



**SMARTS Class Catalog**  
**Spring 2020**

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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.

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[www.SmartsArtSchool.org](http://www.SmartsArtSchool.org)

## 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 in the historic Ohio One Building in downtown Youngstown after school and Saturdays and are offered in the fall, spring, and summer. 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 is developing a professional development model for teachers with an emphasis on arts integration. Our goal with arts integration is to bring learning to life, to connect core content to the arts, and to 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.

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 and administration and professional development in arts integration for the teachers, and arts integration opportunities in the classroom.

## Who are SMARTS Students?

SMARTS currently serves over 2,500 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 1,075 student applications from families in 24 different locations who want to take arts classes. SMARTS families across the region travel here from Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana Counties and as far away as Pennsylvania.



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## 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
- 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 Hilltop Elementary
- Canfield Village Middle School
- Canfield High School
- Potential Development Pre-K
- Potential Development Intermediate
- Potential Development High School
- The Rich Center for Autism

#### After-School Partners

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

- Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown
- Geronimo! at Grace Church in Warren
- United Way of Youngstown and Mahoning County's "Success After 6"
  - Youngstown City Schools
    - Harding Elementary*
    - Martin Luther King Elementary*
    - McGuffey Elementary*
    - Paul C. Bunn Elementary*
    - Taft Elementary*
    - Williamson Elementary*
    - Wilson Elementary*
  - Campbell Elementary
  - Girard Elementary
  - Liberty, E.J. Blott Elementary
  - Struthers Elementary
  - Youngstown Community School

### SMARTS Students Benefit from the Arts



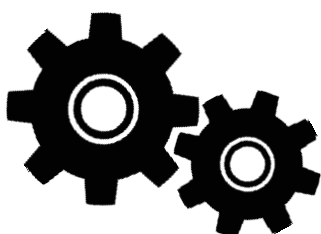
High levels of music training is linked with **SHORT AND LONGTERM MEMORY IMPROVEMENT**



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.

## Want to take classes at SMARTS?

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](http://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 and may bring their own snacks.

## Become a SMARTIE and Volunteer at SMARTS!

SMARTS is a place where opportunity exists for everyone, the opportunity to teach, learn, create and foster relationships. No matter who you are, there is an opportunity for you at SMARTS. SMARTIES Moving Forward will engage you in our mission and help us with our daily activities. We believe that working together toward a common cause – quality arts education for youth in the Mahoning Valley will make us stronger. SMARTIES volunteers will add to our cultural educational and artistic balance because we will be a family.

Join SMARTIES today! [www.smartsartschool.org/community-involvement](http://www.smartsartschool.org/community-involvement)

# Spring 2020 Class Schedule

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

Tuesday Classes										
Time	Art Room	Piano Lab	Music Room 1	Music Room 2	Smartatorium	Multi-Disc Rm				
4:10										
4:15	4:15 - 5:15 pm <b>Silent Movies,</b> Grades 7-12 Robert Kerr			4:15 – 5:00 pm <b>Percussion Methods</b> Grades 3-7 Daniel Hobel	4:20-5:20 pm <b>Broadway Dance</b> Grades 3-8 Margie Rapp					
4:20										
4:25			4:25-5:25 pm <b>Improv Piano Lab,</b> Grades 5-12 Simon Kenneally							
4:30				4:30 - 5:15 pm <b>Adventures in Piano,</b> Grades K-2 Jason Volovar				4:30 – 5:15 pm <b>Inner Rhythms</b> Grades K-2 Sarah Schwenke		
4:35										
4:40										
4:45										
4:50										
4:55										
5:00										
5:05										
5:10										
5:15				5:05 – 5:50 pm <b>Percussion Methods</b> Grades 6-12 Daniel Hobel						
5:20										
5:25										
5:30	5:30 - 6:30 pm <b>Animation: Storytelling,</b> Grades 3-12 Robert Kerr	5:30 - 6:30 pm <b>Piano Lab 1B,</b> Grades 3-6 Jason Volovar			5:25 - 6:15 pm <b>Ballet Dance,</b> Grades K-2 Margie Rapp					
5:35										
5:40										
5:45										
5:50										
5:55						5:35 - 6:35 pm <b>Ukulele 1B</b> Grades 3-12 Simon Kenneally				
6:00									5:35 - 6:35 pm <b>Heroes and Villains Writing Class,</b> Grades 5-12 Lisa Didiano	
6:05										
6:10										
6:15										
6:20				6:00 – 6:40 pm <b>Violin 1A</b> Gina Bagnoli Grades 1-4						
6:25										
6:30										
6:35										

