

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 next year, 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 \$40 supply fee due at the beginning of the year. 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. AP Art is very demanding and requires additional classroom hours of instruction and substantial time outside of school. 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.

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 over the summer. 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. 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!

You will be required to complete some summer assignments and these are an important part of your portfolio development. **ALL summer assignments should be completed before the first day of the new school year.** There are 4 assignment categories: (1) Sketchbook Use, (2) 2 Completed quality projects, (3) sustained investigation research, and (4) museum visit or gallery visit and inspirational art sharing. Completing more than the required 2 pieces will only put you that much further ahead when school starts!

Feel free to email me at [doranl@bishopkenny.net](mailto: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,

Mrs. 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>