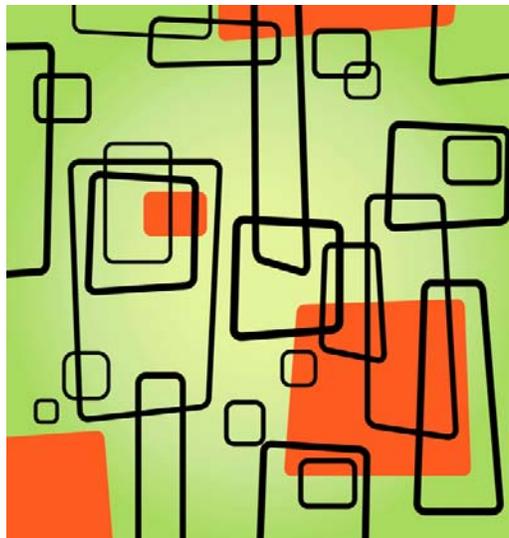


## Visual Arts

*Students participate in Art classes one term per year.*

The Visual Arts Program is based on the human need to explore, analyze, and make choices about the world around us. In today's fast paced, exposed, media and data-driven culture, young people are asked to develop opinions, ideas, goals, and a sense of self and be able to compete on a global scale with little time to explore or analyze what these things mean or where they come from. The goal of the Visual Arts program is to give our students the proper tools to explore the world around them; analyze the who, what, where, and why of the information they are flooded with on a daily basis; to be given the time to make educated and informed choices about the people they will become; and how to contribute positively to the world around them. Art is an excellent



vehicle with which to explore these questions. It gives our students an opportunity to dissect the world around them and piece it together again in their own way; students create a record of their place in the world. By exploring their world through art, students create personal connections. Physically touching and manipulating the materials and media which give life to their idea forces them to make definite decisions that immediately affect the outcome. In the Visual Art Program, our students learn to think critically, creatively, and flexibly. They learn to work cooperatively and problem solve efficiently so as to hear and generate new ideas. And by learning to analyze constructively, they are able to communicate clearly their opinions, ideas, goals, and who they are as a contributing member of society.

### **Grade 6: Experimenting with Art**

Projects in the sixth grade are centered around the students' exploration of the Elements of Art (line, shape, form, space, value, color, and texture). Students explore these elements through a series of drawing, painting, and cut paper projects that allows each student to explore and stretch his/her understanding of art in both fundamental and creative ways. Students explore where they see these elements in the world around them and experiment with new and different ways of using the elements to communicate.

## Visual Arts

### Grade 7: Exploring Artistic Style

Projects in the seventh grade will build on what was learned in the sixth grade. Students are asked to further explore the elements of art learned in sixth grade in relation to the world around them as well the historical and contemporary art worlds. Students explore how other artists have used these elements to express their thoughts about the world and use these artists and styles as a spring board for developing their own artistic style. Students experiment with several different mediums and techniques including drawing, painting, wire sculpture, and collage.

### Grade 8: Making Art Personal

Concepts studied in the eighth grade continue to build from what was learned in grades six and seven. Projects in the eighth grade involve more of the principles of art and how to apply the elements in self-expressive, creative ways. Projects will be centered around the students' thoughts and their reactions to the world around them. They will examine their culture and influences as well as others around the world and use several creative outlets such as drawing, sculpting, painting, and collage.



## Dynamic Media: Art

*Students participate in Dynamic Media: Art class one term per year.*

### Dynamic Media: Art

The Dynamic Media Art Studio focuses on the visual communication of ideas and concepts in graphic and photographic format using state of the art technology and applications. Students will learn how to use applications and digital imaging tools to create expressive pieces of visual art.

#### Grade 6

Students will gain an understanding in the basic tools of the *Dynamic Media Studio*. Using the basics of Photoshop, students will create and modify images.

#### Grade 7

The emphasis of the grade 7 Dynamic Media program is on design. Students will bring their ideas for design to a variety of media: posters, packaging, textiles and industry.

#### Grade 8

The grade 8 Dynamic Media program expands the study of tools and design to creating and editing photos, video and animation. Students will utilize advanced editing software to edit and enhance projects with effects.

