

October 4, 2013

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## **Chinese students arriving today**

The annual exchange program with the No.1 Senior High School in Luoyang, China, begins tonight when eight students and their two chaperones arrive. The visitors will be here for three weeks, attending classes, staying in the dorm and doing home stays on weekends. They will be visiting various schools, including Crosswinds, and many cultural attractions in the Twin Cities, as well as making trips to Duluth and Faribault.

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## **JamStik inventor presents to artsience class**

Dan Sullivan, local entrepreneur and inventor of the JamStik, will present to the artsience program and interested music students on Tuesday, Oct. 8. In the May issue of "Popular Science" the electrical engineer's JamStik was named one of the top 10 inventions of the year. JamStik is a 15-inch wireless instrument that works like a digital guitar. It connects wirelessly to both iPads and iPhones, and allows people to play, create and learn music. You can see more about the JamStik and the fusion of music and science at [presspubs.com/shoreview](http://presspubs.com/shoreview).

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## **Dedication Day features 2002 theater alumna and HUGE Improv**

Eloquent speeches, funny improv and arts area pride energized the 24th annual high school Dedication Day during which students, staff and faculty dedicated themselves to a new, productive and creative year at Perpich. Casey Martin-Haeg, the alumni speaker, urged the students to treasure their time here and faculty speaker Leah Larson, Perpich librarian, offered some history about the Perpich Center's founding. The HUGE Improv group, of which Martin-Haeg is a member, brought many laughs through a series of inter-linked skits that took unexpected turns. Student representatives from each arts area also offered brief thoughts on the meaning that "dedication" has for their classmates.

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## **German educators observe at Perpich**

Three German teachers are visiting today and again on Thursday, Oct. 10. The visitors are observing in the high school's academic and arts classes. Perpich is part of a partnership among the University of Minnesota, the U.S. Embassy in Berlin and partner schools in Berlin. The major program objectives are to provide an immersion experience into U.S. culture and society, to gain a first-hand understanding of the U.S. education system and to see how we integrate unique students and diminish the achievement gap. Pam Paulson, senior director of policy for Perpich Center, and Kevin Clark, one of the high school's English instructors and a licensed German teacher, are hosting the visitors.




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### Another Perpich student wins National Merit honors

Due to an error in a press release sent by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. the name of Gabriel Dale-Gau was omitted. Gabriel, a senior in music, received a National Merit commendation as a result of his test scores last year in the PSAT. Congrats, Gabriel!

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### Alumnus wins coin design competition

Alumnus Kyle J. Hermanson ('01, visual), a first lieutenant in the Army, won the U.S. Air Force ball coin design competition. Hermanson earned an associate of arts in 2007 from the Center for Criminal Justice and Law, St. Paul. He also received a bachelor of arts in 2005 from Minneapolis College of Art and Design. His hometown paper ran a picture and story. [fillmorecountyjournal.com/single](http://fillmorecountyjournal.com/single).

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### Har Mar Superstar (aka Sean Tillmann) has a day named in his honor

Theater alumnus Sean Tillmann ('95), better known to show business as Har Mar Superstar, played a sold-out show in First Avenue's Mainroom on Friday, Sept. 20, promoting his new album, "Bye Bye 17," and was honored by Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybek, who proclaimed the day "Har Mar Superstar Day."

The proclamation reads, in part: "Whereas Har Mar Superstar – born in Marshall, Minnesota and raised in Owatonna, Minnesota – attended Perpich Center for Arts Education, where he was inspired to incubate his talents for performance and make lasting connections that propelled him into a life of performing . . . "

Tory Peterson, Tillmann's theater instructor, and Mary Harding, dance instructor, attended the concert at First Avenue as guests of the star.

