THE FINE & APPLIED ARTS
at Niles Township High School District 219

Selected as the Nation’s Top Fine and Performing Arts Education Program by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and National School Boards Association

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Niles North production of 13, the Musical
We invite you to visit our schools for an unforgettable experience. Our award-winning bands, choirs and orchestras, our nationally-renowned thespians, and our critically acclaimed artists strive to provide experiences that will move you. We welcome you to attend a theater, music, dance or visual arts event at our schools. You will see why District 219 was recognized in 2007 as the #1 Fine and Performing Arts Education Program in the Nation by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the National School Boards Association.

Niles North: 9800 Lawler Avenue, Skokie • 847.626.2122 • nntheatre.com
Niles West: 5701 Oakton, Skokie • 847.626.2633 • nileswesttheatre.com

Administrative Staff
Patti-Anne Ford, Director of Fine & Applied Arts, West
Anita Turner Baker, Administrative Assistant, West
Timothy Ortmann, Director of Fine & Applied Arts, North
Debbie Neitlich, Administrative Assistant, North

Theatre
Annaliisa Ahlman, North
Megan Baskin, North
Timothy Ortmann, North
Andrew Sinclair, West
Kerry Wall, West

Dance
Mindy Armour, West
Deanna Sortino, North

Visual Arts
Melissa Connell, North
Lance Larsen, North
Lori Real, North
Deanna Sortino, West
Barbara Wismer, West
John Zilewicz, West

Music
Daniel Gregerman, Choir, North
Matthew Hunter, Choir, West
Justin Johnson, Band, West
Steven Katz, Orchestra, West
Michael Moehlmann, Band, North
Jennifer Page, Orchestra, North

Applied Arts
Kathleen Coughlin, West
Maria Kelly, West
Michelle Kline, North
Julie Lear, North
Kaitlin Romanchuk, West
Mike Swiatkiewicz, North

The Niles West Marching Band performed at the 2016 All State Sugar Bowl in New Orleans
SUPPORT THE FINE & APPLIED ARTS

Niles North Fine Arts Parents & Patrons
NNFAPP was incorporated as a not-for-profit charitable organization in 2000 with the primary purpose to foster, promote and expand community support of the Niles North fine arts.

NNFAPP awards grants to students to enhance their skills in art, music, dance and theatre. These grants can be used for master classes, creative workshops, private lessons, outside ensembles and summer camps and programs. For more information, please visit http://nilesnorthfapp.com.

Niles West Music Parents Association
The Niles West Music Parents Association is the parent booster organization for the choir, band and orchestra programs at Niles West. The group provides reduced price private lessons for students in need, scholarships, and funds for projects outside of the scope of the school budget. The main fundraiser is the Pasta ‘n Pops event held in the spring. For more information, contact nwmusicparents@gmail.com.

Niles West Theatre Patrons
Niles West Theatre Patrons (formerly Niles West Theatre Parents) provides service and advocacy for the Niles West Theatre Department. The organization provides theatre students with scholarships, tech and rehearsal meals, access to theatre-related events and more! The group welcomes donations or in-kind donations. For more information, contact Barb Poddig, President, at 847/372-6643.
**DEATHTRAP**

Thursday, August 18 • 10 am*
Friday, August 19 • 4 pm & 7 pm
Saturday, August 20 • 4 pm & 7 pm
Niles North Drama Performance Center

A mystery-thriller writer faces writer’s block. When a student sends him a promising script, he and his wife scheme to collaborate with the writer and the tension builds as the story takes a surprising turn.

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**ON STARS NOT FALLING**

Thursday, September 1 • 10 am* & 5 pm
Friday, September 2 • 4 pm & 7:30 pm
Saturday, September 3 • 7:30 pm
Niles West Black Box Theatre

College friends who dropped out of school following a shared, traumatic experience meet again, five months later, at a birthday party on the rooftop of a Chicago three-flat. An unexpected guest who transforms their lives forever interrupts the celebration. **Mature audiences.**

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**THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES SHOWCASE**

Wednesday, October 26 • 5 pm
Niles West Black Box Theatre

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**THAT’S MY STORY!**

Wednesday, November 2 • 4 & 7 pm
Niles North Drama Performance Center

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**PORTRAITS: ADVANCED THEATRE SHOWCASE**

Tuesday, December 20 • 5 pm
Niles West Black Box Theatre

Join the students in Advanced Theatre Studio in a showcase of original, provocative and innovative theatre. This performance will serve as the final exam for the students enrolled in the class.

