To: MMHS A.P. Studio Art Students for the 2011-2012 year,

I greatly look forward to having you be a part of this exciting class. I plan to use our time together to enhance your experience with the visual arts. This class is designed to accomplish two main goals:

1) To create meaningful experiences through the creation, consideration, and exploration of art.

2) To prepare students to pass the A.P. Studio Art test.

In order to accomplish these goals, I have designed this course to be a rigorous, challenging, college-level class. As part of the A.P. program, you will be held to high expectations, unlike any other art class you may have had up to this point in your school experience.

I expect students enrolled in A.P. Studio Art to be able to professionally complete a great amount of work. This will include a large number of art projects, completing a personal concentration project, maintaining a personal sketchbook, putting on your own art show, visiting galleries, researching and writing about contemporary art and artists, and working collaboratively with other members of the class.

This year I am requiring each student who wishes to enroll in the class submit a small portfolio of their work to me, via email.

Before August 1st, please send up to 5 photos (jpegs) of your best artwork to: jethro.gillespie@nebo.edu

I am also including an optional (though strongly recommended) reading to be completed over the summer:

**Art & Fear: Observations on the perils (and rewards) of artmaking**, by David Bayles and Ted Orland

![Art & Fear Book Cover]

[This book can be purchased online for under $10]

I greatly look forward to working with you in this class in August! Thank you

-Mr. Jethro Gillespie