

May 2021

Dear Student and Parent(s):

I am so excited to welcome you to AP Studio Art! You have elected to enroll in this college level art course, where based on your performance on the AP Portfolio Exam Review in May of 2022, you may earn college credits in Studio Art.

AP Art has several requirements beyond those of a non-AP Art course. Students will be asked to pay a \$25 supply fee due no later than August 17, 2020. This fee covers additional supplies used only by AP students. Students will also need a sketchbook similar to the one used in previous art classes; approximately 9x12" with a hardbound cover is best. I suggest a new one as it will be used a lot.

This course meets outside of class on a weekly basis. Advanced Placement courses are very demanding and require additional classroom hours of instruction. **These sessions are mandatory and take precedence over sports and club activities.** Attendance will be tracked and part of students' overall grade in the class. Our previously scheduled meeting time was **every Tuesday from 2:35-4:00 pm but this is subject to change due to scheduling.** AP Studio Art also requires substantial time outside of school each week. On average, you should expect to commit 8-12 hours per week outside of class working on AP Art assignments.

Throughout the school year, each student will prepare a portfolio that aligns with the College Board AP Studio Art and Design requirements. Students will begin this portfolio in the fall. In April and May, all AP students will compile images of the work they have created throughout the year into an online, digital portfolio. This portfolio is then submitted to the College Board as the AP exam. I highly recommend that students spend some time this summer familiarizing themselves with the AP website and portfolio scoring guidelines. The College Board student websites for each of the 3 AP Art courses are listed at the bottom of this letter and are also posted in Schoology. I also recommend that you browse through the sample student portfolios available for each course through the respective AP Art website links below. It is important to understand that the portfolio is not just completed masterpiece works, rather it should be a compilation of finished works AND process images that show how you work as an artist through practice, experimentation, and revisions to your work. Don't worry, we will cover what all of this means in much more detail throughout the year!

In order to help best prepare you for the rigorous upcoming year, you will be required to complete some summer assignments. **ALL summer assignments must be completed before the first day of the new school year.** Summer assignments help alleviate the pressure during the school year of producing the many quality pieces needed for a successful portfolio. There are 4 assignment categories: (1) Sketchbooks/Journal, (2) 3 Completed quality projects, (3) sustained investigation research, and (4) museum visit reaction paper. Completing more than the required 3 pieces will only put you that much further ahead when school starts!

Parents and students may email me at doranl@bishopkenny.net if you have any questions regarding the summer assignment or any of the other information provided in this letter.

Have a restful and productive summer. Manage your time wisely. I am looking forward to working with you next year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Doran

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AP Portfolio Websites:

3D – <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-studio-art-3-d-design?course=ap-studio-art-3-d-design>

2D - <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-studio-art-2-d-design?course=ap-studio-art-2-d-design>

Drawing - <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-studio-art-drawing?course=ap-studio-art-drawing>