

# Visual & Performing Art Electives





# Visual & Performing Arts Venado Middle School

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Venado Middle School

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# Visual Art Programs Venado Middle school

Bringing your creativity to life!

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# Why Take An Art Class?



## **SOCIAL EMOTIONAL**

Many students benefit from having a creative outlet and find that creating art can bring joy and relieve stress.



## **VISUAL LITERACY**

Learning how to recognize and interpret images and how they influence us helps students to be more mindful members of society



## **CAREER**

Skills learned in the arts can help prepare students for creative and non creative jobs from graphic designer to engineer.



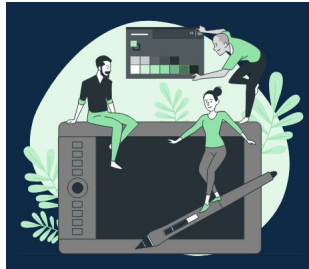
## **LIFE SKILLS**

The skills learned in art can prepare students to be lifelong learners through perseverance, creative problem solving, and collaboration skills



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## Digital Photography/Graphic Art



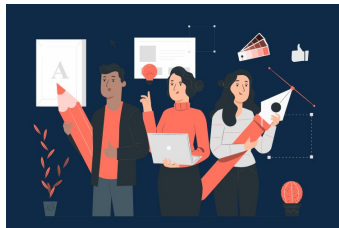
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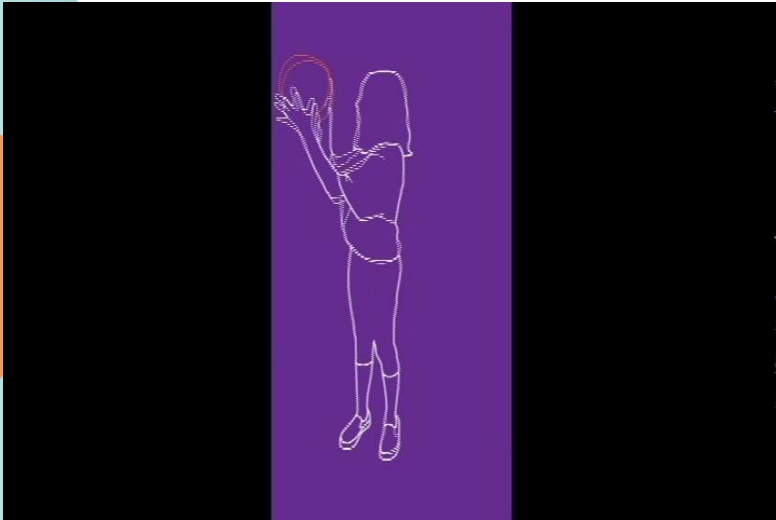
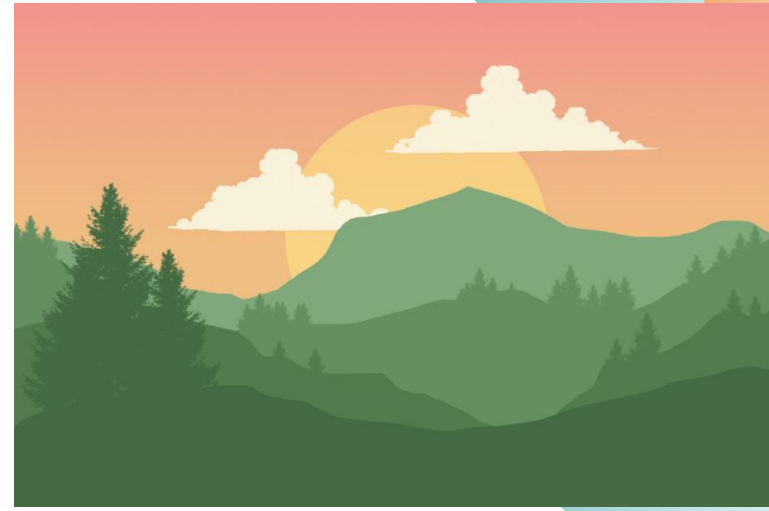
# Digital Photography/Graphic Art

- Introduces students to elements of art and principles of design through photography, photo editing and graphic design.
- Students will learn proper usage and care of a digital camera, composition, and file management for creation of digital and print products.
- They will explore and apply fundamental design concepts using programs such as Adobe Photoshop.
- Previous enrollment in another art class is not required.

