

Dear Parents/Guardians of my VISUAL ART students,

- Welcome to a new school year! My name is Lorelei MacBeth and I am your child's visual art teacher for the 2025-26 school year. My goal this year is to provide your child with the skills and knowledge to become a lifelong learner in the arts. Studying visual arts and learning to create artwork will develop problem solving skills and confidence for other areas of life and will give a platform for their voice.

****** Important links:**

*** Supply list:** [Click here to see our required and optional Supply List](#) Thank you!

***Volunteer request:** Please [sign up to be a chaperone for Amundsen field trips!](#)

- IB visual art focuses on the Design Cycle: **inquiry, action, reflection**. Learning from experiments and failures will be as important as creating "finished" work. We will explore the **cultural context of artwork**: "What was happening in the world at the time the artwork was made"
- Please explore the syllabus with your child so EXPECTATIONS are clear. You can find this on the Amundsen Website on my "teacher page" OR click here for [MYP syllabus](#) , [DP/CP syllabus](#), and here for the [Art 1 syllabus](#).
- Join your student's google classroom: Ask them which period they are in or look at their schedule. Then click! [2nd period](#), [3rd period](#), [5th period](#), [7th period](#), [8th period](#).
- You have access to your child's grade and attendance information via the **Parent Portal**. PLEASE sign up to receive updates from Aspen so you can celebrate and motivate throughout the year. Many class assignments and instructional materials will be posted on Google Classroom; I encourage you to join your child's Google Classroom & check in with them.

****Students will be using cell-phones to photograph artwork, draw from photographs, and, in MYP, use a free Stop-Motion App during class. Any other use of a cell phone during class is not allowed. (Please allow your student to use their camera and google drive during class.)**

- Phones will be placed in their backpack upon entering class if we aren't going to use them in class for educational purposes.
- Students are NOT allowed to take their cellphone with them when they use the bathroom or office passes.
- If your child does not have a cell-phone for photographing artwork, do not worry. I have a camera they can use on those days.

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If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

See you at 1st quarter Parent/Teacher conferences on MONDAY, October 27th.

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