

**Course Description:**

In this course students will work with a variety of sculptural media, which may include paper, papier mache, wood, wire, and clay. With clay, students will learn and execute three basic hand building techniques (pinch, coil, and slab). Sculptural design elements will be explored through additive and subtractive techniques. The use of a pottery wheel will also be explored. Upon completion of this course, students will have a better understanding and appreciation for artifacts made by artisans from other cultures, as well as artwork made by some professional artists.

**Grading Policy:**

- **50%:: Art Projects**  
 Culminating Art Projects  
 Completed project on time  
 Met project objectives  
 Craftsmanship (how carefully and neatly you handled your project  
 Written work included with a project  
 Quizzes
- **45%:: Other (Art Binder, sketches, quizzes, homework for grading, etc.)**  
 Binder checks  
 Sketch assignments  
 Handouts  
 Warm-up activities
- **5% Homework**

**What I expect from you and what you should expect from each other:**

- This is a messy class, so bring in an old shirt to wear over your clothes. I don't have enough aprons for everyone.
- Come to class **on time** with ID, PENCILS and erasers, ceramic tools, plan books, and ceramic sketch books.
- No food, gum., or drink (except water)
- Treat the studio space and equipment with **care**. A **replacement/repair fee of \$20.00** will be assessed to the student for any damaged or lost equipment.

*Reteaching and reassessment is ongoing in ceramics class. In compliance with the MCPS policy on reteaching and reassessment, students may have the opportunity to redo assignments one time after relearning the skills necessary to obtain the assigned objective. Students need to be aware that it is the grade received after the reteaching/relearning which will be recorded for that project.*

- Work submitted on time can be reassessed.
- Work that is submitted late (after the due date but before the deadline date) will have 10% taken off the grade and can not be reassessed.
- **Work submitted after the deadline date is not accepted. You will receive a zero.**
- Final projects and exams may not be retaught or reassessed.
- Sketches and the last assignment of the quarter can not be reassessed.

**Due to the extreme budget cuts in MCPS, we must assess a student fee each semester of \$5. This required course fee will cover the components of all take home projects. Please make your check payable to MBHS and submit to the teacher by September 9, 2015.**

I have read the classroom rules and school policy. I agree to abide by them. **Please return to teacher with required fee.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_