

DON'T PANIC!

We've got your all things to know, must read, no, seriously, this is important, I'll make it fun if I have to.... But how fun can paperwork be? You're gonna find out!

**WELCOME PACKET
FOR**



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WOOO HOOO..... Buckle up!

Why Art? No seriously.

We believe it's important for our studio families to understand why we do this glorious, crazy adventure.

Art is a gift. It improves our lives and has a special way of helping people communicate and connect. Study after study found that children who have access to art education develop strong innovative and critical thinking skills. Art study also helps build self-confidence, tolerance and unlocks the imagination. Since art curriculum introduces students to different cultures, they gain a deep appreciation for differences in society and other lifestyles.

Art education helps students take a deeper look at their environment, inspiring students to view the world in new and exciting ways. These skills can be used in the daily live, helping us find innovative solutions to difficult situations, approach problems with unique perspectives and gain confidence in our own ability to affect our own environment in positive ways.

2021-2022 Calendar

Below is all the specialty events or set dates off. Some dates are subject to change. All holiday breaks are included in your tuition and averaged out. This means that while some months have 5 classes and others may have 3 classes and your tuition still stays the same.

Fall 2021

September 6th: First day of Fall Classes*

October 31st: Halloween is Sunday- no effect on classes

November 22nd – 26th : Thanksgiving; no class all week

December 18th: Winter Workshops

December 20th - January 2nd : Winter break; no classes

Spring 2022

January 3rd: Classes resume

January 17th: MLK Jr Day: No classes

March 14th -18th: Spring Break. No classes

May 27th: Last Day of Classes

May TBD: Annual Ice Cream Social

**Labor day, like other select days, is a courtesy class day. We'll be here for those that would like to attend classes but makeups are unavailable if you cannot attend.*

Dates can be subject to change.

Please note: in instances of inclement weather we'll be inclined to follow AISD decisions, though you should check your email to confirm.

Always be sure to check any emails sent your way or you can check the [studio calendar online here](#) on the studio's website.

COVID POLICY

Our young artists safety is our main concern, and here at Art Amore we have taken several steps to ensure a safe and healthy environment. We've planned to stay within, or improve upon, the state and CDC recommendations with the following steps.

BREAKING IT DOWN FOR Y'ALL:

- Each In-studio class will not exceed 8-10 artists depending on the age. This includes allowing for makeup spots and this number may be revised based on ongoing government regulations.
- Each artist will be evaluated at the beginning of each class for any concerning signs or symptoms.
- For unvaccinated parents/guardians, we are encouraging curbside drop-off and pickup and strongly request you mask while in the studio (please work with us on this so it's not an issue).
- Common use supplies or any high touch areas will be disinfected regularly with UV light, sanitizer, and bleach wipes.
- Artists will maintain relative social distancing during activities, no more than 6 artists at a table. Upon request, there are clear plexiglass u-shaped dividers for each student to have at the table to add extra safety and distance.
- A student may wash up whenever they want, in addition to the mandated hand washing.
- Disinfectant may be used whenever desired. and is profusely put out around the studio.
- Masks are no longer able to be mandatory, but we are requesting all students who are unvaccinated to be masked. This means all classes with ages 11 years old and under will start out fully masked. Depending on the pod or group familiarity of the student the mask request can be waived or altered due to the class dynamic and vaccination status on a class-by-class basis.
- Finally, all staff are currently full vaccinated and will keep current with any vaccine booster that come out.

It is our expectation that circumstances may require us to implement last minute changes, many of which may be mandated by the city or state. We will keep you posted on those changes, as necessary and appreciate your patience as we navigate this new normal.

Frequently Asked Questions & Things You need to know ... and will ask me anyway... but let's give it a shot!

- **Curriculum-** *A little bit about what, how and why we teach the things we do.*

-Our curriculum is built as a year-round education which incorporates a mix of traditional and new techniques/projects. We personalize each class and adjust for the individual growth of every student. We strive to provide a new set of projects every year as well as keep our classes small so that we can give each student individual attention and guidance.

- Every student is at a different level, and we place each artist based on the combination of their age, technical level and needs.

- **Tuition-** *Most of the questions we receive are about tuition. We've tried to include all the answers here, please read thoroughly.*

-Tuition is averaged over the semester/year. This means while some months you may have 5 classes and some months you may have 3 classes; your tuition stays the same. While you are making a semester commitment you can pay your tuition either monthly; semester or yearly (there is a discount if you pay by semester or year). Your tuition goes towards high end artist supplies, specialty projects and intensive personalized instruction and curriculum.