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

## Wednesday Classes

Time	Art Room	Piano Lab	Music Room 1	Music Room 2	Smartatorium	Multi-Disc Rm
3:50						
4:10						
4:15	4:15 - 5:15 pm <b>Printmaking 101,</b> Grades K-2 Kara Terlecki					
4:20						
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5:35	5:35 - 6:35 pm <b>Ceramics 101,</b> Grades K-2 Kara Terlecki					
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6:20						
6:25						
6:30						
6:35						

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

## Thursday Classes

Time	Art Room	Piano Lab	Music Room 1	Music Room 2	Smartatorium	Multi-Disc Rm			
4:10									
4:15	4:15 - 5:25 pm <b>Stop-Motion Animation: Dream Maker, Grades 3-8</b> Marites Eldred		4:10 - 4:55 pm <b>Adventures in Piano Grades K-2</b> Rachel Cline						
4:20									
4:25				4:25 - 5:25 pm <b>Piano Lab 1B, Grades 5-12</b> Max Franko		4:20 - 4:35 pm <b>Violin Studio</b>			
4:30									
4:35									
4:40								4:30 - 5:20 pm <b>Family Ceramics, Grades PK-4 and Adults</b> Daniel Rauschenbach	
4:45									
4:50							4:20 - 5:10 pm <b>Modern Dance, Grades 5-12</b> Dagmar Stahl		
4:55							4:35 - 5:20 pm <b>Violin 1C, Grades 3-12</b> Claire Lyons		
5:00									
5:05									
5:10									
5:15									
5:20									
5:25									
5:30			5:05 - 5:50 pm <b>Recorder Karate Grades 2-5</b> Rachel Cline		5:15 - 6:00 pm <b>Food Musical Theater Grades K-2</b> Amanda Beagle				
5:35	5:35 - 6:35 pm <b>Fantasy World Ceramics, Grades 5-12</b> Marites Eldred								
5:40			5:30 - 6:30 pm <b>Piano Lab 1A, Grades 3-8</b> Max Franko		5:30 - 6:10 pm <b>Violin 1B, Grades 1-6</b> Claire Lyons				
5:45							5:40 - 6:40 pm <b>Drawing and Technique 101: Totally Toys, Grades 3-8</b> Kate Antal		
5:50									
5:55									
6:00									
6:05									
6:10									
6:15									
6:20					6:05 - 6:45 pm <b>Adventures in Piano Grades K-2</b> Rachel Cline	6:10 - 6:45 pm <b>Violin 1A, Grades 7-12</b> Claire Lyons		6:05 - 6:45 pm <b>Voice 101 Grades 4-12</b> Amanda Beagle	
6:25									
6:30									
6:35									
6:40									



## Spring 2020 Class Descriptions

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### SMARTS Visual Art Classes

#### **NEW! SMARTS Animation: Storytelling**

Do you have an idea for a cartoon? Maybe you would like to create the next famous children's show, such as "Mickey Mouse," "Bugs Bunny," or "Peanuts"? Learn how to develop that idea into a story that will be ready for animation. We'll look at popular cartoons and see what makes them successful. Students will create their own character and learn how to create a "pitch book" that showcases your cartoon's characters and plot so you can get others excited about your concept. Sign up for this class to create the next viral sensation!

