

VISUAL ARTS



Mary Catherine Newman, Director – (Fine Arts Chair) A 2009 National Board Certified visual art teacher, earned an MAT in Art Education and a BFA (concentration in painting and drawing) in Studio Art from the University of South Carolina. Currently she teaches Advanced Placement Art, Talented and Gifted Art, PCA 3, Advanced 2-D Design, Painting and Art 1. Her work has been exhibited in the Columbia Museum of Art Educators Gallery, HOFP Gallery, Sandlapper Art Gallery, Columbia College Invitational, Lipscomb Gallery and McMaster Gallery at the University of South Carolina. Mrs. Newman is the PCA Senior Project advisor, National Art Honor Society sponsor and directs the award winning Talented and Gifted Hunger Project. Mrs. Newman is also a member of the Trenholm Artist Guild and the Columbia Museum of Art. In 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2006, Mrs. Newman was honored to receive an award for the most student winners at the South Carolina State Fair. Mrs. Newman's students have won numerous National Silver Key Awards as well as State Gold and Silver Key Awards in the Scholastic Competition. The PCA Visual Arts program had the honor of exhibiting collections of student works at the internationally acclaimed Martin Gallery in Charleston, SC in 2009, 2008 and 2006! The Visual Arts program has produced winners in both 2007 and 2008 for the Archibald Rutledge Scholarship and PCA students continue to participate in community outreach art programs with the SC school for the Blind and Recording, the Columbia Museum of Art, local elementary schools, and the Children's Hospital at Richland Memorial.