

OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER



Attendance Hotline 651.222.3200

A parent or guardian must report his/her student absent by calling the attendance hotline by 9:00 a.m. on the date of the absence. Absences not reported within 24 hours will remain unexcused.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| October 10 | J-Term Project Sign-Up during arts classes |
| October 12 | Grades 9-11 Testing, 8:00 a.m.-12:05 p.m.
*See schedule and test locations on page 2 |
| October 12 | Late Start for Grade 12 Students
Due to grades 9-11 testing, seniors arrive at school at 12:45 p.m. for 4th & 5th period classes only. |
| October 17-18 | J-Term Auditions during arts classes |
| October 19 | Theatre and Musical Theatre Field Trip
<i>Two Trains Running</i> at the Penumbra Theatre, 10 a.m. |
| October 21 | Education Minnesota Day- NO SCHOOL |
| October 24 | Dance Field Trip for Modern Levels 1,2,3,4
<i>Luna Negra</i> at the Ordway, 12:30 p.m. |
| October 27 | Students will be dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
Parent/Teacher Conferences, Wilkins
1:30-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. |
| October 28 | Students will be dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
Parent/Teacher Conferences, Wilkins
1:00-4:00 p.m. |

To view all events currently scheduled for the 2011-2012 school year and for more details, please visit our website at www.spcpa.org.

2011-2012 SPCPA Student Handbook

For more information on SPCPA attendance and other policies, please review the 2011-2012 SPCPA Student Handbook by clicking on the following link:

<http://spcpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/2011-2012-Student-Handbook-091211.pdf>

Testing Schedule for October 12th (Periods 1-3, 8:00 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.)

9th Grade: Report to Wilkins at 8:00 a.m. - Degrees of Reading Power (DRP)(1st Period), Freshmen Workshop (2nd & 3rd Periods)

10th Grade: Report to Landmark at 8:00 a.m. - PLAN (Periods 1-3)
The PLAN will give students and parents a preview of the ACT, provide a snapshot of educational readiness for college, give a list of possible careers and college majors to consider based on an interest inventory and point out academic strengths and areas students need to improve. There is no cost to families for this test. All 10th grades students in attendance on October 12th during periods 1-3 will be taking the PLAN.

11th Grade: Report to 2nd floor Lowry at 8:00 a.m. - PSAT (Optional)
Cost: \$15.00) (Periods 1-3)

Juniors that do not register and submit payment for the PSAT must also report to 2nd floor Lowry.

Juniors can register and submit payment to Susan Reiling in the Landmark Main Office through 4:30 p.m. on October 10th. Sample questions and information about the National Merit Scholarship Competition will be given to students when they register. For more information go to www.collegeboard.com/psat

12th Grade: Late Start - 12:45 p.m. (4th & 5th Periods ONLY on Oct 12th)

Seniors arriving on campus before 12:05 p.m. will be permitted to utilize the Lowry Structured Study Hall/Lunch Room for silent, individual work. Seniors are not permitted to be in locations other than the Lowry SSH/ Lunch Room during testing.

Please watch your email and mail the week of October 3rd for more detailed information.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Mark your calendars!

Students will be dismissed at 12:25 on both October 27 and October 28 for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 27 from 1:30-4:30 & 5:30-7:30 and October 28 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Roy Wilkins Studios. Parents will be asked to sign up for one hour time slots to meet with teachers. We will be mailing out more information to families the first week of October.

Guidance Counseling

We would like to welcome our new Guidance Counselor, Keri Hokanson, to SPCPA. Students who wish to schedule an appointment with Ms. Hokanson should see Hannah Kuether at the Landmark receptionist desk to schedule a time to meet with her during their structured study halls or senior pass.

For questions, please email Ms. Hokanson at hokansonk@spcpa.org.



Post-Secondary Preparation

Colleges Visiting SPCPA

SPCPA Post-secondary advisor Ms. Jarvis has coordinated several visits for admission representatives from colleges all over the country to visit SPCPA this fall. So far this year, representatives from Barnard College, Columbia University, Fordham University, The Juilliard School, New York University, the University of MN- Twin Cities, Hamline University, Inver Hills Community College, Gustavus Aldophus College, Minneapolis Community & Technical College, St. Catherine University, Century College, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison have visited our campus.