#### **SMARTS Animation: Storytelling, Grades 3-12**

**Tuesdays: 5:30 – 6:30 pm**

Jan 21, 28

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

March 3, 10, 17, 24

April 1 SMARTS Family Dinner

April 9 Art You Can See Demonstration

#### **SMARTS Ceramics 101**

This is an introductory studio class for students who wish to explore the art of ceramics. Emphasis will be placed on the design elements: line, shape, texture, form and color. Focus will be on hand-building techniques: pinch, coil and slabs. Wheel throwing may also be introduced, depending on student skill, interest, and time. Functional as well as sculptural applications will be explored. Glazing techniques will be introduced and explored. There will also be an introduction to traditional and historical ceramic arts incorporated into the studio experiences.

#### **Ceramics 101: Grades K-2**

**Wednesdays: 5:35 – 6:35 pm**

Jan 22, 29

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1 SMARTS Family Dinner

April 9 Art You Can See Demonstration

#### **SMARTS Drawing and Technique 101: Totally Toys**

Cars, dolls, slinkies, yo-yos, ponies, and trains. Welcome to a nostalgic class where you'll draw some of your cherished childhood playmates! Learn proper drawing technique by practicing the art of still life, where you will devote your energy to recreating precisely what you see. Using a window grid tool called a viewfinder, students will draw objects to scale, considering composition, detail, value, and layering. After students experiment with angles and shading, producing multiple sketches, students will choose favorites to reproduce by testing multiple mediums, such as colored pencil, paint, pastel, and collage. The end product will be a portfolio of still life drawings with accompanying journal entries. If you've always wanted to learn to draw like an artist, this is the class for you.

#### **SMARTS Drawing and Technique 101: Totally Toys, Grades 3-8**

**Thursdays: 5:40 – 6:40 pm**

Jan 23, 30

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 12, 19, 26

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**SMARTS Family Ceramics**

Bring your family to SMARTS to explore the art of ceramics! Make a memorable project together that you can place on display in your home. This class will focus on hand-building techniques: pinch pots and slabs. Glazing techniques will be introduced and explored. Emphasis will be placed on the design elements: line, shape, texture, form and color. Bring your inner artists and join the fun! **Limit: one adult per family unit.**

**Note: this class may only be taken once. If you have already taken this class, please give others the opportunity.**

**SMARTS Family Ceramics, Grades PK-4 and Adults****Thursdays: 4:30 – 5:20 pm**

Jan 23, 30

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 12, 19, 26

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**NEW! SMARTS Fantasy World Ceramics**

Go the fantasy land of your dreams in this class where you'll get to design, sculpt, and paint a diorama landscape out of clay! Maybe you want to create a beautiful world with waterfalls and safari animals. Maybe your world will be made out of food, inspired by the *Candyland* board game or *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* movie by Sony Animation? Or maybe you'd like to create a city on another planet. Starting with a blank sketchbook, each student will dream up a unique world to create. Then, using many traditional handmade ceramics techniques including coil building, slab building, and pinch pottery, students will create a landscape, characters, scenery and more using clay, glaze and supplementary materials. Time to dream big and dig deep!

**SMARTS Fantasy World Ceramics, Grades 5-12****Thursdays: 5:35 – 6:35 pm**

Jan 23, 30

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 12, 19, 26

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**NEW! SMARTS Photography 101**

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.

**SMARTS Photography 101, Grades 5-12****Wednesdays: 4:10 – 5:10 pm**

Jan 22, 29

Feb 5, 12, 26 **NO 19**

March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1 SMARTS Family Dinner

April 9 Art You Can See Demonstration

**NEW! SMARTS Printmaking 101**

In this class, students will enter the exciting world of printmaking, where your finished product will always amaze you. Printmaking is a method of making multiple copies of a work of art from one original piece, by transferring images from one surface to another, using paint, marker, ink, etc. T-shirts, newspapers, art prints, and posters are all forms of printmaking. Students will experiment with various printmaking techniques including monoprints, collagraphs, etchings, and more. As students peel away their artwork, they will see a “print,” a mirror reflection of their original creation on a piece of paper, glass, tile, wood, or another surface. The process of transferring the image makes the artwork come alive in unique ways, and it always turns out a little bit different than you thought it would! Printmaking gives artists the flexibility to be creative, experiment, try new things, and revise approaches to get the right effect. You’ll have a blast as you discover a brand new way to express yourself, filled with delightful surprises.

