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Taking the stage for a final performance on May 1, 2025, the Carr Lane VPA Strings, directed by Mr. Walker!

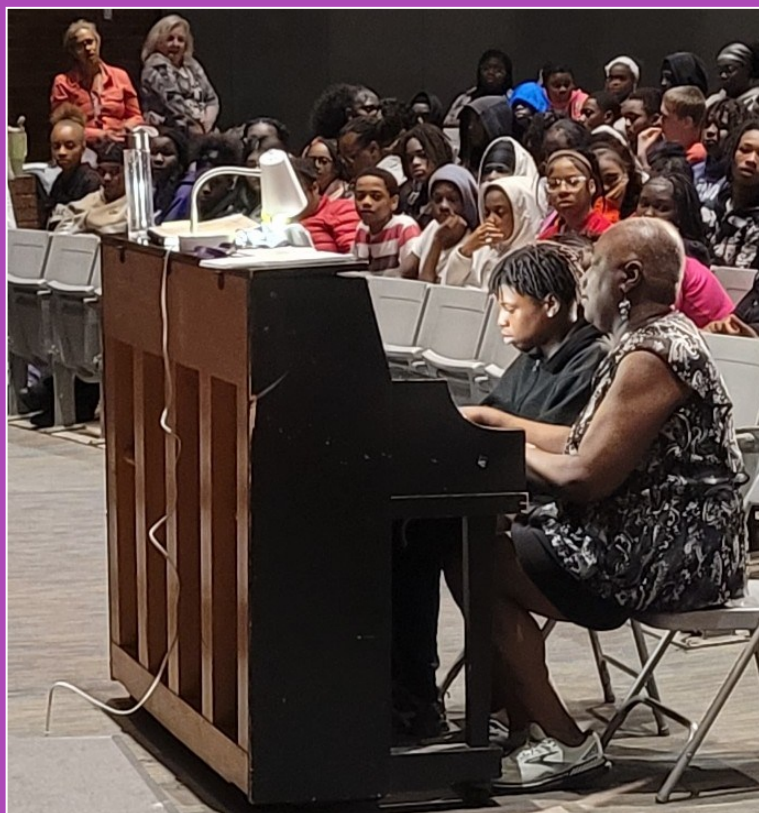


Ahman Ward and Jayla Perkins perform a duet!