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### Ananya Dance Theatre review cites alumnus

The "Star Tribune's" review of the Ananya Dance Theatre performance of "Mohona: Estuaries of Desire," which uses the metaphor of water to explore issues of social justice and human rights, called out dance alumnus Orlando Hunter's ('09) "emotional bravery." Read the full review at [www.startribune.com](http://www.startribune.com)

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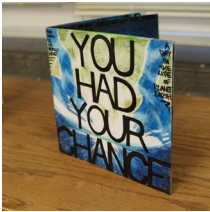
### Perpich grad speaks to museum studies class

Robin Cotton ('01, visual) gave a presentation to Craig Farmer's museum studies class on Monday, Sept. 23. Cotton is a fine arts packer at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the focus of a story in the MIA's "Verso" magazine. [contentviewer.adobe.com](http://contentviewer.adobe.com)



### Faculty and staff art show stars in the Laboratory Fine Arts Gallery

A show featuring the art work of Perpich faculty and staff members opened Thursday in the newly christened Laboratory Fine Arts Gallery, formerly less elegantly known as The Pit, just outside the library doors. A reception began the show, which will be up until Oct. 31, and is open to public viewing during school hours.



### Students display zines in the Perpich Arts Library

As part of a 2D Fundamentals class being taught by Pat Benincasa, visual arts students created individual zines using the theme "A Day in the Life . . ." Their results are currently on display in the library. In addition, the class has modified contour drawings posted in the west studio for viewing.

### Calling all (y)ambassadors to spread the word about Perpich

Are you a student who loves Perpich and likes to tell everyone you know how great it is? Any current Perpich students who would like to serve as ambassadors for the high school are invited to attend a meeting in the Small Glass Box during Our Time, 10:25-11:10 a.m., on Monday, Oct. 7. Ambassadors will work with the communications department to create marketing materials in all forms to help spread the word about Perpich Arts High School throughout the metro area and the entire state. They also will take on tasks such as bringing posters to their hometowns to put up in libraries, coffee shops and other locations where they think potential students and their families will see them.



### Dance students impress the audience at Bryant Lake Bowl

The students of Perpich's dance program performed at Bryant Lake Bowl Wednesday, Sept. 25, as part of the "9 x 22 Dance" series. Each artist presented 10 minutes of work and then the artist, the presenter and the audience responded to and discussed the work. Dance alumna Missa Kes was also on the program.



### Videos by media art graduates and current senior featured today

Live from Sacramento, California's Crest Theater, the annual All Youth Film and Education Day offers live streaming of outstanding videos. "Music Photo Journalism" by senior Marykate Foley was featured as were the works of these 2013 graduates: "Hank" by Lukas Sorensen, Adam Jacobs, Ziaoye Jiang and Alyssa Reynolds and "Sister" by Jordan West, Eliza Lynard, Gretta Goldstein and Diana Vega Vega. [towerofyouth.org](http://towerofyouth.org)



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### **Portfolio Day at Perpich is Oct. 14**

A long-standing tradition at Perpich, Portfolio Day, Oct. 14, is bigger and better than ever this year. In addition to bringing in postsecondary schools to speak with visual and media arts students, Perpich is also featuring schools of interest for Perpich students in the performing arts, including Berklee College of Music, Cornish College of the Arts and CalArts.

Full details on which schools will be represented, which other Minnesota high schools are attending and the day's schedule are at [sites.google.com/site/pcaeportfolioday](http://sites.google.com/site/pcaeportfolioday)

Carl Anderson, visual arts instructor and co-coordinator for Portfolio Day with librarian Leah Larson, asks that Perpich faculty, staff and families consider sponsoring a lunch or lunches for the visiting college representatives. Each lunch costs \$10, a cost that the school cannot absorb without support. Sponsorships may be dropped off at the front desk or mailed to the school clearly marked as Portfolio Day sponsorships, attention Karla Donner.

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### **Visual arts junior selling her work nationwide**

As with many things, it started with knowing someone who knew someone. Through a modeling gig Madalina Kelner, a junior in visual arts, found out about a store in Uptown, Bobiam, that commissions art work from youth that is then used on everything from T-shirts to cellphone cases. The Bobiam people liked Madalina's work and she now has 18 items on the website using her art and jewelry work.

In addition, Bobiam arranged for her to travel to Texas in September for a international trade show where she worked "live" in the display booth for a day and a half. Using metallic Sharpies and acrylic paints she created a new piece of art while show attendees watched. It was a way for Bobiam to showcase the concept behind the store.

"I was so honored," Madalina said. "They had to get special permission for me to go to the trade show since I'm only 16." She said the head of sales for Bobiam told her he chose her because of her approach to her art work, her reliability and her dedication. She is planning a career in art therapy. Way to go, Madalina!