**SMARTS Printmaking 101, Grades K-2****Wednesdays: 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Jan 22, 29

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25

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**NEW! SMARTS Silent Movies**

You may have heard that actions speak louder than words. This is especially true with silent movies. In this class, you’ll be introduced to the basics of movie-making, as you create an idea for a story to tell. The only trick is – you’ll have to do it without talking! In this class, you’ll analyze clips from famous silent films, starring actors Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton, to see how they utilize humor, suspense, and cause-and-effect scenes, facial expressions, and movement make the movie interesting. Learn how camera angles and basic filming techniques can help you tell your story. Each team will end the class with a complete 2-3 minute movie short. Enroll now and learn to tell stories without saying a word!

**SMARTS Silent Movies, Grades 7-12****Tuesdays: 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Jan 21, 28

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

March 3, 10, 17, 24

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April 9 Art You Can See Demonstration

**NEW! SMARTS Stop-Motion Animation: Dream Maker**

Have you ever had a wacky dream that felt so real you didn’t know you were dreaming? In this class, students will explore the medium of stop-motion animation to recreate the visual effects and odd happenings of your dream world. Students will collaborate using their strengths to explore different stop-motion techniques, such as object, clay, and cutout animation, to create a short film together. Using imagery from personal dreams, teams will create storyboards, original art work, backgrounds, props and scenes. Each scene will be shot using cameras and edited together into one short film. Voice-overs and music will be chosen to finalize the project. The last class will be a final viewing of the finished project followed by a group discussion and a red carpet celebration.

**SMARTS Stop-Motion Animation, Grades 3-8****Thursdays: 4:15 – 5:25 pm**

Jan 23, 30

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 12, 19, 26

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## SMARTS Music Classes

### SMARTS Student Piano Lessons

SMARTS Student Piano Lessons provide you with a premier piano experience like nothing you've experienced before! Our Yamaha digital piano lab is the only one of its kind in the Mahoning Valley where students will gain piano skills and are part of a musical community. Being part of a piano lab is a unique experience because when we work together everyone achieves more. Students interact with the teacher and other students through the use of state-of-the-art technology designed to personalize their learning experiences and meet every individual student at their skill level. SMARTS teachers are professionals in their field and come to us with years of experience and expertise. SMARTS piano lessons are once a week and include piano skills and music theory. SMARTS makes sure to complement our hands-on-music lessons by teaching topics such as rhythm, chords, notes, octaves, scales, music notation, and so much more. Our curriculum is designed to instill a core understanding and provide a comprehensive learning experience for every SMARTS student. Our facility, equipment and teachers make this a program you can't find anywhere else in this area!

**Requirements:** All SMARTS Piano 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. If your SMARTS Music student misses more than 3 lessons, he/she will be asked to withdraw from this session of SMARTS Piano lessons, giving another student the opportunity to participate. There will be SMARTS Piano 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 piano students will take lessons for the entire year and showcase their hard work at the SMARTS Arts You Can Hear demonstration in April 2020.**

### SMARTS Adventures in Piano, Grades K-2

This is the first beginner-level piano class 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!

#### **Tuesdays, 4:30-5:15 pm**

Jan 21, 28  
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25  
March 3, 10, 17, 24  
April 1 SMARTS Family Dinner  
April 8 Art You Can Hear Demonstration

#### **Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 pm**

Jan 22 **NO 29**  
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26  
March 4, 25 **NO 11, 18**  
April 1 SMARTS Family Dinner  
April 8 Art You Can Hear Demonstration

#### **Thursdays, 4:10 – 4:55 pm**

Jan 23 **NO 30**  
Feb 6, 13, 20, 27  
March 5, 12, 19, 26  
April 1 SMARTS Family Dinner  
April 8 Art You Can Hear Demonstration

**Thursdays, 6:05 – 6:45 pm**Jan 23 **NO 30**

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 12, 19, 26

April 1 SMARTS Family Dinner

April 8 Art You Can Hear Demonstration

**Improv Piano Lab**

This advanced-level piano class will make the piano come alive, as you explore how to use the instrument to make solos and riffs by learning how 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.

