

Dear students, parents, and community members,

During this time of pandemic the arts are used by many as a way to express a multitude of emotions, bring calmness, and a peace amidst all the uncertainty and fear that comes along with social distancing and 24 hour news access. Society, when in the midst of struggles, turns to the Arts to bring beauty and humanity back to our lives. Too often when faced with a crisis the Arts are the first to be discarded yet we need the Arts more than ever. We at CMS want to make sure we keep the Arts as a vital part of our students' education during these uncertain times.

The Arts are still important to include in our daily lives. Creativity comes in many forms in addition to the traditional visual arts form; Music, poetry, storytelling, drama, theatre, film, dance, photography, and building are all other forms of art and play a vital role in our well-being. We, at CMS, want to give our students and community members an opportunity to create and share artwork.

We are making a slight change to how we connect students to Art assignments. The intention is to provide more choice to more students. Beginning today, all art teachers will submit their assignments to a link on our website (insert link). Any students from CMS can choose to work on ANY art project. Work can then be submitted and displayed on the website. This is one way we want to help use Art to help us stay healthy. By making art, and sharing art, we hope to bring some joy to the students and families of CMS.