

Art With Heart Is Craft Lauren Montgomery (10) works on a painting. "I like to be creative when I can, because I feel like you don't get to do that all the time," Montgomery said. Art came in a variety of styles, whether it's painting, molding, drawing, etc. It was possible for one to find a way to express their innermost thoughts and desires. *Photo by M. Harris*



Art Is The Voice Of The Heart Isabella Small (11) works on her latest painting in the art room. "Doing art in general lets me express how I'm feeling and I can put the things I come up with down on paper, and it's just a way to express myself," Small said. Students all had their own way to express themselves, and for some that way was art. It could be subjective and people could view it in a variety of ways. Some may view the art completely different than the creator but that was the beauty in art. *Photo by M. Harris*

The Bones Of The School Ella Fyles (10) works on her sculpture during her art class. "Seeing it in your head and actually doing it and getting to see your product [helps me enjoy my art]," Fyles said. For some students like Fyles, interest in the arts could also run in the family, and the passion for art went back several generations. *Photo by M. Harris*



Work Of Art

The variety of art students and their projects

Ranging from vocal demonstration, a visual representation, or an instrumental expression, each arts program offered allowed for a variety of students to partake in the manifestation of art. Jessica Negron (9) began doing art when she was first enrolled in the classes offered.

"I enjoy doing art in my free time, it really helps me relax," Negron said.

For some in the visual arts classes, creating something was like therapy.

"Not having to focus on something, being able to just paint without all of the other distractions in your life. When you focus on painting, the other things kind of go away," Audrey Gurich (11) said.

Artists came from diverse backgrounds, with many stories and reasoning to why they create what they do. Andy Quach (11) was in IB Art and had been making art since he was in middle school.

"Art gives me a way to express myself in a different way. Pieces I make are pretty bizarre, as I wanted it to reflect pop culture and my personality. Art has impacted my life by giving me a way to de-stress and a way to communicate my emotions when I don't know how to," Quach said.

Art was not always a hands-on project, it could be represented through voice or body movement. Wyatt Krob (12) was involved in multiple programs in the performing arts over the years.

"Performing arts is where I feel most at home. The musicals, concerts and plays, are creative outlets for me and create an opportunity to spend more time with people I really like. Choir is what I'm most passionate about in the arts, the team dynamic of an ensemble, making music together, is very fun," Krob said.

There was art and beauty all around the world, people appreciated the things around them in different ways. Understanding these differences might help with broadening perspective.

The Next Level

Athletes celebrate their future plans at Signing Day



Making Big Plans On Signing Day, many students are excited to announce their commitment to continue to play their sports in college, no matter the division of school. "I am grateful to be able to play football in college, that was my dream since I started playing and I am excited that my dream came true," George Giannou (12) said. *Photo courtesy of E. Williams*



Surrounded By Support All of the students that were signing this year sit eagerly waiting for their turn to say where they are committing to and why. "Signing Day was a huge celebration for all of the amazing athletes that are going to continue playing their sport in college. Everyone was so happy, and so many of our friends and family showed up to support us," Matthew Bartels (12) said. *Photo courtesy of E. Williams*



Next Step To Rochester Student commits may have different options for their future athletic careers in college. "Softball is not essentially a future career for me, I love the game but it isn't what I want to do for the rest of my life," Hunter Gilbreath (12) said. Gilbreath hoped to major in biomedical engineering at a out-of-state school and continue to play softball throughout college. *Photo courtesy of E. Williams*

17.2% Science
37.9% Social Studies

Love To Learn

17.2% English
6.9% Math
18.9% Arts

What is your favorite school subject?



A New Challenge Giorgia Martorella (11) is a foreign exchange student from Italy learning to perfect the English language. "When it comes to studying, usually English is my hardest class. I have to study harder for that class, so I make sure to pay attention in class and get all my homework turned in," Martorella said. Martorella joined JV Cheer at the beginning of the year. *Photo by R. Farnand*

Singing Love

Choir fundraises with Singing Valentines



The Song Of Love Helen Nguyen (12) sells Singing Valentines during lunch on Feb. 13. "My favorite part was just walking around and surprising the recipients in the classrooms. I like seeing how they react and I feel like the Singing Valentines made me more connected with other students in other choirs. It's a family and I am always happy to sing with them," Nguyen said. When Valentine's Day came around, the excitement around the school was undeniable for the choir classes' Singing Valentines. Songs like "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz and "Love Is An Open Door" from Frozen were popular options bought by students. *Photo by M. Harris*

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