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**A FLEA IN HER EAR**

Thursday, April 27 • 10 am*
Friday, April 28 • 7 pm
Saturday, April 29 • 7 pm
Niles North Auditorium

Spurred on by her husband’s disinterest, a devoted wife assumes the worst—an affair! Things get out of hand in this fast-paced farce. There is a lot of running around, slapstick humor, and even mistaken identity in this period piece.

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**REFLECTIONS: IMPROV!**

Wednesday, February 1 • 4 pm & 7 pm
Niles North Drama Performance Center

Improvisation is the name of the game in this showcase of theatrical “improv” work from Niles North’s play production class. Their collaborative work creates scenes that take a unique look at how we lead our lives.

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**RENT: SCHOOL EDITION**

Thursday, April 27 • 10 am* & 7:30 pm
Friday, April 28 • 7:30 pm
Saturday, April 29 • 7:30 pm
Niles West Auditorium

Rent: School Edition follows a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York’s Lower East Side, under the shadow of HIV/AIDS. See the pop cultural phenomenon with songs that rock and a story that resonates with audiences of all ages.
NEIGHBORHOOD 3: REQUISITION OF DOOM
Thursday, October 13 • 10 am*
Friday, October 14 • 4 pm & 7 pm
Saturday, October 15 • 4 pm & 7 pm
Niles North Drama Performance Center

The neighborhood kids are addicted to a great new video game, blasting through an army of zombies. It’s fun, until reality and virtual reality begin to mesh.

ALMOST, MAINE
Thursday, October 20 • 10 am*
Friday, October 21 • 4 pm & 7:30 pm
Saturday, October 22 • 4 pm & 7:30 pm
Niles West Black Box Theatre

Welcome to Almost, Maine, a town that’s so far north, it’s almost not in the United States. One cold, clear Friday night in the middle of winter, Almost’s residents find themselves falling in and out of love in the strangest ways. Almost, Maine: it’s love, but not quite.

OUR TOWN
Thursday, December 8 • 10 am*
Friday, December 9 • 7 pm
Saturday, December 10 • 7 pm
Niles North Auditorium

This Pulitzer-prize winning play takes us to a small town to discover love and loss, and the challenge of being truly present while experiencing our lives.

A STREETCAR NAMED ‘DESIRE’
Thursday, February 16 • 10 am*
Friday, February 17 • 4 pm & 7:30 pm
Saturday, February 18 • 4 pm & 7:30 pm
Niles West Black Box Theatre

By Tennessee Williams, this renowned drama follows troubled former schoolteacher Blanche DuBois as she moves in with her sister, Stella Kowalski, and her husband, Stanley, in New Orleans.

THE DIRECTOR’S STUDIO
Wednesday, December 14 • Time TBD
Thursday, December 15 • Time TBD
Friday, December 16 • Time TBD
Saturday, December 17 • Time TBD
Niles West Black Box Theatre

Many actors will appear on stage for the first time in this series of one-act plays. Directing class students take the helm, each leading a cast through the creative process of mounting a play.

PORTRAITS: ADVANCED THEATRE SHOWCASE
Tuesday, May 16 • 5 pm
Niles West Black Box Theatre

Join the students in Advanced Theatre Studio in a showcase of original, provocative and innovative theatre. This performance will serve as the final exam for the students enrolled in the class.

THE PRODUCERS
Thursday, March 9 - 10 am*
Friday, March 10 • 7 pm
Saturday, March 11 - 2 pm & 7 pm
Niles North Auditorium

The Producers sets the standard for modern, outrageous, in-your-face humor. A scheming producer and his mousy accountant aim to produce the biggest flop on Broadway in this laugh-out-loud spectacle.
**Music concerts are free of charge and held in the Auditorium unless otherwise indicated. Concerts at Niles North are highlighted in purple and events at Niles West are in red.**

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** Charges apply.
Band
Students perform in Beginning Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Extracurricular opportunities for band students include Color/Winter Guard, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Percussion Ensemble and Pop n’ Rock.

