

Great things are created by a series of small things brought together.

-Vincent Van Gogh

WELCOME TO WINTHROP MIDDLE SCHOOL ART

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Room 352

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The goal of the visual arts program at WMS is to provide you opportunities to experience and explore a variety of techniques and materials as you develop your craft as an artist. You will analyze famous works of art throughout history, learn to observe the world around you, and express your ideas in artwork of your own.

In this class, you will . . .

- create artwork using a variety of media and techniques
- create artwork using the principles of art and design
- analyze your work, the work of other students, and the work of well-known artists
- maintain a visual journal or sketchbook

Sketchbook

You are required to maintain a sketchbook to plan and sketch ideas for projects, make observational drawings, at times take notes or write reflections, and to practice techniques.

VTS

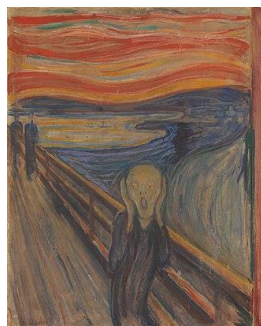
What is VTS? Visual Thinking Strategies is a way of closely looking at a work of art. Three questions will help guide us in examining and discussing what we see and think: 1. What is happening in this image? 2. What do you see that makes you say that? 3. What more can you find?

Supplies

Please be prepared for class. You will need to bring your **sketchbook** and **folder** to class each day. You will also need the following supplies:: a **pencil** and **sharpener**, **eraser**, **drawing paper**, **colored pencils**, **crayons**, two **sharpies** (1 regular, 1 ultra fine), a **ruler**, **scissors**, a **glue stick**, an **index card** (Gr.6), **tape**, a **pen** (Gr. 8), **magazines** for collage work (Gr. 8).

*paint, construction paper, and markers can also be used

Grading



If you come to class with a great attitude, complete your work on time, and do your best, you will **SUCCEED IN ART CLASS**. Grades are based on projects, sketchbook assignments, daily effort, and participation. Grades will be 60% projects and 40% participation. Rubrics are provided for major projects that will help keep you

on task as well as let you know what is expected.

Virtual Art Classroom

Here are ways to make our remote learning successful:



- 1 Check Google Classroom for any announcements.
- 2 Set aside a comfortable area with a flat surface where you can work each day.
- 3 Come prepared and on time to each class.
- 4 Eliminate distractions.
- 5 Maintain respect in speaking, writing and appearance.
- 6 Wait your turn.
- 7 Be actively involved in each class.
- 8 Be respectful of the work of others.
- 9 Take pride in your work.
- 10 Upload your work when it is due.