



## PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....

Greetings to the Arts Academy family. We have completed our first 5 weeks of school. Enclosed in this mailing you will find a copy of your child's progress report. Please take time to review the remarks and grades and reach out to teachers with questions or concerns. The marking period moves quickly and we want to be sure that all students have a strong start for this academic year.

Not only do we push academic and artistic success we want to provide students with opportunities for health and wellness. On September 29th, our Social Worker, Ms. Kim Jones, our Student Support Team and Wellness Teams collaborated to host a Wellness Field Day. Students were able to interact with healing goats, create expressive art projects with Albright Knox Gallery (AKG), enjoy snacks and let off energy in

the bounce house. Thank you to our Juniors for assisting on this day. It was a great time! Our senior class officers have been elected. We want to congratulate: President Jason Butler, Vice president Abby Diamond, Treasurer Janiyah Robinson, Secretary Echo Jones-Merritt, and Sergeant at arms Mariyh Insinna. These student-leaders will represent student voice on school wide activiteis,



*Cast of the High School Play  
26 PEBBLES*

### BAVPA EVENTS

- **PARENT—TEACHER CONFERENCES and FAFSA Financial Aid NIGHT**  
Thursday, February 15  
5:30—7:30 PM
- **FEB. RECESS—NO SCHOOL**  
Feb. 19 — Feb. 23
- **HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR for BAVPA Students & Parents**  
Wednesday, March 6  
9:00 AM—12:00 PM
- **ConnectLife Blood Drive**  
Friday, March 22  
9:00 AM—2:00 PM
- **Grade 11 to College Fair at Buffalo Convention Center**  
Wednesday, March 20  
9:15—11:45 AM

## Parents are our Partners

We are excited to introduce our new Parent Engagement Liaison (PEL), Mrs. Nadia Francis. She comes with years of experience as a parent-leader within Buffalo Schools and will be an asset to our school community. Mrs. Francis will work to improve parent and school relations, help to engage parents in

becoming active partners with teachers, administrators, and our community based partners. You may contact our PEL by email at: [nfrancis@buffaloschools.org](mailto:nfrancis@buffaloschools.org) if you have any questions or would like to learn how to become more involved at BAVPA. Out Site Based Man-

agement Team (SBMT) meeting will be held virtually the 4th Tuesday of each month. **Please log on to ZOOM meeting ID: 382 283 2676 Passcode: 706912**

Parent involvement is the number one tool to ensure that students achieve and are successful.

This is a partnership!



*Arts Academy's Girls JV  
Volleyball Team*

# CURRENT NEWS

## ACADEMIC HAPPENINGS

Many parents were able to attend “Meet the Teacher Night” on September 27th where parents received pertinent information on course requirements and expectations. Please do not hesitate to make contact with any of your child’s teachers to address concerns.

great way to access your child's grades, assignments, and attendance in each class. If you need assistance with the portal, please contact the school at 716-816-4220. We want to ensure student success throughout the remainder of the year.

Our partnerships with University at Buffalo Liberty Partnership and Canisius College Academic Talent Search is in place for this school year.

Students should take advantage of tutoring and assistance from our partners



Guest Violinist Risa Hokamura with Ms. Vafai and the High School Orchestra students

## ARTS PRESENTS

High school musical – **MEAN GIRLS High School Version** - directed by Connor Graham & the BAVPA production team composed of Ms. Bateson–Brown, Mrs. Billera, Ms. Stephan, Mr. Tinkham, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Ms. Swonder, Ms. Vafai, Ms. Glorioso, Mr. Quigley, Mr. Riffel, Mr. Durak, and Mrs. Wright.

Story Synopsis - Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. How will this naïve newbie rise to the top of the popularity pecking order? By taking on The Plastics, a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. But when Cady and her friends devise a "Revenge Party" to end Regina's reign,

she learns the hard way that you can't cross a Queen Bee without getting stung.

Adapted from Fey's hit 2004 film, *Mean Girls* was nominated for a staggering 12 Tony Awards.

Show dates: Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15 at 7:00 PM, and Saturday, March 16 at 2:00 PM.

A school-time matinee is scheduled for Thursday, March 14 at 9:50 AM.

Ticket Prices are reserved seating \$6.00 Adults and \$3.00 Students and Senior Citizens (Ages 62 & up).

Tickets on sale during school days & school hours (8 AM–3 PM) and at the box office one hour before shows.

## UPCOMING NEWS

- Valentine's Market Theatre Dept. Fundraiser Feb.12–gr. 5-8 during majors
- Tues, February 14 Senior Valentine's Day Lunch 11:10 AM - 12:15 PM
- Grade 6 to AKG Art Museum—Cultural Field Trip Thurs. Feb. 15—11:00 AM
- **Thursday, Feb. 15 Parent-Teacher Conferences & FAFSA Financial Aid Night 5:30 - 7:30 PM**
- **President's Day and Mid-Winter Recess School Closed Feb. 19 – Feb. 23**
- Virtual Site-Based Management Team Meeting Tues, Feb. 27—3:00 PM
- Gr. 5 to Buffalo Science Museum—Cultural Field Trip Wed. Feb. 28—11:00 AM
- Friday, March 8 3rd Quarter Progress Reports—Grades Due
- High School Musical MEAN GIRLS March 13 –March 16
- Grade 11 to College Fair at Buffalo Convention Center March 20 – 9:15 AM
- Virtual Site-Based Management Team Meeting Tues, March 26—3:00 PM
- **Spring Break School Closed March 29 - April 7**

### **Buffalo Academy for Visual & Performing Arts presents PERFORMANCE DATES**

The Arts Academy's Annual **Black History Month Presentation & Art Show**

Tuesday, February 13  
Matinee 9:50 am  
Evening Curtain 7:00 pm

Tickets: Students-\$3.00  
Adults-\$6.00

High School Musical  
**MEAN GIRLS**

Wednesday, March 13  
Matinee 9:50 am  
(for BAVPA students and for outside schools)

Thursday, March 14  
and Friday, March 15  
Evening Curtain—7:00 pm

Saturday, March 16  
Matinee 2:00 pm  
Tickets: Students-\$3.00  
Adults-\$6.00

- **Grade 9 & 10 Art Show and Reception**  
Thursday, March 14  
6:00—7:00 pm

\* Ticket Info—Call the school #816-4220 or check website [BuffaloArtsAcademy.org](http://BuffaloArtsAcademy.org)  
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