



# Paw Prints Newsletter

*"Bobcats building a legacy in the arts!"*

## Meet our new arts staff.

OVER THE LAST YEAR WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO ADD THREE AMAZING TEACHERS TO OUR ARTS STAFF!



**Ms. Shannon D. Clark-** is our new Assistant Band Director. Ms. Clark was born in Jupiter, Florida, though she was raised in the Southern Tier of New York. She began studying piano at the age of 5 and partaking in school choir ensembles at the age of 7, though she finally found her home in band at age 9. Clark's first traditional band instrument was the trombone, but switched to what is now her primary instrument - the tuba. She also has a strong vocal background through choir and theatre. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Instrumental Music Education from the University of Florida where she participated in many collegiate ensembles. She enjoys being involved in the world of British brass bands, working with the Salvation Army's Florida Divisional Youth Conservatory and playing with the Brass Band of Central Florida. Ms. Clark graciously accepted her position here at NPHS with the opportunity to build our new Commercial Music Program. If, you have an interest in Modern Band or Electronic Music please feel free to stop by room 2-114 to speak with Ms. Clark and learn more about these new music courses.



**Dr. Laura Hill-** is our new Orchestra Director. She first discovered her love of music at the age of five. Over the years she has trained on multiple instruments. But her major focus is in teaching string instruments. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Music Education from Butler University, her Masters Degree in Secondary Music Education from Murray State University, and her PHD in Music Education from The Ohio State University. She comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge and we are grateful to have her join our Bobcat family! She has already been working hard to create special performance opportunities for her students and planning the future growth of our Orchestra Program.

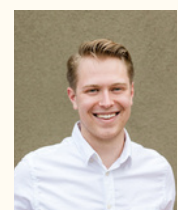
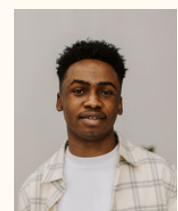


**Mrs. Marianne Robertson-** joined our staff in March of 2023 and has been a fantastic addition our Visual Art Program. She is originally from Chicago and recently moved to Florida. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Fiber and Textiles and a Minor in Watercolors and Art History from Northern Illinois University. Her favorite medium is watercolors. She loves surface design! Her favorite piece of artwork would be Sky Above Clouds IV painted by Georgia O'Keeffe in the 1960s. She loves spending time outside paddling boarding, running, and walking her dog "Rosie". She is looking forward to a artistically creative year! (Take a look at the wonderful art work her student have created in our classroom feature on pages 3 & 4 of this newsletter).

## VPA Senior Photo Display in PAC

Seniors, This year we are doing something new. We would like to put all of our visual and performing arts senior headshots on display in the PAC. You can either turn in an 8 X 10 photo that you have already taken as part of your senior photos or if you need a photo done you can contact Monica Amaya Photography at 941-429-8965. She is providing a special deal of one 8 X 10 photo along with a digital copy for \$25.

Please drop off your 8 X 10 photo to our VPA Administrative Assistant- Mrs. Lakeman. All photos will be returned to students during Senior Final Exam Week. Please only turn in head shots. We will not accept full body shots or selfies.



# USHER TRAINING

## VOLUNTEER WITH US TODAY!

We are looking for new adult Volunteer Ushers for the many performances at the North Port High Visual & Performing Arts Center. If, interested please contact Heather Lakeman

**HEATHER.LAKEMAN@SARASOTACOUNTYSCHOOLS.NET**

ATTEND OUR TRAINING MEETING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH AT 10:00AM  
IN THE NORTH PORT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
6400 WEST PRICE BLVD, NORTH PORT, FL 34291

