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| Course Information | Teacher Information |
| Course Length: Semester  Class Location: 147  Teacher Website: http://pthsartdepartment.weebly.com/ | Name: Ms. McCutcheon  Phone: 724.941.6250 ext. 5366  Email: mccutcheonl@pt-sd.org |

Peters Township High School  
Course Syllabus: computer arts

**Course Overview and Essential Skills**

This course will explore many facets of making art using computer hardware and software. We will be using Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator CS5 and Wacom tablets to generate unique compositions.

**Course Textbook and Required Materials**

* Head phones
* Suggested: Jump drive

**Course Outline of Material Covered:**

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| Unit or Topic | Concepts/Skill/Resources | Timeframe\* |
| Introduction to Illustrator | Students will be introduced to several tools and techniques within Illustrator, such as live trace, symbols, and multiple transform tools. | 6-7 weeks |
| Introduction to Photoshop | Students will be introduced to several tools and techniques within Photoshop, such as masking, blending, and brush tools. | 9-10 weeks |
| Final Project:  Painting in Photoshop | Using Wacom drawing tablets, students will learn how to transfer a drawing into a digital painting | **Final Project:** 2 weeks |

\****Depending on the needs of the class or changes in the school year, the course outline is subject to change.***

**Teacher Grading Policy:**

* Participation is factored into project grades. Participation includes attentiveness during demonstrations, apparent effort on projects, care for equipment and materials, and clean up.
* Projects are graded upon completion. Points will be deducted for lateness.
* Students are able to edit and resubmit for a chance at a higher grade.

**Classroom Procedures and Expectations:**

* Students are expected to arrive to class in a timely fashion. Tardiness without a legitimate pass from a teacher is not acceptable.
* Students should conduct themselves in a conscientious manner. Students should display respect for others, others’ work, equipment, and materials.
* Students are expected to make up work missed due to absences. Excessive absence from this class shall result in a parental/guardian and guidance phone call to address the problem.
  + Work and materials may be taken home, only at the teacher’s permission. Materials **must** be returned.

**Academic Integrity:**

All academic work in this course follows the Academic Integrity policy of the Peters Township School District.  Students are expected to maintain the Peters Township Honor Code:  As a student of Peters Township School District, I recognize the value of my own learning and pledge to maintain honesty and academic integrity in all that I do.  All work that I submit is my own.  Any student that is unsure of the expectations of an assignment should seek clarification from the teacher.