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Feed Your Kids the Arts!

The arts are enriched with the stuff kids need to succeed. Just like kids need to have good nutrition on a daily basis, kids need to have their daily serving of the arts. Studies have shown that involvement in the arts helps kids increase test scores and promotes academic achievement. Kids who are involved in the arts are:

- 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement
- 4 times more likely to participate in a math and science fair

Greetings!

It's official, we're now into the "Holiday Season". Between Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, the next two months are sure to be a busy.

Here at Tri-State, we've got students acting in "The Odd Couple", teachers performing at the Embassy and at Windsor Hall. We've got the Nerfnerd event, plus the Square 1 Art fundraiser, and the new Cafe Press site. We'll also be releasing the new spring catalog on November 16th, so be sure to look at our [Classes](#) page.

Speaking of the next semester... we've just created a new survey, which will hopefully help us improve some of our classes/strategies for next spring. Please help us serve you better by taking the time to fill it out- it should take less than five minutes.

Thank you for your support of our mission and programs!

News

Student Spotlight on... Molly Twigg



- 3 times more likely to win an award for school attendance
- 3 times more likely to be elected to class office within their schools

Chances are, though, that your kids are not getting enough art-in or out of school. Here are 10 easy ways you can get your kids involved in artistic activities. *Courtesy of Americans for the Arts.*

1. Enjoy the arts together. Take time to sing, dance, or draw together.
2. Encourage your child to participate in the arts and celebrate their participation in or out of school.
3. Explore your local library and read the "classics" together- from Mother Goose to Walt Whitman.
4. Read your local newspaper to find out about attending local are events such as museum exhibits, local plays, festivals, or outdoor concerts.
5. Tell your child's teacher, principal, and school leadership that the arts are vital to your child's success and an important part of a quality education. Find out if your school has sufficient resources for arts education, including qualified teachers and materials. If not, offer to help.
6. Contact your local arts organizations to inquire about the arts education programs they offer either during school hours or after school. Volunteer to donate time, supplies, or help with their advocacy efforts and connect these services to your child's school.
7. Attend a school board or PTA meeting and voice your support for the arts to show that you care and make sure that the arts are adequately funded as part of the core curriculum in the school budget.
8. Explore your child's dream

This month we're honoring scale sensation Molly Twigg! Molly is a piano student of Dr. Jim Lyons, where she is showing all the beginning scale students how quickly scales can be mastered.

A fifth grade student at Bishop Walsh, Molly gets mostly A's in school, and has excelled in math where she is studying with the sixth grade class.

Molly participates in all sorts of arts-related activities- mainly because she enjoys creating original masterpieces. A pianist, singer, actress, and artist, Molly has performed in 15 plays and one feature film. She was also recently awarded first place in an art contest through MACRO (Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office) in Annapolis.

Congratulations Molly! We're very proud of you!

Thank you!! Hare & Walsh PC

Starting with a joke....
(they are lawyers after all)

At the United Way in a fairly small town a volunteer worker noticed that the most successful lawyer in the whole town hadn't made a contribution. This guy was making about \$600,000 a year so the volunteer thought, "Why not call him up?"

He calls up the lawyer.

"Sir, according to our research you haven't made a contribution to the United Way, would you like to do so?"

The lawyer responds, "A contribution? Does your research show that I have an invalid mother who requires expensive surgery once a year just to stay alive?"

The worker is feeling a bit embarrassed and says, "Well, no sir, I'm..."

"Does your research show that my sister's husband was killed in a car accident? She has three kids and no means of support!"

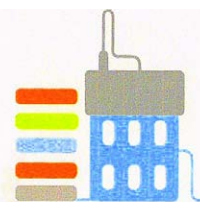
The worker is feeling quite embarrassed at this point. "I'm terribly sorry..."

"Does your research show that my brother broke his neck on the job and now requires a full time nurse to have any kind of normal life?"

The worker is completely humiliated at this point. "I am sorry sir, please forgive me..."

"The gall of you people! I don't give them anything, so why should I give it to you!"

Lucky for us we have two extremely generous, knowledgeable, socially conscious, and artistic lawyers right here in Cumberland- David J. Hare, and Jennifer M. Walsh Hare. Specializing in both Criminal and Family law, Hare and Walsh PC are in a position to cover your legal needs. Close to Downtown Cumberland at 208 N. Centre Street (where there is parking in the back), the legal team



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to sing, dance, draw, act- and encourage them to become the best they can be through the arts.

9. Be an arts supporter! Contact your elected officials- [lawmakers](#) and [school board members](#)- to ask for more arts education funding from the [local](#), [state](#) and federal levels.

10. Sign up to become an activist on the [Americans for the Arts](#) website!



Survey

How can we serve you better?

As we are nearing the end of the fall semester of our second year, we are looking for ways we can improve your experience here at Tri-State Community School for the Arts.

