

Why should we allocate time and spend money to support arts education in our Catholic schools?

1. Students involved in the arts have a significantly higher self-concept than a standard student population.
2. The arts connects students to themselves and each other. Arts standards draw upon their own resource to produce a result they have a deeper involvement in their learning experiences.
3. The arts connect learning experiences to the world and everyday work. The capacity to use imagination to visualize and generate ideas, to bring ideas to life and to communicate them to others are essentials today.
4. As students create works of art they acquire various skills that provide them the ability to see how parts relate and interact to each other, and how small changes in all things have significant effects. They learn how to be comfortable with change and pursue goals that can evolve because of the creative process.

The Value of the

"Why is learning in the arts essential to education in the 21st century?"

To strengthen LITERACY

The arts are an essential language.

To develop a GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE workforce

The arts develop essential skills for global competitiveness in the 21st century.

To nurture ENGAGED LEARNERS

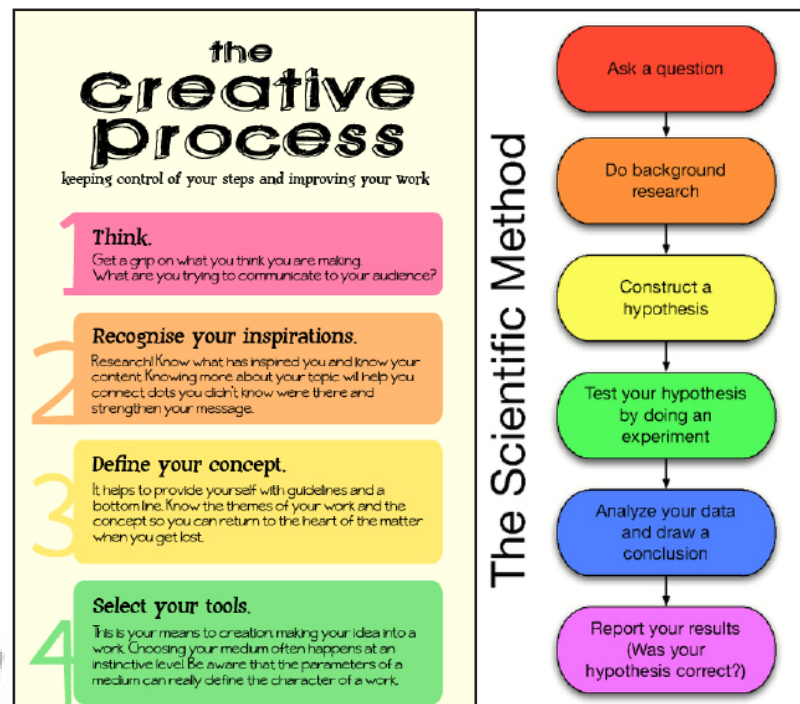
The arts promote active and complex learning.

How can our children afford to take time in the arts when so much emphasis is on Math and ELA achievement?

The process of creating is what we want our students to do when we ask them to learn the core standards to mastery!



Redesigned Bloom's Taxonomy



Example of scientific compared to creative process

Catholic Schools have always promoted the education of the "Whole Child".

It is clear that including ART in your school's curriculum is a critical component to the shift to teaching the common core standards and sets you apart from other schools.

The inclusion of the arts in teaching and learning will help:

- teachers be better teachers
- students be better learners
- parents be better partners in their child's education
- school be a better choice for families

As an institution including the ARTS your school provides stellar academic, faith-filled, creative, physical, psychological, social/emotional, and a well-rounded educational experience necessary for the development of good citizens prepared for success in the 21st century!

Did You Know....Science and art naturally overlap!

Both are a means of investigation, involve ideas, theories, and hypotheses that test where mind and hand come together—the laboratory and studio.

Artists, like scientists, study—materials, people, culture, history, religion, mythology— and learn to transform information into something else. In Greek, the word for art is *teche*, from which technique and technology are derived—terms that are aptly applied to both scientific and artistic practices.