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SCHOLASTIC ART SHOW INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MR. BARRETT

Even with this exhibition turning into a totally virtual experience, from entry to judging and from Exhibition to Ceremony, we still evaluated 1,995 individual works and 61 portfolios - a HUGE undertaking! And these numbers are down from usual years.

Our JCB students managed to hold their own, and were awarded for their efforts with Gold and Silver Keys, and Honorable Mention. We will be adding these artists to the PCSD Virtual Exhibit in the Spring. Currently you can see all work at

<https://www.syracuse.com/schools/2021/02/cny-scholastic-art-2021-see-the-best-paintings-drawings-photos-from-area-teenagers.html>

The official Scholastics Exhibition is 100% virtual this year and is very close to completion. A link to that will be shared after the virtual Awards Ceremony celebrating the students' efforts.

March Calendar

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- ~March 1 - In-person learning begins!
 - ~March 5 - 5-week report cut-off
 - ~March 15 - Staff Development Day (No School)
 - March 29-April 2 - Spring Break (No School)

SEE
WINNING
ART PIECES
ON PAGES
6 & 7!

Here is a handy list of important JCB websites!

Technical/Electronic Issues— devices@phoenixcsd.org

Marching Band, Winterguard, and Indoor
Drumline: <https://phoenixmarchingarts.weebly.com/>

Up to date Athletic Events Calendar —
<https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/81>

JCB Music — <https://ny49000020.schoolwires.net/domain/1060>

*Softball— <http://phoenixfirebirdssoftball.weebly.com/>

*Ski Club - <http://jcbskiclub.weebly.com/>

*Wrestling - <http://phoenixwrestling.weebly.com/>

*Girls/Boys Tennis - <http://jcbtennis.weebly.com/>

*Girls Basketball—<http://jcbgirlsbasketball.weebly.com/>

*National Honor Society — <http://jcbnhs.weebly.com/>

*JCB Physical Education — <http://jcbphysed.weebly.com/>

*JCB Library — <https://www.phoenixcsd.org/domain/1075>

Student Newspaper — <https://ignitefirebirdnews.weebly.com/>

*SchoolTool —
<https://phoenix.schooltool.cnyric.org/SchoolToolWeb/Default.aspx>

*Naviance — <http://succeed.naviance.com>

*Castle Learning — <http://corp.castlelearning.com/>

*College Info — <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/>

STUDENT SELF-CARE — <https://sites.google.com/phoenixcsd.net/pcsd-selfcare-resources/home>

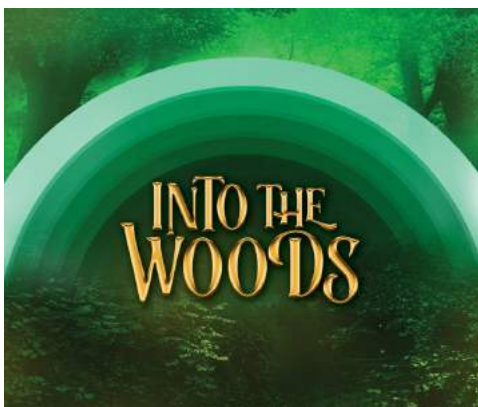
What's happening with the Drama Club??

Information provided by Mrs. Spereno

The JCB Drama Club will be presenting "Into The Woods" as its Spring musical.



Due to COVID and our desire to try and have as "normal" a show as possible, the musical has been rescheduled for May 20, 21, and 22.



CAST LIST

Cinderella -- Haley Bowersox
 Baker -- Garrett Strang
 Baker's Wife -- Sophia Trinca
 Little Red Ridinghood -- Izzy Allen
 Witch -- Lily Roberts
 Jack -- Emmett Fatcheric
 Jack's Mother -- Natalie Brown
 Cinderella's Prince -- Aidan Trumble
 Rapunzel's Prince -- Chase McElyea
 Narrator -- Nate Quaco
 Mysterious Man -- Stephen Beal
 Stepmother - Alex Bell
 Lucinda -- Charity Frantz
 Florinda - Adrianna Breckheimer
 Cinderella's Father - Noah Bushnoe
 Cinderella's Mother -- Mrs. Pirrello
 (Sarah)
 Steward/Wolf -- Jonah Hawthorne
 Grandmother -- Sheriden Southworth
 Rapunzel -- Julia Kazmark
 The Giant (voice only) -- Hannah McArthur



JCB NEWS NEEDS YOU!

