



Dear SPCPA Families,

As we near the end of the 2010-2011 school year, we prepare for a very busy month of events. Please see the Calendar of Events below as well as the arts sections for important dates to remember. Details are listed throughout the newsletter and on the website at www.spcpa.org.

To begin planning for the 2011-2012 school year, please see the school calendar which has been added to the SPCPA website. Additional events will be added as information becomes available. To go directly to the 2011-2012 Calendar, please visit: http://spcpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/11-12_SPCPACALENDAR_042611.pdf

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| May 4 | MCA-II GRAD Math Retake, Landmark Computer Lab, 1:00-4:00 p.m. |
| May 9-16 | MCA-II Science for students enrolled in Biology. During regularly scheduled Biology and Honors Biology classes. |
| May 16-20 | Finale tickets available for purchase in the Landmark Commons during lunch |
| May 16-25 | MAP Testing for students enrolled in Math 9, Geometry, Algebra II, and Precalculus. During regularly scheduled Math classes. |
| May 18 | CIS History Field Day, University of Minnesota, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. |
| May 18 | SPCPA Board Meeting, Landmark Center (5th floor), 5:00 p.m. |
| May 23 | Senior Lyceum, Lehr Theater, 2:30 p.m. |
| May 24 | Last Day of School for Seniors |
| May 25 | Early Release for Grades 9-11 at 12:25 p.m. |
| May 25 | Graduation Rehearsal, Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, 12:15-3:30 p.m. |
| May 25 | Graduation Ceremony, Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, 7:00 p.m. Tickets required. |
| May 27 | Finale guest forms due to the Landmark school office |
| May 30 | Memorial Day- NO SCHOOL |
| June 2 | Last Day of School for Grades 9-11 Early Release at 12:25 p.m. |
| June 2 | Finale, Landmark Center, 6:45-11:00 p.m. |
| June 3 | \$60 Yearbook Deadline |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next SPCPA Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18 at 5:00 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Landmark Center. Board Meetings are open to the public unless indicated as closed. The agenda will be posted to the website two days prior to the meeting.

A Senior Lyceum is being held on Monday, May 23rd at 2:30 p.m. in the Lehr Theater. A panel of SPCPA alumni will be returning to speak to the Class of 2011 regarding life after high school. After the panel finishes, students will receive their caps and gowns. Once all caps and gowns are distributed, the Class of 2011 will meet on the west steps of the Landmark Center (on 6th Street) for the senior class photo. Students are responsible for arriving at the photo location in a timely manner to be included in the senior picture. This event is for students only.

The Last Day of School for the Senior Class is Tuesday, May 24th.

Early Release at 12:25 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25 for Grades 9-11 as faculty and seniors will be rehearsing for the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 from 12:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Rehearsal will begin at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts with lunch which will be provided to all seniors, faculty, and staff. We anticipate the rehearsal ending at approximately 3:30 p.m. This event is for students only.
Seniors participating in the ceremony must attend rehearsal.

Graduation will take place on Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts which is located at 345 Washington Street, St. Paul 55102. **Tickets are required.**

The Last Day of School for Grades 9-11 is Thursday, June 2. Students will be dismissed at 12:25 p.m. The early dismissal allows students the opportunity to go home and get ready for Finale. All students must leave the building at this time and not return until the start of the event. Students not in attendance on this day will not be expected to attend the event.

Finale will take place on Thursday, June 2 from 6:45-11:00 p.m. at the Landmark Center. The dinner and dance is a great way to celebrate another successful SPCPA school year. Each SPCPA student is allowed one guest. All guests must be enrolled in high school. Each SPCPA host student must arrive with his/her guest. Guest forms as well as guidelines for the event were mailed to families late April. **Guest forms must be returned to the Landmark school office by Friday, May 27, 2011.**

Finale tickets will be available for purchase May 16-20th in the Landmark Commons during lunch.

Tickets will not be available at the door and are non-refundable.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person to attend both the dinner and dance.
Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. for students attending the dinner and dance.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person to attend the dance only.
Students attending only the dance may enter beginning at 8:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT TESTING DATES:

May 9-16 MCA-II Science for students enrolled in Biology. During regularly scheduled Biology and Honors Biology classes. Students or parents should contact their Biology teachers with questions or concerns.

May 16-25 MAP Testing for students enrolled in Math 9, Geometry, Algebra II, and Precalculus. Students or parents should contact their Math teachers with questions or concerns.

It is very important for students to be present for testing.
Please avoid scheduling appointments on these dates.

