Digital Art Syllabus

9th Grade 2014/2015

**Office Hours: THURSDAY**

3:30 - 4:30 PM

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**Course Overview:**

Technology changes so quickly today that we no longer can simply memorize programs and their operating systems. Because this pace will continue, in this class you will gain skills to independently think through challenging technology by critically analyzing programs.  To develop these skills, you will become familiar with complex programs:  Photoshop, Dreamweaver and Weebley.com, Adobe Flash, Illustrator, plus cutting edge software systems.

     In Art History, you will explore local to global periods of art, from past to present, as you gain an understanding and appreciation of art forms and fundamentals. As you learn how art has shaped society by tracing its roots, you will gain insight into our evolving world.

**Some Essential Questions:**

 1. What are ways to analyze and discuss works of art?

 2. How do various cultures experience and define art?

 3. Why would context matter when interpreting art?

 4. **What is the purpose of art**?

5. How can art make important contributions to society?

 6. Why do artists produce preliminary plans?

**Grading:**

 Projects – 100 pts

 Exams – 100 pts

 Notebook Assignments – 50 pts

 Homework –15 pts

 Daily Participation – 5pts

\* Please note, all pts are subject to change accordingly.

To encourage you to take ownership of your own grades, I ask that you please contact me directly with any questions about your assignments and grades.  Please ***do not*** have your parents contact me regarding your grades ***until*** you have asked the questions first, via email, speech, or writing.  If you or your parents still have questions after you have talked to me, I would be happy to address your/their concerns at that point!

**Grading Scale:**

A– Excellent work that exceeds all standards                      90-100%
B– Good quality work that meets all standards                     80-89%
C– Complete work that meets most standards                     70-79%
D– Incomplete and/or missing work, repeat course           69-60%
F– Failing, repeat course.                                                                  < 60%

\*\*\*Log into [csipowerschool.com/public](http://csipowerschool.com/public/) to view your current grades at any time.

\*\*\****Any late work will be graded at my leisure.***

**Cell Phone Policy:**

- You may make phone calls or texts with my permission.

- 1st warning, I take until end of the school day.

- 2nd violation, parent must pick up at my convenience.

**Materials:**

 - USB ***for backing up files when Internet is down***

- Clear Roll of Tape

 - **Headphones** (Must be able to bring to class *everyday*)

**Class Fees:**

 - $5 dollars Due by September 5th 2013 (De-Composition Book)

***\*\*\*To be paid through the business office directly. Bring receipt to me for credit!***

\*Absolutely **NO FOOD** or **DRINKS** allowed near the computers in Digital Art lab. Please sit in designated areas.

**Top 3 Norms of Computer Lab:**

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\*\*\*Violation of digital art lab norms may result in failing the class for the semester or year ☹

**Note:** This course syllabus is only for the school year listed above and appropriate changes may be made by the instructor.

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