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Young
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“Scrambled Seasons” (color sticks) by

Harper Hermann

1st Grader at Shady Lane Elementary

nominated by Art teacher F. Lehmann

Art is beautiful. I like the feeling of accomplishment after completing a piece. My Mom and my teachers inspire me to create art. I'm going to save my art and when I'm older, I'll show it to my children.

“Monty Montgomery” (color sticks) by

Aleah Nelson

1st Grader at Shady Lane Elementary

nominated by Art teacher F. Lehmann

I want to be an artist when I grow up because it is fun! I like to color and draw things that look real and have lots of color. I'd like to start hanging my art on my walls!

“The Bright Pink” (gel crayons) by

Elizabeth Olson

1st Grader at Ben Franklin Elementary

nominated by Art teacher K. Galaska

Art is fun and cool to do. I like to look at many things around me to get ideas. I would like to make some 3D artwork with tape!

“Warm Heart” (gel crayons) by

Araceli Suarez

1st Grader at Ben Franklin Elementary

nominated by Art teacher Q. Elliott

I like art because you can make fun stuff. I love drawing and that inspires me. I just want to free draw, not what the teacher says.

“The Candy Corns” (crayon) by


Athena Ashby

3rd Grader at Valley View Elementary

nominated by Art teacher F. Lehmann

I find art fun and always enjoy the time I spend doing it. My Mom inspires me to do art. She is really good at it and I love her a lot! I hope to have my art displayed in art museums!





“Candy Corn” (crayon) by

Aeri Vang

3rd Grader at Valley View Elementary

nominated by Art teacher F. Lehmann

I like to draw. It's calming to me. Hannah, my sister, draws really good and showed me how to draw.

“Sugar Skull” (tempera paint) by

Amelia Draves

4th Grader at Riverside Elementary

nominated by Art teacher Q. Elliott

I love art because when you cannot find words to describe an emotion, you can express yourself onto a piece of paper. Every time I make something, my parents tell me I did a good job and that inspires me to do more. I want to go to a college that teaches art.

“Cezanne Pear in Pastel” (pastel + tempera paint) by

James Strycker

4th Grader at Aquinas Academy

nominated by Art teacher L. Soper

To me, art is important because it explains experience, is worth one hundred words and allows your own decision. There are many more ideas that come to me than there is time to draw. I hope to illustrate books and plan architectural buildings.

“The Christmas Barn” (tempera paint) by

Lucy Bild

5th Grader at Aquinas Academy

nominated by Art teacher L. Soper

Art is important to me because it is fun to create things for my friends and myself. I get my inspiration from my family, friends, activities I do and books I've read. In my future, I may draw bookmarks for my children instead of buying them.

“Falling into Fall” (oil pastel) by

Rylie Geer

6th Grader at North Middle School

nominated by Art teacher K. McCalligan

Art shows me that other people can have different perspectives on how art is. Some people say their art “looks bad” compared to someone else’s, but it still looks good! I love doing art and so does my family who inspires me. When I have free time, it usually goes to art. I plan to continue doing my art and hanging it up. I like making improvements.

“Summer Vibes” (oil pastel) by

Norah Zheng

6th Grader at North Middle School

nominated by Art teacher M. Walsh

Art allows me to express my emotions and creativity using not only words, but I can sculpt, paint or draw it out. Some life experiences inspire me. Creating art really calms me down and makes me focus. I’m inspired by other artists’ artwork. I would like to share my art with people around me and maybe on social media too!

“The Nightmare Dreams” (alcohol markers) by

Maddy Andersen

7th Grader at North Middle School

nominated by Art teacher M. Walsh

Art is important. It lets me express my voice and my imagination. Vincent Van Gogh inspires me most because he expresses his voice and color in his pieces. I would like to be able to sell my work and inspire people to make art even if it’s difficult sometimes.

“Our Lady of Hope” (acrylic paint) by


Gianna Puchner

7th Grader at Aquinas Academy

nominated by Art teacher L. Soper

Art helps me to be creative and express my emotions with the help of God and the saints. Nature, especially flowers, and God inspire me to create. I am thinking about taking my artistic talent into beauty school, architecture/home design or photography.





