Applications will be due in February

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Individuals considering this course should:
- Be self-motivated and dedicated to improving their artistic voice, abilities, and understandings.
- Understand that they will be expected to work outside of class on assignments.
- Understand that they will be expected to keep a sketchbook as a source of learning, inspiration, and the development of personal voice.
- Understand that they will be expected to complete the full semester once they are enrolled in Intro to Art (with the exception of extenuating circumstances, no student will be able to drop the class once enrolled).
- Understand that this course is for .5 high school credit. Assignments, projects and assessments will be of equal rigor to the high school Intro to Art curriculum.
- Understand that there will be an option to opt-out of the high school credit once the final grade is earned.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
Submit the following to Ms. Reid (Reido@fultonschools.org)
- Completed Intro to Art application
- Independently completed original artwork:
  - One artwork should be inspired by the theme dreams. Interpret the theme how you like. Use the media of your choice.
  - The second artwork should be an observational drawing of realistic food. Media should be graphite or color pencil and include the use of value to model form.
- *EMAIL ARTWORK TO: Reido@fultonschools.org
  *art reproductions, anime, or comic book style drawings are not appropriate.

After your application materials are received, they will be reviewed for admittance into the course. Using a rubric, applications will be ranked for admittance.
Students and Guardians,

Please read the expectations for this course carefully and respond to this email if you have any questions: Ms. Reid at Reido@fultonschools.org.

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- Understand that they will be expected to take care of the art classroom, materials, and tools.
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- Understand that this course follows the high school curriculum and uses the grading weights from Centennial High School.
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- Understand that they must earn an 80 or above in Intro to Art to continue to Design Fundamentals during spring semester. Completion of Design Fundamentals will give students .5 high school credit.

Student Signature: ____________________________________________  Guardian Signature: ________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________  Phone Number: ____________________________