

# FINE ARTS



## ART

Parkway Central Regional Art Show  
Tuesday, December 17th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
At Parkway Central High School  
All students with art in the show will receive an invitation.

## BAND

The Central Area Band Concert is at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, in the large gym at Central High School. 6th Beginning Band, 7th Junior Band, United Sound, 8th Concert Band, and the high school bands will all perform. Students should wear their red Central Middle Music polo shirt and black pants, socks and shoes. Arrival time is 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited! This is the concert debut of our beginning musicians. See you at the concert!

Special recognition goes to our United Sound Peer Mentors and United Sound New Musicians. We're proud of you! Special recognition also goes to Hannah Wolkowitz, alto saxophone, and Matthew Averbukh, bass clarinet, for being selected for the St. Louis Suburban All District Middle School Honor Concert Band!

January 7, 2020, is the annual Parkway School District 5th Grade Band Information Night! It is held at Central Middle in the Atrium at 7:00 p.m. Fifth grade students and parents will be able to get information about playing in band, and even try out instruments! Some of our seventh grade band students will be our hosts and ushers for the evening. See you there!

## CHOIR

Choir is excited to perform our Winter Concert on December 17th! All students from the sixth, seventh, and eighth Grade Choirs will perform. Don't forget to bring some cash for the Ted Drewe's Concession Stand!. In addition, 7th Grade Choir will perform at the PCH Madrigal Dinner on December 6th!

## ORCHESTRA

Things in Orchestra are going so well! I am really enjoying my time here at Central Middle and especially love the music the students are making. They are a joy to work with. Thank you to everyone who helped put together our fall concert; it was a great success and a lot of fun. This time of year always brings a ton of fun music to play, and we are fortunate to have students who are able to bring to life whatever they put their minds to, what a treat.

Our upcoming concert is December 5th in the Atrium at Central middle. Currently the students are hard at work preparing for that performance.

I also want to again congratulate our students who are participating in All Suburban Orchestra and remind everyone of the concerts on January 11<sup>th</sup> at Rockwood Summit High School. For specific times of groups please visit [www.slsmea.com](http://www.slsmea.com). Our students participating in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Middle School Orchestras will perform at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. respectively.

January is a time when students are deciding about next year's courses, and I want to say thank you in advance to those that will be staying in Orchestra from fifth grade to middle school. As well a big recognition to those already in our program who will be continuing here at the middle and on into high school. Orchestra is such an immense and unique learning opportunity. The students who have kept on in the process love what they are doing and look forward to each new stage of the journey. It is such a privilege to be with them as they explore Orchestra. If you are thinking about continuing on, signing up, etc., and have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 314-415-7848 or by email [cmckinney@parkwayschools.net](mailto:cmckinney@parkwayschools.net).

Also know that we have many wonderful musical events coming up in Parkway and Central Middle in the late winter and spring: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Strings Day, All District Orchestra Concert, Large Group Festival and of course our final PCMS Orchestra Concert of the year in May. If you want to see some really great stuff that kids in our community are doing, check out one of these great musical events.

Thank you for all you do for our orchestra program, and I hope to see you at a concert!

## THEATRE & VIDEO PRODUCTION NEWS

Theatre students are hard at work being brave, taking risks, and allowing the unexpected!

### Sixth Grade Exploring Theatre Arts

We had a wonderful first semester of class! Students have grown as actors, designers and collaborators. In January, we'll begin again with a brand new group of students.

### Seventh Grade Creating Theatre Artists

Students in first semester have become quite the theatre practitioners! We've had a great time growing as actors and technicians. In January, we'll begin again with a brand new group of students.

### Eighth Grade Theatre Production

First semester was a smashing success! Students worked as a cohesive team to produce an entertaining class play. They should be so proud. In January, we'll begin the class with a new group of students.

### Eighth Grade Video Production

During the first semester, students learned the fundamentals of film production. We worked on a variety of projects and produced wonderful work. In January, we'll have new students join us for more work.

### **All-School Play SIGN-UPS!**

**Our next all-school production will be the play, *I Cannot Tell a Lie at George Washington School* by Jim Adolf. Auditions are December 16th and callbacks on December 18th. Stage Manager applications are being accepted through December 18. Tech crew sign ups will be January 6-10, 2020. Join the PCMS All-School Play's Google Classroom by using the code: weufmr. This is where you'll find all the information about the play! Performance dates will be Feb. 21-22, 2020.**