



Art After Hours

Commitment Form

2023-2024

To the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of our WCMS Artists,

I am thrilled that your child has expressed interest in participating in Art After Hours this year! Art After Hours is a program designed for artists who possess an interest, enthusiasm, and passion for art beyond the expectations that exist during their standard class during the school day. As a member of Art After Hours, artists are invited to develop an original concept for a personally meaningful project. Artists then select the material(s) and process they wish to utilize to complete this project. Over the course of each session, along with any additional time dedicated at home, the project is completed with my guidance. The result of their efforts will be displayed at our district art show at the conclusion of the year.

Ultimately, each artist who elects to participate in Art After Hours will gain as much from this experience as is dedicated to that experience. Those who commit to participating to the fullest extent discover that not only will their technique improve dramatically, but the transformative power of the artistic process is one that will truly impact their lives in unparalleled ways. These artists discover that art is a way of *speaking*, communicating thoughts and emotions that they experience in a very positive manner. They discover that art can be simultaneously rigorous and wildly enjoyable. They discover the importance of patience, persistence, and problem solving. They discover the absolute necessity of individuality, while developing a true sense of pride in the beautiful uniqueness they possess. And they discover the true importance of art as a beneficial part of their lives.

Please review the information below with your child. The completed form, signed by both you and your child indicates agreement to the information presented below.

Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, and thank you for your continued support of the visual arts in Woodcliff Lake.

Regards,

Shawn McCabe

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Please review the following information with your child. Signing this form indicates a formal commitment to participating in Art After Hours. Please note that commitment to participating does not guarantee an available spot in the program for that season. If enrollment gets too large, each student will be provided with at least one desired season of the program. Students will be notified of which season(s) they have been enrolled on Monday, September 18th.

This form must be submitted directly to Mr. McCabe no later than Friday, September 15th.

- Art After Hours will be divided into 3 seasons (Fall, Winter, & Spring). Students may elect to sign up for any number of seasons.
- The start/conclusion of the seasons aligns with the sports schedules and the musical.
- A.A.H. will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during each season. Cancellations will be posted to Google Classroom and announced during school hours in advance. Students are expected to attend every session that we are open.
- A.A.H. will take place from 2:30-3:30 in the art room. Students are expected to arrive no later than 2:40 and are expected to stay until dismissal at 3:30.
- If a student is absent from school or leaves early, they are not expected to attend A.A.H. on that day.
- If a student wishes to participate in A.A.H. during a particular season but has an already scheduled conflict within reason, an individual accommodation may be made, but is at the discretion of Mr. McCabe. For example, if a student has been involved in piano lessons every Tuesday and must leave the school at 3:15 instead of 3:30, that would be considered. Individual requests should be sent directly to Mr. McCabe
- Students are expected to complete their project(s) for Art After Hours no later than Friday, May 24th. Students who are signed up only for the Fall and/or Winter seasons may work on their project at home during the spring and submit. All artwork will be displayed in the district art show.
- Failing to adhere to the above guidelines may result in removal from the program.

I _____ (print student's name) understand the above points and am ready to fully commit to participation in the Art After Hours program.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian email

I wish to enroll in the following season(s) of Art After Hours. Only select the season(s) you are *certain* of at this time. Addition spots (if available) will be offered at the beginning of the winter and spring seasons, and are on a first come/first served basis.

Fall _____

Winter _____

Spring _____

