



Public Programming SMARTS Class Catalog Fall 2021

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SMARTS Mission

SMARTS community art school provides access and early training in the arts for our region's PK-12 youth with a focus on underserved populations. SMARTS engages public and private organizations, schools, and artists in cooperative projects designed to enrich our community, promote student achievement, inspire self-discovery, and impact cultural and academic literacy through fine and performing arts.

SMARTS Vision

SMARTS community art school will continue to be the leader in quality arts education in our region, state, and nation by serving our community's youth. SMARTS will provide quality arts education, and promote our region's arts and culture by establishing partnerships, working with public and private organizations, and representing the diversity of our community.

SMARTS Education Philosophy

SMARTS teaches artists how to teach students to be artists. SMARTS hires artists and provides them with the ongoing training necessary to be teachers of their art and to master the art of teaching. SMARTS creates artists from PK-12 students by giving them expert instruction from real working artists. SMARTS students view their world with the perspective of an artist, solve problems by thinking like an artist, and create art because we believe everyone is an artist. Read our full SMARTS Education Philosophy to learn more about a SMARTS education in the arts: www.SmartsArtSchool.org/about-us.

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About SMARTS

SMARTS, Students Motivated by the Arts, is a community art school that provides classes in visual arts, music, dance, theater, and creative writing for our region's PK-12 youth with a focus on underserved populations. SMARTS hires and prepares community teaching artists with professional training and oversight so that they can provide quality arts-focused teaching and learning with lesson plans that follow state standards. Since 1997, SMARTS classes have been *free and open to the public* and all students are accepted through a simple application process.

SMARTS classes take place during the fall, spring and summer in-person, when possible, at the historic Ohio One Building in downtown Youngstown after-school and on Saturdays and are also offered online through Virtual SMARTS. SMARTS partners with schools, school districts, and youth programs throughout the region both during and after school by providing them with arts classes, workshops, and hands-on activities for their students. SMARTS partnerships allow us to reach deep into the community, engage students who may not have any or enough access to the arts, and to generate revenue in support of our future.

In addition to providing opportunities to PK-12 students, SMARTS provides professional development for teachers with an emphasis on arts integration. Our goal with arts integration is to bring learning to life, connect core content to the arts, and provide a new approach with strategies to reach students who are disengaged.

SMARTS arts integration focus can help teachers to re-imagine the future of teaching and learning. Arts Integration is an approach to teaching in which students construct and demonstrate understanding through an art form. Students engage in a creative process which connects an art form and another subject area and meets evolving objectives in both simultaneously.

SMARTS mission to provide access and equity in arts education reaches across all socio-economic levels while providing access and early training in the arts. Even our most affluent schools in Ohio don't teach the whole child by offering each of the arts disciplines at every grade level. With their compliance for standardized testing, budget constraints, scheduling conflicts, academic and STEM focus, and for numerous other reasons, their students don't have arts learning opportunities during the school day.

SMARTS is the backbone and lead arts organization for Any Given Child, Warren, an initiative through the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts that provides students access and equity to quality arts education in the Warren City School District. SMARTS provides leadership, administration, and professional development in arts integration for their teachers, and arts integration opportunities in the classrooms.

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Who are SMARTS Students?

SMARTS currently serves over 3,500 students weekly through our after school classes in our downtown Youngstown location and in school districts and youth programs throughout the community during the school day and after school.

To date, we have over 1,350 student applications from families in 44 different locations who want to take arts classes. SMARTS families across the region travel to our facility from eight counties in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Through Virtual SMARTS, students can take SMARTS classes from anywhere in the world!



SMARTS Community Partners

SMARTS Arts teaching and learning takes place in the following locations

During the School Day Partners

SMARTS Community Teaching Artists are employed by SMARTS and placed in partnering school systems to teach Visual Art, Music, and Dance year-round during the school day.

- Liberty School District
- South Side Academy
- Akiva Academy
- Montessori School of the Mahoning Valley
- Any Given Child, Warren, Ohio
- Jefferson PK-8, Lincoln PK-8, McGuffey PK-8, Willard PK-8

SMARTS Beats is a percussion-based music program for PK-12 students with special needs. SMARTS Empowers program integrates arts education into students' daily art activities using visual art, theater and dance for PK-12 students with special needs.

- ACLD School and Learning Center
- Austintown Elementary School
- Boardman Stadium Elementary
- Boardman Center Intermediate
- Canfield Village Middle School
- Potential Development Intermediate
- Potential Development High School
- Trumbull County Educational Service Center, Liberty Schools
- The Rich Center for Autism

After-School Partners

SMARTS collaborates with the following after school and community programs to provide arts education classes.