Participate in *This I Believe* Essay Project:

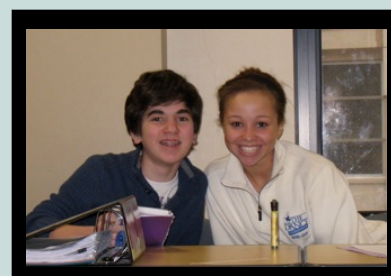
Join students in Mr. Welter's Capstone English course as they write *This I Believe* essays. *This I Believe*, a project based on Edward R. Murrow's popular radio show and featured on NPR, encourages people to discuss the core values by which they live. As SPCPA's seniors enjoy a month filled with reflection and anticipation, they will contribute to this conversation as listeners, writers, and speakers. Parents, staff, and community members are invited to share in this dialogue by submitting essays of their own for the seniors to read. To participate, please send essays to Mr. Welter (welterj@spcpa.org) by Wednesday, May 11. Suggested essay guidelines can be found online (<http://thisibelieve.org/guidelines/>).

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Getting started: Visit <http://www.igive.com/welcome/index.cfm> to register.

What's next: Use the iGive search engine to complete online shopping; stores donate up to 6% of your purchase to SPCPA! SPCPA's cause ID is **42949**.



SPCPA students and faculty in their Math and Science classes.

DANCE NEWS

- Tuesday, May 3:** Dance track pictures will be taken during arts classes
- Wednesday, May 4:** During 2nd and 3rd class periods, Ballet 1 and 2 students will be attending TU Dance at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts. Students must turn in \$3.00 to the Landmark school office by Monday, May 2 to attend. For performance information, please visit www.ordway.org
- Monday-Thursday
May 2-May 5:** Dance 1 Residency with Guest Artist Kenna Cottman, Director of Voice of Culture During arts classes.
- Monday-Thursday
May 2-May 5:** Dance 2 Residency with Guest Artist Justin Leaf, Company Member of Minnesota Dance Theatre. During arts classes.
- Friday, May 6:** Dance 1 Showcase will take place in Wilkins Studio 3 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Student rehearsal and warm up at 4:00 p.m. Mandatory for all dance 1 students.
- Friday, May 6:** Dance 2 Showcase will take place in Wilkins Studio 3 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Student rehearsal and warm up at 4:00 p.m. Mandatory for all dance 2 students.
- Friday, May 6:** During 5th period, the University of Iowa Dance Program is leading a lecture demonstration in Wilkins Studio 4. Regularly scheduled dance classes will attend.
- May 4-May 12:** Dance 3 and 4 Residency with Guest Artist Karla Grotting, Company Member of Flying Foot Forum. Does not include students in Rep 1. During arts classes.
- Friday, May 13:** Dance 3 and 4 Showcase will take place in Wilkins Studio 3 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Student rehearsal and warm up at 4:00 p.m. Mandatory for all dance 3 and 4 students who are not in Rep 1 or 2.
- Tuesday, May 17:** Rep 1 and 2 Showcase will take place at the Ritz Theater at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for an evening of work by guests Aneka McMullen and Abdo Sayegh, as well as work created or reset by SPCPA faculty members. Visit www.ritzdolls.com for venue information.
- Thursday, May 19:** The Senior Choreography Showcase will take place at Patrick's Cabaret at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.patrickscabaret.org for venue information.

Congratulations to SPCPA faculty's **Kaleena Miller** who, along with members of Rhythmic Circus, was named in *City Pages* for the Best Dance Performance of the Past Twelve Months for "Feet Down Fail Me Now!" The dance was performed at the Women's Club last summer. Kaleena teaches tap in the SPCPA dance department.



Dance students at Rice Park during lunchtime.

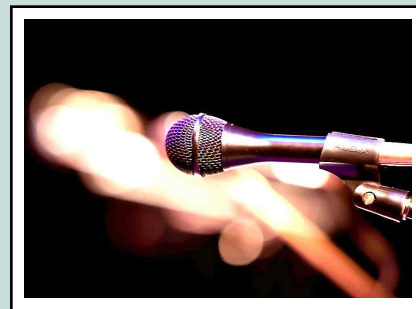
INSTRUMENTAL NEWS



- Tuesday, May 3:** Orchestra track pictures will be taken during arts classes.
- Thursday, May 5:** Join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Lehr Theater for SPCPA Jazz and Orchestra Concert Evening. All students are required to stay after school for dress rehearsal and warm up. Concert dress for all students.
- Tuesday, May 10:** Instrumental I & II Showcase will be taking place at 6:00 p.m. at the Lehr Theater. Attendance is mandatory for all instrumental students. Students are expected wear dress clothes for the performance.
- Friday, May 13:** SPCO Connect with Wynn-Anne Rossi Concert will be taking place at 7:30 p.m. at the Saint Paul Hamm Building. All orchestra students are required to attend and perform in the evening concert. Student call time is 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday-Thursday
May 17-May 19:** Instrumental Music Juries will take place during arts classes. Mike Cramer will be the adjudicator for Instrumental 1 and 2. Peter Leggett will be the adjudicator for the Jazz Ensemble and Orchestra.
- Tuesday, May 24:** Join us for the Piano/Composition Showcase at 4:30 p.m. in the vocal music room. This concert will feature our piano students in Instrumental Music Ensemble 2 under the guidance of Dr. Max Radloff and our Composition Class on Fridays taught by Ann Millikan.