Orchestra
Students in the orchestra may be placed in Beginning Strings, Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra and Symphonic Orchestra.

Choir
Offerings in choir include Choraliers, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Advanced Choir and Chorale (North). Extracurricular choirs are Echo Effect, High Fidelity and Guys & Dolls at Niles West and Sound Check, Harmonic Motion, and Take One at Niles North.

FASHION

Niles Township Fashion Show
Monday, May 8
7 pm
Lincolnwood Town Center
3333 W. Touhy Avenue, Lincolnwood

This amazing creation, the Freya Gown, a beaded lace and organza gown and veil, was created by Rae Melnik and Shira Elovic (both NN’15) for Mignonette Bridal. Rae and Shira were talented interns who were a part of Niles North’s award-winning Careful Chaos, the Judges’ Choice winners in the FashioNext Chicago Styled Competition last spring. They were mentored by Kpoene’ Kofi-Nicklin of Mignonette Bridal.

Pictures are by Bragi Thor from a fashion shoot last year in Reykjavik, Iceland.
Students may select courses like drawing/painting, ceramics, digital photography, advanced studio art, graphic design, art foundations and advanced placement studio art. Extracurricular opportunities for artists include Art Club, Graphic Art Club and Art Honor Society.

Photo by Amanda Lay won a Gold Key in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Judith Tong received third place for her entry in the Artistic Discovery Competition sponsored by Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky

Fourteen Niles West Advanced Placement and Digital Art students were offered more than $3 million in scholarships based on their art portfolios. The average art scholarship offer per student was $220,000

Painting by Elena Ruiz
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Mintra Osmin received a Gold Key in Digital Art for this photographic entry in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Competition.
DANCE

AURORIS DANCE COMPANY
Thursday, January 26 at 10 am*
Friday, January 27 • 7 pm
Saturday, January 28 • 7 pm
Niles North Auditorium

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Thursday, March 9 • 10 am* & 6:30 pm
Friday, March 10 • 6:30 pm
Saturday, March 11 • 6:30 pm
Niles West Auditorium

Auroris Dance Clinic for grades K - 8 will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 9 am - 12 pm

Dancers rehearse all season to prepare for their annual dance show. They work with professional choreographers and learn to choreograph pieces as well. Dancers perform different styles of dance including jazz, modern, hip-hop, tap, swing, Broadway, ballet and Bollywood.

* Free community performance.
RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Niles West instructor named Arts Educator of the Year by Illinois Art Education Association.
- Auroris Dance Company selected to State Dance Festival for fifth year.
- Niles West Marching Band performed at the 2016 All State Sugar Bowl XII in New Orleans.
- Niles West AP art and digital art students were offered more than $3 million in art scholarships.
- D219 artists awarded almost 150 awards at the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition.
- Niles North band director selected as a Golden Apple Finalist for Excellence in Teaching.
- Niles North artists received third place and fourth place in the Artistic Discovery Competition sponsored by Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky.
- Three Niles West artists earned national recognition in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Contest.
- International recording artist Kishi Bashi performed at Niles North, after Niles North submitted a performance audition of the artist’s songs.
- D219 students won more than 50 awards at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Sectional Competition.
- Echo Effect won first place at the 2016 SingStrong Competition, Guys and Dolls placed third.
- Forty-one musicians were invited to perform at IMEA District 7 festivals.
- Niles North artists designed posters for the community campaign to honor Skokie’s first responders.
- Niles West competed in the International Championship of High School A Cappella Quarterfinals.

West culinary students prepared a luncheon for German 2 Honors students following a workshop from Mr. Neumayer on German/Eastern European cuisine. Mr. Neumayer shared treasured family recipes and homemade sauerkraut.

North Culinary students prepared a luncheon for guest author Jose Angel and members of the ¡Viva! Coming Together in Skokie & Niles Township planning committee.
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Niles West production of Annie