- Akiva Academy
- Campbell Elementary School, 21st Century Learners
- City of Youngstown, Parks and Recreation Department
- Montessori School of the Mahoning Valley
- Trumbull County Children's Services
- United Way of Youngstown and Mahoning County "Success After 6"
 - Youngstown City Schools
 - McGuffey Elementary
 - Paul C. Bunn Elementary
 - Taft Elementary
 - Williamson Elementary
 - Girard Elementary
 - Liberty School District, E.J. Blott Elementary
 - Struthers Elementary
- Ursuline Ministries, Casa Madre
- VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System
- Warren City School District, 21st Century Learners
- YSU, Academic Achievers
- YSU, Unlocking the Hidden Game

SMARTS Students Benefit from the Arts



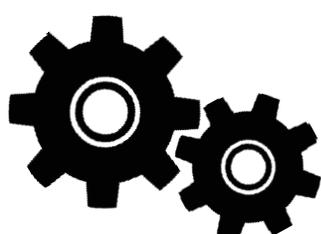
High levels of music training is linked with **SHORT AND LONGTERM MEMORY IMPROVEMENT**



Students in arts programs receive better grades in all subjects, including math and science, and **OUTPERFORM NON-ART PEERS BY 91 POINTS ON SAT TEST**



Students in arts programs are more likely involved in community service + youth groups and **ARE 44% LESS LIKELY TO USE DRUGS THAN NON-ART PEERS**



2017 Governor's Award Recipient

SMARTS was awarded the 2017 Governor's Award for Arts Education in Ohio by the Ohio Arts Council and the Ohio Citizens for the Arts Foundation for its leadership, significant contributions, and creative efforts to advance arts education in Ohio's schools and community organizations.

SMARTS Student Admissions Policy

Classes at SMARTS provide students with a quality arts education. The following information ensures that classes are a positive and productive learning experience for all students.

Enrollment. To become a SMARTS student, parents/guardians must submit an application for each child on the SMARTS website at www.smartsartschool.org/classes. Applications for classes are accepted year-round. When classes are available, students with applications on file be contacted by e-mail before classes begin. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. A waiting list is created if a class is filled. Students are contacted in order from the waiting list if a spot in the class becomes available. The next time classes are offered, students on the waiting list are given first priority. Students without current applications on file may not take classes at SMARTS until an application is completed.

Attendance. If for some reason you know that your student cannot attend one of his/her scheduled classes, you must call 330-574-2787 to notify SMARTS of an approved absence. Students who miss more than two classes without notifying SMARTS will be asked to withdraw from this session of SMARTS classes, giving another student the opportunity to participate. SMARTS students are expected to arrive on time for their classes. Students who are more than 15 minutes late to class will not be allowed to participate that day. Students are expected to attend the entire class.

Procedures. Parents/guardians are responsible for signing out SMARTS students when they are picked up. Students must be picked up on time. If other arrangements are necessary, they must be worked out with SMARTS staff. Parents are not permitted in classrooms without permission of SMARTS Staff. Parents are permitted to wait for their child/children in the SMARTS Family Waiting Area during classes, or children may be dropped off. Cell phones, handheld video games, hats, food, drinks, or gum are not allowed in the classrooms.

Behavior. Students are expected to respect teachers, staff, classmates and the SMARTS Facility at all times. If a student's behavior disrupts class or creates a safety problem, the following will occur.

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: Conference with parents

3rd offense: Removal from class and withdrawal from SMARTS student rotation for one semester.

Music Lessons. Students who take SMARTS music lessons are expected to practice a minimum one hour a week and record these hours on their practice card. Students interested in piano and violin are placed on a case by case basis. Piano and violin are year-long classes.

Facility and Parking. SMARTS is a first floor, handicapped-accessible, secure facility with a curb cutout and 30-minute loading zone outside our main entrance. Public metered parking is available on nearby streets as well as public parking garages. Find parking options here:

<https://www.parkme.com/youngstown-oh-parking>.

Family Waiting Area. In most cases, families are not expected to wait for their children during classes. If you choose to wait, SMARTS provides a waiting area for families with complimentary coffee, water, and free Wi-Fi. If your child uses any SMARTS books or activities in the waiting area, please monitor their activity and clean up the space for the next family. Students are encouraged to bring homework or materials to work on between classes.

SMARTS Pandemic Mask Policy

We are serious about keeping our staff, teachers, families and students as safe as possible and will require that everyone who visits SMARTS wear a mask until further notice. This is necessary due to the current rise in numbers of new Covid-19 cases, and because SMARTS students come from eight counties in Ohio and Pennsylvania from 44 different cities to take classes. Public Programming in-person class sizes are smaller this semester to encourage 3-6 feet of space between students. All Public classes must fill to 50% capacity in order to take place. All SMARTS staff and teachers will be required to wear masks at SMARTS and out in the community to reduce transmission.

Why Virtual SMARTS?

SMARTS has been growing and expanding our expertise by learning best practices and effective teaching strategies for virtual learning. We have found that online classes are often discussed in ways that underestimate their potential. However, we have been amazed, inspired, empowered, and at times challenged on what our notions of what virtual learning can be. While we believe in-person arts teaching and learning is always better, we have found that all arts disciplines and all types of students - even students with special needs - can learn and demonstrate remarkable creativity in an online class. In some ways, there are even advantages.

SMARTS aims to set a new standard for learning in a traditional classroom setting by focusing on creating the next generation of artists and creative innovators. We now also aim to set a new standard for the effectiveness and wonder of learning in a virtual setting.

Same Community | SMARTS teachers are passionate about the art they specialize in and have empathy for the challenges student artists face as they discover their own personal identity. While online classes do affect interactions, they do not eliminate the human element of a teacher and students working on projects together with compassion and creativity.

