



# Central Visual & Performing Arts High School

## eBlast Newsletter

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### Eagle Shout-Outs:

#### Welcome New Staff Members

A huge Soaring Eagle High Five to the newest members of the CVPA family:

**Ms. Rovira** - Academic Instructional Coach  
**Mr. Banks** - Band Teacher  
**Mr. Oza** - Science Teacher  
**Ms. Smith** - English Teacher  
**Mr. Rettman** - Math Teacher  
**Mr. Reid** - ACT Prep and Math Teacher  
**Mr. Korte** - Spanish Teacher  
**Ms. Hall** - Guidance Counselor  
**Ms. Navies** - Special Education Teacher  
**Ms. Garwood** - Secretary and Building Sub  
**Ms. Lewis** - MCAC College Advisor  
**Ms. Terry** - Art Teacher

#### ITEF Grant Brings Technology to Central

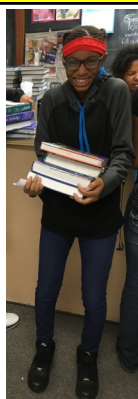
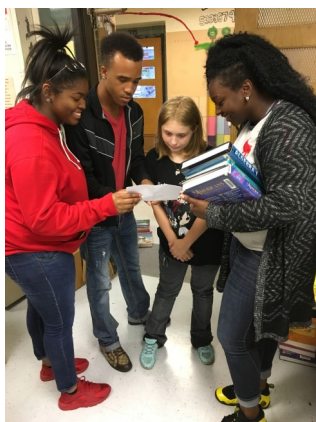
Last year our school applied for and was awarded a competitive technology grant from the Innovative Technology Education Fund. The grant, totaling \$60,000, enables students at CVPA to expand their educational horizons by introducing new technology to course curriculum. The grant has allowed us to purchase 10 desktop MACs, over 80 tablets, and we are working on installing a recording studio.

**Mr. Bova**, resident technology guru, is managing the grant and teaching a journalism course that will regularly utilize the new equipment.



#### The Class of 2020 has Arrived!

Wishing our newest CVPA Eagles a warm welcome and a wonderful first year of their high school experience. The freshman class, totaling almost 150 students, has spent these first couple weeks of the year trying not to get lost, figuring out how to open their lockers, making new friends, and of course, **LEARNING**.



### Eagle Activities:

#### Artists Connect with Kids Across the World



Each year, **Mr. Perry's** students participate in *The Memory Project*, a program to benefit children in third world countries. CVPA students create portraits based on photographs of children currently living in orphanages. The personalized portraits are delivered to the children in a series of beautifully emotional exchanges. Email Mr. Perry for the link to the video from last year or to learn more about how you can help with *The Memory Project*: [william.perry@slps.org](mailto:william.perry@slps.org)

#### Drama Students Practice Positive Energy

**Ms. Miller's** Advanced Acting kids started the school year with a variety of improv exercises to energize the class and create a positive learning environment. The theater department will put on a fall play, a spring musical, and a one-act festival.



#### Teachers Prepare for the School Year

Teachers spent over a week at school preparing for the return of our amazing students! We kicked off the week of professional development with a "Going for the Gold" Rio Olympics theme. In addition to discussing curriculum and other school business, the teachers also enjoyed daily team-building activities and a special yoga and relaxation session led by **Mr. Oza**.



#### A Word from Our Principal:

**Dr. Kacy Seals**

Welcome to the opening of what promises to be a wonderful school year! At this time of the year, there is great anticipation of what is to come. We have a great new group of freshmen, so many amazing new teachers, and we are especially excited about our theme for the 2016-2017 school year: *Inform, Investigate and Inspire: A 21st Century Creative Space*. Central VPA is the proud recipient of the ITEF Grant, which afforded us the opportunity to offer new elective classes (Music Engineering, Digital Art, and Journalism). Additionally, we are instituting our first recording studio and a technology library system. Here's to a positive, productive school year!

#### Student Council - Election Information

Attention Student Leaders - the opportunity to be a part of CVPA's Student Council is happening now!

Thursday, Sept 1st - **Student Council Applications Available**  
Wednesday, Sept 7th - **Applications DUE**  
Friday, Sept 9th - **Student Council Elections**  
Monday, Sept 12th - **Winners Announced**  
Wednesday, Sept 14th - **First Student Council Meeting**  
We meet every week on Wednesday after school 2:20-5:00

Please see **Ms. Kuczka**, Student Council sponsor, for more information or for an application. Good Luck!

#### Parent Teacher Organization/ Title 1 Meeting

Please join us on **Wednesday, September 21st**  
**Meetings will be held at both 10:00am and 5:30pm**

September Agenda: Title 1 Information, Elections of Officers/Parent Class Representatives, & Fundraising  
...Continental Breakfast/ Dinner will be provided.....

Note: To ensure that we have enough food please **RSVP** to [Sherri.Reed-Parker@slps.org](mailto:Sherri.Reed-Parker@slps.org) or call 314-771-2772 by Sept. 14th

#### September College Visits:

Sept. 15th - University of Missouri - Kansas City (UMKC)  
Sept. 19th - **Indiana Tech** @ 8am  
Sept. 20th - University of Missouri - Columbia (Mizzou)  
Sept. 21st - **Truman State University** @ 10am  
Sept. 23rd - **Roosevelt University** (Performing & Visual Arts)  
Sept. 26th - Southern Illinois University - **Edwardsville**  
Sept. 29th - Missouri University of Science & Tech (**Rolla**)

#### Scholarship Opportunities:

**Scholarship Fair** hosted by Infinite Scholars - Sunday, Sept. 18th  
2:30-5:00 - Busch Student Center, 20 North Grand Blvd.  
Registration: [www.infinitescholar.org](http://www.infinitescholar.org)

**Performing and Visual Arts College Fair** hosted by NACAC  
Sunday, Sept. 25th, 1:00-3:00, Webster University  
Registration: [www.nacacfairs.org/pvamidwest](http://www.nacacfairs.org/pvamidwest)

**HBCU Awareness College Fair** - Saturday, Oct. 22nd  
10:00-2:00 - Harris Stowe State University  
Contact Henrietta P. Mackey at [henscsc@gmail.com](mailto:henscsc@gmail.com)

\*\* See Ms. Kelly or Ms. Hall for more information!

As your contact information (*email, phone number, address*) changes, please contact the school and keep us updated!

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