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# Art- Year long

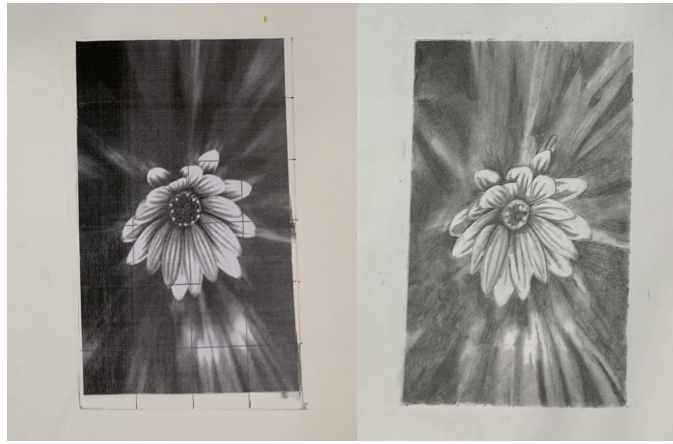
- Students will explore and develop understanding of a variety of artistic techniques and mediums.
- Techniques will include drawing and painting, sculpture and ceramics.
- Mediums may include graphite, charcoal, tempera and acrylic paint, watercolor, and clay.
- Students will also engage in developing academic literacy in the elements of art and principles of design, art history, careers, and criticism.
- Students with all levels of artistic skill are welcome to join this class to explore, experiment, and create an artistic voice.

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# Intro to Art-

## Trimester Wheel #1 (Intro to Art, Exploring Culinary Arts, Sign Language)

Students enrolled in this elective will rotate and spend a trimester in each of the three classes: Intro to Art, Exploring Culinary Arts, & Sign Language.

### Intro to Art

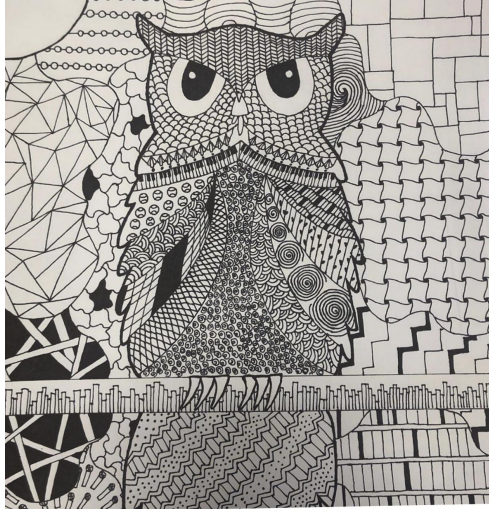
- Students will be exploring a variety of artistic techniques and media while learning the elements and principles of art.
- Projects include drawing and painting, ceramics, watercolor, art history and appreciation, and more.
- This is a great class for all skill levels.

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## Mrs. Adelman

Hello! So great to see that you are interested in the Arts! We will have so much fun in the class!

Little facts about me:

- ❖ Received Bachelors in Art Education from Concordia University
- ❖ 10th year teaching at Venado Middle School
- ❖ Owner of Wedding/Portrait Photography business
- ❖ Mommy to a super cutie named Grant & Kinsley



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# VENADO M.S. MUSIC CLASSES

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# Music Classes Offered

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## CHORUS



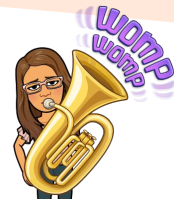
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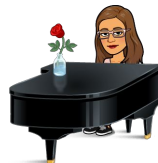
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## SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA



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# CHORUS

- **Chorus** is for all levels of students who love to sing and have **FUN!**
- We will sing classical, folk, foreign language, jazz, pop and Broadway music.
- 4 performances throughout the year.
- All students will participate in a Broadway Revue in May.
- All levels of singing and music reading welcome!
- There is also an opportunity for students enrolled in chorus to join our Jazz Ensemble. Click this [link](#) to find out more!

