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Information and Contract Sheet

Digital Photography

Mrs, Muscarella



Welcome to Digital Photography! This enrichment class focuses on the art of basic photography and the possibilities with the science of computer technology in enhancing and manipulating photos. We will use Kodak cameras to capture images, and will work with Adobe Photoshop CS3 Design Suite to manipulate or enhance them.

What do you need? Patience! Patience! Patience! Sometimes things don't turn out as well as you would like them to. The beauty of working in digital photography is that nothing is ruined; everything can be fixed. Listen to instructions carefully, follow the guided lessons, remember what palettes need to be on your computer screen and PRACTICE!

We will be:

- creating a personalized nameplate
- practicing portrait photography and applying blurs to create a soft focus
- creating original, and enhancing landscape photography
- adding people to photos and scenes
- repairing old photos
- layering scenes from several photos
- creating "Where's Waldo?" style books and PowerPoints
- creating new people by taking features from several portraits to create one
- working with color, grayscale, levels, lighting
- much, much more



You'll learn to use these simple rules to help you take picture perfect pictures:



- have a steady camera
- learn the "rule of thirds"
- maintain a level horizon
- fill the frame
- frame your subject
- choose the lighting
- change the angle or point of view
- use leading lines to lead the viewer's eyes

We will look at each of these things in our classes.

If you have ideas about something you want to try, talk to me about it.

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Please review this contract with your parents and bring it back signed, with their e-mail address by our next class. This contract must be signed before you can leave the room on a photo shoot.

While no previous experience is necessary to be successful in this class, I do have some expectations that **MUST** be adhered to, or students risk being removed from Digital Photography and placed in a study hall. I am very serious about this, and have asked the administration to back me on the "one strike, you're out rule." Here is what I mean:

- In Digital Photography, students make ID badges that identify them as DP enrichment students. These serve as passes, and give them access to walk around our building, taking appropriate pictures for their personal files. The pictures can be used to create new photos through manipulation, or can be enhanced to improve the photo quality.

- **ALL DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS MUST GET WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM A SUBJECT(S) TO HAVE HIS OR HER PICTURE TAKEN. ANY PHOTO TAKEN WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE SUBJECT WILL RESULT IN CAMERA AND HALL PASS PRIVILEGES BEING REVOKED.**
- **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS MUST BE RESPECTFUL OF THE PEOPLE THEY PHOTOGRAPHING. REMEMBER, TAKING A PHOTO IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.**
- **STUDENTS WHO TAKE PICTURES IN INAPPROPRIATE AREAS, SUCH AS THE HIGH SCHOOL, LOCKER ROOMS, BATHROOMS, ETC. WILL BE ESCORTED TO GUIDANCE AND WILL BE REASSIGNED TO A STUDY HALL.**
- **CAMERAS ARE FOR THE USE OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS.....NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **STUDENTS MUST MAINTAIN A PASS AVERAGE IN ALL OTHER SUBJECTS IN ORDER TO REMAIN IN DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY.**

- Digital Photography students must be respectful of the equipment provided to them. Cameras must be handled with care, and computers must be signed out and proper log on and off procedures followed.
- Digital Photography students will maintain a daily log of what was accomplished on that day, and what the plan is for the next class. This will help me to insure that computer time is available for those who need it most.
- Digital Photography students will be given comments on both interim and ten week marking periods. These will be based on effort and attitude and how much a student has accomplished in the class.

I understand what is expected of me as a student in the Digital Photography enrichment class. I agree to adhere to guidelines above and understand the consequences.

Student's signature

Parent's signature

Parent's e-mail address