



### A Note from the Principal

Welcome back after spring break. The school year is flying by and I can hardly believe it. Spring inevitably brings with it state standardized tests. We are excitedly preparing students to do their best on the statewide MCA tests that will be administered to grades 9, 10 and 11 the week of April 12th. April 5 – 9 will be our MCA boot camp week. We will spend approximately one hour each day working with students to review skills, learn stress management techniques, and just feel confident going into test week. I would ask that parents support us by making sure that students are present and well rested for the first two weeks of April.

Our lucky Seniors will be

off to New York City, the performing arts mecca of the United States. They will experience art at its best and come back full of inspiration to be infused into their Senior Creation Showcase.

Spring is also the time when the MSSPA School Board solicits new members. The MSSPA school board by law consists of staff members, community members and parents. If a parent would like to be a Board candidate, I would ask that they email a resume and brief (5 sentence) bio to me at [kcharles@performing-arts-school.org](mailto:kcharles@performing-arts-school.org) no later than April 19th. The board is always looking for individuals with expertise in finance, marketing, and human resources. We currently

have one community/parent position opening and four staff positions. We will distribute candidate information to all parents in mid-April and have elections during our May 6th conferences.

Finally, *Spark the Arts* – our annual fundraising gala was a great success. The auction was followed by an outstanding show “*The Sound and The Sense*”. We had fun and raised funds. Thanks to all of the attendees and we look forward to an even greater event next year. Keep an eye on our fundraising thermometer on the website for an update later this month with the additional funds raised via *Spark the Arts*.

### Counselor's Corner

#### Waffle Breakfast date has moved

Due to state testing, the waffle breakfast for third quarter honor roll students will be moved out a week and will take place the morning of April 21.

#### Junior College Planning

Juniors – you need to take either the ACT or the SAT this spring. These tests are offered on Saturday mornings at large high schools

around the nation. Each test type will have 2 more test dates before summer - please go on to their websites for more information and to get signed up.

**ACT** will be offered on April 10 and June 12 – see [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for more information.

**SAT** will be offered on May 1 and June 5 – see [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for more information.

#### MN State Testing

The state of Minnesota currently requires students to take MCA-II tests once a year in grades 9-11. We will take these tests in April of this year.

9th Grade - Written Composition GRAD on April 13

10th Grade - Reading MCA/GRAD on April 13 and 14

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### Important Dates

**April 5** Classes Resume

**April 6** Mandatory Senior Trip Meeting 6:30PM in cafeteria; Spring Plant Sale Orders due

**April 7 & 8** Bike Club

**April 10 - 13** Senior Trip to New York City

**April 13** MCA Reading Test for 10th grade; MCA Math Test for 11th grade; GRAD Writing Test for 9th grade; PTO Meeting 7:00PM MSSPA Conference Room

**April 14** MCA Reading Test for 10th grade; MCA Math Test for 11th grade

**April 17** School Board Meeting at MSSPA, 9:30AM

**April 20** GRAD Writing re-test for Seniors only

**April 21** Waffle Breakfast

**April 23** Staff Variety Show, Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Hwy 7, Hopkins, 7:30PM

**April 24** Prospective Student Information Session 9:00AM; Arts Workshop 9:30AM at MSSPA

**April 26 - 30** Master Dance Classes 3:00-4:30PM at MSSPA

**April 26** MCA Science testing window begins Biology students

**April 28 - 29** Main Street Actors' Guild Performance at MSSPA, 7:30PM

**April 29** National Dance Day

**April 30** National Dance Day Performance at MSSPA 7:30PM

## Counselor's Corner cont'd

11th Grade - Mathematics MCA/GRAD on April 13 and 14

To be eligible for a diploma from a Minnesota public high school, students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2005-06 school year or later must pass the Written Composition GRAD. These students must also obtain an achievement level equivalent to or greater than proficient on the MCA in reading and mathematics or pass the GRAD in reading and mathematics (these two tests are combined into one but can be passed separately).

In the 2009 legislative session, the statute changed the mathematics requirement for students in the Classes of 2010-2014. Students in these five classes are not required to obtain a proficient score on the Mathematics MCA or pass the Mathematics GRAD in order to be eligible for graduate from high school – instead they must take at least two retests after their initial MCA/GRAD test.

Please contact the Counseling Office if you have further questions about MN State Testing. [Send Email](#)

**Juniors will need a calculator for testing!**

Please remind your junior to have a functioning calculator ready for state testing on April 13 and 14 – the school has a small supply of very basic calculators but more functional calculators are much more helpful on this test.

