

Dear AP 2D Studio Art Students:

This is some useful information about the class you have signed up for next year.

There are three sections to be completed to finalize your AP submission.

- 1) Works of Breadth: This section emphasizes the elements of design (line, shape, color, texture, illusion of form, value, space) organized using the principles of design (unity, variety, balance, emphasis, rhythm, scale, repetition). Media can include digital imaging, drawing, painting, pen and ink, colored pencils, watercolor, charcoal, pastels, photography, graphic design, painting, collage, printmaking, illustration, contour drawing and experimentation. You will send in 12 pieces for this section showing a range of media and your abilities.

Please work on these during the summer!

It is suggested that you explore drawing/painting things you haven't drawn before such as items around your house, pets, people, landscapes and such. You can find lots of helpful how to videos on the Youtube as well. If you don't know how to do something, you can find it there.

Tips:

- a) Keep a visual journal in which you write your thoughts, and keep sketching. This will help you find your voice and style as well as stretch your mind.
- b) Go to museums, art studios and arts districts to see what people are creating and how. This will broaden your mind.
- c) Take your own photos to draw from. **DO NOT DRAW FROM PHOTOGRAPHS, MAGAZINES, PINTEREST, DEVIANT ART, ETC.** This is plagiarism! Draw from what

you see and you will have the freedom to expand and explore your world through your art.

d) Stay away from cutesie art such as Manga and trite images of cartoons. Remember this is a college level course and your art should show that. e) Make your work interesting and exciting through strong use of color or interesting arrangements on the page. Use the elements and principles of art listed above!

- 2) Concentration: Here you will select a topic for exploration in a medium that interests you. Pick something that you enjoy and feel shows what you do best. I will help you develop your ideas and complete 12 pieces to turn in for your AP during the school year. There may be assignments you will need to complete as well to help round out your breadth section.
- 3) Quality: You will actually have to submit your five best pieces as part of your exam as well. These can be from your breadth and concentration areas. They will be looking at your quality.

Please go on the AP studio art website for students to see examples of portfolios and their scores. This will help you see what the general quality and wide variety of work that is submitted. Keep all of your art work and enjoy the process of growing as an artist! You may contact me through csjeweler2@gmail.com this summer. I can give you my phone number if you want to discuss things with me. Thanks! We will have a great year next year!!!! 'Ms C' Smith