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# VOCAL ENSEMBLE

- **Vocal Ensemble** is an advanced level class for students who love to sing and have **FUN!**
- We will sing classical, folk, foreign language, jazz, pop and Broadway music.
- 4 performances throughout the year.
- All students will participate in a Broadway Revue in May.
- Students must be recommended by their elementary or middle school music teacher.
- ***Choir students perform in a district music festival in March.***
- There is also an opportunity for students enrolled in chorus to join our Jazz Ensemble. Click this [link](#) to find out more!

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# CONCERT BAND

- **Concert Band** is for any level band student interested in having ***FUN*** and playing symphonic, movie, and pop music.
- **Beginning wind, percussion players and non-music readers are welcome!**
- Enroll in this class to play a wind or percussion instrument.
- Piano players are welcome and encouraged to learn a new instrument of their choosing.
- 4 performances throughout the year.
- Students may use their own instrument, rent, or borrow one from the school if available.
- There is also an opportunity for students enrolled in band to join our Jazz Ensemble. Click this [link](#) to find out more!

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# SYMPHONIC BAND

- **Symphonic Band** is an advanced level class for students who want to have ***FUN*** playing a wind or percussion instrument, and perform symphonic, movie and pop music.
- 4 performances throughout the year.
- Students may use their own instrument, rent or borrow one from the school if available.
- Students must be recommended by their elementary or middle school music teacher.
- ***Symphonic band students perform in a district music festival in March.***
- There is also an opportunity for students enrolled in band to join our Jazz Ensemble. Click this [link](#) to find out more!

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# CONCERT ORCHESTRA

- **Concert Orchestra** is for any level string student who wants to have ***FUN*** playing symphonic, movie, and pop music.
- **Beginning string players and non-music readers are welcome!**
- 4 performances throughout the year.
- Piano players are welcome and encouraged to learn a new instrument of their choosing.
- Students may use their own instrument, rent, or borrow one from the school, if one is available.
- There is also an opportunity for students enrolled in orchestra to join our Jazz Ensemble. Click this [link](#) to find out more!

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# SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA

- **Symphonic Orchestra** is an advanced level class for string students who want to have FUN playing symphonic, movie and pop music.
- 4 performances throughout the year.
- Students may use their own instrument, rent or borrow one from the school if available.
- Students must be recommended by their elementary or middle school music teacher.
- ***Symphonic orchestra students perform in a district music festival in March.***
- There is also an opportunity for students enrolled in orchestra to join our Jazz Ensemble. Click this [link](#) to find out more!

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# JAZZ ENSEMBLE

- **Jazz ensemble** is for students who have an interest in jazz, latin jazz, funk, rock and pop music.
- A jazz student must be enrolled in the choir, bands or orchestras to be eligible to enroll in the Jazz Ensemble.
- Any and all instruments are welcome!
- 6 to 8 concert performances throughout the year.
- ***Jazz ensemble students perform in a district music festival in March.***
- ***ALL Instruments welcome!!!***
- Venado is 1 of **ONLY** 2 middle jazz ensembles in all of Irvine Unified!

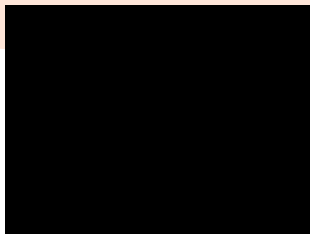
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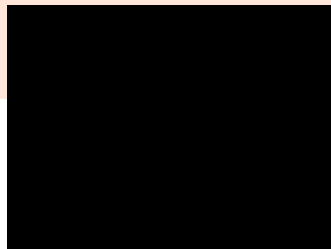
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# Venado Music Alumni Testimonials!

