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PHILOSOPHY

Critical thinking is stressed throughout. As students expand their creative potential they develop an appreciation for methods and practices, as well as, the cultural models from which they are derived. In analyzing art, students of all ages draw evidence from 'Masterpieces' and as they develop they discover more in each work to support their understanding. This increases their ability to discuss and write about art. With guidance, they recognize technical choices and observe artistic principles such as composition and color theory. Students eventually learn to apply these principles to their own art making. Over time, materials and methods become increasingly refined and complex. Students become more accomplished and demonstrate their ability to apply an artist's style or technique to their own original work understanding that there are multiple solutions to visual problems

The art classroom offers a setting in which the student can reflect on oneself, one's interests, likes and dislikes. As well, students are guided to reflect on the 'world at large', studying social, political and economic contexts of works of art, giving the student a deeper understanding and the ability to make connections with other disciplines. Todd Elementary, the Briarcliff Middle School and the Briarcliff High School instructors work as a team, collaborating regularly to provide our students with a strong vertical learning curriculum and experiences.

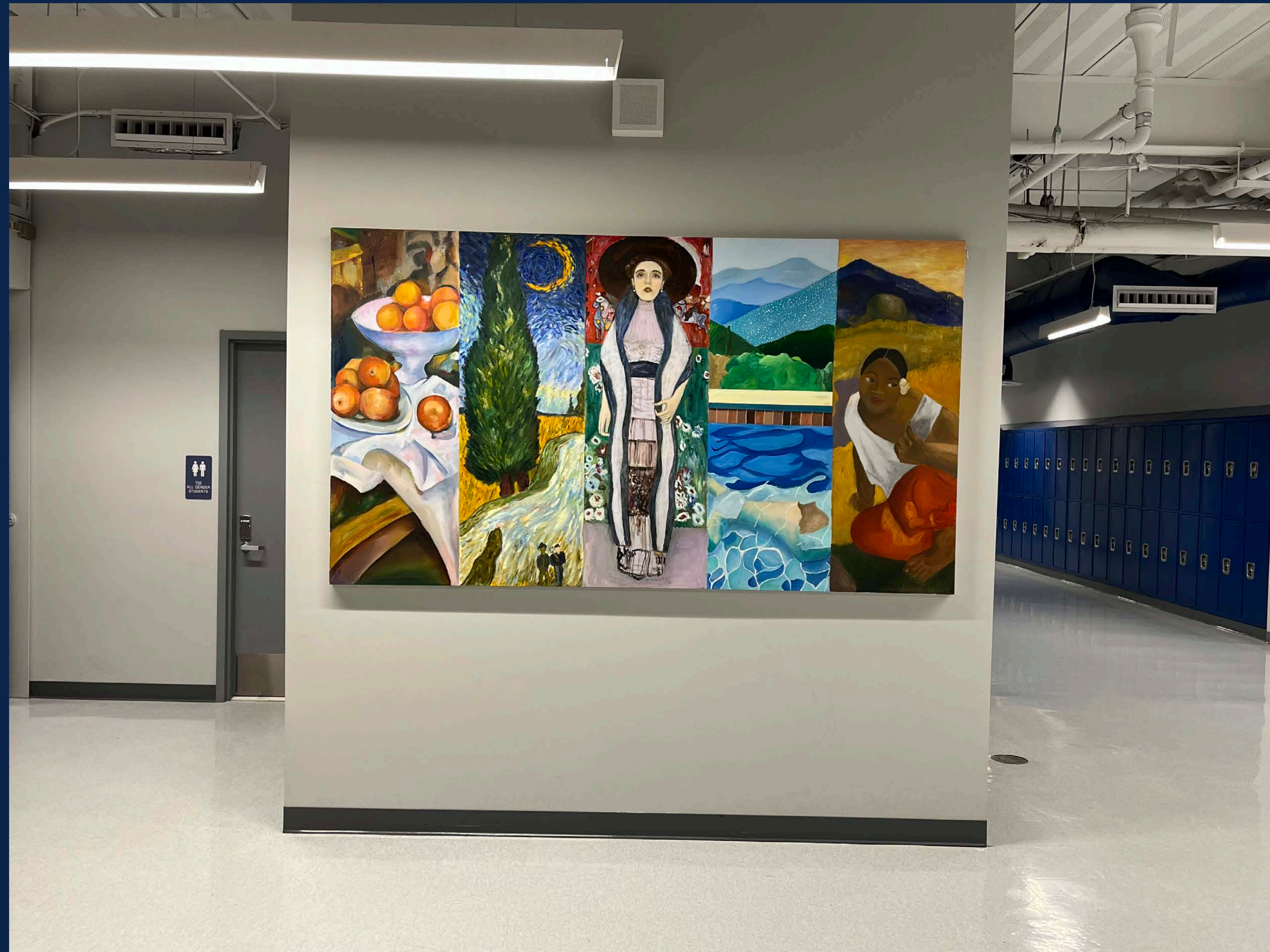
























COURSE OFFERINGS VISUAL ARTS

K

12

Art (K-5)

1x/6 day cycle
100% participation

Computer Art (6 & 8)
Art (6, 7, & 8)

Daily Classes for 1 Quarter
100%

Enrichment Class: (6 & 8)

Foundations of Studio Art
Drawing & Painting
Advanced Oil Painting
Advanced Drawing & Design
AP Art & Design
Ceramics: Creativity in Clay
Darkroom Photography
Digital Art & Design
Digital Photography
College Intro to Film

Daily Classes
31% participation

STAFFING

(THERE ARE SHARED STAFF AMONG THE BUILDINGS.)

	Todd	Middle School	High School
Visual Arts	1.0	1.6	2.2

FORWARD THINKING

Todd	Middle School	High School
* Continue to use a variety of mediums and materials * Develop gross and fine motor skills by scissor cutting, drawing, painting, and manipulating clay * Use Critical Thinking to make artwork choices	* Encourage Vertical Learning * Challenge students with Abstract Thought assignments * Continue to integrate Critical Thinking to develop personal expression in artwork	* Develop a style with a chosen medium * Make connections to experiences and events through artwork * Promote Critical Thinking by helping students express ideas visually and verbally

FUTURE DATES

Todd	Middle School	High School
* Todd Art Show Wednesday June 4th 5:00 - 6:30 pm	* Interactive Art Night - May (TBA) * Public Library Art Show Month of March	* Art Salon - '25 Wed. April 30th at New High School Cliff Center- 6-8 pm

