Welcome! To help you be successful in the year ahead, here are the answers to some FAQs you need to know...

Q: **What is Art 1-2?**

A: Official course title: Art 1-2P
2 semesters = 10 credits. Credits may be used toward the Fine Arts graduation requirement.

Art 1-2 is a yearlong introductory course for anyone who is interested in exploring visual art. Students will complete artworks in various media, including pencil, colored pencil, charcoal, collage, paint, marker, and sculpture with an emphasis on the elements of art and principles of design. Students will also participate in critiques, presentations, and group discussion. Whether you are a complete novice or advanced in art, students will experience success and growth in your artistic skills and abilities.

Q: **What will I get out of taking Art?**

- Meet one year of fine arts requirement for graduation
- Improve in your drawing skills and artistic ideas.
- Gain an appreciation for the visual arts.
- Learn and apply the elements of art and principles of design in art work.
- Use a variety of materials and techniques to create original works of art.
- Explore famous artists and movements in art history.
- Learn to evaluate and critique works of art, including your own.
- Employ critical thinking, time management, organization, and problem solving skills.
- Identify professions in the visual arts, and discover how art is an integral part of your everyday life.
Q: Are there required supplies or fees?
A: Students are required to have a personal sketchbook for this course. It must be at least 8 ½” x11” and filled with 100 sheets or more of white paper – no lined paper! A hardcover is highly recommended. The art department sells sketchbooks for $8. You can also buy one on your own at an art or office supply store, or make one for free using an old report cover or 3-ring binder filled with white copy paper. We request an additional $12 supply fee. Both the supply fee and a sketchbook can be purchased from Mrs. Hanzlik with cash or check payable to John F. Kennedy High School. You must have your own sketchbook and pay the supply fee no later than the end of the second week of school. No one’s grade will be affected by their inability to pay the supply fee.

Q: How will I be graded?
A: • Studio Projects: You will experience a series of studio projects to learn and apply the various materials and techniques used in art. Instructions and grading rubrics will be provided for each project. These are worth 100 points each.
  • Sketchbooks: You are required to complete a minimum of 4 sketches in your sketchbook per month outside of class. Extra sketches may be completed for extra credit. It is expected that each sketch take one hour or more to complete. Each sketch is worth 10 points. Satisfactorily completing all sketch assignments is a requirement for receiving an “A” in the class.
  • Class Assignments: These include sketches, notes, warm-ups, critiques, and practices done during class. These are 25-50 points each.
  • Tests: A test will be given at the end of each semester covering the major concepts, vocabulary, artists, and materials related to the course.

Grading Scale: 100-90% = A, 89-80% = B, 79-70% = C, 69-60% = D, 59-0% = F

Q: What are the classroom policies/rules?
A: Students are expected to...
  1. Be in class and ready to work when the tardy bell rings.
  2. Sit in your assigned and do not leave your seat to socialize.
  3. No talking during instruction or when the teacher is speaking.
  4. No electronics during class including charging phones, texting, or earphones.
  5. Do not touch the property belonging to others.
  6. No food or drinks other than water.
  7. Take care with classroom materials & equipment. Clean up after yourself.
  8. Artwork that contains inappropriate material will receive a zero.
  9. Respectful language is to be used in the classroom at all times.
 10. Hall passes are for emergencies. Do not ask for a pass if you are behind in your work. Frequent requests will be denied.
 11. Class participation is mandatory. You are responsible for assignments even when you are absent. See teacher to to make arrangements to make up work.

Please take time to read this document because it is your responsibility to know its contents. If you have questions don’t hesitate to ask. Please sign the attached expectation form and bring it back with a guardian’s signature. This is an assignment worth class points.