Media Arts
Mrs. Wurst

Course Description: This class is a semester long elective taught in the rapidly growing field of computer art. Students will use computers, cameras, a scanner, and drawing tablets artistic mediums to develop skills through instruction and hands on experiences by exploring the new possibilities that computers offer artists. This course is designed to develop artistic creativity and gain knowledge on how technology is integrated into Art. We will explore how the artist uses the elements of art, principles of design, visual appeal, and graphics to create spectacle effects. During this course we will also focus on how artists use their skills for promoting a product and or service in order to make a profit for the employer. Our four main units are: Introduction to Adobe Photoshop, Introduction to Photography, Introduction to Scanning, and Introduction to Drawing Tablets.

Materials: We will be using computers, cameras (digital or cell phone), a scanner, drawing tablets, and removable storage drives. Students can purchase their own:
- Presentation Portfolios (these look like a book with sleeves to store your printed work in)
- Storage Drive (USB flash drive – should hold at least 3 GB)
- 1 folder (for project instructions and equipment info.)

Grading: Work will be graded using specific guidelines for each assignment. However, areas that will consistently be graded for every project are: Following Directions, Completing the Project on Time, Neatness, Effort, Class Critique and Class Participation.

Critique: There will be a class critique at the end of each project. Critiquing is a way for you to explain what you have done, talk about your strengths and weaknesses, what was challenging, what you learned, what you liked and disliked, and for your classmates to share their positive feedback on your work.

Deadlines: Projects are due at every 5 week intervals. This way you can take your time or come back to a project and work on it more if you need to. Your projects will be graded at that time whether they are done or not. Points will be taken off a project if it is unfinished.

Late to Class: Make every effort to be here on time. As with school policy, three lates result in a lunch detention and every late after that is an After School Detention.

Additional Responsibilities:
- Proper care and use of all materials is expected.
- No lining up by the door at the end of class, wait in your seats for the bell.
- Only artwork is allowed to be worked on in art class, you may not work on homework from other subject areas while in art class.
- You must have a passbook for me to sign if you need to leave the room (bathroom, drink, locker, etc.)
- All photography lessons must be done outside of class time.
- Cell phones should not be out during class unless you are uploading pictures onto the computer. Once that is completed your cell phone should be put away.

Equipment: You may use your own digital camera or cell phone to take pictures. If you are using one of the schools it is very important that you remember to sign it out. You will also need to get the USB cable when signing out the camera so you can immediately upload the pictures when you are done and then erase them from the memory disk. If you do not do this than we cannot guarantee that the pictures will be on that camera the next time you use it. Only the laptops in the Art room have Adobe Photoshop on them. If you are behind on a project, you may come to my room during a study to use one of the computers.

Printing: You may not print any colored images unless you have my permission first.

Final Project: The final exam is done on the computer using Adobe Photoshop and this is worth 20% of your final grade.

Tampering with Computers, Cameras, or Tablets: I must stress that under NO circumstances will our district tolerate any abuse a student does on or to the computers and equipment in the classroom. Students are monitored by what computer, time of day, and sites they entered. Misuse of Media Arts equipment will result in notification to the parent, a zero for the project grade and the student taken off the computers until a parent conference is over.