New Perspective | SMARTS online learning benefits arts disciplines by enabling students to view the same working surface or screen as the teacher. In some ways, students get more one-on-one attention than they would in a traditional classroom setting. Suddenly, you can see up close how your teacher paints with his brush, or you can create music in the same program simultaneously with your classmates.

High Engagement | SMARTS students are just as engaged in arts learning online as in-person because unlike their traditional education, they get to *choose* their arts classes. We have created curriculum specifically for online learning. Providing virtual instruction means teachers can utilize different techniques they would not normally in a traditional setting to encourage and inspire students.

Access and Equity | SMARTS students are able to access our classes from the comfort and convenience of where they live. Students who could not otherwise get to SMARTS after school now have the opportunity to access quality arts education anywhere. This benefits families with busy or non-traditional schedules, and students from all demographics can participate if they have WiFi and a device to access classes.

Virtual SMARTS Student Admissions Policy

Classes on Virtual SMARTS provide students with a quality arts education. The following information ensures that classes are a positive and productive learning experience for all students.

1. **Timeliness.** Students are expected to sign in for their Zoom class 5 minutes before the start of class to ensure no late arrivals or technical difficulties. If students are more than 5 minutes late, they will not be admitted into class.
2. **Absence.** Students are permitted 2 absences for Virtual SMARTS classes. Please report all absences to the SMARTS Education Director by calling 330-574-2787 Ext. 2 or to receive assistance with any day-of-technology issues.
3. **Supplies.** Students are required to double check the supply list for the class and have these supplies prepared or purchased for the first class. Any updated supplies will be posted to your Virtual SMARTS class page.
4. **Dress Code.** Students must be dressed in school-appropriate clothing during class.
5. **Behavior.** Students are expected to behave as they would in an in-person class. That means staying present on camera (unless excused), sitting up on screen, and avoiding other tech distractions while "in class." Students are expected to treat other students with respect on screen, in the chat, and in any other virtual programs used for the class in order to maintain a safe and accepting learning environment for all.
6. **Supervision when indicated on class description.** For PK and K-2 classes, a parent/guardian must be in the room and/or on camera with the student if this is specified at enrollment. Parent/guardian must adhere to student admissions policy and have an adult application on file with SMARTS.

All Virtual SMARTS classes will be recorded for safety purposes. Use of this video and photos will follow preferences indicated on the media release.

Types of SMARTS Classes

In-person | Instruction in a traditional classroom setting at our beautiful, historic downtown Youngstown facility.

Virtual | Instruction live online via Zoom using a link provided at enrollment from a private Virtual SMARTS class page.

Video | Video-only instruction that students complete at home at their own pace.

Hybrid | Any combination of in-person, live online via Zoom lessons, or video instruction.

Fall 2021 Class Schedule

-  Visual Art
-  Music
-  Dance
-  Virtual Classes
-  Theater
-  Creative Writing
-  PK Classes
-  Adult Classes

Monday Classes					
Time	Visual Art Room	Piano Lab	SMARTATORIUM	Multi-Disc. Rm	Music Room
4:30					
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5:30					5:30-6:15 pm Virtual SMARTS Dance Fitness: Moving the Body, Adult Veterans Haley Tura 
5:35					
5:40					
5:45					
6:05					
6:10					6:15-7:00 pm Virtual SMARTS Voice: Spirit and Soul, Adult Veterans Haley Tura 
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6:25					
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6:45					

- Visual Art
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- Adult Classes

Tuesday Classes

Time	Visual Art Room	Piano Lab	SMARTATORIUM	Multi-Disc. Rm	Music Room		
3:50							
4:00							
4:05							
4:10	4:10-5:00 pm Virtual SMARTS 3D Drawing, Grades 4-7 Kristine Postell ★	3:50-4:40 pm SMARTS Ukulele, Grades 4-12 Simon Kenneally	4:00-4:45 pm SMARTS Dance: Poetry in Motion, Grades K-3 Hailey Gelzheiser				
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5:05		4:45-5:35 pm Virtual SMARTS Piano Lab 1B, Grades 5-12 Simon Kenneally ★	4:55-5:40 pm SMARTS Dance through the Decades, Grades 4-7 Hailey Gelzheiser				
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5:20	5:20-6:20 pm SMARTS Piggy Bank Ceramics, Grades K-3 Kristine Postell						
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6:05			5:50-6:45 pm SMARTS Dance through the Decades, Grades 8-12 Hailey Gelzheiser	6:00-6:45 pm SMARTS Writing: Journey of a Hero, Grades 4-7 Kara Zone			
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- Visual Art
- Music
- Dance
- Virtual Classes
- Theater
- Creative Writing
- PK Classes
- Adult Classes

