**Ceramics**

***Course Overview***

Do you want to learn how to hand build and throw on the wheel? Ceramics is designed for the beginner through the advanced art student. You will explore the many uses of clay, from the simple handmade forms of early cultures to the extremely varied application of clay in today’s society. Ceramics will increase your understanding and application of the elements and principles of design, knowledge of specific artists, and the functionality of clay throughout history. You will have the opportunity for creative expression through the use of your imagination and acquired skills. Teacher demonstrations will be provided showing a variety of ceramic hand-building techniques as well as throwing on the wheel. A variety of glazing techniques will be shown. Weekly sketchbook assignments are required in this course.

***Duration***

Quarters 3 and 4

**Credit:** 0.5

Semester course paired with Sculpture

***Prerequisites***

None

***Topics of Study***

* Coil vessel with a lid
* Slab vase or wall hanging
* Artist inspired shoe design
* Artist inspired mug
* Nature inspired piece
* Trompe l’oeil shoe sculpture
* Whimsical Figure Sculpture
* Cartoon inspired house design
* Wacky head sculptures
* Free Project
* Introduction to the Potter’s Wheel
* Basic Glazing Techniques

***Methods of Assessment***

* 70% = summative project assessments
* 30% = Weekly sketchbook assignments, writing responses, reflections, & participation in annual art show