Visual Arts – Cinema & Media Arts (9th grade only)

Students entering grade 9 interested in the new Cinema and Media Arts program, focusing on filmmaking, storytelling, photography, editing, sound, and animation, will complete four portions of the audition. No prior filmmaking classes or professional equipment are required.

Part One: Artwork Submission

Submit a short 1-3 minute film – email your film, or a link to the film, to capaapplication@pghschools.org with your full name and the subject "Film Submission". You will receive confirmation via email when your film has been received.

Part Two: In-person Audition

Before the Audition — Prepare and Bring
• **Original Short Film (1–3 minutes):** Create a new film for this audition. You must be the primary filmmaker responsible for the story, filming, and editing. Other people may act in your film. Any camera (including a phone or tablet) and any editing software may be used. Content must be school-appropriate.

• **Film Statement (3–5 sentences):** Briefly explain what your film is about, what inspired it, and one creative choice you are proud of.

• **Creative Portfolio (3–5 pieces):** Bring examples of your creative work, such as photographs, drawings, digital art, animation, writing, scripts, comics, music, sculpture, props, or additional videos. Existing work is welcome.

During the Audition — What to Expect
• Storyboard Challenge: Respond to a provided story prompt by creating a six-panel storyboard in approximately 20 minutes. Materials will be provided. Simple drawings or stick figures are acceptable; drawing skill is not evaluated.
• Interview and Film Discussion: Talk with faculty about your short film, your creative work, your interests, and what you hope to learn.

RESOURCES
The following resources offer helpful guidance:

- Free editing programs: Capcut, Davinci Resolve, iMovie, OpenShot, Shotcut
- How to Make Your First Short Film: A Crash Course

If you are unable to access the links via this document, please visit the Visual Arts page of the CAPA website at https://www.pghschools.org/about/enrollment/capa-registration/capa-visual-arts to access the links directly.

Scoring:
Please review the Audition Scoring Guide, available on the Visual Arts department page of www.pghschools.org/caparegistration.

Length of Audition:
3 hours