Wednesday Classes

Time	Visual Art Room	Piano Lab	SMARTATORIUM	Multi-Disc. Rm	Music Room	
3:45						
4:00						
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4:15	4:00-4:50 pm Photography 101, Grades 3-6 Vince Shivers	3:45-4:35 pm Virtual SMARTS Piano Lab 1A, Grades 3-6 Haley Beverburg ★				
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4:25						
4:30						
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4:55					4:40-5:25 pm Virtual SMARTS 3D Drawing, Grades K-3 Daniel Rauschenbach ★	
5:00						
5:05	5:00-6:00 pm Virtual SMARTS Photography: Family, Friends, and Co-Workers, Adult Veterans Vince Shivers ★	4:40-5:30 pm SMARTS Piano Lab 2A, Grades 7-12 Haley Beverburg	4:50-5:40 pm SMARTS Mashup Theater: Jason Reynolds Poetry and Wizard of Oz, Grades 3-6 Stephanie Chavara	4:50-5:50 pm SMARTS Playwriting Grades 8-12 Addie Lamonge		
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5:35					5:35-6:15 pm Violin 1B, Grades 5-12 Brendan McEvoy	
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5:50		5:45-6:35 pm SMARTS Piano Lab 1A, Grades 3-7 Haley Beverburg	5:50-6:45 pm Virtual SMARTS Accent Acting, Grades 7-12 Stephanie Chavara ★	6:00-6:45 pm Virtual SMARTS Improv Theater: Power of the Mind, Adult Veterans Addie Lamonge ★		
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6:00					6:20-7:00 pm Violin 2A, Grades 5-12 Brendan McEvoy	
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- Visual Art
- Music
- Dance
- Theater
- Creative Writing
- PK Classes
- Adult Classes
- Virtual Classes

Thursday Classes

Time	Visual Art Room	Piano Lab	SMARTATORIUM	Multi-Disc. Rm	Music Room			
3:50								
4:00								
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4:10	4:10-5:10 pm SMARTS Ceramic Marionettes, Grades 8-12 Marites Eldred	3:50-4:35 pm SMARTS Ukulele, Grades 4-12 Simon Kenneally						
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5:05		4:40-5:30 pm SMARTS Rock Band, Grades 5-12 Simon Kenneally						
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5:40	5:30-6:30 pm SMARTS Yarn Art, Grades K-3 Marites Eldred	5:40-6:40 pm SMARTS Guitar, Grades 5-12 Simon Kenneally	5:45-6:45 pm SMARTS Monologues, Grades 8-12 Chaste Chapman	5:50-6:50 pm SMARTS Animation of Elements, Grades 4-7 Robert Kerr				
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- Visual Art
- Music
- Dance
- Theater
- Creative Writing
- PK Classes
- Virtual Classes
- Adult Classes

Saturday Classes					
Time	Visual Art Room	SMARTATORIUM	Piano Lab	Multi-Disc. Rm	Music Room
10:50	10:15-11:15 am SMARTS Watercolor Family Pets, Grades K-3 Michael Vigliotti	10:10-11:00 am SMARTS Violin 1B Meg Bryant	10:45-11:35 am SMARTS Adventures in Piano 1, Grades K-2 Rachel Cline	10:30-11:15 am SMARTS Shape Poetry, Ages 3-6, Grades PK and K Cherise Benton	
10:55					
11:00					
11:05					
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11:15					
11:20		11:15-11:35 am SMARTS Family Drum Circle, PK-12 and Adults Hannah Shively			
11:25					
11:30					
11:35				11:35-12:25 pm SMARTS Folktale Writing, Grades 1-3 Cherise Benton	
11:40	11:40 am - 12:40 pm SMARTS Watercolor Family Pets, Grades 4-12 Michael Vigliotti		11:40-12:30 pm Virtual SMARTS Adventures in Piano 2 and 3, Grades K-2 Rachel Cline ★		
11:45					
11:50		11:45 am – 12:15 pm SMARTS Story Time, Children Ages 1-7 and Family Read by Local Icons			
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Fall 2021 Class Descriptions

★ = Virtual SMARTS Classes

SMARTS Visual Art Classes

SMARTS Animation of Elements, Grades 4-7

CRASH! Lightning flashes in the sky! Thunder rumbles overhead! You've been struck by the urge to... *ANIMATE!* Learn the basics of animation by drawing the elements of nature and animating their movements. A water droplet makes a splash. A campfire waves and flickers. Decide how the element reacts on earth and animate the process!

Thursdays @ 5:50-6:50 pm

Sept 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

Nov 4, 11

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

SMARTS Ceramic Marionettes, Grades 8-12

Puppet can be made out of many materials, including clay! Design and create a ceramic marionette character, using hand-building and glazing techniques to bring it to life. Then use photography to create a stop motion animation of your marionette in action. Pull your marionette's strings and watch it move, walk, and dance for your audience to see. Wave hello and take a bow! What kind of marionette will you create?

Thursdays @ 4:10-5:10 pm

Sept 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

Nov 4, 11

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

SMARTS Photography 101, Grades 3-6

If you've always wanted to learn photography, now is your chance! Learn how to capture that perfect moment of a butterfly landing or how to shoot a high-action sports event. In this class, students will learn to see and anticipate the world around them in a new way! Students will learn the basics of photo composition, how to tell a story through an image, and the functions of a DSLR camera – how shutter speed and aperture settings affect motion and light. This class will analyze photography and then experiment with different artistic effects and angles. There will also be opportunities to take photos of nature and the bustling city outside SMARTS. Students should bring their own camera if they own one.

Wednesdays @ 4:00-4:50 pm

Sept 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Nov 3, 10

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

SMARTS Piggy Bank Ceramics, Grades K-3

Make a home for your rainy-day pennies by creating a piggy bank out of clay! Focus on hand-building and glazing techniques to design your piggy bank with originality – will he wear sunglasses, a hat? Will he have polka dots, stripes, or a fancy costume? You're on your way to making a personal piece of art with a practical use - start saving for your next candy bar, book, or holiday – with your new ceramic animal friend!

