

8th GRADE VISUAL ARTS SYLLABUS

This course is designed to meet the portfolio requirements for entrance into HS. The course will run a full year. The emphasis will be on creation and technique. Students will explore various mediums while developing deeper understanding of what it means to be a visual artist and learn the power of communication through the visual arts.

The class will be a full year that will include the follow course of study, (I may switch course of study at my discretion.) Learning will be academic as well as practical.

Fall

- * figure drawing
- * character development
- * animation cel design
- * fashion design
- * art history
- * clay

Winter

- * animal study
- * art history
- * painting
- * clay
- * Digital art
- * Video PSA

Spring

- * advertising: group project
- * floor plan design
- * foam home building
- * paint Borucan masks
- * clay
- * art history

I strongly advise all students to buy a portfolio to keep their artwork in. You are required to keep a sketchbook. Any studies done prior to the final projects should be kept in your sketchbook. Students applying for the VPA program in 9th grade will be required to provide a portfolio of 12 pieces at their interview. The class projects all qualify as acceptable mediums for the portfolio. **SKETCHBOOKS ARE MANADATORY**, and will be checked weekly.

Grading is based on

- 35% Test
- 30% Quiz
- 30% Sketchbook
- 5% Bellwork