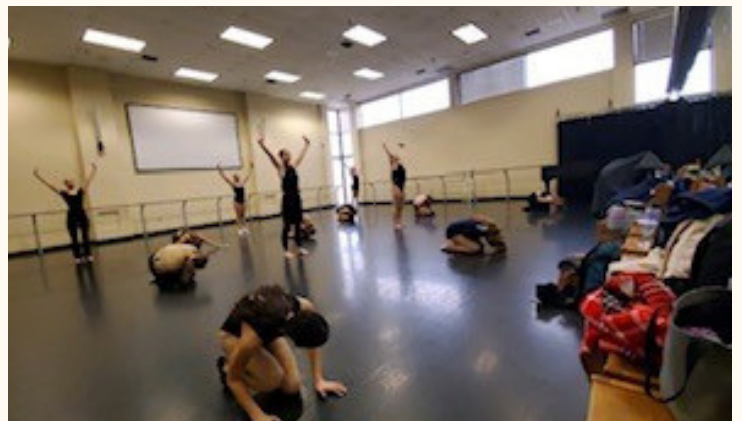
BRING A FRIEND, AND IF THEY SIGN UP AS A NEW USHER  
YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO OUR PRIZE DRAWING!!!



## Student Feature

### VALERIE NIMELLI

Our very own Val Nimelli was chosen from hundreds of audition submissions to be a member of the Macy's Great American Marching Band Colorguard in this years Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Val spent one week in New York participating in rehearsals, parade performance, tours and a Broadway show. Congratulations Val!



## USF Legacy Dance Concert

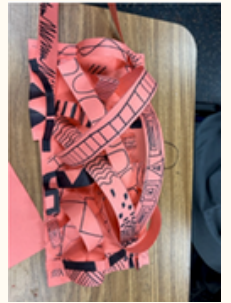
### NPHS ADVANCE VPA DANCE

Our Advanced VPA Dancers were invited to performed in the first USF Legacy Dance Concert. This concert was a celebration of 50 years of USF Dance Graduates who have dedicated their careers to training the next generation of dancers. Mrs. Michelle Slay was recognized for her 20 years of dedication and for laying the foundations of our dance program here at NPHS. Our dancers performed beautifully and received many complements.

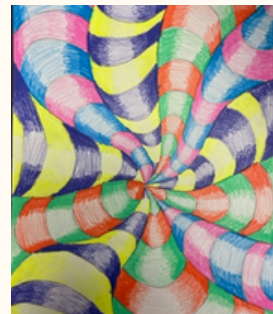
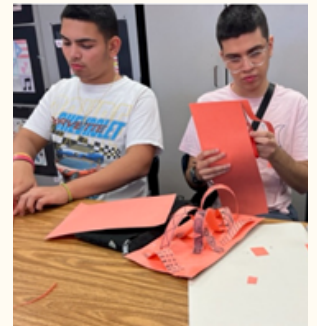


# What's Happening in Visual Arts?

Mrs. Robertsons art classes would like to share the work they created during the month of October. These students have been amazing in their artistic talents within 3D ART, DRAWING 1, and DRAWING 2



**3D ART THE CLASS HAS ACCOMPLISHED MANY DIFFERENT PROJECTS. IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, WE CELEBRATED NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH WITH DAY OF THE DEAD SHINES OR SHADOWBOXES. FOR THE NEXT PROJECT WE ARE CREATING PAPER SCULPTURES INSPIRED BY CHARLES MCGEE AND CHAKAIA BOOKER.**



**DRAWING 1 THE CLASS HAS ACCOMPLISHED MANY DIFFERENT PROJECTS. WE BEGAN WITH A GETTING TO KNOW YOU PROJECT CALLED 9 SQUARES. EACH SQUARE SYMBOLIZES THAT STUDENT.**

**IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, WE CELEBRATED NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH WITH MARTA MINUJIN. REPLICATING HER COLORFUL SEAT CUSHION SCULPTURES WITH PRISMA COLORS.**

