

Dominican Celebrates Youth Art Month

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Along with its fabulous performing arts program, Dominican High School offers students a chance to express their artistic creativity through a variety of visual art courses. Student artwork is being highlighted in a special way this March, in celebration of Youth Art Month.



Dominican Art Department Chair, Mrs. Mary Gehr, feels that it is important to give students the opportunity to express themselves through art. "Each of us is blessed with creativity and art allows people to show what they can do," said Gehr. She added, "Nothing compares to being creative and doing something with your hands." Mrs. Gehr has seen countless pieces of student artwork in her 36 years of teaching at Dominican and knows that once a project is complete, "something inside of the student is fulfilled."



Students at Dominican are able to choose from a variety of visual arts classes. The prerequisite for all classes is Art Fundamentals, which provides students with a small taste of everything from drawing to working with clay. After this, students can explore in a variety of classes, including Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Ceramics, Photography, Digital Imaging and Stained Glass. One of the favorite classes of Dominican students is ceramics, because as sophomore Sheron Chestnut put it, "It's really fun to pound the clay and then shape it into whatever you want." First year art teacher and moderator of Dominican's National Art Honor Society, Ms. Lindsey Price, says her favorite class to teach is photography because "it's something new that most kids haven't done before. We develop black and white film and the kids get really excited when their pictures are finished." Sophomore Lauren Koszuta summed up how she feels about art when she described art as an opportunity to "leave the world for a second and create whatever you want. It's a freeing experience and at Dominican, I feel free to create anything."