Tuesdays @ 5:20-6:20 pm

Sept 14, 21, 28

Oct 5, 12, 19, 26

Nov 2, 9

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

★ Virtual SMARTS 3D Drawing

Is it a bird? A plane? No! It's a 3D-drawing headed our way! Learn how to make your art pop right out of the computer screen and into the third dimension. Your creations will come to life right before your eyes with shading techniques that make your drawings appear to stand off the page.

★ Grades 4-7

Tuesdays @ 4:10-5:00 pm

Sept 14, 21, 28

Oct 5, 12, 19, 26

Nov 2, 9

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

★ Grades K-3

Wednesdays @ 4:40-5:25 pm

Sept 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Nov 3, 10

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

SMARTS Watercolor Family Pets, Grades K-3 and 4-12

Dogs, cats, and rabbits, oh my! Paint pictures of your favorite furry friend using watercolor paints. Bring a photo of your family pet and learn how to paint its portrait using various brush stroke and color-blending techniques. It'll be a PAWS-itively perfect way to celebrate man's best friends and YOUR best friend.

Grades K-3

Saturdays @ 10:15-11:15 am

Sept 18, 25

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov 6, 13

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

Grades 4-12

Saturdays @ 11:40 am – 12:40 pm

Sept 18, 25

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov 6, 13

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

SMARTS Yarn Art, Grades K-3

What does string remind you of? Hair, grass, spaghetti? The class will use yarn in ways they've never imagined before to create mixed media art as well as art traditionally made with string. Weave new shapes and structures. Glue, paint, cut, twist, tie, and hang string, and have fun exploring all the things this versatile material can do. There's no telling what you'll create, but it will really tie the room together!

Thursdays @ 5:30-6:30 pm

Sept 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

Nov 4, 11

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

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SMARTS Music Classes

SMARTS Family Drum Circle, PK-12 and Adults

A family drum circle is a noisy and fun, family friendly event, where people come together in order to connect in the entertaining and rhythmic experience of a percussion ensemble. This class is meant to empower one another in the act of celebrating community and life through rhythm and music. People of all levels of musical expertise are welcome and encouraged to participate! Come together and share in this rhythmical experience; everyone has something to offer the circle!

Saturdays @ 11:15-11:35 am

Sept 18, 25

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov 6, 13

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

SMARTS Guitar, Grades 5-12

With guitar, you can learn to play all the songs you love and even write your own music, but there are basics to getting started. In this class, you will learn how to tune and hold your guitar, strum basic rhythms patterns, and learn beginner chord progressions that will get you playing songs quickly. We've got everything from finger training exercises to play-along videos to help you build confidence as you learn at home at your own pace. When you meet with your SMARTS Teacher on Zoom, learning goals will be personalized to your interests and how you are progressing on the instrument. **Students must have a guitar at home in order to take this class. There will be SMARTS Guitar Practice Cards issued and each student must practice at least one hour a week between weekly lessons.** *This class is a hybrid class that combines video instruction and weekly lessons that will take place live online via Zoom through Virtual SMARTS.*

All students in guitar are scheduled and placed manually by SMARTS staff according to ability level and availability. Enrollment prioritizes students currently taking guitar at SMARTS, then students on the waitlist, then new students.

Thursdays @ 5:40-6:40 pm

Sept 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

Nov 4, 11

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

SMARTS Rock Band, Grades 4-12

Want to be a rock star, but not too keen on starting a band in your parent's garage? Join this gig! We're looking for guitarists, drummers, singers, bassists, keyboardists – you name it. In this class the students will be working together to write original songs. Throughout the process, students will get a hands-on experience of being "in the band" from the initial stages of collaborating with each other to complete their own songs, to rehearsing together and finally recording their songs! Students of this class will get a fuller appreciation of music creation, teamwork and what it takes to actually record a hit song and perform a live show as a real band! Students must be proficient with their instrument and comfortable reading rhythms and notes to enroll.

Thursdays @ 4:40-5:30 pm

Sept 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

Nov 4, 11

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

SMARTS Ukulele, Grades 4-12

This fun Hawaiian instrument has captivated audiences with imaginations of island life for years, but it's not only an instrument you hear on vacation. The ukulele appears in many recent top radio hits, such as Train's "Hey Soul Sister" and Jason Mraz's "I'm Yours." The simplicity of the ukulele makes it a great first step for anyone interested in learning guitar! In this beginner's class, students will learn harmony and melody relationships, as well as rhythmic structures and coordination. The class will focus on basic chords and rhythm patterns that can be utilized solo or in conjunction with the group. No previous experience is required to attend this class. **Students must have a ukulele in order to take this class or they may purchase a ukulele from SMARTS for \$30. There will be SMARTS Ukulele Practice Cards issued and each student must practice at least one hour a week between weekly lessons.**

All students in ukulele are scheduled and placed manually by SMARTS staff according to ability level and availability. Enrollment prioritizes students currently taking ukulele at SMARTS, then students on the waitlist, then new students.