**Improv Piano, Grades 5-12****Tuesdays, 4:25-5:25 pm**

Jan 21, 28

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

March 3, 10, 17, 24

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April 8 Art You Can Hear Demonstration

**Piano Lab 1A**

This is the first beginner-level piano lab class offered at SMARTS. It is a prerequisite for all other 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. **Cost:** \$5-20 for a discounted music book. (Actual cost is \$7-25)

**Piano Lab 1A, Grades 5-12****Wednesdays, 4:20 – 5:20 pm**

Jan 22, 29

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25

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April 8 Art You Can Hear Demonstration

**Piano Lab 1A, Grades 3-8****Thursdays, 5:30 – 6:30 pm**Jan **NO 23, 30**

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 19, 26 **NO 12**

April 1 SMARTS Family Dinner

April 8 Art You Can Hear Demonstration

**Piano Lab 1B**

This is the second beginner-level piano class offered at SMARTS for grades 1-6 for students who have completed a year of Piano 1A. 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. **Cost:** \$5-20 for a discounted music book. (Actual cost is \$7-25)

**Piano Lab 1B, Grades 3-6****Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm**

Jan 21, 28

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

March 3, 10, 17, 24

April 1 SMARTS Family Dinner

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**Piano Lab 1B, Grades 3-8****Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:30 pm**

Jan 22, 29

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25

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**Piano Lab 1B, Grades 5-12****Thursdays, 4:25 – 5:25 pm**Jan **NO 23, 30**

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 19, 26 **NO 12**

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**SMARTS Rock Band**

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.

**SMARTS Rock Band: Grades 4-12****Wednesdays, 5:25-6:25 pm**

Jan 22, 29

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25

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**SMARTS Inner Rhythms**

Calling all budding musicians! We got the beat! Do you? Take this class to discover your musical talents and prepare to be the coolest kid drummer at SMARTS! In this class, students will have fun experimenting with rhythm and making music through hand-drumming games that involve stories, colors, reading and math. Students will develop proper hand-drumming technique and will be exposed to other types of instruments, in addition to percussion. Students will work together to create music in a group setting and learn to interact with their peers by adapting, improvising, listening, and taking turns. By the end of the class, students will be able to internalize a beat and will be connected musically as a rhythm circle.

**SMARTS Inner Rhythms, Grades K-2****Tuesdays: 4:30 – 5:15 pm**

Jan 21, 28

Feb 4, 18, 25 **NO 11**

March 3, 10, 17, 24

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**SMARTS Percussion Methods**

Every great band needs a great drummer. But the band is even more fun when everyone is a drummer! Maybe you'd like to try out for your school's drum line, or maybe you'd like to start a band of your own. Either way, this class is for you! You'll learn the basic skills needed to play several types of percussion instruments – snare, djembe, and hand percussion. You'll learn fun and catchy stick patterns and grooves as well as basic music reading skills. Join this class to learn a new instrument and discover the diverse sounds, rhythm layers, and emotional effects percussion has on music.

**SMARTS Percussion Methods, Grades 3-7****Tuesdays, 4:15-5:00 pm**

Jan 21, 28

Feb 11, 18, 25 **NO 4**

March 3, 10, 17, 24

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**SMARTS Percussion Methods, Grades 6-12****Tuesdays, 5:05-5:50 pm**

Jan 21, 28

Feb 11, 18, 25 **NO 4**

March 3, 10, 17, 24

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April 8 Art You Can Hear Demonstration

**SMARTS Recorder Karate**

Hi-yah! Get ready to learn a new instrument in this adrenaline-packed class, where practicing earns you karate belts! In this class, students will learn to play popular tunes on the recorder, such as “Hot Cross Buns,” “Twinkle, Twinkle,” and “Old MacDonald,” as well as explore music from other world cultures. The more you practice, the closer you are to earning a black belt! Using curriculum from the field-tested Recorder Karate program and other world culture music programs, you’ll be a music master in no time.