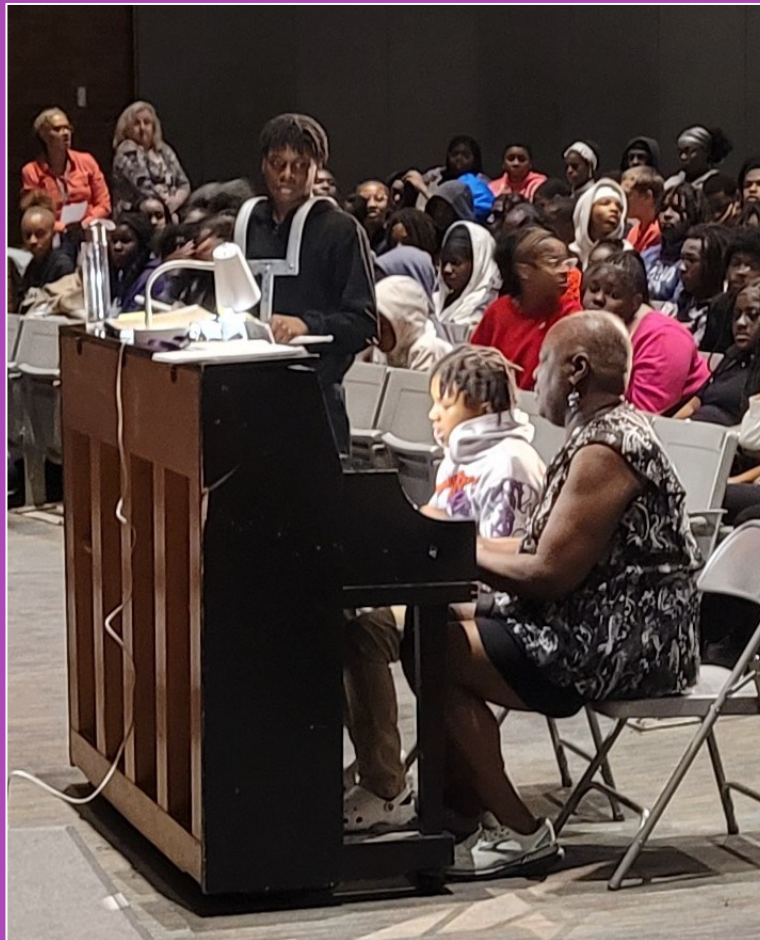




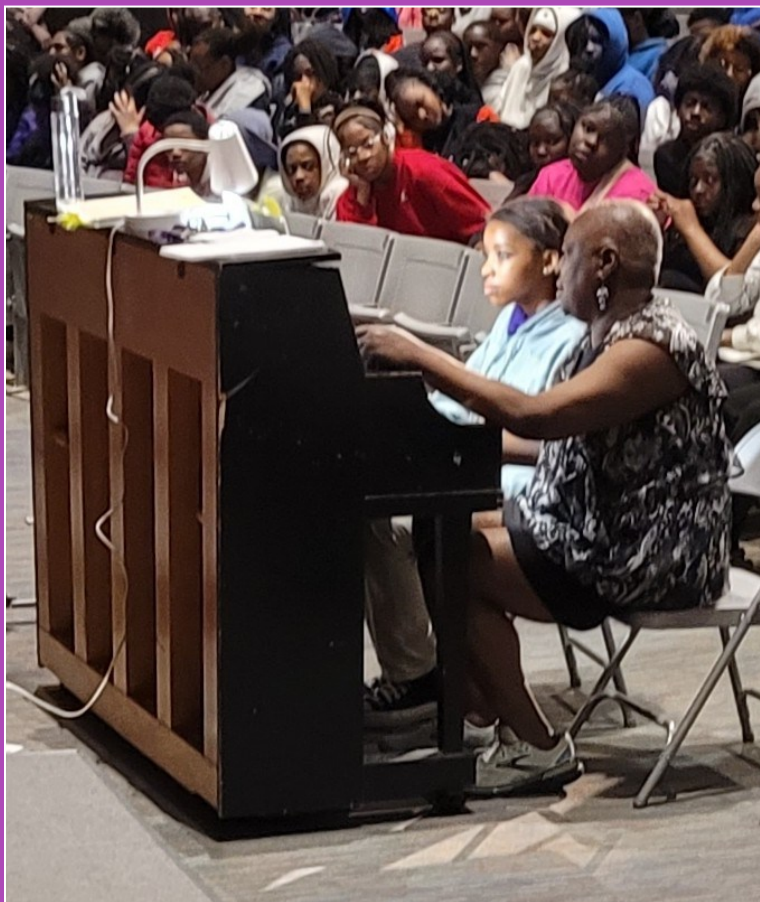
Piano Showcase on May 1, 2025. Piano student Alex takes to the keys!



One by one, piano students sit in with their instructor, Ms. M. Williams



Dazell accompanies on drum!



These two students volunteered to play a duet for the school!



7th Grade Social Studies Teacher, Mr. Avant takes the 7th grade to the Land of Lincoln and Springfield, Illinois!

Thanks to veteran ELA teacher, Ms. Crawford-Bell. She encouraged one of her students to write a personal essay. The result was astounding. Here is the essay by 7th grade ELA (and Computer Literacy) student, Levet Kahn.

WHAT ABOUT THE HIJAB?

By Levet Kahn

I want to talk about hijabs and what it means to wear it. So, Hijabs means “veil” in Arabic. Women/girls that wear it are very modest. We hijabis believe that if you wear it, it shields your beauty and saves it for your significant other. For an example: when a sucker has no wrapper on and you drop it, all things that can make it gross can go onto it. But when you do have the wrapper on it, it shields all of what’s inside. We also wear the hijab, because we believe in modesty.

