



## **Welcome to the WCSD Fine Arts Program**

This course is offered through WCSD and offers an ongoing artistic learning experience on a daily basis for all students. Our Fine Arts program offers multiple opportunities for young artists to collaborate with working artists throughout the program. Display opportunities are ongoing and include our annual District-Wide Festival of the Arts. Our students are guided by talented teachers with years of experience teaching and creating art in the district as well as in private studios, galleries, local colleges, and universities. Through our Fine Arts program, our students have the opportunity to achieve their Advanced Regents Diploma and take Advanced Placement courses. We align our work to the NYSED Standards for the Arts to provide opportunities for students to pursue their passion through creativity and rigor.



## **Full Year Ceramics**

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### **Course Description:**

This full year course will offer an introduction to ceramics. Students will learn both the history of clay, as well as contemporary artists working in clay. We will gain knowledge of clay vocabulary and techniques through a mix of research, conversations, and a studio exploration of both functional and sculptural clay art works.

### **Course Content**

- Develop drawing skills utilizing a sketchbook for final clay projects
- Learn about ceramics, both in the historical and contemporary context
- Development of clay skills and techniques including hand building & wheel
- Knowledge of glazes & application

### **Expectations:**

- Show up to class **on time** and prepared. When you are late, you miss important instructions for the day and therefore cannot be given full credit for that class/project.
- Complete assignments by given deadlines
- Maintain a positive and creative working environment.
- Take part in class discussions and critiques of work presented in class
- No food or drinks in the classroom. Water is allowed.

### **Grading:**

You will receive grades from every assignment. These grades are averaged equally together for your final grade. This means that if you do not hand in a project, a zero will be averaged in with your other grades. 1 missed project can fail you.

Ex:  $90+90+95+0= 275/4 = 68$

**It is your responsibility to make up any missing work.** I will not chase after you.

All assignments are subject to point deduction if they are late.

Please see me if you have a long absence or an emergency comes up.

### **Important Dates:**

1st Quarter ends 11/9/23

2nd Quarter ends 1/26/24

3rd Quarter ends 4/5/24

4th Quarter ends 6/25/24

**Required Materials:**

- Loose white paper OR a Sketchbook
- Pencil & eraser
- Binder or folder to hold any worksheets/loose drawings
- Plastic Bags (for project storage)
- Recommended:
  - Personal Lotion (clay dries out the hands)
  - Smock/Apron/Large t-shirt or button up you don't mind getting dirty

**Plagiarism:**

There is a difference between plagiarism and appropriation. If you use any image in your artwork that is not your own, it must move beyond duplication and illustrate an original idea. If you ever question whether or not something is plagiarism, COME TO ME IMMEDIATELY!

*Please note that this syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the course instructor.*

*Please contact me personally if there are issues/concerns at all. I will do everything possible to accommodate participation in this class.*

Best method of communication is my email:

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Please review this with your parents/guardians. It is important for them to know and understand what type of work you will be doing this year and what is expected of you. Thank you and I'm looking forward to this year!