Please help us continue to improve our performance by taking five minutes to complete this brief survey. [Tri-State survey](#).

Thank you for your help!

of Hare & Walsh are ready to help you out. Call (301) 759-3833 to make an appointment today.

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Tutoring Great tutors available!!

This summer, we've gotten several fliers in the office for really excellent tutors. We're pulling down the fliers to create more space on the bulletin board, but we really want to encourage students who may be struggling in school to get some help with tutors if necessary.

TUTORS ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH TRI-STATE!

Math

Donnie Thomas- a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics is a Kindergarten-Algebra I certified teacher with classroom and tutoring experience. He is willing to tutor in your home, or at a public location like your local library.

For more information, contact Donnie at (304) 790-3710, or e-mail donnie_thomas@atlanticbb.net

English

Tiffany A. Turbin Santos- a Western Maryland native, works occasionally, teaching various types of writing classes for summer programs, colleges, writers retreats, and community schools and is the owner of Cranberryjade Services, a freelance writing and editing service. She graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland with a degree in Gender Studies with a minor in Asian Studies and is currently seeking her MFA in poetry from Carlow University. As part of her program, she will be spending June 2011 and 2012 in Ireland studying with Irish poets. Additionally, she spent a year in Thailand pursuing a certificate in Thai and Southeast Asian Studies, conducting research for her thesis, and traveling the country as well as spending time in Cambodia and Laos. She writes poetry, creative nonfiction, and fiction and maintains a blog. Her poetry, essays, and short stories have been published in several literary journals including the Backbone Mountain Review and the Voices from the Attic anthology.

For more information about tutoring with Tiffany Turbin Santos, call (301) 328-4110 or e-mail tatsantos@cranberryjade.com

Shane Riggs- an award-winning writer with more than two decades of professional experience in his craft. Shane has previously worked as a news anchor, reporter, radio personality, staff writer, news director, talk show host, television production assistant, photojournalist, correspondent, and news editor.

Following his move "back home" to Maryland in 2003, he was the Allegany Arts Council's gallery coordinator for two years and then

became the founding and former managing editor of Allegany Magazine in Cumberland. While Shane was the editor, the magazine won three niche publication awards. Under Shane Riggs' management, The Sun Journal newspaper in North Canton, Ohio captured 30 awards by the Ohio Newspaper Association in 2000 and in 2001. In 2001, while he was managing editor, the paper earned the prestigious Inland Press Foundation award and was tapped the Most Excellent Non-Daily Newspaper of its class nationwide.

Since 2006, Shane has taught the class "You: An Autobiography" for Allegany College of Maryland's Continuing Education department. In 2010, he became an adjunct instructor of Developmental English at the same college.

Shane is also a playwright, having written the award winning and commercially successful plays "The Lightbearer," "Confessions from the Ladies Room," "The Marie Defense" and "Faceful of Mama." Novel versions of two of those plays are currently in the works.

For details, e-mail Shane Riggs at Shane21529@yahoo.com or find him on Facebook and drop him a message.



Cafe Press Store is Up!

The holiday season is upon us, and what better way to show your school pride than with official Tri-State Community School for the Arts and Cumberland Rock School logo gear! We have gifts from t-shirts to teddy bears and everything in between. Money raised from these purchases helps to support day-to-day school operations and to fund scholarships for those in need.

Check out what we've got to offer-
www.cafepress.com/tristatecsa

Thank you for supporting local arts!

Events

November Events

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A quick reminder- Tri-State Community School for the Arts will be **closed** the week of **November 21-26** for Thanksgiving Break. Lessons and classes will start up again on November 28th.

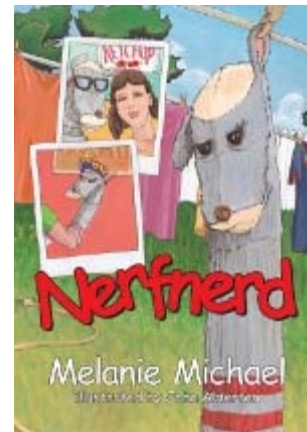
Snow days/Emergency closings- The Halloween snow reminded me... on days we close for snow, we put announcements on the Go106/WFRB and Allegany Radio Corporation stations, plus change the voicemail to reflect the closing. If you have any questions about whether we are open, please call ahead!

Nerfnerd

Join local children's author Melanie Michael for a FREE reading and sock-puppet workshop sponsored by Tri-State Community School for the Arts on November 05, 2011 and held in the community room at the Allegany Arts Council, 9 N. Centre Street, Cumberland. The workshop is recommended for ages 14 and younger.

The workshop will feature a short reading by the author followed by a sock-puppet building workshop. All materials have been provided for by the School and the author.

