# Intermediate Art

# 2015-2016 Syllabus

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## Dr. Mortimer

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**Course Objectives:**

* This course is a year-long course that is designed as an introduction to all things art for highly motivated students that have a strong interest or experience in art. It is my hope that it will prepare you next year for the 8th grade Advanced Art/HS Visual Art I course that can earn you high school credits. We will explore the visual elements and principles that are essential to the learning and appreciation of art. We will work with various media and processes to create art and develop your creative abilities. We will expand your knowledge of artists and art historical trends and periods. There is a quality of work that I will expect of you, so I challenge you to reach your full potential!

**Class Rules and Expectations:**

* **You will be expected to bring a pencil, an agenda, and a silent reading book daily to class!**
* Enter quietly and go immediately to your assigned table/seat, unless otherwise directed by Dr. Mortimer.
* Listen silently to Dr. Mortimer (or any other adult who is in the art classroom) when she is addressing the class.
* Talk quietly to the people at your table while working on projects, unless the project is to be completed silently.
* Do your assigned job at your table, and assist your group with other jobs if there is a group member absent.
* Respect the rights, ideas, and property of the other students.
* Use art materials and equipment in the way they were intended to be used, being careful not to waste any materials or damage any equipment. Inappropriate use of art supplies will result in an immediate office referral.
* The subject matter in all art projects must be respectful and school appropriate.
* Return to your seat after clean up in order for Dr. Mortimer to dismiss the class.
* Have a good attitude!

**Grading System:**

* Your final grade for this course will be based on the following:
* **50% Projects:** Each student will keep a portfolio of projects, and have several projects graded from their portfolio throughout the year. Grades for individual projects will be determined by your ability to follow project directions, craftsmanship, effort, and quality. All project grades are weighted equally.
* **20% Weekly Grades:** Students will be given a grade each week based on participation, in-class assignments, discussions, critiques, and sketchbook activities. Students will also be expected to be prepared for class, use their time wisely, use their materials properly, exhibit effort, and be responsible for their assigned table jobs and their behavior.
* **10% Quizzes/Journaling:** Students will journal weekly, and be given formative assessments every 5-10 days to measure their growth of knowledge.
* **20% Exams:** Students will be given a midterm and a final exam that will measure the art knowledge acquired throughout the year.

**Make-up work:**

* If a student is absent from class and is too far behind to catch up on an in-class project, he/she may see Dr. Mortimer’s ‘VMMS Art Adventures’ BLOG to do a make-up assignment in place of the missed work. A student will receive a zero for any work not turned in.

**Discipline Plan:**

* Every student is expected to follow school and class rules and expectations. If a student *chooses* to misbehave the student will be given a behavior ticket:

1st ticket: Warning

2nd ticket: Green Bounce Pass= Time out/Written detention with parent signature

3rd ticket: Yellow Bounce Pass= Referral to Intervention Specialist/Parent Contact

4th ticket: Morning or after-school detention/Parent Contact/Referral to RTI

5th ticket: Red Bounce Pass=Classroom Isolation/Parent Conference

6th ticket: Office/Administrative Referral

\*PLEASE BE AWARE that at any time administrative intervention may be pursued.

* Please return this syllabus with the below information and signatures acknowledging your understanding of the classroom expectations and procedures for art class. If there are any questions or concerns I can be contacted at 770-985-6893 or mortimer.christy@newton.k12.ga.us. **This syllabus is due by Friday, August 14th with the required information** **FOR A GRADE!**

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**Student Name (please print) Student Signature**

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**Parent/Guardian Name (please print)** **Parent/Guardian Signature**

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