



## **John Stark Art Department**

This year the Art Department will be working with Artsonia, the world's largest student online art museum. Artsonia offers a free, educational program to schools, teachers and parents. Each year, thousands of art teachers nationwide showcase their students' artwork online at [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com). Founded over 15 years ago, Artsonia has been recognized with the national distinguished service award for outstanding contribution to the arts by the National Art Education Association (NAEA), as well as the distinguished service award by the state art associations in New Jersey, Illinois, Michigan and Colorado (from Artsonia.com).

Artsonia will allow parents, friends, grandparents- anyone with your child's access code to view their artwork and purchase their artworks on hundreds of items such as mugs, t-shirts, canvases, note cards, mouse pads etc. This site will also help students create their own digital portfolio of work to share.

The John Stark Visual Art Foundation will receive twenty percent of sales through Artsonia. These funds will help support visiting artists and arts enrichment at John Stark.

In order for art students to participate parents/guardians will need to register their child and give permission on [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com). Be on the lookout for an email regarding this information or a paper permission slip to be sent home in October. Once your child is registered on the site, you can access their artwork and purchase items. You can also leave your artist messages of inspiration and share your child's artwork with friends and family!