**SMARTS Recorder Karate, Grades 2-5****Thursdays, 5:05-5:50 pm**Jan 23 **NO 30**

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 12, 19, 26

April 1 SMARTS Family Dinner

April 8 Art You Can Hear Demonstration

**SMARTS Ukulele**

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. Don’t have a ukulele? **SMARTS can help you purchase one for a discounted price of \$30.** (Actual cost is \$40.) **Ukulele bags are \$10.**

**SMARTS Ukulele 1A: Grades 3-12****Wednesdays, 4:20 – 5:20 pm**

Jan 22, 29

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25

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**SMARTS Ukulele 1B: Grades 3-12****Tuesdays, 5:35 – 6:35 pm**

Jan 21, 28

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

March 3, 10, 17, 24

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**SMARTS Voice 101**

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**SMARTS Voice 101, Grades 3-6****Wednesdays, 4:10 – 4:55 pm**

Jan 22, 29

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25

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**SMARTS Voice 101, Adults****Wednesdays, 5:00 – 5:45 pm**

Jan 22, 29

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25

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**SMARTS Voice 101, Grades 7-12****Wednesdays, 5:50 – 6:35 pm**

Jan 22, 29

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25

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**SMARTS Voice 101, Grades 4-12****Thursdays, 6:05 – 6:45 pm**

Jan 23, 30

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 12, 19, 26

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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. The SMARTS Violin program is a premier program with SMARTS. 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.

**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. If your SMARTS Music student misses more than 3 lessons, he/she will be asked to withdraw from this session of SMARTS Violin lessons, giving another student the opportunity to participate. 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 students will take lessons for the entire year and showcase their hard work at the SMARTS Arts You Can Hear demonstration in April 2020.**

### Violin 1A

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.

#### **Tuesdays, 6:00 – 6:40 pm**

Jan 21, 28

Feb 18, 25 **NO 4, 11**

March 3, 10, 17, 24

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April 8 Art You Can Hear Demonstration

#### **Thursdays, 6:10 – 6:45 pm**

Jan 23 **NO 30**

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 19, 26 **NO 12**

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### Violin 1B

This is the second beginner-level violin class offered at SMARTS. Violin 1A is a pre-requisite 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.

#### **Thursdays, 5:30 – 6:10 pm**

Jan 23 **NO 30**

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 19, 26 **NO 12**

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April 8 Art You Can Hear Demonstration

### Violin 1C

This is the third beginner-level violin class offered at SMARTS. Violin 1A and 1B are pre-requisites 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.

#### **Thursdays, 4:35– 5:20 pm**

Jan 23 **NO 30**

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 19, 26 **NO 12**

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April 8 Art You Can Hear Demonstration

## SMARTS Dance Classes

### SMARTS Ballet Dance

If you want to learn to dance, this is a great place to start! This class will follow the Cecchetti ballet method and will focus on strength-building and concentration using a ballet bar. Dancers will be taught the basic movement patterns that build all dance movement and reinforce patience, focus, posture, and grace, and build ballet vocabulary from there. For this class, students should wear tight fitting clothing and wear their hair back. They should also plan to dance in socks, unless they have ballet slippers to bring.

#### **SMARTS Ballet Dance, Grades K-2**

**Tuesdays, 5:25 – 6:15 pm**

Jan 21, 28

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

March 10, 17, 24 **NO 3**

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### **NEW! SMARTS Broadway Dance**

Get excited for the showy, the classy, the friendly, and the mysterious in this fun dance class where you'll learn how to move your body to tell a story. Historically, Broadway dance was groundbreaking for theater because it gave dance the opportunity to play a major role in the plot of plays and musicals. Whether it's *Mary Poppins*, *Annie*, *Grease*, or *Footloose*, dance brings the story to life and animates the characters. After all, we wouldn't love *Cats* if the dancers didn't bend, jump, and stretch like felines. Today, Broadway dance mixes ballet, jazz, and modern dance styles with singing and acting to get the right effect for each musical's characters and storyline. In this class, you'll make a statement by learning dance moves and choreography in style of Broadway. So get out your jazz hands and happy feet because it's show time!

