

MASTERS SCHOOL OF ART

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Fall 2018 Term Begins!

We are off to a great start for our Fall 2018 term! We have a lot of fun things planned for this term, such as Crazy Hair/Crazy Hat day in October, a Thanksgiving potluck in November, and Christmas parties in December. Keep an eye on future newsletters for more information about our fun upcoming events.

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, and Color Pencil are a few examples of classes that require extra supplies.

If you have any questions about what extra supplies are required for your child(ren)'s classes, and can't find it on our Class Descriptions page on our website, please feel free to contact us anytime.

Crazy Hair/Crazy Hat Day

Every so often, we like to plan a special fun day for the students. One of our most favorite fun time event is our Crazy Hair/Crazy Hat Day! On Thursday, October 18th and Friday, October 19th, we will once again be having this favored, fun event.

Don your favorite, most creative hat, or create a funny hairdo to celebrate this event. A special prize will be given to the one who has the craziest and/or most creative hat/hair!

This is fun for all the students, and we give out the prize during lunch, so if you don't normally attend our lunch, we welcome you to come celebrate with us next month!

Pick up policy

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 (in rooms 131/133 – the lunch room). 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.

Fall Fundraiser

Our 2019 Calendar Fundraiser will begin soon! We need all our families to get behind this fundraiser. We are currently selecting artwork for our 2019 calendar. We are only selecting original artwork from our Fall 2017/Spring 2018 school terms. The calendar sample will be ready for selling purposes in early November to sell through December 7th.

There will be a form and a sample calendar for all students (one per family) to carry with them as they sell them. Each calendar will be sold for \$12 and, as always, will be filled with beautiful artwork and scripture. All proceeds will go towards our scholarship fund and help to provide needed equipment and supplies for your children. Calendar orders are due by December 7th at the latest, to give students time to sell them over Thanksgiving break, and for the orders to be available for pickup before leaving for Christmas Break. These make great Christmas presents!

There will be a first and second place prize for those who sell the most calendars, so be sure to get out there and sell, sell, sell!

Student IDs

This month we will be taking pictures for Student ID cards for your child(ren). If you would like to order one, please place your order and pay in our school office by end of day on Friday, Oct. 5th. These IDs can be used to receive discounts from stores and local businesses around town. IDs will be ready by mid October.

Student IDs are \$5 and must be paid in advance. See Pam in the office to place your order.

Westside School

Westside School will begin classes on September 19th for our Fall 2018 term. If you are interested in attending that campus or if you have any questions about our Westside School, please email us westsidemsoa@gmail.com.

Tuition Reminder

Tuition is due the 20th of every month. For example, October's tuition is due September 20th.

All students, including scholarship students, are required to pay all fees. Let us know if you are in a situation where you need a payment plan, have a loss of job, or have any other situation where paying tuition has become difficult. We are willing to work with you. Thank you everyone for helping us meet our financial needs by paying your tuition on time.

Volunteer Opportunities

Lunch Monitors – help watch over the kids during lunch
11:15a-12:15pm

Set-up/Clean-up – Cleanup help is especially appreciated after school on Fridays!

Help with special events throughout the term, like our lunch time Thanksgiving & Christmas parties

Help with Fundraisers – our Calendar Fundraiser will begin in November

Art Exhibit & Revue – work snack tables, help with Exhibit set-up early in the day

We ask for all families to please sign up to volunteer in one area throughout the term.

Volunteer sign-up sheet is in the office. See Pam Bishop.

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 from this point on be for special needs only. Late changes to classes makes it difficult on our teachers to get the student caught up with the rest of the class. We will email parents with any changes that are requested by students.

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.

Need an MSOA Paint kit?

Send your order to pam.msoa@gmail.com

All painting students are required to supply their own acrylic paints and brushes. Art supply prices are going up, and we want to do everything possible to keep the cost at the lowest price possible. The paint kits are \$50.00; this includes paints and brushes. Brush sets are \$20.00 which includes: a fan brush, round brush, flat brush, fluffy brush and detail brush.

If you purchase brushes on your own, be careful not to pick up watercolor soft brushes. You do not have to purchase paint kits through the school. Use your Michaels coupons, Blicks or other art stores to get the best price. Be careful about off brands that contain more water than pigment.

Director's Note:

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

With the changing of the leaves slowly starting to show, I am reminded of this scripture. The colors are so vivid and lovely, it's quite breath-taking at times. It's God's beauty being displayed all around us in nature. That recognition of beauty is like listening to a beautiful song, or looking at a beautiful work of art.

That's one of the exciting things about starting a new term at MSOA....the anticipation of what our very talented students will create this time! The exhibit at the end of the term is like a showcase of beauty. So many lovely things to see, it's hard to take it all in.

I can already see the kids' excitement over what they are learning from our very talented instructors. They are learning techniques in the beginning and will soon put what they have learned into practice and may have even started their finals in some classes. It's like watching a beautiful flower begin to bloom and open up into an amazing creation!

I'll end with a poem I wrote that was inspired by Philippians 4. I call it "Pure Thoughts" ..

*Whatever things are pure
I must think about, I'm told
Nothing marred by sin or stained by filth
But refined like silver and gold.*

*Whatever things are pure
Is top-most on my mind
If unclean thoughts defile me now,
Please Lord, in me refine.*

*Whatever things are pure
Should remain my lifelong focus
The love of God, my love for Him
And knowing He is with us.*

*My God is my refiner
All along, I always knew
Whatever things are pure?
Dear Lord, I meditate on You.*

Happy Fall everyone!

~Lisa Barnes