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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Advanced Painting! I look forward to getting to know your student and helping them develop their skills in painting over the course of the semester. In this class, students will learn a variety of painting techniques, with an emphasis on realism and painting from observation. Students will develop their skills in a variety of media including watercolors, acrylics and oil paints. We will study advanced concepts of art criticism and the history of contemporary art, and apply these theories to the projects we create. I think you will be impressed with the quality of work your student will complete this semester!

To tell you a little about myself, I grew up in Santa Barbara, attended San Marcos High School, and earned my B.A. in Painting from the College of Creative Studies at UC Santa Barbara. I am in the process of completing my teaching credential at Westmont College, and spent last semester student teaching at La Cumbre Junior High. I now have the pleasure of working with Michael Irwin as my cooperating teacher at San Marcos. In addition to painting I enjoy surfing and traveling, and spent my last three summers teaching surfing and leading outdoor adventure programs for students in Costa Rica and New Zealand. I love working with high school students, and appreciate the energy, enthusiasm and humor they bring to the classroom.

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss any feedback, questions, or concerns you may have about your student's experience in this course. Please feel free to email me to set up a meeting or phone conversation. My email address is [kalexander.art@gmail.com](mailto:kalexander.art@gmail.com).



Warm Regards,

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