Visual Arts: Fine Art

Offerings: Art I, Art II, 3D Design

Art I: Is our introductory course designed to acquaint students with the elements of art and principles of design through various media used in two and three-dimension art.

Students will create a variety of artwork while working throughout the year in their sketchbooks and portfolios.

Art II: Is our second year art course that further continues the artist's experiences within the arts and continues to build upon portfolios created in Art I. A variety of media will be used in Art II

with emphasis being placed on expanding and developing student's style and skills in the media they are strongest.

3D Design: Is a sculpture class that is designed to expose students to various processes, techniques, and methods related

to sculpture. Students will develop skills in additive, subtractive, and assemblage sculpture in the areas of ceramics, concrete, plaster, and pottery.

AP Art: Is our highest level art course. AP Art is divided into three categories for students to choose from Drawing, 2D and 3D. The student will then create a 24 piece portfolio that will be scored by the College Board. This portfolio can then be used in college admissions or any other future creative endeavors the student may seek.

Visual Arts: Media Arts

Offerings: Photo I, Photo II, Video I, Adv. Video

Photography I: Is our introductory photography class that will introduce students to both black and white photography and digital photography. Students will learn how to process traditional black and white film in our darkroom. We then move into digital photography and Adobe Photoshop.

Photography II: Is our advanced photography class focusing on digital photography. Students will



expand their skills through a variety of photography and Photoshop projects. Elements of graphic design will be highlighted as students become more advanced users of Adobe Photoshop.

AP Photography is our highest level photography course. The students will create

a 24 piece portfolio which will be scored by the College Board.

Video I will explore digital media, movie making, and storytelling. Students will learn all the processes of movie making including storyboards, script writing, editing, camera use, special effects and sound design.

Video II, Broadcasting explores what it is like to run a small television studio. Live broadcasts, from the campus TV station give students experience in writing for newscasts, lighting a studio, camera work, studio engineering, mixing, acting as news

anchors, field reporters, and more. During the Spring Semester, advanced video students, work primarily on films for the Sonoma Valley Film Festival.

Performing Arts

Offerings: Drama, Choir, Band, Dance

Drama I students will focus on acting as they also learn about the many other aspects of theatre. They will select a



scene, stand-up comedy or a theatre genre of their choice to perform. Advanced Drama focuses on performance. Students will develop an improv show, direct each other in 10-minute plays, and perform scenes and monologues that they rehearse in class. Choir is our vocal performing ensemble open to all students who wish to sing. The Choir performs at yearly concerts, as well as festivals and various other performances. Prior experience is not required, students will learn to sing and read music throughout the course of the year. Beginning Instrumental explores many different types of musical instruments, including but not limited to: drums, guitar, piano, violin, clarinet, trumpet, as well as electronic instruments. Instruments are available for loan and the class is open to any student at SVHS. Concert Band is our

instrumental ensemble open to all students with experience on a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument. The Concert Band performs at concerts, festivals, football games, as well as marching for several local parades. **Dance and Advanced Dance** students will explore

a variety of dance styles including hip hop, jazz, ballet, contemporary and salsa. Dancers learn technique and choreography skills while improving flexibility and coordination. Dance can fulfill either the PE or Fine Art graduation requirement.