



# Irvington School District Arts

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Newsletter



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Noah Thomas and Andre Ransom, 7<sup>th</sup> graders at UAMS discussing art

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## Essex County Pride Expo A GIANT Success

At Union Avenue Middle School, the Art and Music Magnet made an impact on the public at the Livingston Mall, March 9th!

Students went on a field trip to view the art of the Essex County public schools at the Annual PRIDE EXPO. The music students wowed the crowds with various choral performances and even included 2 dance routines choreographed by Whitney Cort, Beanie Laureore, Siarra Grace and Ti-Ajia Leach. Artworks that captured the most attention were portraits of famous African Americans. "Muhammed Ali" by Yaa Obeng(6th), "Wiz Khalifa" by Justin Edwards(8th), "Whitney Houston" by Zaynah Mohammed(6th), "Dorothy Bainbridge" by Andreaia Chong-A-Shack(8th), "Malcolm X" by Schwietzer Georges-Girard(8th) and "Venus Williams" by Genesis Gonzalez(6th). Other notable artworks were metal tooled Soul Washer Disks, standouts for quality craftsmanship include, Sendes Dhaiti(8th), Jehanne Pilgrim(8th),

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8<sup>th</sup> grade art magnet girls posing with homeroom teacher, Ms. Brown

Dominique Campbell(8<sup>th</sup>), Candace Bruyning(8<sup>th</sup>), Mahogany Bass(8<sup>th</sup>), Delince Jules(8<sup>th</sup>), Louis Lorvens(8<sup>th</sup>), Olusoji Ajay(7<sup>th</sup>), and Wood Rene(7<sup>th</sup>).

Anti-Bullying posters by Ruth Tekeste(8<sup>th</sup>) and Destiny Chen-Sue(7<sup>th</sup>) were professionally created and are always a welcome reminder to keep the peace!

When the students take the lead from their teachers, success is inevitable.

Ms. Carly LaPierre, Art Teacher  
Union Avenue Middle School



Display by Ms. Shabouk's and Ms. LaPierre's Students



Above: Music Magnet Students singing a mash-up of Whitney Houston songs to honor the late singer



Left: Music Magnet ladies performing a student taught routine

## Irvington High School's Art Shocks Livingston Mall

Shoppers walked by in awe at the art as art teachers Ms. Mickelsen and Mr. Korski set up the works. "This is amazing art!", one woman said. We heard many more people telling us the same thing again and again. Passersby were impressed by the skill and creativity exhibited by the school. It was a great opportunity to show Essex County that Irvington High School has truly gifted and talented students. Mr. Massac's pottery showed the skill and craftsmanship of our school pottery classes as well as Ms. Foote's students' drawings. Ms. Mickelsen's students' art work filled the tables with a diverse array of work from drawings to crafts. Mr. Korski's art students' showed their technical and creative abilities. The show was a huge success with many praises from shoppers, teachers and students observing the work. Many other schools from Irvington district had also shown their work. The success of the show further supports the fact that Irvington is still on the map and the Arts Department will continue to grow. We are all very proud of our students' commitment to the arts. Be sure to expect an even better show next year!

Mr. Korski IHS Art Teacher



Upper Left: Mr. Massac's students' pottery  
Lower Left: Mr. Korski's students' art work and Ms. Mickelsen's students' crafts.  
Upper Right: Full length image of Irvington High School's Tables

# Student Corner



“A Sunday on La Grande Jatte”  
by  
Georges Seurat

Believe it or not the painting above is made of thousands of tiny painted dots. The dots blend together to make the image appear whole. The painting depicts a beautiful spring day in La Grande Jatte, a park in Paris, France. The painting appears small but is actually very large, it is (6 ft 10 in x 10 ft 1 in) in size. Seurat believed that using tiny dots would show color more vividly than standard brush strokes.



Irvington High School  
Repertory Theatre  
Presents: Bye Bye Birdie  
Coming This Spring  
Dates To Be Announced

Seurat must have been right because the painting has an inner glow and truly shows the warmth of spring. They don't call him "Seurat the Dot" for nothing.