

New Mexico School for the Arts  
Head of School Report: October 2021  
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*NMSA provides access to a rigorous mastery arts and academic high school education for youth with passion and aptitude in the arts, leading to post-secondary learning, careers in the arts, and lives that contribute to society.*

#### Kudos

- Cameron Sperry's English classes are featured in this article by the New Mexican, covering classes that are participating in a film project:  
[https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/education/festival-hopes-to-create-new-mexico-student-filmmakers/article\\_49d48f9e-158d-11ec-9745-734dc4036bd9.html](https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/education/festival-hopes-to-create-new-mexico-student-filmmakers/article_49d48f9e-158d-11ec-9745-734dc4036bd9.html)
- The Visual Arts all-department exhibition All for One is currently on display in our gallery and online: <https://www.nmschoolforthearts.org/all-for-one-2021/>
- Upcoming Theatre:
  - The Liar: Saturday 10/23, 11am and 3pm; Sunday 10/24, 11AM and 3pm
  - Cinematic Mime: Wednesday 10/27, 7pm; Thursday 10/28, 7pm; Friday 10/29 7pm
- Upcoming Music: Fall Concert, Thursday 11/4, 6:30 pm

#### School Re-Entry Update

- We had our third positive COVID case of the year on campus in October. No close contacts were determined to be required to quarantine.
- 98% of staff and 69% of students are fully vaccinated
- NM Department of Health and FEMA conducted our fifth on-campus COVID vaccine clinic.
- Albertsons Pharmacy conducted an on-campus flu vaccine clinic.
- We are getting closer to being able to offer on-site surveillance and on-demand COVID testing through a program of the NM Department of Health.
- Impacts of the stresses related to the ongoing pandemic are significant and noticeable. It appears we have funding to hire a second mental health counselor. We are planning additional staff wellness opportunities on our November 22 inservice day.
- Our approach for COVID safety with performances and exhibitions will be to have internal-only audiences for indoor events. Outdoor events will be open to a limited number of family members in the audience too.

#### Legislative/PED/PEC

- The PEC annual site visit report was finalized.

#### Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Instruction

- See separate October agenda item documentation on this topic

#### Professional Development

- We are planning training on trauma-informed pedagogy in November.