

Middle and High School Arts

Mount Madonna School offers a comprehensive program in Visual and Performing Arts that spans the seven years of middle and high school. This includes a full-time commitment to musical theater productions in all grades. All students audition and participate actively in two productions each year. In addition, students in grades 6-12 spend time in the Fine Arts Studio developing visual arts techniques. Classes in Music and Digital Design complete the Arts offerings.

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Middle School Fine Art (Grades 6-7)

In the Middle school Visual Art program, foundational techniques are taught as a base from which students can practice creative self-expression. They spend time learning new techniques or experimenting with tools and mediums and then, with prompts, consider ways to apply this new information to their own unique voice and vision. Students learn the Principles of Design, color theory, portraiture, drawing, painting, linear perspective, and figure drawing. They also work three dimensionally with clay, wire and plaster gauze.

Middle School Sculpture and Design (Grade 8)

In Eighth Grade the Visual Art program is designed to complement the T.E.A. program, providing a thorough exploration of materials, tools and techniques for three-dimensional design. This includes working with cardboard, ceramics, wood, textiles and plaster to create sculptures and product prototypes, learning isometric and technical drawing conventions, and learning key processes in the design cycle (Inquiring and Analyzing, Developing Ideas, Creating a Solution and Evaluating). Students work collaboratively and independently to generate ideas, plan, create prototypes, experiment with materials and solve design problems.

Middle School Music (Grade 6-8)

Middle School Music Class is a fun and highly interactive course! Students play recorders, listen to a broad range of music and sing.

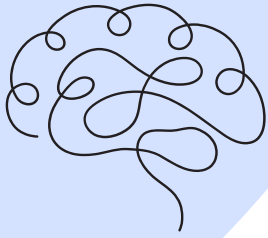
Middle School Creative Expression

Welcome to a unique journey of self-discovery and creativity that transcends traditional boundaries! Unleash your imagination and embrace the world of creative expression through the power of improvisation! In this course, students from kindergarten through eighth grade are offered an immersive experience that harnesses the power of diverse modalities to ignite creativity, collaboration and personal growth through unfiltered self-expression.

Performing Arts (6-12)

Along with providing a platform for expanding skills in all aspects of musical theater, Performing Arts at Mount Madonna School presents a dynamic opportunity for students to engage in collaborative community building. Students learn not only about theater but also about the importance of respect, responsibility, accountability, mutual support and openness to one another. In the first quarter, after participating in song share, students engage in the audition process, including prepared dance, songs, scenes or monologues.





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Digital Art and Media (Grade 9)

This course integrates technology and art to give students a grounding in creation of well-designed presentations, digital images, websites, and visual digital projects. The driving questions for the class are: What is the design process? What are the elements of good design, and what questions does a designer ask? What are the tools designers, artists, and academics use to put forward new ideas and knowledge, and transmit non-verbal feelings and ideas? What does it mean to be a literate consumer of digital imagery and design? Students take on practical and artistic projects integrating design principles, creative work, and technology to deliver benefit to the school community. This class is offered to all incoming ninth grade students.

Studio Art Elective I (Grade 11)

This course covers technique, analysis, and exhibition of studio art at a beginning high school college preparatory level. Students complete projects using various hands-on media in visual art including painting, drawing, and specific techniques that rotate such as printmaking, ceramics, sculpture and other projects at the discretion of the instructors' expertise. Students learn the principles of design and the vocabulary of artistic analysis, and are introduced to the history of art. Students are asked to reflect on how their projects and others' projects express meaning non-verbally.

History of Art with Studio (Grade 11 or 12 Elective)

This is a combined studio and art history course. Students complete multiple units covering a critical and reflective look at world art throughout history, and the techniques used to produce the art in particular movements or moments in history. They then create a work of art using techniques or simulations similar to conditions during that time in history. Students keep a journal critiquing the art studied and allowing for reflection and metacognition; in addition, they take academic assessments and write essays to demonstrate their understanding and knowledge of the unit's content.

Yearbook: Design & Production (Grade 9-12 Elective)

During senior year, students work as a team to produce an all-school yearbook. The class progresses over the entire year. Seniors are responsible for coordinating with members of the school community, across divisions, to ensure representation of all grades.

Choir (Grade 9-12 Elective)

Choir pursues the highest achievable musical excellence based on an understanding of healthy vocal technique and musicianship fundamentals and performance experience. Knowledge and skills are demonstrated through passionate performance. Choir students are trained in a wide variety of musical styles, with student input helping steer repertoire selection.

Photography (Grades 9-12 Elective)

This course was designed to help students improve their photography skills.

Goals include: getting familiar with cameras (phone cameras and DSLR's) in order to take quality photos, understanding the basics of lighting and composition, practicing taking photos that tell stories about people and the world. Students will generate photos for use in the yearbook, the student newspaper, and art showings at MMS and elsewhere.

Students will also practice giving and receiving constructive comments on photos, look at the styles of different photographers, and learn basic photo editing techniques.

