



The Visual Arts program is for students considering a career in the arts, students considering further art education in college, and students who may simply find an extended art program personally fulfilling. Students should expect to learn new skills and be challenged to create their best artworks.

Freshmen Year Project and Expectations

It's important to remember that your dedication to our program is very important. We want you to want to be here. 9th and 10th grade years are dedicated to learning drawing and painting. Freshman are required to take Principles of Illustration/Art Survey.



DaVinci



Monet

At this level you will:

- Learn technical drawing skills using graphite and other media.
- Know the basic skills and art vocabulary and have a strong desire to learn and create.
- Your Freshman project you will study Master Artists and reproduce several master drawings that will be shown at the projects fair.

What to expect:

- To earn high grades in our art classes students must apply new skills taught and push themselves further to achieve greater artistic results.
- Quality work is what we want you to produce, and this takes much care and time. Please expect to be held to a high level of rigor in the art room.
- You are going to learn a lot about being an artist. Your classes will challenge you.



Sunny Walker '09



Caitlin Cassity '09

Sophomore Year Project and Expectations

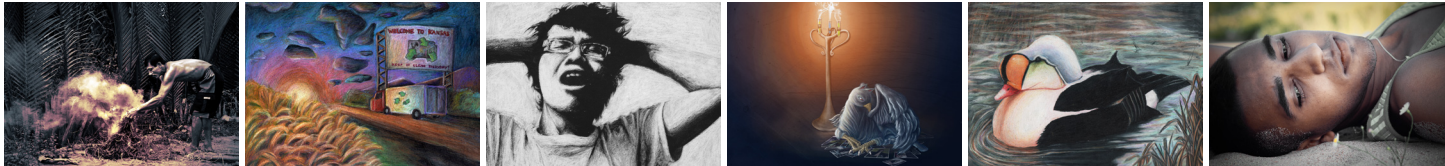
During this year, Sophomores focus on learning, expanding, and cultivating various drawing and painting media. Starting this year, you get the opportunity to explore different medias: Ceramics, Sculpture, Photography and Graphic Design.

At this level you will:

- Explore numerous drawing and painting mediums and techniques.
- Create a realistic graphite self-portrait and a modern art stylized version in oil paint.
- Show your ability in a range of materials in traditional and non-traditional ways.
- Guide your own learning by selecting and completing specialized art courses.

What to expect:

- Constant practicing of art techniques in different media that will hone your skills.
- You will write about your art, a modern artist and present your research.
- You will participate in a final critique at the end of the year.
- All work completed is considered a building block toward your art portfolio.



Tri Vo '11

Junior Year Project and Expectations

During this year, you focus on art history and constructing their portfolio. Juniors continue to explore different medias (Ceramics, Sculpture, Photography and Graphic Design), and now have the opportunity to focus on either advanced drawing or painting.

At this level you will:

- You will gain an appreciation of various art movements from Cave Art through Contemporary art.
- Construct a physical portfolio with 6 of the best artworks you created this year.
- Explore in great detail a specialized art medium of your own choice.

What to expect:

- You will do a variety of writing, creating, and presenting about different artists/cultures.
- Your yearly project has several writing components, very specific deadlines, works must be prepared for presentation, and you will make an oral presentation.
- Create, critique and refine artworks in all art classes to create the best art possible.



Josh Tripoli '09

Senior Year Project and Expectations

When you reach the Senior year, you will be expected to be a leader in your art classes and to take an active roll in mastering your preferred medium.

At this level you will:

- Learn and master advanced techniques in various art media.
- Make a digital art portfolio that can be used for college applications and scholarships.
- Make post-secondary plans: research colleges, college applications, scholarships, and FAFSA.

What to expect:

- Plan, create, critique and rework works of art to achieve the absolute best work possible.
- Rigorous college-prep course work that has high expectations and specific due dates.
- Develop good time management skills and be willing to work on your art outside the classroom.
- Opportunities to show artwork in gallery spaces, enter art contests, and attend local art events.



Maxxer '22

To earn an Art Magnet Certificate you must complete:
6.5 Visual Art credits * 4 annual art projects *
'C' or higher in all Art classes * 2.5 GPA or higher