

June 16, 2011

Dear Students,

I am so excited you decided to enroll in **AP Studio Art** at Sachem High School North! This class gives you the opportunity to excel in one of your favorite subjects and receive recognition on a national scale. You will be able to compare your work with that of other high school students throughout the nation. You will also prepare a portfolio of artwork for acceptance into competitive college art programs.

You will be expected to complete a summer assignment and purchase materials for your work done at home. Although not required, I also suggest that serious art students take advantage of local art classes offered during the summer.

The Drawing Studio of Long Island offers figure drawing and location drawing classes.

For more information see their website: <http://www.thedrawingstudiooffli.com>

The Art League of Long Island also has art classes available to students.

<http://www.artleagueli.org>

Use your sketchbook to plan out your summer assignment work. Think of your sketchbook as an extension of you. You can write down ideas, sketches, words, poems, songs, thoughts, and feelings. This will become a visual journal. I am interested in seeing the creative process. I have had friends who have gotten accepted into art schools based solely on their sketchbooks. Remember, pages from your sketchbook can be used as part of your AP Exam. Use color, cut from magazines, be creative!

I would like to see at least five full pages of your (sketchbook / art journal) and your summer assignments completed and brought to our first class on September 6th, 2011.

We will be having a class critique on the first day of class! Be prepared to put your stuff on the wall!

Art Supplies for Work Done at Home:

- * Sketchbook (8.5" x 11" or 11" x 14") with perforated (removable) pages
- * Drawing pencils (2H, 4H, 6H-2B, 4B, 6B, 9B-HB or F)
- * Sharpie markers, black – fine, medium and broad tips (*other colors if you choose*)
- * Artbox / Toolbox with a lock
- * 12" metal ruler
- * Pencil sharpener
- * 4 Magic rub/soft white vinyl erasers, 4 kneaded erasers
- * A mailing tube to carry artwork to and from school.
(*Art supply stores sell fancy plastic ones with a carrying strap*)
- * Colored Pencils – Costco/Office stores have sets of 24 or more at very low prices.
- * Pilot pens - (or other for pen & ink)
- * Colored marker set
- * Watercolor set and brushes (*I love tube watercolors and pelikan opaque paints*
You can find them at: <http://www.dickblick.com>)
- * Xacto knife and #11 blades (*keep at home, I will provide for in class use*)
- * Glue sticks
- * Paper for summer assignment work

Summer Assignment for AP Studio Art

The size for these works should be anywhere from 9" x 12" to 18" x 24" and can be done in any medium or in mixed media. (ex. pencil, colored pencil, pen & ink, oil pastel, paint, mixed media etc.)

- 1) **A Self-Portrait that Expresses a Specific Mood:** Think about the effects of color and how its' use can help to convey the individual mood. You may use any style (realism, cubism, expressionism, etc.). Do some research online or at local museums about different artist's self-portraits and the styles and techniques they used to create them.
- 2) **A Drawing of an Unusual Interior:** for example, looking inside of a closet, cabinet, refrigerator, inside your car, under the car's hood etc.
- 3) **Figure Drawing:** Draw a figure focusing on line, shape, color, texture, and movement. Consider foreshortening, cropping off, overlapping, and other perspective devices to combine the human figure with the background. Use repetition of shapes, colors, patterns, and textures.
- 4) **A Close-Up Drawing of a Bicycle/Tricycle from an Unusual Angle:** Do not draw the bicycle from the side!
(Note: a few art schools still require a drawing of a bicycle in your portfolio)

All class information will be posted on the Sachem North website at:

<http://www.sachem.edu/schools/north/staff/ddelvallez/ddelvallez.php>

If you have any questions or concerns, you can e-mail me at ddelvallez@sachem.edu.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,
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