Decatur ISD, and Decatur HS, has welcomed me to the 2019-2020 school year to share the passion and academic drive that the Visual Arts Studies can have on any student's life! I find that the creative problem-solving and higher-level critical thinking training will reach beyond the art studio into all areas of advancement. Students who can do these rigorous actions, can vitalize the marketplace with ideas and innovations; therefore becoming more well-rounded and sought-after in a ever changing world.

I am excited to open the DHS Visual Art Ed Studio this year and welcome all our artists! We will have all of them comfortable as possible while they learn to trust the creative process. Sometimes, I have seen that this process can be grueling and somewhat challenging. This feeling, a difference between a great taste level and the result of a new practice, is called "The Gap". This gap can feel like a dry canyon or a cozy hammock but we will get whoever, however, and with all the support one will need to succeed at improving this gap with individualized changes to their curriculum. I, as an educator and parent, promise that they will be prepared and supported; as well as letting you know any pertinent info. Please encourage them to open up to me in the many formats available; such as: by person, email, class-time, appt. during 6th per conf., or just let me know with a quick phone call what I can do to help any situation. I will always listen and do my best to help; wholeheartedly.

Also, please be on the look out over the next few days for the syllabus, class info, and more. We do however have to charge a fee and require a short list of daily supplies for use in the room; as we use specialized art supplies to really prepare them for higher product results with craftsmanship. This is part of our high standard at DHS, but rest-assured we are success oriented and they will find the class a worthy endeavor. Our AP program also credits them with 3-9 possible credit hours toward a college degree and we will get them there! Art is a learned skill and, at DHS, visual art is about student-centered lessons with choices, interests, and intrinsic value of closing your own gap of what is needed to achieve!

Warm regards,

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