Tuesdays @ 3:50-4:40 pm

Sept 14, 21, 28

Oct 5, 12, 19, 26

Nov 2, 9

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Thursdays @ 3:50-4:35 pm

Sept 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

Nov 4, 11

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SMARTS Student Piano Lessons

SMARTS Student Piano Lessons provide you with a premier piano experience like nothing you've experienced before! Being part of a piano lab is a unique community experience much unlike private lessons where students collaborate to learn to play music, accompany each other, and compose songs together. SMARTS teachers are professionals in their field and come to us with years of experience and expertise creating hands-on music lessons that cover piano skill such as music theory, rhythm, chords, treble and bass clef, scales, notation, improv, composition, and so much more. Our curriculum is designed to instill a core understanding and provide a comprehensive learning experience for every SMARTS student. In Virtual SMARTS classes, students have the privilege of learning piano via two camera angles so that students can see their teacher's hands on the piano keys and follow along. At our Ohio One Facility, our Yamaha digital piano lab is the only one of its kind in the Mahoning Valley, where students learn piano using high tech, state of the art equipment with headsets, piano programs, and a SMART TV broadcasting the teacher's keyboard. Our versatility, facility, equipment and teachers make this a program you can't find anywhere else in the Mahoning Valley!

Students in grades K-2 may take **SMARTS Adventures in Piano**, which prepares students for group learning in our digital piano lab. Students in grades 3-12 may take group lessons in our **SMARTS Piano Lab** classes. All students in piano are scheduled and placed manually by SMARTS staff according to ability level and availability. Enrollment prioritizes students currently taking piano at SMARTS, then students on the waitlist, then new students.

Requirements: All SMARTS Piano Lessons are *free* but attendance, hard work, practice and dedication are required from all of our students. Because SMARTS Piano Lab is consistently waitlisted, it is imperative that students keep their commitment to their piano class and abide by the attendance policy. **Each student must practice at least 1 hour a week between weekly lessons and report this time on our electronic SMARTS Piano Practice Card.** Our suggestion is 15 minutes a day/four days a week, but you can decide what works for you, as this is the minimum requirement. Remember, students will learn more with more practice. **All SMARTS Piano classes are full-year classes. Any student who needs a piano may sign out a keyboard from SMARTS.**

SMARTS Adventures in Piano 1, Grades K-2

This is the first beginner-level piano class in a series offered at SMARTS for grades K-2. Adventures in Piano will teach you the basic rhythm, music reading, and listening skills needed to take piano later in the SMARTS Piano Lab. Explore the piano using all your senses with colors, videos, soundtracks, and movement games. You'll get to make your own songs, and you might even get to try other instruments, too! Register for this adventure to discover if piano is the instrument for you! *This class is a hybrid class that combines video instruction and weekly lessons that will take place in person.*

Saturdays @ 10:45-11:35 am

Sept 18, 25

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov 6, 13

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★ Virtual SMARTS Adventures in Piano 2 and 3, Grades K-2

This is the second beginner-level piano class in a series offered at SMARTS for grades K-2. Adventures in Piano will teach you the basic rhythm, music reading, and listening skills needed to take piano later in the SMARTS Piano Lab. Explore the piano using all your senses with colors, videos, soundtracks, and movement games. You'll get to make your own songs, and you might even get to try other instruments, too! Register for this adventure to discover if piano is the instrument for you!

★ Saturdays @ 11:40-12:30 pm (Virtual)

Sept 18, 25

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov 6, 13

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SMARTS Piano Lab 1A

This is the first beginner-level piano lab class in a series offered at SMARTS for grades 3-12. This class is a prerequisite for all other piano lab classes. *This class is a hybrid class that combines video instruction on Virtual SMARTS and live instruction.*

★ Grades 3-7 (Virtual)**Wednesdays @ 3:45-4:35 pm**

Sept 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Nov 3, 10

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Grades 3-7 (in person)**Wednesdays @ 5:45-6:35 pm**

Sept 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Nov 3, 10

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Virtual SMARTS Piano Lab 1B, Grades 3-6

This is the second beginner-level piano lab class in a series offered at SMARTS for grades 3-12. Piano Lab 1A is a prerequisite for this class. If a student has prior piano skills, they may opt to take a skills assessment with a SMARTS Instructor by appointment to place into a higher class. *This class is a hybrid class that combines video instruction on Virtual SMARTS and live instruction.*

★ Tuesdays @ 4:45-5:35 pm

Sept 14, 21, 28

Oct 5, 12, 19, 26

Nov 2, 9

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SMARTS Improv Piano Lab, Grades 5-12

This theory-based piano class will make the piano come alive, as you explore how to use the instrument to make solos and riffs by learning how to play and create music by ear. Experiment with emotion, style, and melodies as you develop your own sound on the piano. This class will rely heavily on applying music theory to music-making and song creation, and studying the musical composition of many well-known classical, rock, pop, and country songs. Piano Lab 1A and 1B are a prerequisite for this class. *This class is a hybrid class that combines video instruction on Virtual SMARTS and live instruction.*

Tuesdays @ 5:45-6:45 pm

Sept 14, 21, 28

Oct 5, 12, 19, 26

Nov 2, 9

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SMARTS Piano Lab 2A, Grades 7-12