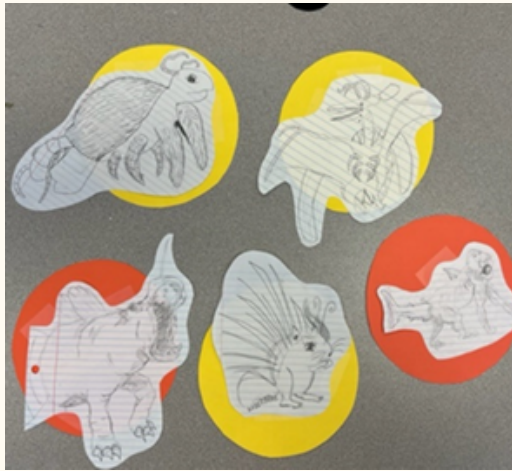


**FOR THE NEXT PROJECT WE ARE CREATING A NEGATIVE POSITIVE PROJECT WITH THE STUDY OF SKELETON BONES WITH OIL CRAYON AND WATERCOLORS.**





**DRAWING 2 THE CLASS HAS ACCOMPLISHED MANY DIFFERENT PROJECTS. WE BEGAN WITH A GETTING TO KNOW YOU PROJECT CALLED 9 SQUARES. EACH SQUARE SYMBOLIZES THAT STUDENT.**



**WE HAD SOME FUN WITH A NEW QUICK DRAWING GAME OF DEVELOPING NEW TYPES OF CREATURES.**



**IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, WE CELEBRATED NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH WITH PICASSO PORTRAITS.**



**You're invited to view**

**North Port High's Winter Art Show!**

**Artwork will be displayed in the PAC lobby till**

**February 2nd, 2024.**

Please stop by to see the wonderful artworks created by NPHS students this year during school hours (7am-3pm), during performances, or schedule with art teachers!

## Up Coming Visual & Performing Arts Events

BALLET SLEEPING BEAUTY'S CURSE	FRI	12/1/23	7PM
CONCERT BANDS WINTER CONCERT	MON	12/4/23	7PM
JAZZ BANDS WINTER CONCERT	TUE	12/5/23	7PM
ORCHESTRA WINTER CONCERT	TUE	12/12/23	7PM
CHORUS WINTER CONCERT	THUR	12/14/23	7PM
PLAY FINDING COREY TAYLOR	FRI	1/12/24	7PM
	SAT	1/13/24	7PM
	SUN	1/14/24	3PM

CLICK THE QR CODE  
TO PURCHASE YOUR  
TICKETS ONLINE



# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**12/18/23- 12/21/23 ALL STUDENTS MID-TERM EXAM WEEK**

**1/31/24 SENIORS- LAST DAY TO COMPLETE  
YOUR VPA GRADUATION ENDORSMENT APPLICATION.**



**12/10/24 NEW VPA STUDENT PLACEMENT  
AUDITIONS/PORTFOLIO SUBMISSIONS DUE.**



**3/26 - 3/27 SENIOR VPA SHOWCASE REHEARSAL & SHOW.  
START PLANNING YOUR PERFORMANCES AND  
GALLERY DISPLAYS NOW. WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO  
SHOWCASE YOUR WORK!**

**5/10/24 SENIOR VPA AWARDS NIGHT 7:00PM  
FREE ADMISSION - COME CELEBRATE WITH US!**







# Points of Pride

**ALLIANCE MARCHING BAND**  
STRAIGHT SUPERIOR RATINGS FOR 3RD  
CONSECUTIVE YEAR!

PERFORMED IN THE  
DISNEY THANKSGIVING PARADE OF BANDS

## DANCE

SENIOR DANCE STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO COLLEGES  
ZOEY DRACHLER - FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE  
MAKENNA FINLEY - NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

PERFORMED TWO GREAT COLLABORATIVE CONCERTS  
WITH OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT

PERFORMED IN USF LEGACY CONCERT

## ORCHESTRA

FIRST TIME IN NPHS HISTORY – 2 STUDENTS IN ALL-  
COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA – SENIOR  
CELLIST SAMMUELL DA SILVA AND SENIOR VIOLIST  
JOSE NOYOLA.