-Tuition does take into account all holidays and is averaged out so each month is a consistent amount. There is no refund if you miss a class or for holidays/ breaks.

-Class tuition is due at the beginning of the month and is non-refundable. If it is not processed by the 5th the studio reserves the right to assess continuing late fees until the issue is resolved. If you need to make any changes or withdraw your artist, notice must be submitted in writing/email to the studio by the 15th of the final month of the semester. A valid credit card must be on file for all students who pay tuition monthly.

-Camp tuition is due 2 weeks prior to the camps' start date with the minimum of a deposit at the time of enrollment. Your deposit goes toward your overall camp cost. Camp deposits and tuitions are non-refundable just like regular tuition. If for some reason you have a scheduling issue for camps, if your camp hasn't been filled you can transfer to a different camp if space is available. Tuition is non-transferable.

Frequently Asked Questions & Things Cont'dyou've made it so far..... so... close to done.....

Makeup Policy *a short but necessary- and hopefully painless- explanation*

What: Students have up to 3 qualified make ups per class for the semester.

Why: We want art class to be a fun and relaxing experience. It's understandable that illness, life and scheduling craziness can happen, and we are happy, within reason, to accommodate that.

How: To qualify for a make-up you must let the studio know prior to the missed class (email, text, phone, pigeon etc). If you qualify for a make-up, you must arrange the makeup class with the studio. There are limited makeup spots available, so we recommend arranging makeups as soon as possible and keeping it to the same week whenever possible so you don't miss out on that particular lesson.

Please note- we are adding two new elements to the makeup policy:

- 1.) If you miss your makeup class without notifying the studio, that counts as one of your 3 makeups. If for some reason you can't make a scheduled makeup class just let the studio know so you still have a chance for that makeup later (again- phone, sky writing, morse code- all acceptable options).
- 2.) One of the main reason for our makeup policy is so illnesses are not spread. If you **knowingly** bring your artist sick to class you will loose all makeup privileges. If you continue to knowingly bring a sick student to class it will affect your enrollment.

In the past, this is not something we have felt we needed to say, but due to a very, very, very small number of children arriving to class with a fever, stomach pains and headaches, we felt for the health of everyone, we needed to state this. To be safe, just remember if your student is too sick to go to school, they are too sick for art class.

Rules & Policies- super important small print. .. ahem. READ ME.Please.

- Be ready and on time for class. Rude or nasty behavior and/or comments will not be tolerated. Please regard all students and Staff with respect. We reserve the right to drop students for inappropriate behavior.
- All food, drinks and gum must be kept in cubbies until snack/lunch times.
- Parents are welcome to observe classes but request they ask before entering the class space. Parents are responsible for watching that all siblings are well behaved in the lobby.
- Parents will notify the studio if artists will be absent if they would like a makeup. Makeups are only allowed for notified absences. Up to 3 makeups per semester depending on the length of the semester.
- All types of Tuition are non-refundable (semester, yearly, class, camp and even the non-refundable deposits to hold dates or spots). Class tuition is due at enrollment and a valid card must be on file for monthly tuition. Semester and camps can be paid via check.
- It is the responsibility of the parent or adult student to be aware of all school activities, class requirements, and dates the studio is open or closed.
- The studio is hereby granted permission to take photographs of the students to use in brochures, web sites,, advertisements and other promotional materials the school creates.
- I agree that Art Amore Studios shall not be responsible for any injury suffered by student/s registered or bring to participate in classes. This release extends Art Amore Studios, its owners, agents and staff. This release extends to every claim, demand or liability of any kind based on any injury or damage described below.
- I also agree that Art Amore, its owners, agents and staff, are not responsible for any property loss or damage that incurs by or to the student/s, guests or families at the studio or any studio related function. I understand I am responsible for any cost resulting myself.
- By finalizing my enrollment I confirm that I have read this release in full, that I understand the terms and intent of the release and that I agree with the terms and intent. I further confirm that finalizing my students enrollment I acknowledge that if my student/s or guest/s are hurt during participation in any of said activities I may found by the court of law to have waived my right and any right of the student to maintain a lawsuit against Art Amore, its owners, agents and staff, on the basis of any claim which is released hereby. In consideration of the student/s or guest/s being permitted to participate in said activities, I further agree to hold harmless and indemnify the school from any and all claims which are brought by or on behalf of any student/s or guest/s who are a minor and which are in any way connected with the said activities performed by such a minor.