Looking for...
writers, anchors & producers!

**CONTACT MS. REGITANO FOR
MORE INFORMATION OR STOP BY
THE LIBRARY!**

**Contact Miss Regitano:
jregitano@phoenixcsd.org**

SPORTS BY: BRIELLE DEROBERTS

As the end of winter and spring comes around, Phoenix sports are making up for lost time!

Currently we are in the middle of our winter sports seasons. Due to Covid, many sports were too much of a risk and sadly canceled, but the sports that are continuing are finding new ways to cope with the difficult circumstances surrounding teams.

For the rest of February to the middle of March, girls and boys basketball will be taking place. There is never a certainty when the season could come to a stop unexpectedly, so it is important to cherish the time we spend playing the sports we enjoy! Especially for the seniors who just want to play one last time, whether or not it's a shortened season!

For these reasons, there is a great opportunity for everyone to make an effort to get involved. If you're bored or want to try something new, this the chance to do it! Senior or not, it is always important to get involved.

Each sports season scheduled for this year takes place over a 6-week time period, which includes practices and games. The spring sports this year include track, baseball, softball, and boys tennis. They are scheduled to start towards the end of March and go until around the middle of May.

Fall sports that were not able to occur in the fall, are still up in the air! Many hope they can take place at the end of the year.

If anyone is interested in playing any of these sports, pay attention to the sports updates that include specific dates and additional information like when to sign up on family ID. These updates come in your school email. Hope everyone will make an effort to get involved!

UPDATED SPORTS INFO:

~Fall 2 season will include football, cheer, indoor track, and volleyball- (projected dates: March 15-April 16--family ID is open to register).

~Spring season's projected dates are April 19-June 18, those sports include baseball, softball, outdoor track, boys' tennis, and wrestling!



