

Dear Parents,

Hello! I am delighted to be working with your child this semester. My name is Diane Strazzer and I am the middle school art teacher. I would love to meet you! Here is a little information about me. I am a graduate of Western Carolina University where I received my Master's Degree in teaching art. I have taught art for over seven years. I have lived in this community for over fifteen years. I am a professional artist in my free time. I spent my honeymoon doing service work around the world including in India and Ghana.

The art room is a challenging and wonderful space for middle school students. I ask students to express themselves, to learn something new, and to develop creativity. This can be a vulnerable thing for students. Please ask to see their artwork. I am so proud of how students grow in this room and I know you will be too. Sometimes this is the room where students may feel the most proud of themselves. I want all students to feel like this. If we work together as a parent/teacher team, we can get these results. We will begin class by going over classroom procedures, expectations, and grading. Please question your child about these above items so they will develop a deep understanding of how the art room runs.

Your child needs supplies. The school is unable to provide all the supplies we need. Everyday students need to bring a non-mechanical pencil to class and a thin three fastener pocket folder for their sketchbook. In addition students also need to bring two black sharpies (fine and broad), adult scissors, and a glue stick. These will be left in the art room for the community. Please consider donating to the art room. Many schools have a lab fee for the art room. We do not, and could use your help. We are always in need of:

Cash donations, sponges, spoons, graham crackers, white frosting, glue, gallon Ziplocs, white copy paper, sharpies, markers, crayons, colored pencils, masking tape, and duct tape and **YOUR TRASH: clean Styrofoam trays, soda tabs, and newspaper.**

I welcome your involvement in class. Please speak with your student about completing their work. There is always a way for your student to pull up their art grade.

Feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns. The best way to reach me is by email at dstrazzer@thefsi.us. I am eager to get to know your child and their art!

Please complete the following information and return with your child so I will know you better.

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: **This is the best way to communicate with me.** _____

Telephone

Please circle what type of phone

1. _____ (mom/dad/guardian/cell/home/other)

2. _____ (mom/dad/guardian/cell/home/other)

Is there anything you would like for me to know especially about your student? Is there anything I can do to help them to be more successful?

Do you do any art/craft? If so what? (Including: knitting, making signs, woodworking, graphic arts...)

Parent/Guardian signature:

Date:

Your child needs supplies.

non-mechanical pencil

two black sharpies (fine and broad)

Glue Stick

adult scissors

Flat pocket folder with three fasteners