**CVPA SPIRIT, NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:**

* This week, September 8–14, is **National Suicide Prevention Week**, a time dedicated to raising awareness, breaking stigma, and reinforcing our collective commitment to mental health and well-being. Please join our Care Team in the cafeteria during lunch on Wednesday for self-care activities including rock painting and coloring books.

**FROM THE FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT:**

**This week after school**

* **Tuesday during Lunch:** Spirit Squad meets in the Dance Room.
* **Tuesday After School:** Spirit Squad rehearsal in the Dance Room. Little Shop of Horrors first production meeting and rehearsal for full cast, ensemble, and tech.
* **Wednesday & Thursday After School:** Jazz Show Choir rehearsal to make up for missing Monday
* **Friday After School:** Spirit Squad rehearsal in the Dance Room.

**Fox Teen Talent Competition**

* Registration is open now and free for high school students in the St. Louis Metro area. Students select a category such as dance, instrumentalist, vocalist, or specialty act. Free workshops and a clear timeline are provided to help students prepare. Registration closes October 24. Full details and the registration link are on Teams.  
  We are also proud to share that one of our Spirit Squad captains, **Alexis Clark**, is dancing with the Fox Teen Talent company for this year’s show after being part of last year’s winning team. This is a great opportunity for students who want to grow and make professional connections.
* **Paid Internship with Fox Teen Talent**  
  If competition isn't your thing, a paid student internship with the Teen Talent program is available. Positions include student content creator and student reporter, with hands-on experience promoting Teen Talent and covering behind-the-scenes activities. The information and application link are now available on Teams!
* **Music at the Intersection**  
  We are excited to celebrate CVPA’s participation in this year’s Music at the Intersection Festival in Grand Center. The festival runs Friday through Sunday and features notable performers including Common & Pete Rock, Patti LaBelle, Lucky Daye, De La Soul, Branford Marsalis, and St. Louis artist Keyon Harrold. Our students will be performing during Friday’s Kickoff & it's a huge moment for our students to be included on this stage, representing CVPA in front of a wide audience of artists and music lovers. We encourage staff and students to enjoy the festival throughout the weekend.
* **And now… a drumroll please for our Final Casting announcement for *Little Shop of Horrors***
  + ( Pronounced See-more) Seymour: Darrion McTramble  
    Audrey: Tamiyah Thompson (Maddi Moore understudy)  
    Audrey II: Puppeteer Renee Poke | Voice Walter Foster  
    Mr. Mushnik: Ramando Gillespie Jr.  
    Orin: Devon Scott  
    Doo-Wop Girls: Raymariea McCall, Madison (Maddi) Moore, Princess Summerville  
    Understudy: Chloe Collins  
    Radio Announcer (Wink Wilkinson): Mack Addison-Hardy  
    Skip Snip: Charlie Pappan  
    Patrick Martin: Nic Ogier  
    Mrs. Luce: TBD  
    Wino: Christian Currie

**CVPA HAPPY BIRTHDAY(S):**

* Happy birthday to student Janean Comage!