This is the first intermediate-level piano lab class in a series offered at SMARTS for grades 3-12. This class is a prerequisite for all other intermediate piano lab classes. If a student has prior piano skills, they may opt to take a skills assessment with a SMARTS Instructor by appointment to place into a higher class. *This class is a hybrid class that combines video instruction on Virtual SMARTS and live instruction.*

Wednesdays @ 4:40-5:30 pm

Sept 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Nov 3, 10

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SMARTS Student Violin Lessons

SMARTS Violin lessons give students the opportunity to investigate the world of strings in an exciting and informative private lesson setting that will surely allow each student to fully explore their artistic expression. Students work in small groups up to four students with the violin instructor. In a 45-minute session each week, students will learn to identify musical terms, music theory, musical styles, history, maintenance, and the basics of musical performance on the violin. Personalized and tailored instruction is designed to utilize each student's current abilities and then building skills upon that foundation. The emphasis of this class is on the pedagogy of the violin, a full-spectrum view of string performance is obtained. Students will be required to journal their time on a practice card.

All students in violin are scheduled and placed manually by SMARTS staff according to ability level and availability. Enrollment prioritizes students currently taking violin at SMARTS, then students on the waitlist, then new students.

Requirements: All SMARTS Violin Lessons are *free* to you but attendance, hard work, practice and dedication are required from all of our students. If you know that your SMARTS Music student cannot attend one of his/her scheduled lessons, you must call 330-574-2787(ARTS) to notify SMARTS of an approved absence. SMARTS violin classes are consistently waitlisted so it is important that students keep their commitment to the class and abide by the attendance expectations in the Student Admissions

Policy. There will be SMARTS Violin Practice Cards issued and **each student must practice at least one hour a week between weekly lessons.** Our suggestion is 15 minutes a day/four days a week, but you can decide what works for you, as this is the minimum requirement. Remember, students will learn more with more practice. **SMARTS violin classes will be full-year classes. Any student who needs a violin may sign one out from SMARTS.**

SMARTS Violin 1A, Grades 3-12

This is the first beginner-level violin class offered at SMARTS. Students will learn technique and form with holding and playing the violin with a bow and finger-plucking methods. Students will learn to use their ears, count music, and play with a group in unison. Learning violin takes patience, concentration, and attention to detail, but it is a lovely and rewarding instrument to play. Students will play exercises and warm ups that will prepare them to play their first song by the end of this class. *This class is a hybrid class that combines video instruction on Virtual SMARTS and lessons in person.*

Saturdays @ 10:10-11:00 am

Sept 18, 25

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov 6, 13

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SMARTS Violin 1B, Grades 5-12

This is the second beginner-level violin class offered at SMARTS. Violin 1A is a prerequisite for this class. If a student has prior violin skills, they may opt to take a skills assessment with a SMARTS Instructor by appointment to place into a higher class.

Wednesdays @ 5:35-6:15 pm

Sept 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Nov 3, 10

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SMARTS Violin 2A, Grades 5-12

This is the first intermediate-level violin class offered at SMARTS. Violin 1A and 1B are prerequisites for this class. If a student has prior violin skills, they may opt to take a skills assessment with a SMARTS Instructor by appointment to place into a higher class.

Wednesdays @ 6:20-7:00 pm

Sept 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Nov 3, 10

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★ = Virtual SMARTS Classes

SMARTS Dance Classes

SMARTS Dance: Poetry in Motion, Grades K-3

Learn how to bring your favorite, most silly poems to life using your dance moves! Work together with your teachers and classmates to create a dance routine – a choreography – that tells what a poem is about! Featuring poems from Shel Silverstein, you'll learn how dance and writing can be used to teach others kindness and other important principles through wacky rhymes and unexpected twists.

Tuesdays @ 4:00-4:45 pm

Sept 14, 21, 28

Oct 5, 12, 19, 26

Nov 2, 9

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SMARTS Dance through the Decades, Grades 4-7 and 8-12

Ever wonder how TikTok became a dance sensation? Let's find out in this class where you'll travel back in time to learn the iconic dances of past decades – flappers, disco, and street dance – all the way up to famous TikTok dances. Make your own original TikTok dance with your class in a choreography that illustrates a progression of dance styles through time!

Grades 4-7

Tuesdays @ 4:55-5:40 pm

Sept 14, 21, 28

Oct 5, 12, 19, 26

Nov 2, 9

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

Grades 8-12

Tuesdays @ 5:50-6:45 pm

Sept 14, 21, 28

Oct 5, 12, 19, 26

Nov 2, 9

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★ = Virtual SMARTS Classes

SMARTS Theater Classes

★ Virtual SMARTS Accent Acting, Grades 7-12

G'day, Mate! Have you ever wanted to play the part of British nobility? A traveler from Ireland? A TV personality from Australia? Or even a Southern Belle? The world is rich with accents, and ours is only one of them. This class will teach you to study the different vocal and pronunciation techniques to manipulate your voice to imitate other patterns of speech. You'll be ready for that audition in no time!

Wednesdays @ 5:50-6:45 pm

Sept 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Nov 3, 10

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SMARTS Mashup Theater: Jason Reynolds Poetry and the Wizard of Oz, Grades 3-6

If songs can be mashed up, why not theater? Find out what happens when we mix the writing of Jason Reynolds and the timeless story of Oz! Reynolds, a poet and novelist, writes for youth about issues of race and to empower young black writers, and Dorothy, lost in Oz from a tragic tornado, needs to find her way back to Kansas. Both deal with hardship, roads, finding your way, and the special people you meet on your journey in life. Discover a new writer with a voice like yours, and help your class mash these two worlds together into a piece of theater!