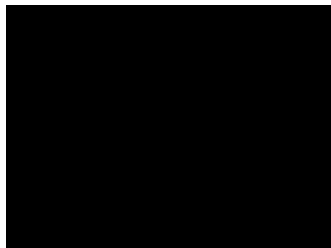
**Sarah Nedderson, Trumpet**  
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**Concert Band, Symphonic Band**  
**& Jazz Ensemble**



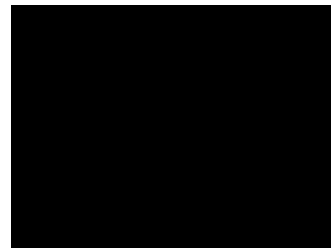
**Yoni Cohen, Percussion**  
**Venado Music Alumni**  
**Concert Band, Symphonic Band**  
**& Jazz Ensemble**



**Genevieve Velarde, Voice**  
**Venado Music Alumni**  
**Choir**



**Rachel Nakatsukasa, Bass & Voice**  
**Venado Music Alumni**  
**Symphonic Orchestra**  
**& Jazz Ensemble**



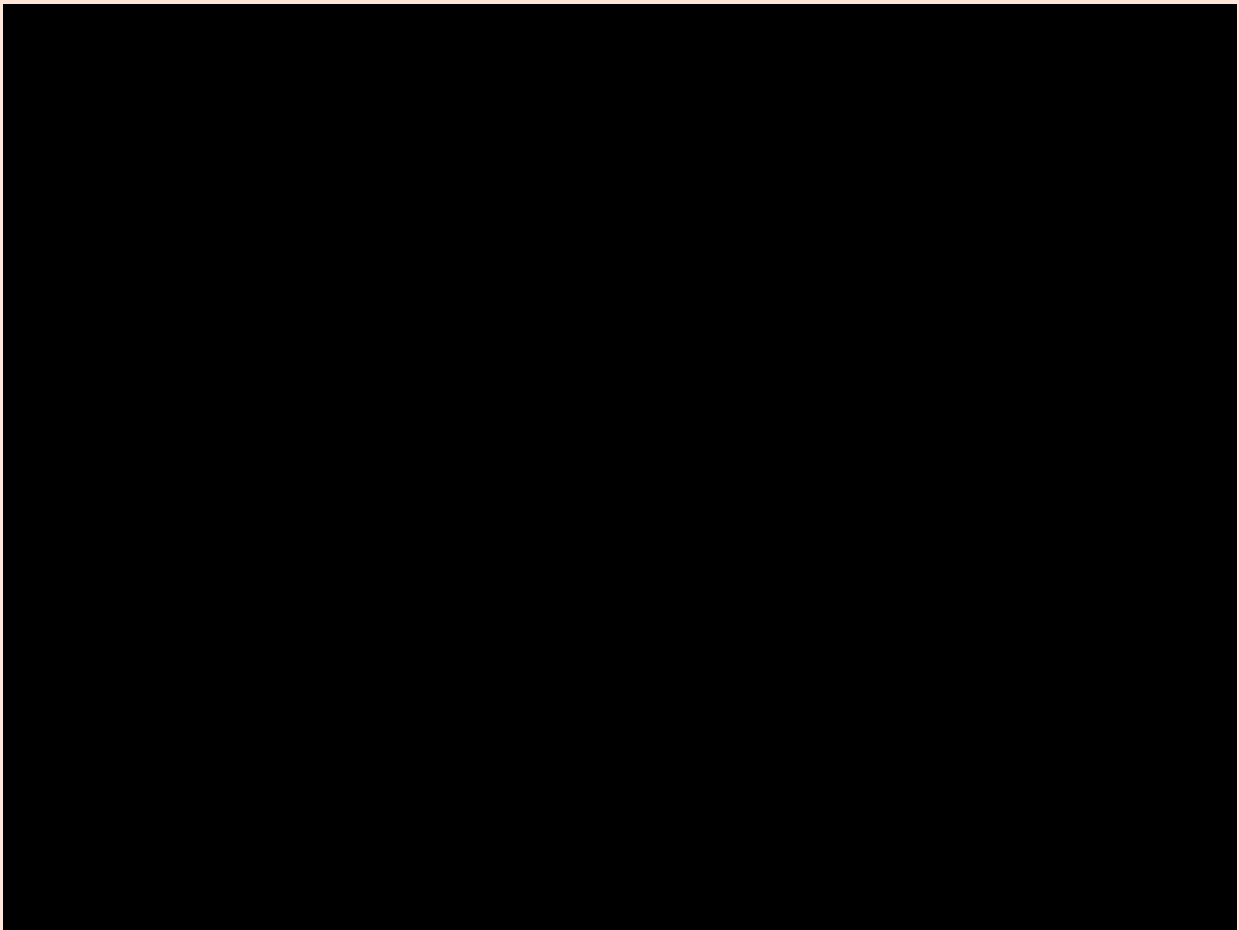
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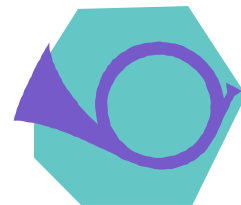


