

Visual and Performing Arts

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The Academy of the
HOLY CROSS

Visual Arts

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Visual Arts

- Belief that training in the arts is essential to the development of deductive reasoning, creative thinking, and innovative approaches to problem solving
- Recognizes and fosters the students' discovery of their artistic talents and abilities
- Developing the students' aesthetic awareness and confidence in art production
- Exposure to the historical and cultural diversity of local and world art



Visual Arts at Holy Cross



- Annual field trips to DC art museums each year reinforce cultural and historical art curriculum in addition to aiding in the study of various art medium.
- Interdepartmental collaboration provides students to discover ways in which the Arts enhance the Holy Cross experience
 - Empty Bowls
 - Chemistry and Ceramics
 - Arts in international culture
- Our art teachers, both professional artists, provide students an understanding of Arts as a field of study and career

Courses Include

Studio Art I and II

Photography I and II

Ceramics I and II

AP Studio Art and Design



PERFORMING ARTS

Laura Meehan, Performing Arts Chair and Music

Donna Reese '77, Dance

Dale Placek, Theatre and Film

Kevin de Souza, Technical Theatre



Music

Classes

Glee Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, Guitar Seminar, Madrigal Singers, Honors Madrigal Singers

Clubs

Guitar and Ukulele Club, A Cappella Club, Instrumental Club, Tri-M Music Honor Society

Performance Opportunities

WAMTC Honors Band and Orchestra, MD All-State Chorus, Band, Orchestra, All-Catholic Honors Chorus, School Masses, Retreats, Bethesda Winter Wonderland, Cathedral Choral Festival

Dance

Classes

Jazz and Hip Hop, Musical Theater Dance, Modern Dance

Clubs

Irish Dance Club, Hip-Hop Club, Adrenaline Dance Team

The Adrenaline Dance Team

Composed of the Academy's top dancers, the Adrenaline Dance Team performs at multiple events throughout the school year, including the Winter and Spring Dance Concerts, Performing Arts Night for Middle School Students, the Performing Arts Gala, basketball half-time performances, and regional dance competitions.



Theatre & Film

Classes

Acting I, Acting II, Improv, Film Studies



Clubs

International Thespian Society, Improv Club, Drama Club

Mainstage Productions

Fall Musical, Spring Play or Musical



Technical Theatre



Student Leadership

Students lead all departments: Stage Management, Scenic, Lighting, Audio, Props, and Costumes. Technical Theatre students are also often leaders in other areas of student life at The Academy.

Professional Equipment and Standards

Students work with professional-grade lighting and sound systems and learn industry-proven techniques in scenic carpentry and painting, audio mixing, lighting design, and stage management.

Diverse Opportunities

Students have the chance to grow in areas in which they are already skilled, and to challenge themselves in new areas of Technical Theatre.

Matilda

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