

DATE: November 18, 2010

TO: Art Students and Parents

FROM: Travis Gentry- Visual Arts Teacher, East Wilkes High School

It is with pleasure that the Art Department announces it's fall field trip. **On Thursday, December 9, 2010** we will travel to Winston-Salem on an Art and Artist Tour. We will meet at the school between 7:15 and 7:30 AM, students who normally ride a bus can plan to arrive on their normal bus in the morning. We will depart when the AM buses have unloaded. We will **return to school at 5:45 PM**, plans should be made to be picked up at that time. The cost for the trip will be **\$20.00** and will cover the entire cost of the trip including lunch.

The trip will be packed with many interesting stops. Our students are expected to be on their best behavior and will be engaged in a day long art exercise where we explore art and culture both in galleries and museums as well as in the city of Winston-Salem. I have taken students to all these places before and can tell you that the trip is fast paced and there will be a fair amount of walking and changing locations. Students will be allowed to bring along an ipod for the ride to and from. The school will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal items that a student elects to bring. Taking pictures is permitted on this trip.

Field Trip Features:

7:45 AM Depart on bus for Winston-Salem

9:00 AM Visit South Eastern Center for Contemporary Arts (SECCA) currently has a very interesting exhibit that should appeal to student interests: Show Name: **[North Carolina New Contemporary]**

Elements of the show include: A recent movement in art-making is fusing seemingly disparate elements of history painting and collage with graffiti, video gaming, folk, anime, advertising and film. In a state of continual mutation, this movement congregates a variety of practices in its ongoing attempts at mapping the history of the 21st century. From across the state of North Carolina, this exhibition will celebrate a generation of young artists redefining the visual identity of NC.

11:00 AM Eat lunch at Mellow Mushroom- downtown Winston-Salem. This is a popular pizza place.

12:00 PM Listen to a Hand Bell Choir Concert- 1st Presbyterian Church. Your child will get caught up in the holiday season by listening to the annual holiday concert in the church sanctuary. This church is cathedral style and features incredible stained glass as well as festive decorations for the holiday season. A very special treat offered only once a year to the general public.

1:30 PM Visit Third Eye Studios. We will walk from the church, 3 blocks to the studio, home and gardens of Mrs. Jan Detter. Jan is a professor at Wake Forest University, her home is nestled into the downtown portion of old Winston. She will open her home and studio to share with us her mosaic artwork and works in process. Her mosaic work is known across the world, as is the message found within her love of the artistic experience, nature and education.

3:00 PM Visit Reynolda House Museum of American Art. Here we will have the wonderful experience of seeing many works by Fredrick Church, Albert Bierstadt and Thomas Cole, who were early American artist which influenced the creation of the National Parks Service, Land Preservation Societies and our own conservation of natural resources and scenic places. There is also an exhibit of Dutch prints on display and we will take a guided tour of the entire house.

5:45 PM Return to school

Eligibility: Only students with an A average (92.5) **or higher this quarter** in Art will be allowed to go. These students also must be passing all their other courses, per school policy and get their other teachers to sign a grade verification form. Students must get their parents to fill out the attached permission form, front and back and sign in both places to attend this trip. **All monies and all signed forms must be returned by December 6, 2010.**

If you have any concerns please feel free to contact me here at the school at 336-651-7268. The emergency contact number for the day of the trip is 336-816-8110.