Wednesdays @ 4:50-5:40 pm

Sept 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Nov 3, 10

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SMARTS Monologues, Grades 8-12

To be, or not to be... In this amazing monologue class?! Monologues are a powerful tool for writers and actors alike, revealing the private thoughts of a character about a conflict they are in! We'll start by having silly conversations with ourselves and then examine some of the most famous monologues throughout time and what makes them so effective. In the end, you'll take what you've learned about character motivations and dramatizing a text to write your own monologue and perform it!

Thursdays @ 5:45-6:45 pm

Sept 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

Nov 4, 11

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★ = Virtual SMARTS Classes

SMARTS Creative Writing Classes

SMARTS Writing the Journey of a Hero, Grades 4-7

Leave the ordinary world behind as you heed the call to adventure and follow the Hero's Journey. What ordeals will you face? Will you find allies or enemies on your quest? Learn about one of the most well-loved and effective character arcs, create your own hero, and write their story as they follow the cycle of the hero's journey!

Tuesdays @ 6:00-6:45 pm

Sept 14, 21, 28

Oct 5, 12, 19, 26

Nov 2, 9

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SMARTS Playwriting, Grades 8-12

"All the world is a stage," so write it! Do you have a story to tell that *needs* to play out on-stage? Learn how to write effective dialogue, create a good conflict, block movement, and tell a story with a cast of characters in mind. High school junior and seniors, your play could even win a scholarship to Kent State University, Trumbull! *Exit stage left.*

Wednesdays @ 4:50-5:50 pm

Sept 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Nov 3, 10

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SMARTS Shape Poetry, Children Ages 3-4 and Grade K

Discover a whole new way to think about reading and writing by drawing the shape of poem and assigning it a color. With help from your teacher, draw a picture or a shape and learn to write a one-line poem inside it, around it, above it, or below it! You can even make up new words and write upside down if you'd like! It will be fun way to take your first step as a writer!

Saturdays @ 10:30-11:15 am

Sept 18, 25

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov 6, 13

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

SMARTS Folktale Writing, Grades 1-3

Discover the wits and tricks of Brer Rabbit and other famous characters from famous folktales that have been passed down orally throughout history! Follow their adventures, learn lessons from their actions, and work as a class to write your own folktale!

Saturdays @ 11:35 am – 12:25 pm

Sept 18, 25

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov 6, 13

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SMARTS Story Time, Children Ages 1-7 and Family

Fall in love with reading as we listen to popular picture books read by local icons of the Mahoning Valley! Each week, a different surprise special guest will be our featured reader. After reading, there will be games and arts activities for the family based on the book.

Saturdays @ 11:45 am – 12:15 pm

Sept 18, 25

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov 6, 13

SMARTS Family Dinner Nov 18

★ = Virtual SMARTS Classes

SMARTS Adults Classes

The following adults' classes are offered for Veterans, sponsored by the Northeast Ohio Healthcare System (VHACLE). Discover a creative approach to the Circle of Whole Health through the arts in SMARTS classes designed specifically for Veterans! All classes are free and open to all Veterans. Enrollment is ongoing, and students can join at any time. Classes take place virtually, live online via Zoom through Virtual SMARTS. Receive the Zoom link after enrolling online at SMARTS. No experience is necessary to participate, and SMARTS teachers will provide adaptations for any physical limitations.

First complete a New Adult Student application on our web site at www.SmartsArtSchool.org/. Then, enroll in classes here: www.SmartsArtSchool.org/classes-enroll.

★ Virtual SMARTS Dance Fitness: Moving the Body, Adult Veterans

Energize yourself with movement to your favorite songs, create and follow along to jazz dance choreography, and establish awareness of your body as an artist.

Mondays @ 5:30-6:15 pm

Sept 13, 20, 27

Oct 4, 11, 18, 25

Nov 1, 8

★ Virtual SMARTS Voice: Spirit and Soul , Adult Veterans

Discover your own sense of voice in this class where you will cultivate a singing style and identity, learn the fundamentals of vocal technique, and learn about other artists who used their sense of spirit and soul to share their voice and captivate audiences.

Mondays @ 6:15-7:00 pm

Sept 13, 20, 27

Oct 4, 11, 18, 25

Nov 1, 8

★ Virtual SMARTS Photography: Family, Friends, and Co-Workers , Adult Veterans

Consider the story of the people in your life! Your heritage, your holiday gatherings, strangers you interact with daily, or co-workers from different walks of life. Learn the elements of photo composition and how to tell a story in a series of photographs to make a statement about the people that surround you.

Wednesdays @ 5:00-6:00 pm

Sept 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Nov 3, 10

★ Virtual SMARTS Improv Theater: Power of the Mind, Adult Veterans

What are your mental superpowers? Are you creative, funny, organized, fearless? Learn how theater can help you capitalize on your skills and gain some new ones through improvisation games that are sure to bring a laugh and help you become aware of your own strengths.

Wednesdays @ 6:00-6:45 pm

Sept 15, 22, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Nov 3, 10