Creativity Brings Arts-Integrated Learning to Life
Apply Now for 2022 - 2023 Enrollment!

Our Program

...to inspire a diverse community of young people to engage with the arts as a pathway to rich rigorous academic scholarship and creative purposeful life.

Manhattan-based Arts Middle School Serving Grades 6 to 8

Arts Integrated Excellence

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LEARN: Rigorous academic curricula spanning Humanities, Math and Science

THRIVE: At CSA we know that students do best when they have strong relationships with teachers and classmates. Teachers and staff at CSA weave Social Emotional Learning (SEL) practices throughout all aspects of the school day.

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Required core-arts programming for every student 3 times a week
- 6th graders take Piano
- 7th graders take Visual Art
- 8th graders take Creative Connections: Master an academic topic while deeply exploring an art form.

All students have the opportunity to continue, or to explore beyond their core-arts with classes three times a week.

Ensemble (elective arts) include:
- Theater, Digital Storytelling, CSA Writers, Visual Art, Coding 2
- Create Art, Piano, Strings, Vocal Music, Music Technology

Annual Performances:
- Piano recital, School Winter showcase, Shakespeare play, Musical production, Ensemble exhibitions

LEARN
Rigorous arts-integrated academic curricula spanning Humanities, Math and Science:
- Humanities is taught with the Wit and Wisdom curriculum which integrates ELA and Social Studies through the study of art forms and literature, history and modern culture.
- Math utilizes enVisionMath which is a comprehensive program that implements problem-based learning, visual models, substantial daily practice, and differentiated interventions so that the content is taught with focus, coherence, and rigor.

Science instruction draws on the Next Generation Science Standards curriculum that provides all students an internationally benchmarked science education with hands-on laboratory experimentation. All eighth-grade students take the Living Environment Regents.

THRIVE
At CSA we know that students do best when they have strong relationships with teachers and classmates. Opportunities for these relationships to be built and nurtured include:
- Daily morning advisory
- Small groups
- Clubs, including Student Government
- Manhattan Youth after-school programming, including sports

Responsive Classroom is a set of evidence-based Social Emotional Learning (SEL) best practices that forms the basis of our socioemotional learning and leads to engaged academics, positive community, effective behavior management and creates a school environment that is developmentally responsive to the needs of each student. Teachers and staff at CSA weave these concepts throughout the school day.

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