FIRST TIME WINNERS OF THE NORTH PORT  
POINSETTIA PARADE'S ELFIN AWARD FOR BEST  
YOUTH ENTRY. DESIGNED BY JUNIOR VIOLIST, MAYA  
LAMBERTO (PICTURES ON FB)

AWESOME COLLABORATION WITH DANCE  
DEPARTMENT ON SLEEPING BEAUTY'S CURSE, PLUS  
THREE ADDITIONAL BALLET PIECES PERFORMED,  
INCLUDING TWO MOVEMENTS FROM THE  
NUTCRACKER BY ADVANCED ORCHESTRA.

## VOCAL

PERFORMED FOR THE POINSETTIA PARADE TREE  
LIGHTING CEREMONY

PERFORMING AT TEMPLE SHALOM IN PORT  
CHARLOTTE FOR THE MENORAH LIGHTING SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 10TH AT 3PM

PERFORMING AT MCC CHURCH IN VENICE ON 12/15.





# THEATRE THESPIAN DISTRICT9 FESTIVAL

## SUPERIORS

### MIME

GRACE KUZNETSOVA/CHEYENNE MILLER

### DUET MUSICAL

KYLIE STAUB/EMILEE MCKELVY

RACHEL BULLOCK/BELLA VALENTINO

### SOLO MUSICAL

AMY LEE

KYLIE STAUB

## EXCELLENTS

### SOLO ACTING

CHLOE HALBERT

MORGAN RAND

### DUET ACTING

JAY CHAVARRIA/ALEXIS LAFOUNTAIN

MARCELLA MEUS/VALERIA PORTILLO

JAYDA WILLIAMS/FRANCESCA PACKER

EMMA GRIMES/SOPHIA TORRES

VERONICA CAMPOS/NATALI BENITEZ

### ENSEMBLE ACTING

AVA ODOM/EMMA GRIMES/SOPHIA TORRES/ADONIS LAKE

JAY CHAVARRIA/ALEXIS LAFOUNTAIN/MARCELLA MEUS/GRACE

KUZNETSOVA/VALERIA PORTILLO/VERONICA CAMPOS/NATALI/JAYDA

WILLIAMS

DEANNA SOKOL/CARLEE ENGLERT/NATALI BENITEZ/CHEYENNE MILLER

### MIME

JAYDA WILLIAMS/ALEXIS LAFOUNTAIN

### SOLO MUSICAL

SAMARA NAEGER

EMILEE MCKELVY

### DUET MUSICAL

ADDYSON KING/GRAYDEN RIFFLE

### SMALL GROUP MUSICAL

GRACE PADALIK/MADILYN HAYES/BRYNNA RUFH/GRACE IBARRA/AVA

ODOM/ADDYSON KING/KAYLA JACKSON

### LARGE GROUP MUSICAL

GRACE IBARRA/GABRIELLE FUENTES/DEREK FOSTER/JACOB

VIGEANT/JOVAN DJURICH/KYLIE STAUB/EMILEE MCKELVY/MORGAN

RAND/RACHEL BULLOCK/BELLA VALENTINO/ISABELLE RANNALS/ISABELLA

BERNAL/AVA ODOM/BRYNNA RUFH/GRACE PADALIK/MADILYN HAYES

### COSTUME DESIGN

HAILEY SHOOK

### SCENE DESIGN

BAILEY POE

## FLORIDA THEATRE CONFERENCE

CONGRATUALTIONS ON RECEIVING A COMBINE OF OVER 50 CALLBACKS  
FROM COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

### SENIOR COLLEGE AUDITIONS

EMILEE MCKELVY

JAY CHAVARRIA

CHEYENNE MILLER

### JUNIOR PRACTICE AUDITIONS

KYLIE STAUB:



**NPHS' National Art Honor Society's**

# **Holiday Ornament Fundraiser**

- Hand-made ceramics—each is one of a kind!
  - Choose from at least 8 different styles including snowflakes, snowmen, trees, deer, wreaths, and more!
- Each sale helps to raise money for projects, supplies, and general needs for the club.



**ONLY \$3 each**

(Cash, Check made out to "NPHS", or Cashapp to \$nphsart)

For sale December 7th - 21st in room 2-118  
or through NAHS members.