



LET MY ART do the Talkin'

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Aithen Dohrer '23
gifts people his art
WHO: Aithen Dohrer '23

GETTING INTO ART: "I got into art at a very young age, and I've always been creative and needed a way to express it. The best way I could was just to have a pen and paper to draw. I didn't really get into colorful art until later on. I just let my art speak for me. Whatever came out, it went on the paper."

TYPES OF ART: "I mainly do pen and paper but I do a bit of painting as well. I really enjoy just doing pen and paper and graphite drawings. I don't really have a favorite piece of art because they all are special to me when I make them."

WHY SHARE YOUR ART: "I like to share my art and hand it out to people. If I give my art to someone it's because I want them to have it. Everything I draw I just kind of go off of my own thoughts and creativity. It's wherever my mind kind of goes to. It's a cool hobby that I hope to continue throughout my life."

AND IT'S just a Work of ART

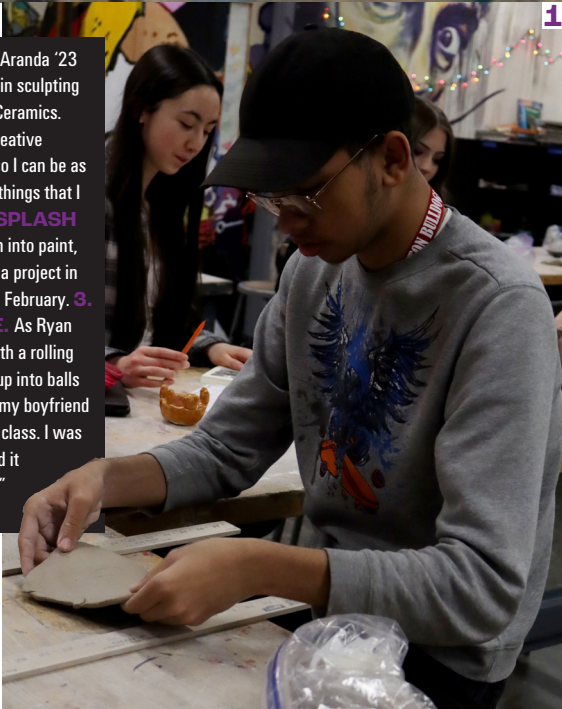
Art classes provide students creativity outlet
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I LOVE I GET TO WORK AT MY OWN PAGE TO BE AS CREATIVE AS I WANT TO BE. I AM PROUD OF THE ART I HAVE CREATED.

caylah larkins '23

1. LIKE A PANCAKE. Phil Aranda '23 flattens out his clay so he can begin sculpting it into an object in Sculpture and Ceramics. Aranda believed himself to be a creative person. "I like working with clay so I can be as creative as I want to be to create things that I love," Aranda said. **2. ADD A SPLASH OF COLOR.** Dipping her brush into paint, Caylah Larkins '23 outlines in red a project in her sketch book while in AP Art in February. **3. WORKING SIDE BY SIDE.** As Ryan Cholas '24 flattens out his clay with a rolling pin, Taylor Madsen '24 rolls hers up into balls to begin her coil project. "Ryan is my boyfriend and we support each other in this class. I was slamming my clay on the table and it wasn't going flat how I wanted it," Madsen said. *photos by g.dinges*



SITTING IN THE ART ROOM, MUSIC PLAYS AS STUDENTS CREATE DRAWINGS, PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES. Whether it was Drawing and Painting or Sculpture and Ceramics, students had opportunities to be as creative as they wanted to be while following certain parameters set by art teachers Greg Boll or Jennifer Acklam-Klinger.

"I am actually a graduate of Brighton High School, so I am glad to be back here. I love that I get to be back here at the high school and get to teach students about art," Acklam-Klinger said. "I want students to feel like they can be creative and to make things that they are proud of. I want the atmosphere in my room to feel like a safe place for them."

In Sculpture and Ceramics, students spent a lot of time working with clay and creating different types and sizes of pots. They even created 3D paper sculptures where they learned different elements and principles to help them in their creations. They also created ceramic tiles.

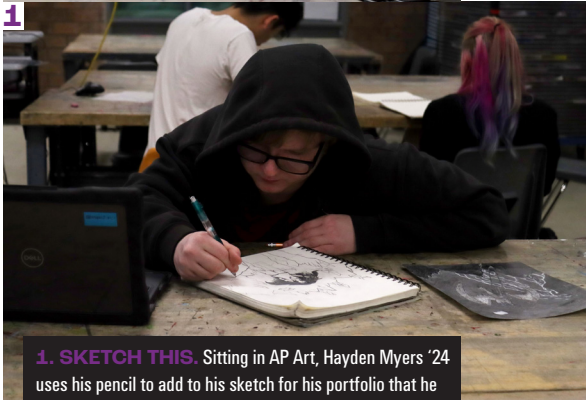
"Around Valentine's Day, I created a heart pot that really has turned into one of my favorite creations. I basically took the clay and created a pot that looked like a heart," Bethany Valazquez '25 said.

In AP Art, students chose a specific project that they wanted to investigate through a portfolio of their work. They needed to create multiple examples of their art so they could submit it to be reviewed by College Board in May.

"What I like about AP Art is the freedom to get to make things that matter to us. With our portfolio, we get to choose what art pieces we submit," Brianna Ashbrook '24 said. "I love art because it allows me to be creative and relax."

Students also had opportunities to take Graphic Design and Commercial Photography. In these classes, students were given opportunities to receive certifications in Adobe InDesign and Photoshop.

"We basically learned how to use a camera and some different ways to take photos so they stand out. We also learned how to take them into Photoshop and make them look better if you need to do that," Isaac Fitch '23 said.



1. SKETCH THIS. Sitting in AP Art, Hayden Myers '24 uses his pencil to add to his sketch for his portfolio that he was working on. "Right now I see art as more of a hobby," Myers said. "With AP Art, we basically just work on a portfolio of work that we turn in for the AP exam. We work on it for most of the year." **2. THAT WAS FUNNY.** Maverick Martinez '26 looks over at his neighbor to have a conversation as he starts to sculpt his pot in Sculpture and Ceramics class. "I took the class because I just wanted to check it out and see what it was about like," Martinez said. "It's been cool to create some things in here and get to be creative in what we want to create." *photos by g.dinges*

LEFT off the Hook

Calleigh Frohman '23
crochets for money



WHO: Calleigh Frohman '23
WHEN DID YOU START? "I started crocheting when I was about 10. I have always been super into arts and crafts, and when I saw a pretty crochet blanket, I knew I wanted to make one like it. I used YouTube videos to teach myself how since no one in my family knew."
WHAT DO YOU MAKE? "I crochet all sorts of things from bags, blankets and animals. It honestly switches up from time to

time. I get super into making bags for a little while, then blankets, then animals."
WHY DO YOU ENJOY IT? "I find it very relaxing as it gives me something to do while I watch movies or on long road trips. I get to be as creative as I want to be."
DO YOU MAKE MONEY? "I already do make money off of it. I sell all sorts of things to teachers, friends and family. I plan on definitely continuing to make more."