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## Arts Academy Updates 11/13/2023

Updates from Dr. Mitchell and Mrs. Ignagni will be added to our Daily Announcements on our website. You can always find the most up-to-date news there!

This update and previous information are included on the [Back-to-School](#) page

## Upcoming calendar dates

11/22 - 11/24 - Thanksgiving Break

12/2 - Noel Night; all are invited and select performers will represent the Academy

12/11 - Board meeting (Board meeting time has changed to 6pm)

12/12 - PTO Meeting

## General Announcements

Second Quarter begins today. Seniors; today is the last first-day of Second Quarter at the Arts Academy. Good Luck. (the countdown continues!)

College Visits: Check the website for upcoming college visits Sign up using the QR codes around school or contact a school counselor for more information.

The Academy has set Thursdays as Detroit Sports Teams Day in honor of Sammy. You are invited to wear your favorite Detroit Teams' gear each Thursday for Sammy.

Yearbook cover design contest. 90's – 2000's internet Theme. Please submit your entry by November 21st. See Mx. B for further information.

Lost and Found - don't forget to check the benches for any missing items.

## Noel Night

Arts Academy in the Woods has been asked to perform at "Noel Night" produced by Midtown Detroit Inc, on Saturday, December 2nd. Dance Company, Tap, Jazz Band, and ALL Choirs will be performing at The Michigan Science Center. Dance will be on a stage, choir and band will be performing in the new "Earth, Wind, and Weather" exhibit.



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**For students who will be performing**, we will have a bus to transport students to the event. Please check your email for additional details from Mr. Wotherspoon and your arts teachers. Please plan to have performers at the Arts Academy by 4:45 PM to take the bus.

Families are invited to attend Noel Night and can meet us at the Science Center. There are many family activities at Noel Night throughout the entire Downtown area. You can find additional activities at the [Noel Night](#) website.

## Staff Updates

Friday, November 11 was Ms. Marks' last day at the Arts Academy. She had a profound impact on our community, and we wish her well in her new position.

We also have two fresh staff members to help pick up where Ms. Marks left off. First, our new Special Education Director, Dr. Marsh, started on November 1 and is already getting a great start supporting our staff and students. Second, this week, we will have Ms. Brokensha joining our team. She will teach Language Arts and Math to allow Mr. Campbell and Mr. Lewandowski more time to focus on supporting Special Education.

Please help me in welcoming Dr. Marsh and Ms. Brokensha to our community!

## Board Updates

At this month's Board meeting, the Board elected two new members and updated their officers.

Sue Bresky – Chair

Angel Ingram – Vice Chair

Nicole Collins – Treasurer

Julianne Cuneo – Secretary

Tom Dobbs – Director

Carrie Gilchrist – Director

On behalf of the community, thank you for your continued direction and support!

## Arts Academy in the Woods Apparel

Custom Arts Academy t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, bags, backpacks, and other accessories are available on the Arts Academy Merch page on our website. Check out all the options at the link below!



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All merchandise is created by [D&B Embroidery](#) which is owned and operated by an Arts Academy family. A portion of each sale will benefit the Arts Academy PTO!

<https://www.artsacad.net/current-students-parents/aaw-swag/>

## Dance and Performing Art Disney Trip 2025

We are extremely excited to have been invited to perform at Disney World! This trip will be taking place in the **Summer of 2025**. All Seniors that are graduating this year will have the opportunity to return and go with us on our trip in Summer 2025. This will give us much more time to fundraise and prepare for this trip.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email [bwotherspoon@artsacad.net](mailto:bwotherspoon@artsacad.net)

## Yearbook

Early Bird Sale is going on now through Halloween, October 31st. Scan the QR code, enter the school code, and get your Yearbook at a discounted price. For more information contact Ms. C in the art room.

**YEARBOOK**  
Arts Academy In The Woods  
School Code: 13547724

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SEASONS CHANGE!

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