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Travel and the Arts

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Roller coasters, theme parks, Broadway shows, or an Estonian camp present opportunities for our fine arts students to grow and flourish. Travel offers our fine arts students the opportunity to step out of their home environments and their comfort zones, and step into different cultures and surroundings. Students learn practical aspects of travel such as tipping at restaurants, navigating through airport security, following directions to various locations, time management, and individual responsibility. Students gain an understanding of how to take care of themselves physically on trips by eating properly, staying hydrated, sleeping and arising at the appropriate times, and wearing comfortable clothing for travel and sightseeing.

Spiritually, students learn how to interact with people who are not Christians. How we conduct ourselves in public whether at a restaurant, on public transportation, in theme parks, at camps, or Broadway's shows is a reflection of our faith. We may not speak a single word to someone, but how we treat each other speaks volumes about our faith. People observe our actions more than they listen to our words. Learning to extend grace to a fellow classmate when you have been traveling for hours strengthens our character. Relinquishing our own selfish desires for the betterment of the group helps us mature in our faith.

Travel allows students the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the classroom, concert stage, and theatre. Our students have the privilege of working with professionals who possess a high level of expertise and artistry in their discipline. We gain insight into the dedication and work ethic of those that have achieved high levels of excellence in their craft.

Creating memories by having fun together is part of the joy of travel. We spend time with classmates we may not know very well. New friendships are established, and old friendships are strengthened. Having fun together allows us to leave our challenges and concerns behind. Proverbs 22:17 tells us that a cheerful heart is good medicine.

In the Fine Arts department, travel is one of our four components on which our department is built. Curriculum, cocurricular activities, service and travel are essential to helping students discover and develop their skills and gifts in the arts.



PACS Fine Arts students visit Estonia in summer 2017