

MASTERS SCHOOL OF ART

September 2016 Newsletter



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Photo of the Month!



Photo artwork design by MSOA staff & students

Psalms 13:13

***But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but
the greatest of these is love.***

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Fall 2016 Term Begins!

We are excited to start off our Fall 2016 term this week! We have a lot of fun things planned for this term, such as a Bazaar Fundraiser and Thanksgiving potluck in November, and Christmas parties in December. Keep an eye on future newsletters for more information about our fun upcoming events.

We will have a make-up meeting after school the first week of school at 3:20, for all those who missed our Orientation on September 6th.

There are some classes that may require extra supplies that are not covered under our basic supply fee due at the beginning of every term. Be sure to check our Class Descriptions page on our website for information about supplies required. Classes such as Painting, Watercolor, Pastels and Color Pencil are a few examples of classes that require extra supplies.

Class Changes

Class changes are only allowed during the first two weeks of school. A student must fill out a Change of Class Approval form that must be approved and signed by the Director of Administration, and also must be approved and signed by participating instructors. We ask that any class changes be for special needs only. We will email parents with any changes that are requested by students.

Monthly Tuition

Tuition is due by the 20th of every month. In other words, the first month's tuition (September) was due by August 20th. Your basic supply fee is also due with the first month's tuition payment. October's tuition will be due by September 20th.

Mail your payment to: Masters School of Art/ P.O. Box 82/ Clackamas, OR 97015. Be sure to notate the name of the student(s) on your check, or you can bring your payment to our school office during normal school hours.

Paper Towels and Aluminum Foil

We appreciate every year when families donate at least one roll of paper towels or one box of aluminum foil. We go through a lot of these two items throughout the term and your donations help us to keep our supply fee low. This is strictly voluntary, but anything you can give will be much appreciated! We could also use plastic spoons, forks and paper plates if you would like to help out more. Our students are often asking for these items at lunch. The Dollar Tree is a great place to get them! Thank you for your support.

Student IDs

We will be taking pictures for student IDs over the next few weeks, and will have them ready by mid-October. If you would like an ID card for your child, please sign up and pay in our school office. These IDs can be used to receive discounts from stores and local businesses around town.

Student IDs are \$5 and must be paid in advance. Place order in our school office.

Mark ALL supplies with your child's name! This includes every pencil, paint brush, paint tubes, lunch box, jacket, water bottle and anything else they bring to school. We have many items that end up in our lost & found!

Spring 2016 Exhibit Winners Luncheon

Parents welcome

During lunch on Thursday, September 22nd and Friday, September 23rd, we will be awarding the winners of our Spring 2016 Art Exhibit. Parents are welcome to attend the recognition of our students who placed in last term's showcase. If you could bring a small dessert to share (cakes, cookies, cupcakes, etc) to help celebrate this event, it would be greatly appreciated!

The celebration will take place from 11:15am to 12:15pm on both days. Congratulations again to our winners and all our students for another job well done!

Pick up policy

Note Change in Pick-up Location

Our school day ends at 3:15pm. We ask that all students be picked up NO LATER THAN 3:30pm, and must be picked up in the designated area (the upper level on the backside of the church). The church will be closed and locking its doors by 4pm.

We also need to remind everyone that the traffic flow around the church is one way (counter-clockwise). Please do not enter the backside of the church the wrong way. Thank you.

Volunteering throughout the term

Fundraisers - Lunch Monitors - Hall Monitors throughout the day -

Set-up/Clean-up - Help with events and activities of the school

We ask for all families to please sign-up to volunteer in one area.

The sign-up sheet is in the office.

Christmas Bazaar Fundraiser

Saturday November 12th, 9:30 – 3:30 MSOA will host a fundraising bazaar. It will be held at Sunnyside church in the large double room across from MSOA school office. We need everyone to participate in the fundraiser. There are several ways you can take part in the fundraiser.

Ways to make this event work! Everyone can invite family and friends!

- Donate a cake, pies, cookies, or fudge!
- Drink and refreshment table.
- Rent a table and give back 25% of your profits to the fundraiser.
- Donate a theme gift basket
- Sell art work and give 50% to MSOA
- Donate a nice gift
- Donate a gift or item to the hourly free raffle.
- Help set up and tear down the event
- Helpers during the bazaar
- Planning and organization

This is sort of an experiment for the school to see if it is more profitable and less work than our spring auction. This does not mean we will not do the spring auction. But, if we do really well with the bazaar and other easier fundraisers to provide scholarship and keep our donations low, we will skip the spring auction. If not, then we will continue the auction.

Whatever we do, we want to make it easy, fun, and profitable for our students. We need your input and help to make the bazaar work. Let us know how you would like to help and/or any great ideas you have to make the bazaar successful!

COLLEGE & HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Once a month, we will host a social event for college & high school seniors.

Thursday, September 15th the Fishkins invite those who are in our college program and high school seniors, to an after school social event; for a hangout, pizza, and miniature golf (if it rains, we will plan something we can do inside).

RSVP to Evie Fishkin at evie@msoaonline.com

~ All School Picnic ~

Saturday, September 17th; 12:30-3:30pm

North Clackamas Park on Rusk Rd, Clackamas OR (off 224)

Back to School Picnic invite for all MSOA Fall 2016/17 students, along with your family (includes Satellite School students). Those who are new or interested to MSOA are also invited. The picnic is a pot luck: salads, fruit, and desserts. If someone brings a grill, we will provide hot dogs. Bring a lawn or camp chair and/or blankets to sit on. There will be games and prizes. We look forward to getting to know you and your family before school starts. This is a great opportunity too for your kids to meet their classmates before the school year starts. It would help if you could RSVP and what you want to bring to the picnic. We're looking forward to a fun time!

RSVP to msoaonline@gmail.com.

Director's Note:

We had an awesome orientation. I met so many new families and really sweet kids. It was so good to see friends and faces I haven't seen in a while. It is great to be back!

After two years of fighting cancer, God has blessed me with a window of good health. I was able to be involved in the summer camps, and working with our staff at our teacher's beach retreat. It felt so good to step back into the school. All to say, I'm looking forward to a fun year with your children.

I'm looking forward to working with you in the fundraisers or just getting to know you and your children better. It is going to take teamwork to make this year successful. We do have a suggestion box in the office for any fundraising ideas and or ways you see we can improve.

Feel free if you would like to meet with me and or just go out for coffee. I'm willing to help or be an encouragement to your homeschooling and or in developing your child's talent.

We have a great group of teachers and interns. I feel blessed to work alongside of people who have a servant's heart, and teachers, who love to teach art.

If you have questions go to the office and talk with Pam Bishop, our new office manager. If you have questions about class changes, talk to Lisa. I'll be around teaching a few classes and available to anyone who has questions.

Thanks already for coming to the Orientation and for your support.

Evie Fishkin, Director of Operations