“Our Lady of Grace” (acrylic paint) by

Isaac Maltby

8th Grader at Aquinas Academy

nominated by Art teacher L. Soper

Art is an important and beautiful way to show God's Creation. I'm inspired by my sister who is a very good artist. I will hopefully grow from what I have learned.

“Blind Contour” (alcohol marker) by

Jayden Smith

8th Grader at North Middle School

nominated by Art teacher K. McCalligan

Art is important because it helps me deal with stress and cool down from the school day. Many things inspire my artwork, but mainly my imagination. I want to do lots of things with art in my future, but not yet sure of the details.

“Our Lady of Beauraing, Belgium” (acrylic paint) by

Mara Meganck

9th Grader at Chesterton Academy

(created while 8th Grader at Aquinas Academy)

nominated by Art teacher L. Soper

Art is my way of relaxing. It allows me to create my best interpretation of my model. The people around me inspire me — not to mention the beautiful images I want to portray. I want to continue art throughout my life, learning new techniques and improving upon what I already know.

“The Immaculate Heart of Mary” (acrylic paint) by

Auggie Soper

9th Grader at Chesterton Academy

(created while 8th Grader at Aquinas Academy)

nominated by Art teacher L. Soper

I enjoy making art and it's a good way to express myself. I enjoy looking at beautiful art and nature for inspiration. I want to create art with more depth and proportion and improve upon my current skills.

“Regina Potenti” (pencil/graphite) by

Elise Husz

Junior at Chesterton Academy

nominated by Art teacher G. Butz

I find art fun and relaxing. I am motivated by seeing what my artwork will end up looking like when it's finished. I could maybe see myself designing business logos or something like that in the future.

“Dog Portrait” (acrylic paint) by

Ashley Sznyitar

Junior at Menomonee Falls High School

nominated by Art teacher C. Gonyer

Art is an important form of self expression. The process of creating something can let out a lot of emotions, both positive and negative. A major part of what's inspired me were the cartoons and comic books I grew up watching and reading. The different styles used to portray people and other things has always been interesting to me. I don't have a solid idea of what I might do with art in the future, but I know I'll continue to practice and learn new things about art throughout my life.

“Jellyfish” (Procreate [digital]) by


Ella Cedeno

Senior at Menomonee Falls High School

nominated by Art teacher T. Chmielewski

Art has stuck with me since a very young age and has become part of me as a person. I've made friends through my art and been able to connect with others through it. Artist Yoshiyuki Sadamoto's work has inspired me to keep drawing my favorite characters and to create original character designs of my own. I know I want to pursue art as a career in some way—art teacher, character designer, illustrator.





“Memories” (oil pastel + acrylic paint) by

Katie Gottemoller

Senior at Menomonee Falls High School

nominated by Art teacher T. Chmielewski

Art is important to me because it serves as an outlet for my energy and emotions. I can create something that visually communicates my feelings. I really like reacting to different forms of art, like music or writing, and making a piece based on how I interpret the art or my feelings about the piece. I also feel inspired by simple things in our lives that I find meaning in. I really want to go to school for art and explore different types of art that I could use in a career someday.

“Still Life of Pears and Grapes” (oil paint) by

Elizabeth Gross

Senior at Chesterton Academy

nominated by Art teacher G. Butz

Art allows me to create beautiful images and see the beauty of God’s creation in the natural world. My sister inspires me to create art as well as my parents and art teacher. I also find inspiration from nature around me and stories I’ve read. In the future, I’d like to explore different mediums more in depth as well as try religious art to see what I am best at doing.

“Rivet Gecko” (copper sheet metal) by

Sophie LaCombe

Senior at Menomonee Falls High School

nominated by Art teacher C. Gonyer

Art is an important way for me to express my emotions and I find it very calming. I am inspired by several artists, music and personal experiences. I hope to decorate my future home with artwork I’ve made.


“Bunny” (clay) by

Kylah Zenisek

Senior at Menomonee Falls High School

nominated by Art teacher K. Galaska

Being able to express myself and creating new things through art is important to me. My sister inspires me most with my art. I would like to be able to inspire more people to keep making art and make people happy.



*The Art Guild of Menomonee Falls'
"Young at Art" youth exhibit has been a goal
of this organization since its inception:
to formally recognize young art talent
within our community.*

*Each featured young artist was
nominated by his/her art teacher:
merit-based on their passion, efforts
and performance in the visual arts.*



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