#### **SMARTS Broadway Dance, Grades 3-8**

**Tuesdays, 4:20 – 5:20 pm**

Jan 21, 28

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

March 10, 17, 24 **NO 3**

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### SMARTS Modern Dance

In this class, students will work together to create their own choreography, using free, expressive styles of dance to illustrate a story without speech! This class will emphasize body movement, proximity of space, and facial expressions to create an interpretive visual narrative. Dancers will learn how to consider and engage their audience in a performance. Classes will start with static and locomotive activities that incorporate proper technique and dance vocabulary to help the students train their minds and bodies. By the end of the class, students will use all of these connections to perform a modern dance routine!

#### **SMARTS Modern Dance, Grades 5-12**

**Thursdays, 4:20 – 5:10 pm**

Jan 23, 30

Feb 6, 13, 20 **NO 27**

March 5, 12, 19, 26

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## SMARTS Theater Classes

### **NEW! SMARTS Food Musical Theater**

Whether it's "Apples and Banay-nays," or "Cheeseburger in Paradise," we love food so much, we can't help but sing about it! In this class, students will explore how our love of food can help us create stories, characters and songs. With songs like "On Top of Spaghetti" and "C is for Cookie," we'll embark on a journey of creative play that features dance, sing-a-longs, story time, and theater games. This class is designed to foster bravery, confidence and decision-making, all while having fun with our imaginations. You might even find out what the bacon said to the egg. Grab your favorite snack and let's hit the stage!

#### **SMARTS Food Musical Theater, Grades K-2**

**Thursdays, 5:15 – 6:00 pm**

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### **NEW! SMARTS Improv Acting 101**

Bring your wild imagination to this acting class that relies on your clever ideas. Learn the skill of improvisation, the number one ingredient that brings all acting to life. Learn to think on your feet and be spontaneous. Practice being flexible and learn to adapt to others on stage in theater games and exercises. This class will not only prepare you to think and respond like an actor, but you'll also become a better communicator and grow in self-awareness and empathy. And we can promise you'll get a few laughs because the unexpected is bound to happen!

#### **SMARTS Improv Acting 101, Grades 3-7**

**Wednesdays, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Jan 29 **NO 22**

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25

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## SMARTS Creative Writing Classes

### **NEW! SMARTS Choose Your Own Adventure Book Writing**

You've always wanted to write a book, but doing it on your own seems like a lot of work. But then SMARTS offered this book writing class, and you signed up. **Turn to page 5 to see what happens next.** The whole class writes the first chapter together, and it's up to you to write some of the next sections. If you want your character to climb the mountain, **turn to page 98.** If you want your character to go under the bridge, **turn to page 37.** Before you know it, you're learning to write in the style of a Choose Your Own Adventure Book, where you will give your reader options to decide what happens next at the end of each chapter. You share your chapters with your classmates and what do they think? **Turn to page 123 to see if you're famous.** They love them! You've all worked together and used your imaginations to plan a wild, page-turning adventure. And now you can say you've written *a book*.

#### **SMARTS Choose Your Own Adventure Book Writing, Grades 3-7**

**Wednesdays, 5:25 - 6:25 pm**

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### **NEW! SMARTS Heroes and Villains Fiction Writing**

Do you love cheering for Bilbo Baggins, Harry Potter, Matilda, or Scooby Doo? Do you enjoy a good "bad guy" like Lord Voldemort, Count Olaf, or the Wicked Witch of the West? Create heroes and villains of your own in this exciting class where you will design the perfect fictional people for your story. Learn about characterization using appearance, dialogue, actions, quirks, hopes, fears, and more! Your characters will come to life on the page to entertain and engage your readers. Are you ready to write characters your readers will never forget? Then hurry and sign up for this page-turning class!

#### **SMARTS Heroes and Villains Fiction Writing, Grades 5-12**

**Tuesdays, 5:35 - 6:35 pm**

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## SMARTS Adults Classes

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