wonderful role model for her peers. We are proud of all she has accomplished and excited to see her continued growth and success and are very happy to have her at CAPAA. Congratulations, Zella!

Image Alt Text: From left to right: Instructor Felix Borges, student of the month Zella Robertson, and instructor Elise Gambrell

Upcoming Events

Orchestra: Fall Concert on November 7th at 3:00 pm in the OCSAC Performance hall, and stay tuned for an appearance on the WDRB morning show on November 18th!

Visual Art: Students will be exhibiting their work at the Anita Davis Gallery at the Arts Center on Tuesday, December 1st from 7-8pm.

Theater Tech: See our students work behind the scenes at upcoming performances at the Art Center, including Dracula (10/29, 10/30, 10/31), The Music Man (11/12, 11/13, 11/14), Seussical Jr. (12/3, 12/4, 12/5), and The Lion the Witch and The Wardrobe (12/10, 12/11, 12/12)

Musical Theater: Students are preparing for the Holiday Extravaganza concert and upcoming daytime Christmas performances at local schools. A small group of students will be participating in the Regional Student Auditions for NATS, wish them luck!