

Hello Artist! I'm looking forward to working with you this year through this intensive course. Please check out the "[what to expect in AP Art](#)" document and see the summer assignment below to get your creativity flowing as we prepare for the 2026/27 school year. If you have any questions, you can reach me by email at imattson@bsmschool.org

- Ms. M

In order to maintain their eligibility for this class, **all interested students must complete their Inspirational Image Collection, 3 prompt artworks (minimum, you can always do more) AND a written assignment to assess your skill level and goals coming into the course.**

*** Students who do not submit these assignments in their entirety by the first day of class will need to make up the assignments in their own time and can only receive up to 50% credit, meaning the maximum grade they can obtain in semester 1 is a B. ***

Your summer assignments are 3-part...

PART 1: [Sketchbook Work 1: Inspirational Image Collection](#) - 100 pts

- 5 pages of collage (at least) The more time you spend on this, the easier your artistic research will be.

PART 2: [Three Prompt Artworks](#) - 150 pts - include thumbnail sketches/planning with work **or submit a contact sheet of 75+ images & 3 chosen final images (contact sheets for photography must show multiple variations on an idea; different compositions, environments, lighting, etc.)**

- **Prompt 1: Still life** - Must be from life that you plan/set up. Think composition, color theory & meaning-making.
 - Written Response: Why did you choose this composition? What elements/principles are present? What inspired you to create this still life?
- **Prompt 2: Self portrait**
 - Written Response: What did you learn about portraiture from this assignment? How do you use perspective to render facial features? How did you use light for mood assertion in your portrait?
- **Prompt 3: Creative piece** - Demonstrate your skills in art and design/drawing.
 - Written Response: What was the brainstorming process like for you in coming up with your creative composition? How does this demonstrate your art and design or drawing skills? What is your artistic intent with this work?

PART 3: [Short Essay](#) - 50 pts

- In 500 words or less, answer the following: **Why are you interested in taking AP Art & Design/AP Drawing next year? Describe how you envision yourself utilizing this course to further your art-related goals.**
- Essay should be typed and printed to hand in on the first day of school. NO AI.

Everything is DUE first day of school. Late? Maximum 50% credit on your summer work.)