

# VISUAL ARTS



## St. Michael Arts Advantage Program

### Facility:

- 2 Classroom Studios equipped with:
  - ✓ Natural light
  - ✓ Specialized directional lighting
  - ✓ Ample configurable workspace
  - ✓ Material prep areas
  - ✓ Artists easels
  - ✓ Light tables (tracing tables)
  - ✓ Drying racks
  - ✓ In class storage space
  - ✓ Display areas

### Advantages of an Art Education

Any picture can say a thousand words, but visual art also lifts the heart, it moves the soul, inspires the imagination of others and speaks in relatable terms across cultures and generations; it is both timeless and universal. A visual artist sees both the physical elements of the world, but also sees what exists in the spaces in between, bringing depth to their understanding by seeing what the casual observer fails to see. This program will challenge students to recognize and express the depth, perspective, balance, and contrast of both the physical and imagined as they hone their skills in various visual artistic media.

### Extra-Curricular Activities & Annual Events

Set Design for dramatic presentations (musicals/plays)

Artistic Installations for the St. Michael Arts Advantage Christmas Show

Artwork and stained glass window design for school chapel

Displays for Dramatic Arts Dinner Theatre Show

Year End Art Showcase

Artistic displays for the Hospitality Program's "Bistro"

Trips (*ex. China, New York, L.A.*)

Coffee House Gallery

### Enhancements

- Art-making Workshops at the Art Gallery of Ontario, Living Arts Centre, and Alton Mill
- Set Design for St. Michael Dramatic Arts Productions and Musicals
- Post-secondary Institution campus visits to OCAD U, York University & Sheridan College
- Agenda book cover design
- Yearbook design and creation

### Arts Advantage Visual Art Courses

Gr. 10 – Visual Arts (AVI 2OW)

Gr. 10 – Visual Design (AWD 2OW)

Gr. 11 – Visual Arts (AVI 3MW)

Gr. 11 – Digital Media (AWS 3MW)

Gr. 12 – Visual Arts (AVI 4MW)

Gr. 12 – Non-Traditional (AWT 4MW)

# ST. MICHAEL C.S.S.

## Arts Advantage Program

### Mission Statement

The St. Michael Arts Advantage Program is committed to delivering an enriched Arts program for students interested in Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts. Through Christ, our faculty adopts a holistic approach to the arts by integrating learning from diverse experiences within each craft. As a foundation, students are trained in discipline-specific techniques. Performance is an integral part of the curriculum and students are given various opportunities to display their skills, passion, and God-given talents. Through numerous course enhancements and cross-curricular collaboration, our students are exposed to industry standards that provide them with education beyond the classroom and inspire them to become life-long learners.



### Enhancements\*

- May include workshops, guest artists, field trips, competitions, and additional materials required to augment learning (Ex. Toronto Symphony, Sears Drama Festival, Bedazzled Dance Competition, Encaustic/Stained Glass workshop)
- \$50 fee is used to *subsidize* the cost of program enhancements.

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### Application Process

- 1) Download Arts Advantage Application from school website and submit by indicated deadline.
- 2) Select two courses in chosen discipline on My Blueprint
- 3) Interview with teacher
- 4) If accepted into program, return Acceptance Package completed and signed, with enhancement fee.