So, now I’m going to talk about what’s known as “Christian veiling.” Christians believe in modesty as well. Mainly Orthodox women wear it. Christians wear it because the virgin Mary wore it a lot. I myself identify as Orthodox. In the Bible (1 Corinthians 11) a passage suggests women should wear a head covering as a sign of submission to God. Therefore we Orthodox Hijab/veil; so, when I wear it to school or anywhere in public I rather feel safe and comforted. Anyone can wear it, no matter how old, no matter your race; you can wear it!

We Christians should be very close to Muslims as it says in the Bible to be so. We are like brothers and sisters with Muslims. Our Eastern Orthodox religion is so close in similarities: Muslims love and believe in Jesus as one of their most important prophets. But they do not believe he is the son of God. That’s why they worship Allah.

Also, in the Holy Quran it says the same: to be close to Christians. That’s why I love to wear the hijab. But soon, I’ll start wearing more of a veil.

Now, I want to talk about Arabic words. Whenever I say mashallah, Inshallah, AstafaAllah, or Allah Akbar. People say I’m Muslim... No, I’m not! Then, they’ll say, “Well, you said *Allah!*” *Allah* in Arabic means “God.” So, when I say that, I’m referring to him. “Mashallah” means “God has willed it.” “Inshallah” means “if God wills it.” “AstafaAllah” means “God forbid.” And lastly, “Allah Arkbar” means “God is the greatest.”

Arabic words don’t just belong to Muslims!

When I tell people I grew up in America, but am originally from Iraq, people say, “No, you’re just black!” Well yes, because I’m Afro-Iraqi Arab. Then, when I say my origin is from the middle east, people often say, “They are only Muslim countries!” Not so. In many countries in the “mid-east” many, many people are Eastern Orthodox Christian! Like me!

8TH GRADE FIELD DAY!



Hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream and snacks! 8th Grade enjoys a beautiful day out-of-doors at their “Ice Cream Social” on May 9, 2025!



Chef Folkes (waving in the b.g.) cooked food enough for the entire 8th grade Team and their students! Way to cook, Coach!!!



8th Grade Team Leader, Ms. Shipp addresses the 8th Grade on their field day!



So long, Carr Lane! High School here we come!



Ms. C. Williams and field day DJ, EZ Money!



Quashaun stands-in for a photo-op. Mr. Whitfield takes a seat while Mr. Folkes prepares 8th Grade lunch!



Bring on the Bubble Machine! Or take on the Bounce House!

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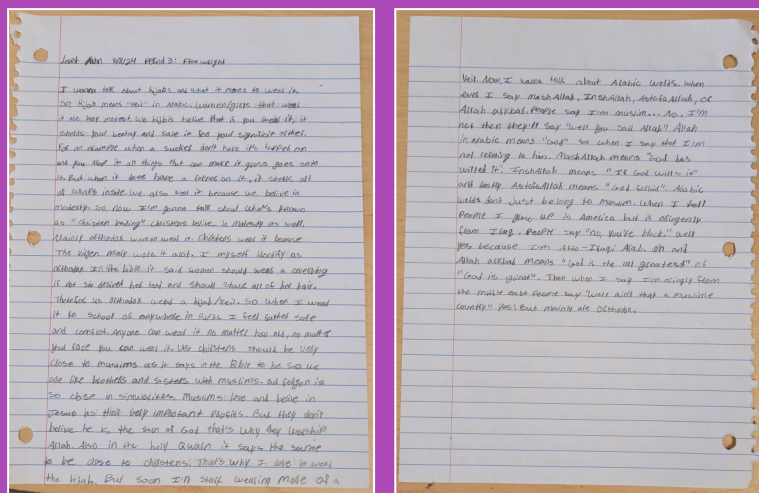




Friday, May 16, 2025 was 7th Grade Field Day. It began as another, glorious spring day. Only in the afternoon, at departure time, did the sky grow dark, and St. Louis and its surrounding communities were hit by devastating thunderstorms, hail, and deadly tornados.



From 7th Grade Awards Day, Mr. Avant shares this photo of two, top 7th Grade Social Studies students. Congratulations!



7th grader Levet Kahn composed this essay draft in Ms. Crawford-Bell's ELA classroom. Later, Levet edited and "typed" her draft using MS Word in 12-point, Times New Roman. (See page 5, above.)



Happy Birthday!!!



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