A number of college representatives are still scheduled to visit SPCPA this fall. To attend a college visit, each student must request permission from the teacher of the class that he or she will miss to be able to attend the visit. His or her teacher must issue a pass granting permission to the student to attend the college visit. Students will not be admitted to visits without passes from their teachers. Please see the schedule of upcoming college visits.

College Admissions Testing

For information on SAT testing, please visit CollegeBoard.com

For information on ACT testing, please visit ACTStudent.org

SPCPA's SAT/ACT code is **242 284**.

Transcript Requests

If a student would like to request that his or her transcript be sent to a perspective school, please visit the following link for information:

http://spcpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Current_Students_Transcript_Request1.pdf

Letter of Recommendation

If a student would like to request a letter of recommendation, please visit the following link for information:

http://spcpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Request_for_-a_Letter_of_Recommendation.pdf

Upcoming College Visits to SPCPA

• Monday, October 3 (A)

Emerson College
9:30 AM – LM 511

• Thursday, October 6 (B)

Marymount Manhattan College
9:30 AM – LM 501

• Thursday, October 6 (B)

Cornish College
11:00 AM – LM 515

• Thursday, October 6 (B)

Illinois Wesleyan
1:00 pm – Wilkins Commons

• Friday, October 7 (A)

The CAP21 Musical Theatre
Conservatory, NY
8:15 AM – Wilkins Commons

• Friday, October 7 (A)

Rutgers
11:00 AM – LM 501

• Monday, October 10 (B)

St. Olaf College
9:30 AM – LM 501

• Tuesday, October 11 (A)

University of St. Thomas
11:00 AM – LM 501

• Tuesday, October 18 (B)

CalArts
1:00 PM – Wilkins Commons

• Thursday, October 20 (B)

The Aveda Institute
9:30 AM – LM 501

• Monday, October 24 (A)

MSU Mankato
9:30 AM – LM 511

• Wednesday, November 30 (B)

U of MN, Morris
10:00 AM – LM 511



A HUGE THANK YOU to the families who have donated items on our SPCPA Wish List! We greatly appreciate your generosity.

SPCPA WISH LIST

- *Facial Tissue
- *Band-Aids
- *Colored Copy Paper
- *Copy Paper (white)
- *Disinfecting Wipes (Clorox or other brand)
- *Disposable Ice Packs
- *Electric Pencil Sharpeners
- *Expo Dry Erase Markers
- *Expo Dry Erase Board Cleaner
- *Expo Dry Erase Board Erasers
- *Feminine Products (individually wrapped)
- *File Folders (Letter)
- *Hanging File Folders (Letter)
- *Paper Plates (10")
- *Paper Towels
- *#2 Pencils
- *Pens (Ballpoint, Black or Blue)
- *Plastic Disposable Forks
- *Plastic Disposable Spoons

SPCPA is Looking for Parent Volunteers

Volunteer Opportunities include:

English Department Assistance

The English Department is in need of family volunteers to help us cover our paperback books. Our books experience greater longevity when covered in contact paper. Might you have some time to volunteer to help us with this project? We hope to get volunteers into SPCPA on Monday, October 10, Tuesday, October 11, Thursday, October 13, and/or Friday, October, 14. Hours are flexible. Please contact Carrie Jarvis at jarvisc@spcpa.org or 651.290.2225 x 108 if you are interested in assisting the English Department with this important project.

J-Term Parent Supervisors

This January, we hope to assign parent volunteers to each J-Term rehearsal venue for additional student supervision and support. Students will be assigned to J-Term projects on November 4th. Shortly after that date, we will be contacting parents to ask for assistance with this project. Our students greatly anticipate J-Term season each year. We want to make it as safe and enjoyable for everyone involved and believe parent assistance is greatly beneficial to the J-Term process. We are very grateful to SPCPA Parent Kellie Stocker who will be coordinating the volunteer project. If you have questions or would like to express interest, please email Kellie at kellieannestocker@gmail.com.