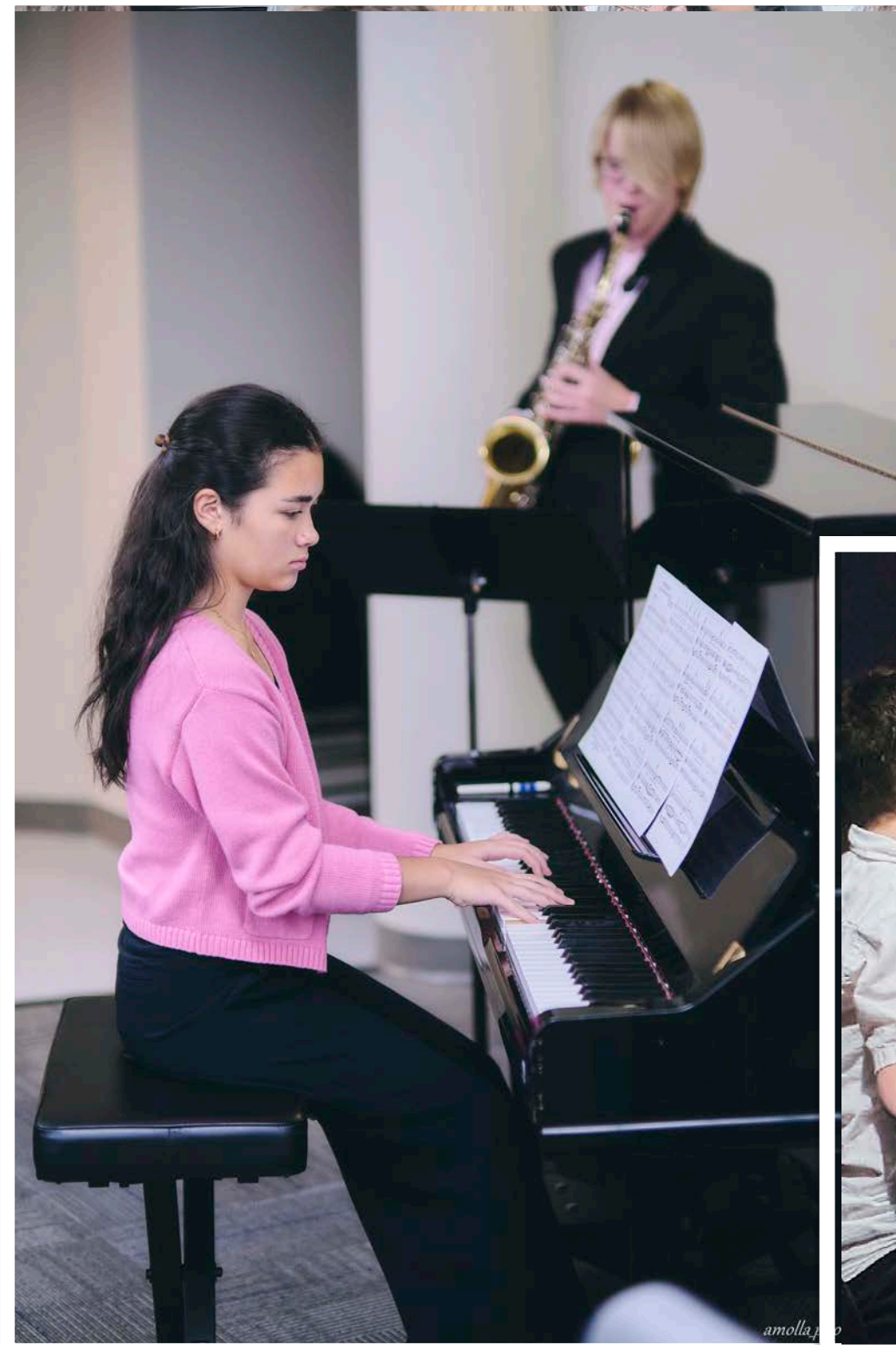
PERFORMING ARTS



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Dr. John Banks, K-12 Performing Arts Coordinator

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COURSE OFFERINGS PERFORMING ARTS

K

12

Music (K-5)

1x/6 day cycle
100% participation

Orchestra (4 & 5)

Band (4 & 5)

Chorus (4 & 5)

Group lessons &
ensemble rehearsals
100% participation

Band (6, 7, & 8)

Chorus (6, 7, & 8)

Orchestra (6, 7, & 8)

Exploring Music (6, 7 & 8)

Ensembles = 5x/10 day cycle

100% participation

Group instrument lessons

Movement for All (6)

Daily Classes for 1 Quarter

100%

Dance (7 & 8)

Concert/College Chorus

Concert/College Band

Concert/College Orchestra

College Music Theory

AP Music Theory

College Intro to Dance

College Choreography &

Performance

Intro to Keyboards & Digital Music

College Intro to Theater

Daily Classes

44% participation

STAFFING

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	Todd	Middle School	High School
Performing Arts	2.7	2.8	2.4

EXTRACURRICULAR OFFERINGS

	Todd	Middle School	High School
Performing Arts	Music Clubs (Grades 3-5) KJK Productions Theater Program Music Makers Westchester All County NY All State NYSSMA Solo	BMS Singers Band Afterschool Dance Club Spring Musical Music Makers Westchester All County NY All State NYSSMA Solo	Fall Drama Spring Musical Bear Bones Club/Staged Readings Dance Honors Society Tri-M Music Honors Society NYSTEa Trip Westchester All County Westchester Area All State NY All State NYSSMA Solo ACDA Honors Choirs

FORWARD THINKING

- **Student contact time**
 - **Ensemble structures**
 - **Spaces**
 - **Music Storage: \$33,000**
 - **Percussion instruments: \$10,000**
 - **K-12 collaborative pianist: \$60,000**
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THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS ~ CONVERSATION
