



**Clay in Motion.** Learning how to express yourself in art class helps students learn more about art. "My favorite part about it is I like making stuff and it teaches me different art and how to express myself," Cruz Cugliat said. Learning about different art projects helps students like Cugliat explore different options to express themselves. *Photo by A. Goris*



**Crafted to perfection.** Showing creativity and letting your imagination wild is what the class; Ceramics does. "Being able to show your creativity through what you're doing, I feel like I make more unique pieces in what I like, regularly made. I usually add faces to what I do instead of patterns and designs," Taisyn Stokes said. She is able to show her creative side. *Photo by A. Goris*



**Hands On.** Ceramics have made many students like Jalen Hans think outside the box and make complex sculptures. "My favorite part is getting to actually touch the clay because I get to finally like sculpt it into what I imagined in my mind and make it more complex, which I can't usually do when I'm drawing," Jalen said. When you have something in mind it helps Hans to have hands-on sculptures to make it more complex. *Photo by A. Goris*

# One Clay at a time

Students get their hands dirty in sculpture/ceramics classes.

## Ceramics class was full of opportunity for

many different types of students that were looking to accomplish many different goals. For Finley Handy, her goal was to fulfill her credits needed to graduate. However, there was more to it than that. "I thought it would be more fun than a business class. Business you just have to sit in the classroom, but with ceramics you can do stuff. We get to make new stuff and actually use it at home," Handy said. For her, the class knocked out two birds with one stone, accomplishing a credit and having fun while doing it.

Another reason why students chose to take ceramics was the relaxing qualities working with clay has. Despite it being challenging to create a piece from a lump of clay, it acted as a break from the hectic school day. "I enjoyed art, being in IB not every class is fun and relaxing. I think ceramics, especially at the end of the day, is a good mental health break," Salina

Gill said. For her, art was a more unconventional task that clashed with the busy classes in her schedule. However, this contrast was a positive one that allowed her to decompress at the end of the day.

For others, art was not uncharted territory, but instead, a passion of theirs. Still, ceramics class was able to offer some nuance to Emmeryn Sliver. "I've been taking art classes since i was seven, but I've never worked with clay and I thought it would be a cool experience," Sliver said. Although she had a thorough background with art to support her work throughout the year, working with clay provided new highs and lows for her to navigate.

No matter what the reason for joining was, students found many reasons to enjoy their ceramics class.



## Lifetime of Art

Mr. Tim Alcock's take on his career as a art teacher

**ART IS THERAPY.** The visual arts department is a favorite throughout the school where students learn new skills and create things of their own to be proud of. None of this would be possible without the teachers though. Mr. Timothy Alcock is one of the ceramics teachers and loves his job working with students to create beautiful art pieces. "I think art really is almost like therapy, in my mind, it's a good mediative place to go to become productive," Alcock said. Throughout his career he has had many successes and loves to share that with his students along with his great ideas. He loves to let his students be creative in their own ways to express themselves, "we present a project and everybody gets their own unique approach on it, we get a lot of variety each time, which always keeps it interesting," Alcock said. He inspires students everyday with his teaching. *Photo by C. Pollock*

## NOW POSE

Photography students learn ins and outs of camera skills



### EXPLORING FRAMES.

Learning and taking more photography classes encourages students like Evelyn Vean to try to learn different things. "I took photography classes in sixth and eighth grade. It was really fun to learn different things about it," Vean said. Taking pictures had meaning, no matter what or where the picture was taken. *Photo by A. Matta Barrera*



### PATH OF PASSION.

Taking classes to gain more experience to pursue a student's career is what Jakub Hlušek is doing. "I actually really want to be a photographer. Art is a way to express my creativity in a way that I haven't been able to before," Hlušek said. To pursue his career, he was willing to look at other photographers to try to base his art work off of them. *Photo by A. Matta Barrera*



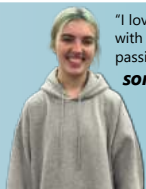
### CREATED TO CREATE.

Photography has inspired and helped students express who they are as a person. "I like capturing different memories, feelings and emotions in any sort of artwork. Art is like a part of me in a way, it helps me express myself and shows who I am," Ileah McTee said. She expressed herself by putting things together to look pleasing to the eye. *Photo by A. Matta Barrera*

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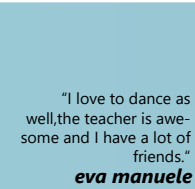


"My favorite elective is choir. The people are very welcoming."  
**teagan chapple**



"I really enjoy singing."  
**soraya manuele**

"I love getting to sing with people who are also passionate about music."  
**soraya manuele**



"I love to dance as well, the teacher is awesome and I have a lot of friends."  
**eva manuele**



"The community is great in dance and getting to choreograph together is awesome."  
**eva manuele**

"I like making music in orchestra."  
**baraka abuaba**

