

**Grades will be as follows:**

**45% Sketchbooks  
40% Final Projects  
15% Participation**

**Website**



**Canvas**



**YouTube**



**Twitter**



## **WELCOME TO 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE ART!!!**

We will be doing a lot of fun and interesting things this year in art! We will start the year with sketchbook covers, then we will learn about drawing portraits, and finally we will research and do a painting based on the work of a modern painter.

- **BBMS Vision: Every student is engaged in rigorous instruction in a strengths-based classroom that uses real life experiences to maximize student learning. Middle school art, like middle school, is about preparing students to be college and career ready. Good artists (like any career) are organized, follow directions, problem solve, manage deadlines, complete steps in order, and meet required criteria. Drawing skills are not necessary; everyone can be successful if you practice the 3 Rs in class everyday.**
- **Students will be constructing their own interactive sketchbooks, which they will use as a visual journal throughout the semester. Students will be responsible for keeping drills, worksheets, and sketches glued into their sketchbook. Sketchbooks will be collected and graded several times for completion, organization and effort. Previous year's sketchbooks can be added to sketchbooks for extra credit.**
- **Final Projects will be graded using checklists/rubrics based on IDEA DEVELOPMENT, DESIGN, PERSONAL CHOICES, CRAFTMANSHIP, and STUDIO SKILLS. Students will grade themselves, and their self-grade will be worth 1/3 of each final project grade. Final projects will be graded using multiple criteria from those categories with some consideration given for effort.**
- **Grades will be posted on *CANVAS/SYNERGY* whenever projects or assignments are graded. This class does meet every other day, so some projects may take a while to complete and grade.**
- **Participation will be an overall grade compiled during the semester, with some daily or weekly spot checks, and overall participation added at the end of the semester. Spot checks will be work completion based, and indicators of project progress.**
- **Videos will be used in class to add rigor and allow for different learning styles. We will watch some videos as a class, however personal devices will be welcomed into the art room for use in watching the YouTube videos individually. If you have any older devices that are wi-fi enabled and capable of watching videos, donations will be welcomed!**
- **Work will be accepted late only with written teacher permission prior to due date. I understand that students work at different paces, however there will be more than enough time to complete work during class. Students may make arrangements to come in BEFORE the due date if needed.**



**I look forward to seeing the great work that will be done this year. If there are any questions now or anytime during the quarter, feel free to email me at [shawna\\_chesser@hcpss.org](mailto:shawna_chesser@hcpss.org).**

*Mrs. Shawna Chesser* Visual Arts

**Please sign and return to Mrs. Chesser before \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_ A/B \_\_\_\_**

**I have read and understand the above,**

**Student \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date \_\_\_\_\_**