

#### ART THERAPY PROGRAM

**Program Description:** Art therapy is based on the belief that the creative process involved in artistic self-expression helps people to resolve conflicts and problems, develop interpersonal skills, manage behavior, reduce stress, increase self-esteem and self-awareness, and achieve insight. (American Art Therapy Association)

**Program Goals:** Weekly open studio art therapy groups offered in a supportive environment where students are invited to use creative expression as a tool for stress reduction, social connection, and wellness. Promotion of social and emotional growth and development of a creative approach to self-care. No prior art experience is necessary- all materials are provided.

# **Program Details:**

## **Programs Offered**

- -Open Studio Art groups
- -Topic based artmaking
- -Museum field trips
- -Eco Art Excursions

### **Benefits of Art Therapy**

- -Connecting with others & improved empathy
- -Development of communication skills
- -Self-expression & awareness
- -Creative exploration of ideas
- -Improve self-esteem
- -Personal Growth

#### **Topics Explored**

- -Identity
- -Self-Image
- -Stress management
- -Inclusivity
- -Social issues

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