GRAPHICS ARTS YEARBOOK   **Grade: 9-12**

Course Description:
Using an online development tool, internet access and their own computer, students will learn the fundamentals of graphic arts design. In addition to producing the APS Yearbook, assignments may include designing and producing a book cover for their text book, sample ads, sample greeting cards, sample graduation announcements and Yearbook ads. All work will be done at home using the student's computer, internet-based online screen-sharing and weekly conference calls.

The first semester will focus on developing computer skills and a critical 'eye' as well as creating the overall design of the APS Yearbook and some initial pages of the APS yearbook. The second semester will be dedicated to creating actual pages in the APS Yearbook.

Students and their parents are expected to work on assignments each week, submitting weekly progress reports of time spent and tasks accomplished. Students will meet with the instructor online once-per-week during the first and second semester. This may be increased to twice per week, during the second semester, if needed. The Yearbook and the course will be completed by the end of April.

Students will be expected to willingly receive and learn from constructive 'critique' of their work. Flexibility and a team attitude are a must.

Course Objectives:
The goal for students after successfully completing this 2 semester course is that they:
- Gain a critical eye for good framing in photos and printed pages.
- Increased attention to details.
- Develop time management skills and the ability to produce assignments on time.
- Demonstrate proficiency in using online graphic arts software.
- Work as effective members of the APS Yearbook Team.
- Produce a high quality yearbook.

Cost per semester: $150
Min. number of students: 3
Max. number of students: 6

Text: *The Non-Designer's Design Book*. This text will be provided as part of the course cost. Books will be on loan and must be returned in good condition.

This is a two-semester course and is worth ten units. A grade will be issued by the instructor at the end of each semester. Students must have a computer (PC or MAC), internet access and be able to send and received e-mail.
All students must be able to connect to the online screen sharing facility and telephone into the weekly class conference call. There is no additional cost for the online screen sharing facility. The conference call telephone number is in the (661) area code.

Instructor: Richard Grant
Richard is the President and Headmaster of APS. Along with his wife Cindee, he founded APS over 20 years ago. He and Cindee have been married for 34 years and have 2 wonderful kids who were homeschooled from Kindergarten until high school graduation. Richard holds a B.A. degree in Communicative Disorders with an emphasis on Special Education of the hearing impaired. He has taught professionally at both Jr. High and Sr. High School levels as well as college. As a teacher in traditional school he taught art to both Jr. High and Sr. High students. At one time he had an art studio and sold his products nationwide.

Grades will be determined by:
• Weekly participation in class (come prepared)
• Completion of assignments on time
• Weekly submission of status via e-mail on time.
• Note taking during class and following instructions
• Team attitude, effort and initiative
• Demonstrated skills in Graphic Art assignments
• Ability to accept critique of work
• Ability to adapt work according to critique
• Car washes, gardening, vacuuming, house cleaning   (ok ok, this one's not true, but the others are)

REQUIREMENTS:
• Each student must be able to work at home over the internet.
• Each student must be able to receive and send email.
• Students may use a MAC or PC as long as it can access the Internet.
• Each student must be able to connect to the online screen sharing facility and telephone into the weekly class conference call. There is no additional cost for the online screen sharing facility. The conference call telephone number is in the (661) area code.
• All work on the APS Yearbook will be via the Internet. No software will be loaded to your computer for Yearbook
• Some other graphic art assignments will be done on the student's computer without the yearbook internet website.
• Collaboration between students is encouraged.
• APS will supply the text book.