

# Choice school Information 2021



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REBIRTH, RECOVERY,  
RENEWAL, RECYCLING,  
REFLECTION AND HEALING.  
HE SIGNIFIES MOVING  
THROUGH TRANSITIONS  
SMOOTHLY BY  
CASTING LIGHT INTO  
THE DARKNESS

9TH GRADE  
LEONARDI PRIZE  
2019

# Renaissance School of Art and Reasoning

# Principles for the Development of a Complete Mind:

- Study the science of art. Study the art of science.  
Develop your senses—especially learn how to see.  
Realize that everything connects to everything else.

— Leonardo da Vinci —



# Mission statement

- To prepare students for educational and personal success by providing interdisciplinary, and arts-based instruction that addresses the diverse needs and learning styles of middle-school students.

# Renaissance Values

- Be Prepared
- Be Empathetic
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Persistent





# Rigorous Instruction Across Content Areas

All instruction is aligned with district and state standards.

- Inquiry-based instruction
- Critical thinking skills
- Hands-on Learning



# Developing REASONING Skills

## ■ Science

- Developing hypothesis
- Collecting data
- Setting up materials
- Reflecting and drawing conclusions
- Analyzing the errors
- Questioning the world around you

## ■ Mathematics

- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- 3 ACT math
- Clear communication
- Partnership with EHS
- Differentiated instruction

# Developing ART Skills

- **Performing and Visual Arts**
- Teach the elements and principles of both fine and performing arts.
- Develops student's ability to **think critically** and **develop self-confidence**.
- Hands-on, experiential activities



# Developing the **REASONING** of RSAR

## ■ Humanities

- Communicating logical arguments
- Literary analysis
- Using evidence to support ideas and interpretations
- Multiple perspectives
- WITS program – Poetry
- and Creative writing





# Resource Program

- We serve students in Special Education and work with their IEP teams to ensure that they are receiving the services they need.
- Our resource teacher uses both a “push in” and “pull out” model to address the needs to each individual student.

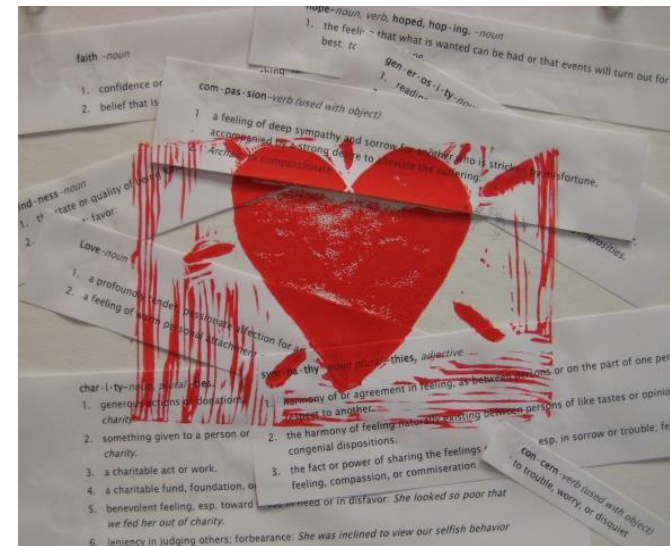
# Developing Community: Guilds

## Purpose:

- To develop relationships and the skills to cope with school and real-world challenges
- To create a positive school climate.

## We achieve this by:

- Mixed-age grouping and social skills
- Health and study skills
- Leadership and decision making
- Goal Setting
- Development of personal responsibility
- Honoring students as individuals



# Contributing to Community

- Annual productions
- Community artwork displays
- Workshops with professional artists
- “Thrill the World” participation
- Elementary School Performances
- Community Out-Reach: food drives, drives, car packets, coat drive, Festival







# Field Trips, Community and Outdoor Learning

- Experience the arts through local galleries, museums, and professional theater.
- Connect students with community leaders
- Yearly outdoor education and community building experiences.
- Grouper Moon Project



# What makes Renaissance School unique?

- Small school setting
- Students known by all teachers
- Access to EHS facilities (theater, library, cafeteria, instructional resources)
- Opportunities for individualized instruction
- Rigorous course of study; all students expected to perform at or above standard
- National Jr. Honor Society
- Fine and Performing Arts
- Jr Thespian Society
- **Raven Time** – Intervention time for students to get one-to-one help with teachers or make-up tests



# Art and Reasoning: Two ideas that go together

- Students develop confidence, knowledge, and skills.
- All learners are empowered and supported through:

- \*Critical thinking
- \*Artistic development
- \*Community building
- \*Project-based learning
- \*Diversity and social awareness



# Considerations/Commitments

- Transportation
- Arts – throughout curriculum
- Music/Sports – at Home School
- Outdoor Education – extra fees
- Math Sequence – district pathway
- IEP Service Minutes – pull out model
- Small school - everyone knows one another well



*Is Renaissance the Right Choice for My Child?*



# Timeline

- December 3, 2021 Online application due by 4 pm
- January 7, 2022 Lottery for Choice Schools
- January 14, 2022 Notification to families
- January 26, 2022 Acceptance due to Renaissance School office

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Applications are online through RSAR or District website  
<https://www.lwsd.org/schools/choice-schools>

# The Adolescent Mind

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zVS8HIPUng>



# Questions and Answers

- We will take questions from interested students and parents on November 9<sup>th</sup> with a Live Stream event.