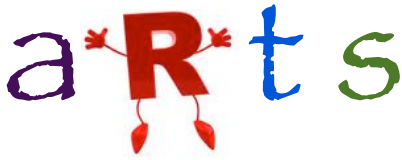
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Getting started: Visit: <http://www.igive.com/welcome/index.cfm> to register.

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.



Planning ahead!

DANCE

Healthy Eating and Injury Prevention for Dancers

During the month of October, a Dance Health Practitioner will be visiting SPCPA dance students to discuss healthy choices for their bodies.

Wednesday, October 19, arts classes

Modern Level 7 Master Class with Ori Flomin, a Cowles Visiting Artist from the University of Minnesota

Monday, October 24, 12:30 p.m.

Modern Levels 1,2,3,4 will attend *Luna Negra* at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts

INSTRUMENTAL

Thursday, November 17, 6:00 p.m

Fall Orchestra & Jazz Concert at the Lehr Theater

*Orchestra and Jazz student call time is 5:15pm in the Lower music classrooms. All Orchestra and Jazz students are required to attend and perform in this concert.

Students who have conflicts and are unable to perform in this concert must let Mr. Gaudette know by the first week of October. Please see the student universal syllabus for information regarding dress code and concert conduct.

**Friday Pops Orchestra students are not required to attend this event.*

Tuesday, December 6, 6:00 p.m.

Orchestra and Choir Concert, Lehr Theater

Thursday, December 15, 6:00 p.m.

Instrumental Ensemble Showcase, Lehr Theater

Tuesday, December 20, 2:30pm

All Instrumental Music Field Trip to the Baroque Room

*More information will be provided prior to the date.

THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE

Wednesday, October 19, 10:00 a.m.

Theatre and Musical Theatre students will attend "Two Trains Running" at the Penumbra Theatre

Tuesday, December 20, arts classes

Theatre and Musical Theatre departments "Share Day"

VOCAL ARTS

Tuesday, December 6, 6:00 p.m.

Scene Studio & Orchestra Concert, Lehr Theater

Tuesday, December 20, 6:00 p.m.

Vocal Arts Department Fall Concert, Landmark Cortile (first floor)



Faculty About Town

Instrumental Faculty **Mike Vasich**, **Nick Gaudette**, and **Zack Kline**, members of group “Orange Mighty Trio,” are doing a live soundtrack to a short film this Thursday, October 6th at Trylon Microcinema in South Minneapolis. For more information, please visit <http://take-up.org/series/17/#393>

Check out the rock musical “The Who’s Tommy” at Pioneer Place in St. Cloud. Musical Theatre Faculty **Shannon Roberg** choreographed the performance which runs through October 9th. For more information, please visit www.ppfive.com

Theatre Faculty **Gary Briggie** is currently starring in The Jungle Theater’s new production of *Hamlet*. The show runs through October 9th. For more information, please visit www.jungletheater.com

Theatre Faculty **Paul de Cordova** is currently starring in “The Pride” which runs through October 16th at the Pillsbury House Theatre. For more information, please visit www.pillsburyhousetheatre.org

Mu Performing Arts presents the world premiere of *Four Destinies*, written by Katie Hae Leo and directed by SPCPA Theatre Faculty **Suzy Messerole**. The show runs from October 15-October 30 at Mixed Blood Theatre. For more information, please visit www.muperformingarts.org

Dance Faculty **Kaleena Miller** and members of Rhythmic Circus, named in *City Pages* for “Best Dance Performance of the Past Twelve Months” will be performing “Feet Don’t Fail Me Now!” at the Burnsville Performing Arts Center’s main stage on Saturday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please visit www.burnsvillepac.com



Students About Town

Over the summer, **Lexi Parra**, **Lexi Duffy**, **Mary Berthelson**, **Andrew Kohagen**, **Sarah Smith**, **Alexandra Nedved**, and **Marianna Mattes** were awarded the opportunity to study Music Theater Performance at the Open Jar Institute Actor Training Program in New York City. For one week, they attended high intensity workshops in acting, singing, dance and audition technique taught by Broadway Professionals and New York Casting Directors and Agents. Each night, they saw a Broadway show and met the cast afterwards for backstage tours. “This was the best week of my life!” raved musical theater senior Andrew Kohagen.

