

Student Name: _____ Prd: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Welcome to Art !



Welcome to the Art Program at James Bowie Middle School. This syllabus will provide you with an overview of the class. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me for answers.

Class outline:

- On a regular class day (during in person classes), you will find students engaged and working on their projects. There is usually music playing in the classroom to promote a casual and fun environment.
- Students will be taught a variety of art skills and concepts. The class usually focuses on teaching a strategy and then students create projects to show mastery.
- Art II and III students will do projects which require them to combine multiple skill sets & build on what they have learned.
- All classes will be learning about artists and art periods/styles through projects, and direct instruction.
- I will be doing all direct teaching, showing exemplars & giving instructions the first part of the class. For this reason, it is essential that the students come to class on time and prepared to learn.
- The last 5-7 minutes of class are utilized for clean-up and supply storage. Any student group that does not have their table cleaned on time, will not be dismissed for the next class until the job is done. I will be stressing this rule with the students in class as well. We always try to leave our environments better than we found them.

Art dues:

- Each student enrolled in art will have required art dues of \$35.00.
- These dues are used to pay for student t-shirts, field trip costs, equipment maintenance and supply costs.
- Families who have more than one child enrolled in art will pay a combined fee of \$50 for both children.
- If there is any financial hardship and you are not able to pay the dues, please contact me.

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Supplies:

- I supply most art materials for the students to work with. Each student also has certain items he/she must bring from home. These supplies will be kept in the art class in each student's assigned shelf.
- Of course, Art 2 & 3 students can reuse the supplies from last year but **MUST** get a new sketchbook.
 - Sketchbook. At least 9 x 12 size. Sketch books should have at least 70-100 pages. (art 1= spiral or hard bound/ art II & III =hard book bound only)
 - 5 #2 pencils. (Some can be mechanical but not all)
 - Large art white Vinyl Eraser
 - Kneaded eraser
 - 2 glue sticks
 - Sturdy hand-held sharpener (one with a shavings compartment)
 - 2 black sharpies (fine and ultra-fine)
 - 1 pocket folder with brads
 - 2 full size poster boards (*only if student doesn't have the portfolio from last year)
 - Pack of alphabet stickers (1/2" to 1")
 - Zipper Pencil pouch (to be kept in the art room) - optional

Sketchbooks:

- All students are required to bring a sketchbook.
- This book will be used to do weekly art assignments, take notes, and do multiple sketches.
- Art II and III students will create an A-Z sketchbook. They will have weekly sketchbook assignments starting from A and ending by the end of the year with letter Z.
- Any student who does not keep up with sketchbook assignments will receive a zero for their daily grade. This will, no doubt, cause the students grade to decline drastically.
- Students are not to use their art sketchbook for any other work outside the classroom. This sketchbook is to stored in the art class and used solely for work done in the classroom or homework from the class.

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Field Trip:

- I am delighted to inform you that the visual arts students will be going on a field trip. We will go to The Museum of Fine Arts Houston. The cost of the trip is FREE for students and chaperones (hint hint..). However, each student needs to wear their art t-shirts on the field trip for security measures. (read details in next section)
- Also, I will need lots of parents to volunteer to chaperone. If you are interested in a fun day at the museum, please let me know. We would love to have your company!!

*** please note: This year, the field trip will be dependent on current COVID restrictions for the museum and/or school district policy*

****to volunteer to chaperone, please e-mail me.**

Art T-Shirts:

- Shirts will be available for every student enrolled in art 2 & 3.
- The art dues will cover the cost.
- These shirts will be worn throughout the year & during school & after school events, any kind of field trip (MFHA or recruiting), and on special school days.
- I will send an order form home with your child after the first week of school.
- As a safety measure, all students going on the field trip will need to wear their art T-shirt.

REMIND 101:

- I use Remind 101 messaging for all my classes.
- All students and at least 1 parent from each home must join the REMIND class group.
- This is the best way to contact me after school and on weekends.
- I also use this to send out important information about assignments, and reminders to all my students and their parents.
- Directions for joining:
 - Send a text to the number: 81010
 - In the subject write:
 - @Syedart2 (for art 2 classes)
 - @Syedart3 (for art 3 classes)
 - You will be asked for name. Parents will write their child's first name and last initial and "mom" : example: "Micheal K's mom"
 - Students will write their first and last name

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Behavior expectations:

- Students are expected to come prepared, behave with integrity, respect people and their environment and act responsibly during art class.
- If there are any issues with behavior, certain steps will be taken inside the classroom to redirect and refocus. If the student behavior does not improve then parent/guardian contact will be made.
- **ANY** behavior which jeopardizes the safety of the student or others in the classroom will not be tolerated and will result in a phone call home and an office referral.
- **ANY** behavior which involves teasing, bullying another student in any way will not be tolerated and will result in a call home and an office referral.
- We are a team in the art room, and we must deal with one another as such.

I am looking forward to an exciting year at JBMS! I am always available to answer any question you may have regarding your child's Art class.

- My conference period is: _____
- My e-mail is: hajira.syed@fortbendisd.com
- Please reach out in Schoology, Remind 101 text or e-mail me or make an appointment if you need to conference with me. Thank you for your support.

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