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### **Latest results in the library's "Would you rather" poll**

Every Friday, the Perpich Arts Library gives students, staff and faculty two equally challenging choices and asks: "Would you rather . . ." On Sept. 13, 56% said they would rather be able to teleport while 44% would rather be able to fly. On Sept. 20, the choice was rather horrifying, leading to one of the closer votes recently. If forced to listen either to the song "Blurred Lines" or the song "Call Me Maybe" on a continuous loop for a week, 53% chose "Blurred Lines" over 47% for "Call Me Maybe."



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### **"Brasslands" swings back to the Twin Cities**

Adam Pogoff ('01, music) reports that his documentary "Brasslands" will be screened in its final form on Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Twin Cities Film Fest. Adam brought a preview version of the film to Minneapolis earlier this year with a screening at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Film Festival. Perpich alumna Sara Huneke ('00, visual) was also involved with the making of the film. We will be hosting a "Brasslands" giveaway on the [Perpich Facebook](#) page, so be sure to check out the contest starting Friday, Oct. 11, to win tickets for the showing, "Brasslands" on DVD and the film's soundtrack! For tickets and more on the film festival click [here](#).

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### **Latest cyber security tips from the Information Sharing and Analysis Center**

Recent hacks involving several high-profile social networking accounts once again highlight the potential vulnerability of social media. The more information you post, the more your security and privacy are at risk.

Below are some helpful tips for home use, etc. For state equipment always check with the Help desk.

- Use and maintain anti-virus software, anti-spyware software, and a firewall.
- Be cautious when clicking on links. If a link seems suspicious, or too good to be true, do not click.
- Request that accounts be deleted, rather than deactivated.
- Type the address of the site directly into your browser or use your personal bookmarks.
- Be cautious about installing applications.
- Use strong and unique passwords. Use different passwords for different accounts.
- Be careful whom you add as a "friend," or what groups or pages you join.
- For both business and personal use, confidential information should not be shared.
- Use discretion before posting information or comments. Once information is posted online, it can potentially be viewed by anyone and may not be able to be retracted afterwards.
- Configure privacy settings to allow only those people you trust to have access to the information you post, and your profile. Also, restrict the ability for others to post information to your page.
- Review a site's privacy policy. If a site's privacy policy is vague or does not properly protect your information, do not use the site.

For additional information, please visit:

STOP. THINK. CONNECT. Social Networking and Cyber-bullying Tips: [stophinkconnect.org](http://stophinkconnect.org)




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### Information sessions coming soon for prospective students

Perpich Arts High School will host three information sessions for prospective students and their families. Please share these dates with anyone who might be interested in joining the Perpich community for 2014-15.

Saturday, Oct. 12, 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11, 1-3 p.m.

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### Flu season shots, spray and Tdap available for all Perpich faculty and staff

Flu vaccinations, nasal spray and Tdap will be available at the Visitors' Center on Monday, Oct. 7, 9:30-11 a.m. To receive the shot at no cost, employees must bring their Minnesota Advantage Health Plan member ID card. Without the ID card, the cost is \$30 for vaccine or spray and \$55 for Tdap, cash/exact change only. This year, the injectable (Fluarix) and nasal spray (FluMist) vaccines are being administered. Both are quadrivalent vaccines so protect against four strains of flu viruses. Neither of these vaccines contain thimerosal (a mercury-based preservative).

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### Perpich Foundation selling Perpich merch—get it now!

The Perpich Foundation is selling Perpich yoga and pajama pants, zip hoodies and fleece blankets, but only for a limited time. If you didn't grab some Perpich merch at the open house in September, visit the foundation's website at [www.perpich.org](http://www.perpich.org) and go to "Shop the Online Store." Items listed above will be available for ordering only until Thursday, Oct. 10. In April 2014, they will again be available for a short time. T-shirts, mugs and window decals are available year-round.

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## Calendar

### Dates

Oct 5	SAT Test
Oct 12	Information Session
Oct 13–14	Portfolio Day
Oct 16	PSAT Test
Oct 17, 18	Education MN Conference
Oct 23–24	Music Concert
Oct 24	Jr. Media Arts Exhibition

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