### GRAD Re-testing

Students that have not passed the GRAD Reading test (first offered in 10th grade) or GRAD Math test (first offered in 11th grade) are required to retake these tests in a 40 question computerized format. These students will be pulled from class to retake these tests during testing windows set by the state. Retests can be offered during one week a month and students can retake these tests every six weeks. GRAD test results are mailed out each summer and then each month following a retest opportunity. If you are not sure if your student has passed these tests, please contact Ms. Wolf. [Send Email](#)

### MCA II Science Test

There is one additional required MN State test beyond Writing, Reading and Math – the MCA II Science test. This test is required of all students enrolled in Biology this year. The test is computerized and untimed. The testing window begins on April 26 and students will

be tested in groups of 20 until all students currently in Biology have completed the test. The computer lab will not be able to be accessed by classes during this testing time period.

### Students Interested in PSEO

A quick information session on PSEO will be held for all interested sophomores and juniors on Friday, April 16 at the end of 4th block. Please let Ms. Wolf know if you are interested and she will give you a pass to attend.

### Senior Trip

Seniors going on the New York trip are reminded that they need to be in school the day before the trip (Friday, April 9th) and the day after the trip (Wednesday, April 14th).

### Seniors and Graduation

Graduation announcements are due to arrive at school by April 5th. We'll be giving these out to those who ordered them.

Just a reminder that students who have not met all their graduation requirements WILL NOT be allowed to walk in graduation.

If you have any concerns that your student is not on track for graduation, please contact Ms. Wolf at [dewolf@performing-arts-school.org](mailto:dewolf@performing-arts-school.org)

[performing-arts-school.org](http://performing-arts-school.org) for clarification.

## Important Dates for Seniors

### Mandatory Senior Trip Meeting

April 6, 6:30pm at MSSPA

### Senior Trip to NYC

April 10-13

### Prom

May 15, 8pm, Boom Island Park, Minneapolis

### Senior Showcase

May 25-27, 7:30pm, Eisenhower Community Center

### Senior Finals

May 28 and June 1

### Senior Reception

June 1, 7:30pm  
Hopkins Center For The Arts  
Jaycees Studio

### Graduation Celebration Day - Valleyfair Trip & Grad Party

June 2 - 9:30am - 8:30pm

### Graduation

June 3, 6:30pm  
Hopkins Center For The Arts  
Main Stage (Seniors need to arrive at 5:30pm)



## BIKE CLUB RESUMES - April 7

Bike Club will meet on Wednesday 4/7 to tune up our bikes and Thursday 4/8 to ride the first week back. Bike Club will meet Thursdays after school thereafter and return from our rides around 5:00pm.



## Students of the Month

March 2010

Each month Main Street School of Performing Arts recognizes a group of outstanding students. Each instructional area selects one student as "Student of the Month". The students of the month are selected based on their scholarship, attitude, and commitment to the school community.

### Dance:

#### Corey Bozeman

Corey has worked hard during rehearsals and performances for the Sound and the Sense, despite having a significant knee injury. Thanks for all of your hard

work and your willingness to adapt to the needs of the dance piece. Congrats!

### Language Arts:

#### Samantha Pavich

Samantha has excelled in 9th grade English this quarter. She shows a keen grasp of many genres of literature and has contributed to the class with her understanding of the text. Sam is also an adept writer and shows abilities that exceed her peers. I am looking forward to having her for the remainder of the year to see how she tackles the literature to come.

### Mathematics:

#### Sean Cackoski

His enthusiasm for studying PreCalculus is unparalleled. He approaches every problem with the goal of attaining exhaustive mastery. Sean makes positive and lively contributions to math class daily. Good work Sean!

### Music:

#### Chelanga Langason

Chelanga (and his other group members) created both a unique and powerful piece for "The Sound and the Sense". Your contribution was creative and memorable. Thanks for being awesome.

### Science:

#### Tommy Leick

Tommy could most likely teach the Biology class without Mrs. Johnson, and he's definitely the "go-to-guy" for class discussions, challenging genetics problems, or review games. Congratulations Tommy - we're so glad that you've joined us at Main Street this year!

### Social Studies:

#### Natalie King

She is studious and inquisitive. She brings a sunny disposition to modern U.S. history! I appreciate her efforts, attitude, and respect.

The icing on the cake: she likes the Waltons.

### Theatre:

#### Sarah Bolter

Sarah's addition to The Sound and The Sense was a truly collaborative offering that exemplifies the work that we strive for her at MSSPA. Her work was an amazing combination of Music, Dance and Theatre that interpreted the poem in a highly "Theatrical" manner. Thank you Sarah.

### World Languages:

#### Stacy Dahl

It is a pleasure to have Stacy Dahl in Spanish 3 this year. She is a very diligent student who wants to learn Spanish well. Stacy can write and tell interesting stories in a variety of tenses. Gracias, Stacy, for making Spanish class a nice place to be!