Kylie Russo -
Brother's Demise
HONORABLE MENTION



Kylie Russo
The Influence
HONORABLE MENTION



Kylie Russo -
Reunion
GOLD KEY



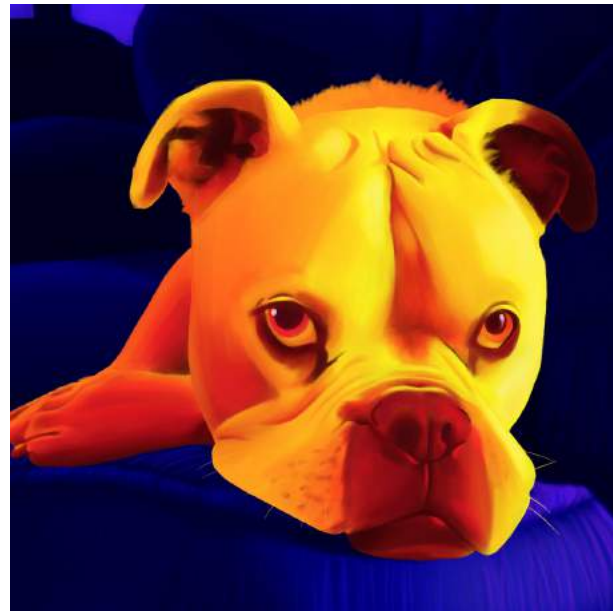
Kylie Russo -
Solo
SILVER KEY

Kylie Russo -
Chit Chatting Brothers
HONORABLE MENTION





Chloe Calkins
Duality
HONORABLE MENTION



Arlin Russo
Friend's Dog
Gold Key



Summer Koegel
Lemon Study
HONORABLE MENTION



Chloe Calkins
Clicked
HONORABLE MENTION



Nighen Dabiker
Carved Coil Vessel (View 1)
Ceramics 1



Nighen Dabiker
Carved Coil Vessel (View 2)
Ceramics 1



Alexis Dryer
Spriggedware Pitcher
Ceramics 3



Chloe Coughlin
Spriggedware Pitcher (front)
Ceramics 1



Chloe Coughlin
Spriggedware Pitcher (back)
Ceramics 3



Brianna Esde
Carved Coil Vessel
Ceramics 1



Mallory Hess
Stamped Set
Ceramics 2



Shelby Dwyer
Stamped Set
Ceramics 2



Cherra Harvey
Carved Coil Vessel
Ceramics 1



Will Jones
Carved Coil Vessel
Ceramics 1



Lisa McBurnie
Carved Coil Vessel
Ceramics 1



Ryleah Breckenridge
Carved Coil Vessel
Ceramics 1

What's happening in Ceramics?

Photos submitted by Ms. Prisco



JCB MUSIC

Jazz Band By

Savannah Felix



Throughout the years, JCB has had a very strong Band and Jazz band! I recently had the opportunity to talk to the JCB Jazz director, Ms. Grethel! She had lots of insight about the program and it was a pleasure talking to her.

When talking to her, she said, "I talk to my colleagues to ask questions and get recommendations for literature and for approaching certain concepts and getting different ideas". Ms. Grethel is well versed in Jazz, but is always taking the steps to make sure all of the Jazz Band members are getting the most out of the program, with a wide variety of Jazz pieces.

Ms. Grethel also talked to me about the Jazz Band atmosphere," Chill, I would describe Jazz Band as chill. We're informal but we still have to have a certain level of decorum to get things done while maintaining a social atmosphere".

Ms. Grethel has made this program very safe and welcoming amidst the unfortunate Covid circumstances. Ms. Grethel has made sure we each have special masks that adapt to our instruments, making sure safety is the top priority.

Jazz band is held in the auditorium on Wednesdays from 6:30-9:30- this is so members involved in sports can also participate.

I also had the chance to interview Sydney Burnel, a senior who plays Tenor Saxophone in the Jazz Program. She said, "It's kinda sad being a senior in Jazz Band because Jazz band is the only thing I look forward to anymore, with the pandemic and such. Just being here with everybody is great. I want to minor in music, and if there is Jazz Band at college, I'd do it."

Lastly I interviewed two freshmen, Caedance Myer and Madalyn Carter, I asked them to make a statement regarding Jazz Band and how it's been so far. Madalyn had said, "I started a few years ago, I've always stuck with Jazz Band because I thought it was really cool!" Caedance followed with, "Being a Freshman in Jazz Band introduces me to a lot of different music types and is overall really fun!"

If you are interested in Jazz Band or Symphonic Winds, please contact Ms. Grethel.

THE LITTLE THINGS BY: ALLENMICHAEL BORASKY

Hello everyone, it's that times once again -- another one of my movie reviews.

Recently I got the streaming service HBO Max, which for the most part is great, and with this new found access, along with noticing this film's popularity on the movie review site letterboxd, I decided to watch one of the newest originals on the platform: "The Little Things," written and directed by John Lee Hancock, and starring Denzel Washington, Rami Malek, and Jared Leto, who just keeps popping up in movies somehow despite an acting wrap sheet which admittedly isn't the best.

The plot of this movie surrounds a local deputy named Joe Deacon (played by Washington) helping an up and coming young buck detective Jim Baxter (played by Malek) as they try to investigate a string of murders in the nineties.

Deacon has a good eye for the "little things" and Baxter's getting pressure from both the media and another missing person's case to get this mystery solved.

Personally, this movie reminded me very much of the film, "Seven," which starred Morgan Freeman and Brad Pitt. The similarities started to appear when I noticed both had a older Black man trying to help a younger man in a murder mystery case orchestrated by an evil mastermind, but even the endings are kind of similar. Now the two movies aren't completely identical, but my opinion is worth noting--mostly because in my experience, I tend to be most entertained when a movie is original.

