**CERAMICS**

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**COURSE INFORMATION:** This is a semester-long class that is offered as Ceramics 1 and Ceramics 2. This class is open to juniors and seniors and does not require a prerequisite. Ceramics 1 is the beginning level class where basic techniques and skills will be taught in both hand building and wheel throwing. There is a $20/semester lab fee required for this course ($40/year). This cost covers consumables: glazes, clay, tools, etc. The Ceramics 2 prerequisite is Ceramics 1. Ceramics 2 is an advanced level course for students interested in exploring clay at a more conceptual level. Students will use the basic skills and techniques learned in Ceramics 1, as well as new techniques such as glaze formulation, loading and firing a kiln and new techniques. This course will allow students to express ideas and concepts with regard to sculptural form.

**COURSE OBJECTIVE:**

* Students will learn the skills necessary in producing ceramic artwork using appropriate tools and techniques.
* Students will be able to analyze, interpret, and evaluate their own works of art created in clay using judgment based on aesthetics, design, and craftsmanship.

**ACADEMIC BEHAVIORS**: Students will be using critical thinking skills to solve problems in a technical and creative way. Students will learn to process, analyze and respond to information using vocabulary throughout the course. These skills will not only assist students with success in the classroom, but can also be used when they enter college and/or the workforce.

**Projects (50% of total grade):** Students will be graded on their projects based on the defining objectives and rubric of each lesson. These will include the use of the techniques learned for that specific project, design, craftsmanship, aesthetic, and effort. Students will be exposed to some research relating to their projects exploring ideas and topics

\*Rubrics will be presented before the start of each project.

# **Tardies and Absences**

Students will be referred to the dean after SIX tardies.

* Tardies will result in a point deduction from participation points.
* Unexcused absences will be recorded and will affect class participation points. Notes (or parent phone call) must be turned in WITHIN 48 HOURS to be excused
* Excused absences will not affect participation but student may need to come outside of class to make up some time on projects.

# **Studio Participation (50% of total grade):**

Students will have the opportunity to earn up to 5 points a week. Students will earn points based on their participation during class on the current project.

* Unexcused absence (-2 points/occurrence) Students must bring notes for legitimate reasons signed by parents within 48 hours of absence.
* Unexcused tardy (-1 point) Students with more than 6 tardies will be referred to their dean.
* Not cleaning up (-1 point) Students are responsible for cleaning their area and putting away supplies that were used. Failure in cleaning their area will result in deducted points in participation.
* Inappropriate language or actions (-1 points)

**TOOLS:**

Tools or equipment that has been used inappropriately may be charged to the student.