Melanie Michael is the author of *Nerfnerd*, a book about an insignificant, gray mouse sock-puppet who believes he leads a decidedly pitiful life. But when he's tossed into the clothes hamper to remove a rather large ketchup stain, he finds his life is far from pitiful and is considerably richer than the other characters' he encounters. The author lives in Cumberland with her daughter Millena and two poodles, Butters and Margarine. She has been writing children's books and poems since she was a child. She also enjoys singing, playing with her daughter and cottage gardening.



Muralists in the Making with Rebekah Tuthill Taylor

A new five part class for kids in grades 6-12. Learn to paint as a team and transform a plain white wall into a brilliant work of art! Students will create a mural for a large wall inside the Tri-State Community School for the Arts. We will study the process from start to finish: creating a design, transferring the design to the wall, lay-in, and detail brushwork. Students will submit their ideas for the mural and a winning design will be chosen by vote.

This class will run on Saturdays beginning November 5th through December 10th and will meet from 3:00pm-5:00pm. For more information, or to register call (301) 876-1562.

The Odd Couple at the New Embassy Theatre

Meisner Monday instructor Marta Fiscus and students Matt Armentrout, Sue Schulten, and Mary Ann Taylor will be appearing this month in the female version of *The Odd Couple*.

The New Embassy Theatre's three-weekend run of writer Neil Simon's popular comedy *The Odd Couple* offers opportunities for out-loud laughter and knowing groans for family audiences of the time-honored Broadway hit. Made into a hit television series and a movie after its success in New York City, Simon's time-honored comedy of the neat freak who agrees to be roommate to a recently divorced slob is a brisk three-act comedy which has won Tony Awards and the Oscar, has been translated into many languages.

The Odd Couple and *The Female Odd Couple* run in staggered offerings from Friday, November 4 through 20 on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, along with Saturday and Sunday 2:30 pm matinees. A full schedule outlining both plays follows:

Male Version:

Fri., Nov. 4, 7:30pm; Sun., Nov. 6, 2:30pm
Sat., Nov. 12, 7:30pm; Sun., Nov. 13, 2:30pm
Fri., Nov. 18, 7:30pm; Sat., Nov. 19, 2:30pm

Female Version:

Sat., Nov. 5, 2:30pm and 7:30pm
Fri., Nov. 11, 7:30pm; Sat., Nov. 12, 2:30pm
Sat., Nov. 19, 7:30pm; Sun., Nov. 20, 2:30pm

Ticket prices are \$18 regular admission, \$16 seniors 60+ and students to 18 years. Patrons may buy a combo ticket for \$30 to see both shows. Reservations, prices and seating details and any other information about the allied arts project, now in its thirteenth year, are available by calling the New Embassy at (301) 722-4692.

Square 1 Art

Thank you all for your beautiful submissions for our Square 1 Art fundraiser! The submissions will ship on **November 2nd**.

Take-home packets will be available on **November 15th**.

Students and parents have until **November 29th** to return orders to us in the office.

Orders should arrive on **December 16th**- just in time for the holidays.

If you have any questions about the Square 1 Art fundraiser, give us a call at (301) 876-1562. Happy creating!

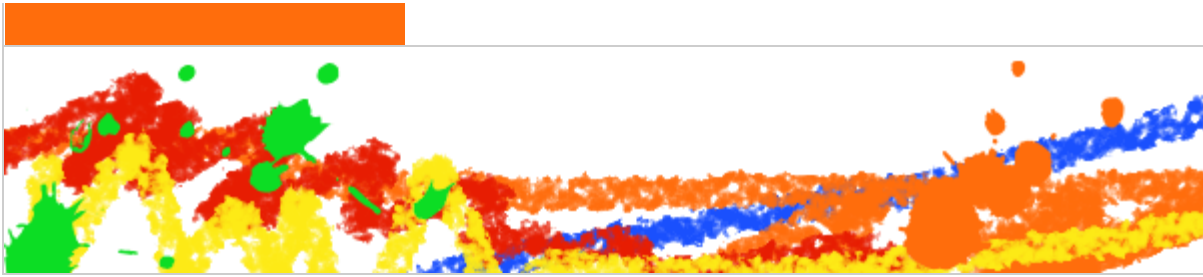
Spring Semester

A reminder that we are putting together the catalog for the spring semester. The final class lists will be posted on November 21st, and registration for the spring semester will begin December 5th.

Just like last year, we are offering a 10% discount to students who register before the end of December- so look for the class lists, and register early!

Here at Tri-State Community School for the Arts, we are dedicated to nurturing the creative spirit in our community by providing opportunities for creative expression for all people through education, experiences, and events. Our faculty promotes excellence in the arts for all students regardless of age, ability, or socio-economic status.

For more information, visit us online at www.tristatearts.com, or call (301) 876-1562. We'd love to hear from you.



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