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Dear Advanced Placement Art Student,

Congratulations for your desire and commitment to assembling an Advanced Placement portfolio for studio art.

I want to inform you of changes to the curriculum which will affect the grading and course structure, however it will not affect the actual portfolio submission of your completed portfolio to the College Board next May.

You will be a class member in your chosen art media : 2D or 3D. This will not be identified as an "AP Art" class. As a class member for semester 1 you will work with the class to produce projects which will become a part of the "Breadth Section" of the Studio Art Portfolio submission. During semester 2 you will remain in the 2d or 3D class but work independently on the "Concentration Section" of the AP Studio Art Portfolio. In April you will assemble all sections of the AP Art Portfolio and it will be submitted to the College Board for scoring. AP scores of 3 or better may be applied towards college credit.

In order to fulfill course requirements and to adequately prepare your portfolio for submission, AP art students will need to meet outside of the regularly scheduled art class. This special class will be called " Art Portfolio Seminar" and will meet approximately twice a week during ET/EH (probably Tues days & Thursdays) during the school year. You will receive a grade for this class, but the class will NOT be a weighted grade. During the second semester, this seminar class may meet more often in order to complete your portfolio.

Summer Assignments:

1. VISIT the COLLEGE BOARD WEBSITE. GO to the AP Studio Art website and look up the portfolio requirements. The AP College Board sets the standards and the portfolio requirements for the work you will complete. Become familiar with the format and look at the student examples from years past.

2. COLLECT IDEAS Begin (or maintain) a sketchbook with ideas, ideas,,ideas,,,,ideas! Collect pictures or better yet, take pictures which inspire and captivate you. Sketch.....write.....assemble your thoughts...or your questions....about anything. The "Concentration Section" of the portfolio is entirely driven by YOU. You get to decide what to do, how to do it and what to do next. Begin to gather ideas for this important section by collecting stuff!

3. BECOME AWARE!!!! Notice what no one else notices. Look for details, connections, mystery. Begin to LOOK.

Have a great summer!

See you next year...refreshed, renewed, and ready to roll!!!

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PS: Reminder of the Warren County Art Festival in downtown Lebanon June 25. GO!!!! Or better yet...enter art into the youth art show