DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

CLASS GOAL:

The goal of this class is to familiarize the student with digital photography techniques. Special attention to computer applications and technology is included in the course. The student will additionally learn the basics for publishing their images on the web.

STRUCTURE:

Classes will generally consist of time for lecture, followed by group discussion and studio work. Classes will also include short quizzes on lectures and assignments. Quizzes will be a follow up to reviews which are given the class before the testing and may not be re-assessed.

Be advised that all project content must reflect an appropriate, professional and tasteful approach to subjects, topics and themes. Failure to do so may affect the project's grade. Please consult me if you have questions about content suitability.

Students will be expected to complete a number of project assignments in class. The majority of the assignments are dependent on Adobe Photoshop. It is not necessary to own a copy at home as you will have time to finish the assignments during the allocated class time.

ABSENCES AND TARDIES:

If you are absent, it is IMPERATIVE THAT YOU MAKE UP WORK IN A TIMELY MANNER. It is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher or a fellow classmate after an absence or for notes and assignments missed. Assessments not made up will be scored as a zero. If you miss class but are in the building on a due date you are expected to turn in work that day for full credit.

If you are late to class, either excused or unexcused, you must see another student for information missed. You are responsible for finding out what you missed, but if you need clarification, please see me after class or before the next class. If you are late to class with an excused absence on the day of an assessment, you make take the quiz during lunch or after school.

Missed quizzes should be made up within 3 school days of returning from absence.
GRADING:

Each assignment given has a due date and deadline, in accordance with MCPS policy. For all assignments, the deadline is the following class period, after the assigned due date. Work turned in by the deadline will be penalized one letter grade. The teacher has no obligation to accept work after the deadline, and students should expect a zero in such a case. Homework will always be for practice and will not be accepted late.

Grades are weighted as follows:

- 50% Summative
- 40% Formative
- 10% Homework

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

All students are required to pay a $15 lab fee. The check should be made payable to Montgomery Blair High School. Additionally that class required that students bring a small point and shoot camera to use during class. There is a small set of cameras available to students who have no access to their own digital camera equipment. As most of the work is done in Photoshop, there is no need to buy an expensive digital camera, an inexpensive point and shoot will do.

It may also be helpful to have a small USB “jump” drive to store your images on, as the space on the school’s drive is limited.

LAB RULES:

No food, gum, candy or drinks will be allowed in the lecture or digital arts computer lab.