

EAGLE VISUAL ARTS

NEWSLETTER



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Greetings!

Greetings from the Visual Arts Department. This year has presented many challenges but has also been a reminder that the arts are vital to creative thinking and problem solving. Our students have proven to be resilient and are continuing to develop their talents. We have a lot of exciting news in this volume including Scholastic Art and Writing Contest Winners, OC Artist of the Year nominations, information about our upcoming 11th Annual Art Show, fundraising opportunities, and upcoming student contests.

- Ms. Christina Rising, Visual Arts Department Chair

Scholastic Art and Writing Results

CONGRATULATIONS to our Scholastic Art and Writing Winners! SMCHS had 14 Visual Art winners and 20 pieces win awards this year.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE WINNERS](#)

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. It is a National Competition whose mission is to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and present their remarkable work to the world through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.



The Awards give students opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication and scholarships. Students across America entered nearly 320,000 original works in 2020 in 28 different categories of art and writing. A gallery of work can be found here: [View Gallery](#)

Orange County Artist of the Year Contest

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have been nominated by their Visual Arts teacher for OC Artist of the Year.

CERAMICS

- Hannah James '22 [View](#)

DRAWING & PAINTING

- Katie Gaspar '21 [View](#)

SCULPTING & METALWORK

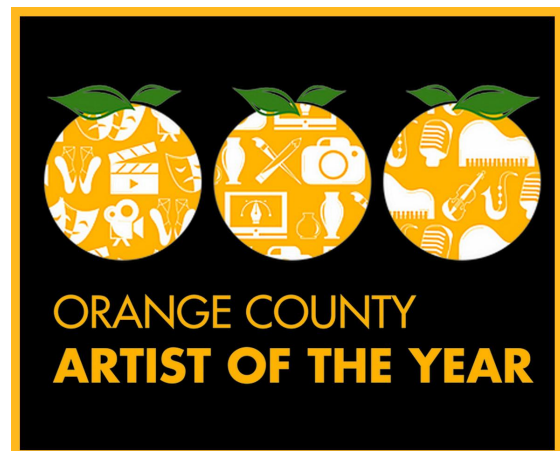
- Jake Quinlan '21 [View](#)
- Rachel Gwon '22 [View](#)

GRAPHIC DESIGN

- Sofia Balanay '22 [View](#)
- Kurtis Wu '22 [View](#)

PHOTO

- Kimberly Huff '22 [View](#)
- Yanran (Allie) Liu '22 [View](#)



OC Artist of the Year Award is a county wide contest open to all Junior and Senior artists who are nominated by their teachers to enter. The OC Register, Chapman University and Laguna College of Art and Design (LCAD) all fund and judge these students in all art categories.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Art Show March 8 – 11

The 11th Annual Visual Arts Student Art show is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for March 9, 10 and 11. There will be limited reservations for each night and the option to pre-order dinner from Eagle Eats. Take an evening to celebrate the hard work and talent of our students. All are welcome, free attendance! More details and sign up will be emailed out soon!



Eagle Classic Golf Tournament

The Eagle Classic Golf Tournament is the **biggest fundraiser for the Visual Arts Department** each year. We have been able to purchase equipment needed to support our various classes and plan to grow course offerings with future donations. There are a variety of ways to participate in the SMHS Golf Tournament. The Ball Drop is the most lucrative way for our department to raise money and donations can be split with other programs on campus if desired.



Donations can be made in the following forms:

- [Direct Donations](#)
- [Be a Sponsor](#)
- [Attend the Golf Tournament](#)
- [Buy/Sell Helicopter Golf Ball Drop Entries](#)

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OCDE Virtual Art Showcase – OCArts4All

The Annual Imagination Celebration Art Contest will be held virtually this year.

Students and teachers will be submitting artwork virtually to the Department of Education for judging.

Artwork will be submitted online for selection. Online submissions must be completed **by Friday, April 9.**

The virtual showcase will be held online on Thursday, **May 6 at 5:00pm.**

Depending on County Health guidelines and in the event that the **Festival of the Arts or South Coast Plaza** will host in-person events this year, selected artworks from the OCArts4All Visual Art Showcase will be requested to be delivered to the Orange County Department of Education no later than Friday, May 7, 2021 for display. These artworks will then be returned in September 2021 to the Orange County Department of Education to be returned to schools in December 2021.



[Click Here For More Details](#)

NAHS News and Service Opportunities

The National Arts Honor Society (NAHS) has been growing this year. We have a society of 67 students of the arts, and we are so proud of all they have accomplished this year with virtual showcases as well as in their classes. The students are expected to perform 3 hours of art service each semester for the school or community. With Covid restrictions, these students have been very creative in getting those hours. Students have done everything from creating coloring books for children in the hospital, to playing music for dance and yoga classes. We have also given the students opportunities to zoom with Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) so they have been able to attend virtual art classes from their professors.



Our upcoming Art Show this year will take place March 8–11. This will give our students another opportunity to get service hours credited by hanging artwork or playing music at our reception nights. Please sign up for those service opportunities. The Visual Arts Teachers will be sending out a virtual sign up in an upcoming email.

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