SPCPA faculty member Ann Millikan has been awarded an Artist Initiative Grant by the Minnesota State Arts Board to compose *Swede Hollow*, a new opera created in collaboration with Friends of Swede Hollow and original residents of this historic area of Saint Paul. *Swede Hollow* will premiere in Swede Hollow Park on May 12, 2012.

VOCAL NEWS



The Vocal Track Concert, which brought together Vocal 1 and 2 tracks, was a huge success! The concert also featured individual soloists and guest musicians from the Instrumental tracks. The songs of the evening ranged from choral pieces in Latin to Jazz Acapella. The event was a great accomplishment in the forward movement of the Vocal track.

Vocal Music Juries are taking place on Monday, May 16 and Wednesday, May 18 during arts classes. It is important for students to be present. Tara Laberge will be the adjudicator for juries.

Nathan Herfindahl will be taking on the role of Chair of the Vocal department for the 2011-2012 school year while Melissa Hart continues as the Chair of the Musical Theatre department.

MUSICAL THEATRE NEWS

- Wednesday, May 4:** Musical Theatre Dance Juries will take place during arts classes. Tod Petersen will be the adjudicator.
- Thursday, May 5:** Musical Theatre Song and Monologue Juries will take place during arts classes. Tod Petersen will be the adjudicator.
- Wednesday, May 11:** Musical Theatre students who turned in permission slips and payment will be attending *Next to Normal* at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. For performance information, please visit www.ordway.org
- Monday, May 23:** The Musical Theatre Showcase for Grades 9-12 will take place at Wilkins at 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 24:** The Musical Theatre Senior Workshop will take place at the Lehr Theater at 6:00 p.m. This year, the senior class will be performing "All Shook Up."

This month, production begins on the musical *Falsettos*. The show is being directed by SPCPA faculty Joey Clark, musical directed by SPCPA Alum Andrew Walker, and stars freshman theatre student Eli Newell. The show will be presented in celebration of Father's Day and Gay Pride Month at Bryant Lake Bowl from June 19-30th.

Last month, Joey Clark's Aesthetics class ventured where no SPCPA class has gone before...into the world of culinary art. Students were graded on their artistic presentation of home-made food inspired by the theme of "Springtime."



THEATRE NEWS

- Monday, May 2:** Theatre Juries, in which students will perform a monologue that they have rehearsed on their own, will be taking place during arts classes. We have two amazing guests from the professional theater community: Barbara Berlovitz (Theater de la Jeune Lune) and Luverne Seifert (Head of University of Minnesota's BA program).
- Monday, May 16:** Join us at the Lehr Theatre at 6:00 p.m. for the Freshmen Theatre Workshop. Freshmen will be showing scenes from their acting class as a culminating event of their year.
- Tuesday, May 17:** Join us at the Lehr Theatre at 6:00 p.m. for the Sophomore Theatre Workshop. Sophomores will show two plays, "The Dining Room" and "Women and Wallace." "Women and Wallace" will be performed second and is not recommended for children under the age of thirteen.
- Wednesday, May 18:** Senior Directed Plays will take place at the Lehr Theatre at 6:00 p.m.
- Plays on Wednesday night include:
"To Whom It May Concern" directed by Ashton Schneider
"Night of the Iguana" directed by Alan Taverna
"The Stranger" directed by Nicholas Clark
- Thursday, May 19:** Senior Directed Plays will take place at the Lehr Theatre at 6:00 p.m.
- Plays on Thursday night include:
"The Underpants" directed by Rebecca Hurd
"That Point" directed by Kaitlyn Andrews
*Note: Thursday night performances are not recommended for children under the age of 13.
- Friday, May 20:** Senior Directed Plays will take place at the Lehr Theatre at 6:00 p.m.
- Plays on Friday night include:
"Eurydice" directed by Katelyn Slinger
"Miss Equinox" directed by Eric Norton
"Cagebird" directed by Brikeil Jackson
- Monday, May 23:** Join us at the Lehr Theatre at 6:00 p.m. for the Junior Theatre Workshop. Juniors perform *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as the last event in their Shakespeare Year. The Juniors will also be sharing work from their Creative Collaboration class at a time to be determined soon.

SPCPA Theatre Faculty's Sara Richardson is assistant directing "Come Hell and High Water" at the Southern Theatre which will run May 13-May 29. The performance is being produced by The MovingCompany, formerly Theatre de la Jeune Lune, which includes Nathan Keepers and Dominique Serrand who led a masters class at SPCPA this spring. SPCPA Alumni Hope Nordquist and Esau Sponslier are part of the performing ensemble. See <http://www.serrandep.org/> for details.



Theatre students pause for a picture while rehearsing scenes .

Musical Theatre students rehearse for their end of the year showcase.