**INTRODUCTION TO ART 2018-19**

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*“It is not that the artist is a special kind of person,*

***every*** *person is a special kind of artist.” - ML Goertzen*

**Curriculum** During this trimester, we will practice the basic elements and principles of art to assist in creating interesting compositions and to solve visual art problems. These skills will be assessed in your studio pieces, daily classwork, artist statements, and in the final portfolio presentation. You will be creating 2-D and 3-D art work as well as learning to speak and write about art. You will be writing an artist statement for each of the studio pieces for display. Expectations will be high as you engage in your own artistic journey.

**Art Class Rules – please fill in the boxes**

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**Coursework Expectations**

**Studio Art projects:** Students will create artwork by controlling the elements and principles of art. (50 points each, 50x5 projects, or **38%** of your grade)

**Daily Lessons:** Each day students will generate ideas, build art making skills, further their creativity, and be introduced to critiquing artwork. (15x12 weeks= **27%** of grade)

**Artist Statements**: Students will respond in writing about each studio art project. (20 pts each, 20x5 projects or **15%** of your grade)

**Critiques:** Students will discuss and write about master artworks. (20 pts ea. **15%** grade)

**Final Presentation**: Students will present 3 of their artworks to their classmates and honored guests. (40 points or **5%** of your grade)

**Daily Routines**

1. Be in your chair and ready to listen at the beginning of class.
2. Give your full attention to a lesson or demonstration.
3. **After** the lesson, retrieve artwork from your folder, be on-task and focused.
4. Clean up tools and your area. Putting artwork in your folder in a drawer. Students will work up until clean up time is announced, not before. All students will take ownership of cleaning up their area and putting away the art and tools. All students will help pitch in to clean up the entire room. Students will be dismissed from the room when Ms. Thomas sees all materials are put in their place. When we begin painting, one student will check student’s clean up.

**If Absent:**  If you miss class, you need to make up the lost studio time and daily lesson assignments during advisory time, before or after school. In general, you are not allowed to take home your artwork. Artist statements can be completed at home.

**Calendar**

**Studio Art Pieces** and **Artist Statements** will be due every 2-3 weeks. Late pieces will not be marked down, but they will need to be turned in by a week before the trimester ends. All pieces need to be completed by **November 19, 2018** if you do not want to receive a Missing in the gradebook. All artist statements need to be complete by Friday, **November 16, 2018**.

**Final Presentations**: **November 16, 19 and 20.** Parents are welcome to attend the final presentations.

**Late Work Policy:** Artist statements must be completed before the next Studio Art piece is made. If you get behind on your Studio Art pieces, you will use your own time during advisory, before school or after school to finish the project. Artwork stays at school.

**Electronic Device Policy:** Art class is a time to gain valuable social skills and to interact with your peers and with the teacher. By having ear buds in, this cuts you off from your peers and teachers and prevents you from hearing directions by the teacher and or connecting with your peers. **NO EAR BUDS**. I will give you a warning once, then I will confiscate it for the class, then again it goes to the office. Cell phones have distracting pop-ups. Please leave your cell phones in your bags. When researching, we will use Chromebooks to find images. **BAG YOUR CELL PHONE.**

**If cell phones are used improperly, the device will be confiscated and turned into the PHS office for safekeeping.**

**1. First Offense – returned to student at the end of the day;**

**2. Second Offense – returned to student at the end of the following day after**

**parental contact and lunchtime detention.**

**3. Third Offense – released to parent and not allowed at school for the remainder of the year and Friday School.**

PLEASE RETURN THIS WITH PARENT CONTACT AND SIGNATURE for **5pts**:

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_agree to the above rules, expectations and policies.

**Student PLEASE sign above**

**PRINT STUDENT NAME here**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

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**Cell Phones, Ear buds, headphones & Other Electronic Communication Devices**

Acceptable Uses

• The use of cell phones is up to the individual teacher specifically for educational usage.

• Individual classroom teachers will have cell phone rules posted.

• Cell phones may be used during lunchtime inside or outside the building.

• Cell phones users must use silent features.

• Phone calls may be made before school, between class, lunch, and after school.

Unacceptable Uses

• While in the classroom, cell phones are not to be used to make calls, send messages, take photos, use of apps, or access the internet (unless permission from teacher).

• It is against school policy to use a mobile device to intimidate, bully, or harass another person. Students and parents are reminded that all call, text messages, and emails can be traced.

• Except as permitted by teachers for educational purposes, mobile devices must not be used to photograph, film, record, or transmit photos/videos of any member of the school community or a visitor to the school without their knowledge and permission.

• Sending or possession of nude, sexually explicit, or offensive photos or videos is strictly prohibited and may result in a serious disciplinary action and/or notification to local law enforcement.

• Mobile devices must not be used during an exam or assessment. This will be considered cheating and the student will face academic and behavioral consequences.

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**Disruption of School Activity** Any behavior that substantially disrupts or interferes with the learning environment is prohibited.