## MSSPA wishlist

- Copy paper, 5 boxes per month
- Cleaning wipes
- Granola bars
- 100% juice and cups for breakfast
- Jelly and all natural peanut butter
- Plastic knives
- Water bill \$43 per month
- Culligan filtered water \$92 per month
- Postage \$300 per month
- Qwest phone service -

- \$118 per month
- Copier lease - \$350 per month
- Counseling services with Teens Alone - \$125 per month
- Dictionaries, thesauruses, and vocabulary books, please contact Ms. Miller for specifics
- Market Pantry Buttermilk complete waffle mix for Honor Roll breakfasts
- Memory card for Kodak

- EasyShare C180 camera for Yearbook
- Overhead projector markers
- Piano pedals
- 30 Tennis balls
- Other portable aerobics exercise equipment
- Projector mounted in the flex space
- Bottled water
- Pocket folders
- College-ruled spiral bound notebooks

Contact the office if you have questions, 952-224-1340

[Click Here to donate online](#)

All donations are tax deductible. MSSPA is a nonprofit organization, 501(c)3

## Health Office Announcements

### Emergency Drills

Each year schools are required by law to conduct safety drills. These drills help students and staff prepare for emergency situations that may arise during the school day. The law requires 5 fire drills and 5 lockdown drills throughout the school year.

In April, during Severe Weather Week, we also conduct a tornado drill along with the entire community. The drills are not announced ahead of time. Students who have concerns with the drills are told ahead of time that the drills will take place. If you have any questions, please call Allison Goulson at 952-224-1346.

### Breakfast Returns to MSSPA

MSSPA has once again started serving breakfast to students before school. Panera Bread in Eden Prairie is donating their end of the day products to us so that we can again offer breakfast to our students. Products have included breads, pastries and bagels.

If you are looking to donate something to MSSPA, please consider donating any of the following items for breakfast: 100% juice, plastic knives, napkins and 8-9 oz. cups. If you happen to stop by Panera Bread in Eden Prairie, please say thank you for their generous donation.

Proceeds to benefit the  
JJ Ramstad Renaissance Award

# STAFF VARIETY SHOW

**FRIDAY, APRIL 23 7:30PM**  
**EISENHOWER COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**1001 HWY. 7 HOPKINS**  
[Get Directions](#)

## MSSPA SPRING PLANT SALE

**Orders due April 6**

**Plant pick-up**

**May 13th**

**2:30-6:00pm**

Parking lot behind  
Church of St. Joseph and  
Main Street School of Performing Arts enter from 13th Ave. S.

Questions?

[Click here to send email](#)



## MSSPA Art Show

The Visual Arts Club is pleased to announce that Munka Beans Coffee Shop is displaying the work of our MSSPA community for the month of April.

Go get a cup of coffee and a look at some cool art!

**is going on now**

## Attention ALL Creative MSSPA students!

**National Dance Week** is just around the corner in April and the Dance Company would love some student work other than pieces made by company members. We encourage **students of all majors** to audition pieces as long as dance is a component of the piece, such as, music was composed for a dance piece, but a choreographer hasn't set a dance to it yet.

**Auditions** for National Dance Week performances will be held Tuesday, April 13 at 2:40pm.

We are also looking for guest artists and studios to per-

form, after all this is celebrating dance around the world, not just at Main Street. We have a Latin group and a Scottish Highland group joining the performance so, if you belong to a group or studio that would be interested in participating, please speak with Ms. Ciganko or a Dance Company member. More information will be on posters soon, as well as on the National Dance Week board across from Ms. Ciganko's door.

National Dance Week will also include various dance style Master Classes taught by Twin Cities guest artists that anyone can sign up for and participate in! Classes include African, Swing, Latin, etc. It will be a blast, but we need your participation! Classes will be held Monday

through Friday, April 26 - 30 after school from 3:00 - 4:30 and a special workshop will be held on National Dance Day, April 29, during second block.

National Dance Week will conclude with a Performance on Friday, April 30 at 7:30pm in the big dance studio.

Please support the Main Street Dance Company, dance and National Dance Week by marking your calendars with National Dance Week Master Classes and the Performance!

## Celebrate National Dance Week April 24 - May 1

## PTO News

April is Nomination Month for anyone interested in a position on the Parent Teacher Organization Board. Contact current President, Bud Blanchette, if you're interested. [Send email](#) Join us at our next PTO meeting Tuesday, April 13, 7:00pm at MSSPA.

## NO SHAME Sponsors

To help offset the cost of hosting NO SHAME performances at the Eisenhower Theatre, we are looking for parents, businesses, or organizations to sponsor a performance. As a sponsor, you may distribute literature and make a brief presentation about your business. Sponsorship fee is \$200 per show. [Click here to contact the office about sponsorship.](#)



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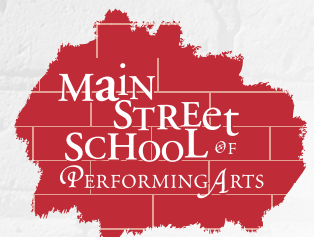
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