This summer two of our students, **Celena Morgan** and **Eli Newell**, participated in the Children's Theatre Company's production of "Assassins."

SPCPA Sophomore **Kennadi Hurst** will be performing in *Come on Children, Let’s Sing!*, a special musical tribute to Mahalia Jackson, the Queen of Gospel. The show is presented by Penumbra Theatre with three performances on October 21, 22, & 23 at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. For more information, please visit www.penumbratheatre.org

Students About Town

If your student is participating in a local arts production or other arts project, and you would like to announce his or her involvement in a future newsletter and on our website, please fill out the form below and return to either the Landmark school office or Lowry school office. If you would like to email the information, please send it to josephj@spcpa.org.

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Arts Project: _____

Venue: _____

Date(s) of Performance: _____

Website Link to Performance Information: _____

Permission to Photograph/Videotape

Occasionally, school personnel or professional photographers employed by the school take pictures or film our students either at school or when they are involved in organized activities away from the school site, such as arts performances. We may use these photographs or film in printed publications as well as on our website or on school displays.

Please contact Jessica Joseph at 651-290-2225 ext. 201 or josephj@spcpa.org if you do **NOT** wish to have your son or daughter's image displayed.

J-TERM INFORMATION

J-Term placement auditions are coming up this month! As in years past, students will sign up for four projects. Then, on October 17 and 18, during regular arts classes, all students will audition to determine into which one of those four projects they will be placed. There is nothing to prepare. At the end of the day on Friday, November 4, students will receive their J-Term placement notification.

This year there are 22 projects! **All families will receive J-Term project descriptions along with rehearsal schedules and locations on Monday, October 3.** We encourage parents to discuss options with students and to take locations and rehearsal schedules into account when choosing their four project options. Each project is on an MTC bus line.

A reminder that from January 3 through January 20, there will be no academic classes. J-Term is required as part of the school year and earns a full credit for successful participation.

2012 J-Term Projects include:

Anthem (Modern Dance), *Caroline or Change*, *Chicago, Circa 3012* (Hip Hop Dance), *Curiouser and Curiouser* (interdisciplinary percussive dance), *Departure Point: Creating Music with Zeitgeist*, *Everything, All at Once* (Modern Dance), *Gianni Schicchi*, *Glad Rags* (Contemporary Ballet), *January Jazz @ Walker West*, *Manifest Cloaks* (Mask Piece), *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Night at the Improv*, *Now What?!* (African Modern Dance), *Origin Story*, *Our Town*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, *Progressive Conservatory Orchestra*, *Right Now* (Jazz Dance), *sight unseen* (Classical Ballet), and *So Long, Johnson Pillock*.

2012 J-Term Directors include: Mathew Janczewski, Joey Clark, Mindy Eschedor, Zach Curtis, Shannon Roberg, Amy Sackett, Joe Chvala, Heather Barringer, Dustin Haug, Nathan Herfindahl, Steven Stucki, Penelope Freeh, Dario Tangelson, Michael Robins, Charles Fraser, Aneka McMullen, Jason Ballweber, Ellen Fenster, Gary Briggie, Suzy Messerole, Nick Gaudette, Chris Thomson, Karla Grotting, Justin Leaf, Jon Ferguson, Jake Endres, Michael Pierce Donley, and Felix James.

2012 J-Term venues include: Concordia College, CO Exhibitions, Cowles Center for Dance and Performing Arts, Gremlin Theatre, History Theatre and McNally Smith, Hennepin Center for the Arts, Illusion Theater, Jawaahir Dance, Lehr Theater, The Lab Theater in Minneapolis, Mixed Blood Theatre, Red Eye Theater, SPCPA, TU Dance Center, US Bank Room at the Ordway, Walker-West, and Zeitgeist's Studio Z.

We are all looking forward to our January performing arts festival. We hope you are able to get out and see as many projects as possible!

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