

SHCS News from the Art Room

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Dear Sacred Heart Families,

I I can't believe it is April already! I hope you all had a wonderful and blessed Easter!

I would like to encourage you to come and visit the art room. Parent volunteers are always welcome and needed to help out. There is a link to the Sign-up Genius in the daily enews and attached here. I hope to see you soon! <https://t.e2ma.net/click/e7lu5/ejj8zr/m1iudl>

Here is a brief description of what we are working on by grade level:

Kindergarten: Kindergarten students spent some time learning about the parts of their body and how they work together to help us move. Next, they spent some time **observing** themselves in a mirror and noticing the shape of their eyes, mouth and noses. Finally, they drew a **self portrait** including all of their bodies in pencil and then traced over it with black sharpie marker. Then they used colored tissue paper and water to create some "art magic" by painting onto the tissue with water to create a beautiful Elmer colored background. Each time they see the background it is a reminder of how special they are in the eyes of God.



First Grade: Students learned the artist Wassily Kandinsky and his use of color and shape to represent music. It is believed that Kandinsky had a condition known as synesthesia which enables the person to sense things with different senses simultaneously. They can hear or smell colors! The students spent time listening to various musical compositions and describing the colors and shapes they felt the music represented. They then drew these shapes with sharpie markers and added the color with chalk pastel.



Second Grade: Second grade students finished up their self-portraits and are working on creating clay crosses with various textures for their first Holy Communion.

Third Grade: Third grade students completed their clay rosary dishes and are currently working on creating a cityscape design on styrofoam printing plates which they will use to make a printed composition.

Fourth Grade: Fourth grade students completed their Sandra Silberzweig self portraits and are currently learning about illuminated manuscripts and illuminated letters. They are in the process of designing an illuminated letter with the first letter of their last name.

Fifth Grade: Fifth grade students learned about the Aboriginal people and their art and art style. They are currently working on creating an animal portrait in the Aboriginal dot painting style.

Sixth Grade: Sixth grade students are working on **observational drawing** and creating still life compositions which they will then recreate in 3 different artistic styles. They are currently creating their composition with chalk pastel with focus on light source, highlight and shading.

Seventh Grade: Seventh grade students are creating four cross designs on styrofoam printing plates from which they will print four different images.

Eighth Grade: Eighth grade students are learning about the uses of clay and the various tools used to work with clay. They are currently working on handbuilding ceramic boxes with a focus on texture and joining clay pieces together..



All completed projects are or will be on display throughout the hallways of the school. I hope you can stop by to see all of the students' hard work!

If you are unable to volunteer but would like to help out please consider one of the following donations:

Baby wipes for cleaning hands

Newspaper for use with various projects

Clean Styrofoam meat or veggie trays /styrofoam egg cartons

Clorox wipes for cleaning tables

I hope you all have a wonderful day!!

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