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# Mrs. Rebecca Venlet



Hello! So great to see that you are interested in **MUSIC!** We will have so much fun together next year!

## Facts about me:

- ❖ Received Bachelors in Music Education from California State University of Long Beach
- ❖ 8th year teaching at Venado Middle School
- ❖ 16th year teaching in IUSD
- ❖ My main instrument is the French Horn
- ❖ Married for 15 years & Mommy to 2 super cute kids named Jimmy & Josephine



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For More Information about the  
Venado Music Program  
Email me at  
[rebeccavenlet@iusd.org](mailto:rebeccavenlet@iusd.org)

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# *Venado is one of the TOP Achieving Middle School Music Programs in IUSD!*

## Field trips & Opportunities

- 8th Grade trip to Disney Studio Soundtrack Workshop
- Instrumental & Choral Music Festivals
- Performances & collaboration with DF, GT & Irvine HS music departments
- District, County and State honor choir & orchestra audition opportunities



# Award winning & superior ensembles for all grades & skill levels to enjoy!

## Fun Facts

- **31-34% of school population enrolled in music yearly**
- **2019 Music Festival Rating Recap:**
  - **Choir - SUPERIOR**
  - **Symphonic Orchestra - SUPERIOR**
  - **Symphonic Band - SUPERIOR**
  - **Jazz Ensemble - SUPERIOR, Best Rhythm and Trumpet Section Awards**





# Drama

Bringing Creativity to  
Life



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In drama, we  
become...



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Teacher**

Harry put a bitmoji of  
yourself saying hi  
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# In drama, we become

## Screen writers

We write and illustrate original storyboards and comedic sketches!

## Actors

We perform and learn to build our public speaking voices!




## Film Critics

We watch films and analyze them for spine, structure, and theme!

## Improvisers

We play games! Yes, games. Students learn to think on the fly and improvise scenes.

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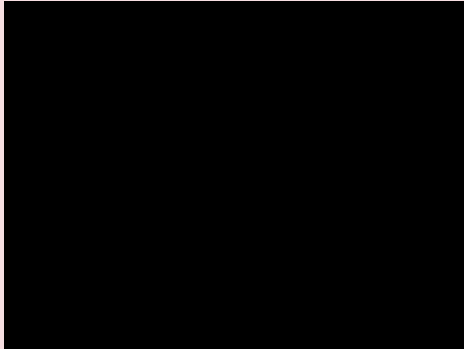


# Monologue Examples!



**Laura - "The Breakfast Club"**

**Sumo - Motivational Speech**



**Chloe - "School of Rock"**

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# Student Testimonials: What is something you will remember 5 years from now after taking this class?

“In five years from now, I will always remember how this class has taught me to be a more confident speaker & presenter”

“The social interaction. This class has more talking and more fun than any other class. I have made a ton of new friends.

“The pantomiming. I loved the skits and the acting outside of the classroom. In a way, I got to ‘get my hands dirty.’ I just became more confident to ask questions or give responses”



## Mr. Harry Meussner



Hello! So great to see that you are interested in DRAMA!  
We will have so much fun together next year!

Facts about me:

- ★ Received Bachelors in Psychology from CSU Fullerton & a Masters in Teaching from UC Irvine
- ★ I love going to see comedians and improvisors perform! I have seen many comedians' live stand up such as Jim Gaffigan and Patton Oswalt
- ★ I was mentored by Mrs. Wimbrow who taught the drama class for 30+ years.