

# SPECTRUM COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## VISUAL ARTS 9/10 (4 CREDITS)

**Instructor:** Mr. Aaron Lutsch

### OVERVIEW

Welcome to Visual Arts 9/10! This course is designed to build self-confidence and basic skills in a variety of mediums. Its focus is to examine the various elements and principles of design in visual arts and how they can be manipulated through the mediums practiced. Students will design, create, and discuss various artworks through the topics covered:

- **Drawing:** learn to 'see' by 'drawing on the right side of the brain'
- **Line drawing:** blind contour, contour drawing, gesture drawing
- **Modeling:** examine objects in the environment to see how light sources create gradation of value. Study hatching, cross-hatching and stippling techniques
- **Printmaking:** an introduction through mono and lino prints
- **Painting:** an introduction to colour theory and an exploration of colour glazes, paint, watercolours, pastels and other painting media
- **Sculpture:** explore three-dimensional art with an introduction to clay, glazes, pinch, coil and slab construction. Enjoy working with mixed media such as cardboard, wire, wood and plaster
- **Design:** explore the elements of art and the principles of design

### CLASS SUPPLIES

You are expected to bring the following to every class:

- Black felt pen (fine point), HB, 2B, 4B pencils and a sketchbook
- A positive attitude and an open mind
- On occasion, you will be required to bring in various mixed media material for projects

### CLASS EXPECTATIONS

**Respect:** You are expected to be on time for class and to be mindful of others' right to learn in a safe and positive environment. Personal music players are welcome; just insure that when someone is speaking to the class (i.e. Mr. Lutsch) you remove the headphones and shut off the music, otherwise you will not be permitted to wear them. The music should be only heard by you - not others in the class! Please remember to watch your language and to be polite.

**Cell Phones:** Make sure that your cell phone is put away (using it during class time is not appropriate or respectful). If I find you are using your phone for reasons other than music I will put your phone in a 'time-out.' Multiple offences will result in the phone going to the office and having your parents contacted.

**Responsibility:** You are expected to clean up after yourself (your work area and tools) and to take proper care of the tools and supplies. Less money spent on replacing and fixing items will benefit us all. You will have a storage area to keep your projects in. Please handle only your own work.

**Effort:** Always do your best on your best on your projects; it is a waste of time and supplies to do any less.

**Safety:** No food or drink in the art studio. Only drinks with lids are allowed – this will prevent your projects from getting spills on them. Don't ingest supplies in any form. Use the tools in the manner that you are instructed. This will prevent unnecessary accidents.

## **LATE/ABSENTEEISM**

It is common courtesy to arrive to class prepared and on time. You will be considered late 10 minutes after the bell. When an absence is unavoidable, please notify me as early as possible. A phone call and email home will occur if you are absent frequently without a valid reason. I do my lectures and demos at the beginning of class, and you will miss important information if you aren't on time!

## **EVALUATION**

Marks will be calculated on:

- Completion of assignments according to the instructional goals (i.e. specific elements, principles, or art movements)
- Student Imagery (originality, neatness, effort)
- Material Skills (control of the medium)

*Some assignments may be based on self-assessment as well as critiques from your peers*

***\*All work will be given a completion deadline. Any late work will have 10% deducted per day; any work more than 5 days late will be marked for completion.***

In a semester course each term will be weighted as a portion of your final mark. Your marks will be posted regularly in the classroom as well as sent via email (if I have your address or parent/guardian's address).

You will be given notice of term deadlines. All term work must be in by these dates or it will not be calculated in that reporting period.

If you are legitimately away and have missed work please bring me a note, this applies to any dates for the studio etiquette mark as well.

## **OVERALL MARK:**

Sketchbook:	15%
Class Projects:	75%
Studio Etiquette:	10%

*You can find out our class assignments by looking at my website [alutsch.wixsite.com/va910](http://alutsch.wixsite.com/va910) which can also be found through the school website staff section. Any class news or important calendar information can also be found on the site as well.*