The acting in this movie is pretty solid on most fronts, none of these actors are exactly giving it their all but they are at least trying. In my opinion Denzel Washington does the best job at acting. His delivery is usually on point.

His character is more stand-offish, almost like Samuel L. Jackson in "Pulp Fiction," but not nearly as good. Rami Malek's character is a squeaky clean, new detective whose continuous work with Deacon on this case is possibly driving him to be like Deacon in a bad way.

Shoutout to Jared Leto who plays the main antagonist Albert Sparma in this movie. He actually did a decent job, which I find odd because he had been cast in a similar role as the Joker in 2016's "Suicide Squad." This role is better--not an over the top, severely mentally ill character. Odd that someone does best in a role where they play a manipulative, cunning, murderous, psychopath!

In a way this movie feels pretentious--in the beginning, there is a title card, which is in all lowercase letters, and the soundtrack showcases all these bland eighties style synth songs, along with love songs of the fifties and sixties. The camera movement also adds to this because there is a lot, and I mean A LOT of crane shots, which, granted, have their place in a movie, but it makes the movie feel a lot less natural and just seems like an attempt to make a movie look cinematic when there is not much other substance!

Of course in a movie like this, there is going to be a body count and there is going to be blood. In spite of all of this, the movie at the end of its two hour running time, still felt a little boring to me.

Unless you're really into serial killer dramas, or maybe just a huge fan of Jared Leto, you would be best leaving this on in the background.

I'm feeling a solid 5/10 on this one. Needs a lot of work. This is Allenmichael, signing off.

Being thankful for the little things

By: Zoe Gordon

It's easy to think about the negative impact Covid-19 has on our everyday life, but just thinking about what makes us happy can easily change that. Whether it's something small like a hug or something bigger like a new phone, there is always something that puts a smile on people's faces. Showing appreciation can help you and the people around you. Even though Covid-19 has put restrictions on many of the activities we love, there is always a way to find other things to do that are safe. Thinking about how unfortunate we are to have to go through this pandemic will only make your mood worse. The best way to go about a situation like this is to think about the good in life.

Even if it's just telling yourself "I'm happy to be healthy" or "I'm glad Covid-19 has made more time for family," there is always good in what seems awful. It's hard to think about a life without mask wearing or social-distancing, but hopefully someday soon the day will come for the restrictions and precautions to disappear. The sooner everyone follows Covid-19 precautions and the cases go down, we will all be closer to the life we lived before this.

RESTAURANT REVIEW: Original Grain--Syracuse, NY

By: Megan Lytle

Original Grain is definitely the place to go for the trendy food we see on the internet. Their menu is very conscientious for my friends who are gluten free, dairy free, vegan, or vegetarian. Their menu also has options for every meal of the day.



Being wary of Covid, we opted for the takeout option. The whole transaction was a breeze, from easy ordering to quick pickup. We ordered the smashed avocado toast, purple swag smoothie bowl, and the antioxidant boost smoothie. When you order a toast, you might expect it to be soggy, but not from here! The food was fresh and delicious! We enjoyed our breakfast very much.

With the food being trendy, it does mean that it will cost extra. I would say the only thing we did not like was the price. I think that the cost and quality of food weigh each other out. We definitely will be going back!

<https://www.originalgrainsters.com/the-menu/>

Interview with Mr. Barrett

By: Alaina Sutter



Name- Chris Barrett

What do you teach? Studio Art, Film Photography, Digital Photography, Intermediate Photography, Photoshop, 2D Design. AP Art Portfolio, Visual Arts

How long have you been a teacher? About 15 years

Have you ever been on a vacation? If so, what was your favorite one and why? Yes! I visited Maui in January one year! So beautiful, and such a great difference than Syracuse in the winter. Swimming in a collapsed cinder cone (volcanic vent) on the edge of the ocean and driving to the top of Haleakalā Volcano crater above the clouds. I also took a month long road trip with my family to visit friends and family throughout the country. We visited a lot of science museums along the way. We went to New Mexico and back during the month of July. Some camping, lots of cool places and sights! The City Museum in St Louis was phenomenal. 10/10 would go back

