

CyberARTS: Grade 7 to 12

CyberARTS is a multi-disciplinary, integrated, six year arts program starting at grade 7 at **Charles H. Best East Middle School** and **Don Mills Middle School**. The program continues at the secondary level from grade nine to twelve at **Northview Heights Secondary School** and **Don Mills Collegiate Institute**.

The Application Package and deadline is the same for all four schools. Students may apply for entry into grades 7 to 11.

The CyberARTS program, in grade seven and eight, links the "Ontario Curriculum's Elementary Core subjects" (English, History, Geography), as well as Math and Drama, with its own Focus Areas: **Visual Arts, Information Technology, Communications and Multimedia**.



Artist: Slava Sakhenko



Artist: Wendy Ding

The integrated, project-based curriculum develops artistic and academic skills while encouraging self-esteem, independent work habits and creative/critical thinking.

Elements and Principles of Design as well as Art History and Theory are applied in cooperative and independent projects that involve: Foundation Arts, Computer Basics, Desktop Publishing, Telecommunications, Web Design, Multimedia, Film, Video, Photography and Animation.

Regular grade subjects are also a part of each student's timetable. Students are encouraged to explore, analyze, create, present and evaluate their learning on an ongoing basis. A strong emphasis is placed on Inquiry Learning, self-awareness, critical thinking and presentation skills.

High Academic Standards, High-End Artistic Expression, High Quality Technology and Teaching

In the high schools, the CyberARTS curriculum is designed to maximize student potential and achievement through a variety of expanded opportunities which address industry standards in **graphic design, multimedia, animation, film, video, industrial design, desktop publishing, web design/programming, and architectural design**. CyberARTS is project driven, allowing students to combine artistic expression with technical experience.

Students and staff have worked with the following industrial partners: Silicon Graphics, SoftImage, Kodak Canada, Apple and Rogers and worked on collaborative projects with the **Ontario College of Art & Design, Sheridan College, the Design Exchange, the Textile Museum of Canada** and the **University of Waterloo**.

Important Dates

Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
After 8 & DMCI/DMMS CyberARTS Information Night

Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m.
CH Best MS - CyberARTS Information Night

Monday December 11, 2007
After 8 & CyberARTS Information Night at Northview

Monday January 14, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.
All CyberARTS Applications are due

CyberARTS Interview Dates
DMCI: Monday, January 24 to Tuesday, January 29, 2008
DMMS: Tuesday, January 22 to Thursday, February 7, 2008
CH Best MS, Western Technical-Commercial and Lakeshore CI:
for information contact school directly

CyberARTS acceptances will be mailed out the mid to end of February.

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REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

...What must I do?

PLEASE SEND THE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THE SCHOOL CLOSEST TO YOUR RESIDENCE BY Monday, January 14, 2008

PART ONE: APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Student Application** • please check that forms are signed
- 2. Release of Information Form** • signed and given to teachers for reference release
- 3. Academic Referral** • copy of the most recent report card from your present school
- 4. Teacher Reference Forms** • two forms to be sent directly to the school by your teachers
- 5. Creative Writing** • submit a photocopy of original written work that you have done in the past year
- 6. Interest and Background Form** • you are required to complete this form

PART TWO: INTERVIEW, AUDITION, AND PORTFOLIO

1. Interview and Creative Activities

You will be required to participate in an interview and creative activities with staff associated with the program. The interview will involve questions regarding your creativity, interest in technology and experimentation in the arts. Please note that applicants to the Intermediate level do not require extensive technological skills but should demonstrate an interest and talent in visual arts.

2. Portfolio

You are required to bring the following to the interview:

- A portfolio- It may include: drawings, paintings, mixed media, photographs, video/audio tapes, sculpture, digital images, etc. (maximum of 10 finished works or items)
- A sketchbook or a collection of materials that demonstrate creativity over a period of time
- A self portrait using a pencil (this will be kept by the school as part of your application)
- A recent portrait photograph of yourself (this will be kept by the school as part of your application)

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INTERESTS & BACKGROUND FORM
(for students entering grade 7 or 8)

Complete the following sections, giving specific details.
If you require additional space use the back of the page.

1. What are your reasons for wanting to attend the CyberARTS Program? (Complete the following in sentence form)
2. Describe your art background and previous related courses.
3. What computer experience would you bring to this program?
4. What qualities would you bring to the CyberARTS Program?
5. Describe other interests and experiences.
6. What are your career interests?

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TEACHER REFERENCE FORM



It is strongly suggested that the teachers' references consist of both a CORE teacher and a VISUAL ARTS teacher. All information is confidential. Please courier/mail or fax this form directly to the school by Monday, January 14, 2008

PLEASE PRINT

LAST NAME OF STUDENT	GIVEN NAME OF STUDENT	CURRENT GRADE
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Please rate the student in the following categories on a scale of 1 to 4

	Unacceptable	Satisfactory	Very Good	Exceptional
• Creativity	1	2	3	4
• Overall Academic success	1	2	3	4
• Visual Arts skills	1	2	3	4
• Written Communications	1	2	3	4
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• Listening Skills	1	2	3	4

1. How long have you known this student?
2. Subject(s) you have taught the student and their mark:
3. Please complete the CHECKLIST on the back of this form. Please consider personal qualities, skills, background, and experiences that would lead you to recommend this student for the CyberARTS program.
4. What was your main source of background information about the CyberARTS program?
5. Other Comments: (For additional space use back of form)

NAME OF TEACHER	SCHOOL	TELEPHONE # INCLUDING AREA CODE & EXTENSION
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Please remember:

1. Parent Guardian signs the bottom portion of this form AND the **STUDENT APPLICATION FORM**.
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3. The teachers complete the referral form and return it with this release form **DIRECTLY** to one of the schools below.

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STUDENT'S NAME (please print)	
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