If you could be famous for one thing, what would it be? My art. I'll keep it simple

What type of music are you into? Oh my. So much... it really depends on the day. I rotate between a lot of different stuff. Some days it's metal and rock in the form of Jinjer (Ukrainian Black Metal band), Clutch (Baltimore rockers), Gojira (French Metal). Some days it's EDM in the form of Ott, Bassnectar, or Polo & Pan. Some days it is hip hop/rap like Black Thought, Tobe Nwigwe, Sa-Roc, Gangstarr... But throw on anything else and I'll probably enjoy it!

What artist inspires you the most and why? Albrecht Durer (Dutch master printmaker) - I love the medium of the print. He had exquisite control of the media and it is a great early inspiration. Hans Hoffman (German Abstract Expressionist) - Teacher at the Bauhaus (Graphic Design School). His color paintings just resonated with me in college. The attempt to describe visual things we have a hard time putting words to... it's a challenge. Richard Diebenkorn (West coast painter) - His large pieces (10' x 12' or larger) really connected back to Hoffmann's work, but Diebenkorn depicted the landscapes of the west

CHOOSE ONE - INDOORS OR OUTDOORS - outdoors
COFFEE OR TEA - Coffee usually, but sweet tea in the summer
CITY, TOWN OR SUBURBS - City, but I love to get out in nature as well
OCEAN, POND OR LAKE - Any really, I love water!

coast area in ways that were at one time a "flat" composition of color, but also a depiction of the world around him. It's interesting to walk that line between abstract and real. Hokusai (Japanese Printer) - Prints, what can I say Seshu (Japanese Ink Painter) - simple marks, describing scenes and landscapes in minimal, yet effective representation.

If you could time travel, when and where would you go? This is a hard one. I feel like everything in my life (good or bad) has brought me to the point. I don't think I would go back to change things, but who knows. I would probably time travel to see different regions or cities as they grew in the past, to see how civilizations really looked and operated. Mayan, Egyptian, it would be so interesting to be able to explore those times from an observer standpoint.

Did you have a job before teaching? If so, what was it and why did you change careers? So many lol. I came to teaching to combine art with a meaningful career. Good Choice! But I have been a cook in a few restaurants. Waiter. Printing and Paper salesman (think The Office and Dunder Mifflin without the antics or Micheal, Jim and Dwight), house painter, summer camp instructor /counselor (art and woodworking), Mold and Breakout assistant in a bronze art foundry, food delivery, landscaping, retail sales associate and assistant manager, darkroom tech (college work study), Utility Clerk at a grocery store.

What do you consider your greatest achievement? Changing long held behaviors, thoughts, and patterns surrounding family and childhood issues that I grew up with.

“
Sweet Potato Casserole with a little
bit of Jazz”

By: Madalyn Carter

As I wake up
The smell the fresh sweet potatoes
Warmness of brown sugar
It drags me out of bed
Butter melted
With some savory Brown Sugar
The Marshmallows lays on the
counter
Gently puts them onto the dish
As the oven heats up
I'm excited to eat it
As the dish comes out of the oven
The smell of marshmallows and
brown sugar
Delight me I grab a fork or a spoon
And dig into the dish



POETRY



“Waiting”

By: Arlin Russo

And there it sat

Waiting

Crust slowly crisping on a rack in our oven
a sheet of glass protecting us
from the heat as we stare.

Apples covered in delicious spices

Sugar

Cinnamon,

cooking until tender.

And we wait

always waiting,

as the crust finally reaches it's golden
brown,

the apples perfectly cooked.

Ding!

The timer finally frees us from waiting,
allowing this delicacy to be saved.

I watch as she slices through the crust,
apples now tumbling down the side
landing on the dish.

My mouth waters,
knowing that I must wait to dig in
while the pie rests.

Waiting,

Always waiting.