

August 15, 2016



Dear Principals and Art Teachers, St. Tammany Parish Schools:

The *Covington Three Rivers Art Festival* will be held **November 12th & 13th, 2016**, on N. Columbia Street in downtown Covington. The festival is a **FREE** family event and held from **10am-5 pm** each day. An important component of the festival is the **Student Art Contest** that is open to **all** St. Tammany Parish students in **grades K-12**. All schools, including public, parochial, private, and home schools, are invited to participate.

All criteria, rules and downloadable forms are posted on the festival website: www.ThreeRiversArtFestival.com. **Click on the header for "Student Art" and the forms are listed at the bottom of the page. Click on each form to download the following:**

- **Entry Form** - "Calling All Artists" flyer with entry label (*Please copy and distribute to students*)
 - **Each student** is allowed to enter **ONE** piece of **ORIGINAL** art that he or she created.
 - **Only ONE LABEL** must be completed and attached to **FRONT** of **2-dimensional artwork** or attached with a string or tag hanging from **3-dimensional artwork**
- **"Awards & Criteria"** information sheet – (*Please copy and distribute to students*)
- **Entry Labels (Multiple)** - for convenience of teachers in reproducing additional labels, as needed
- **"Artwork Drop-off/Pick-up Form"** for teachers and parents to turn in with artwork entries
- **Artwork drop-off: Sunday, Nov 6th, from 1pm-5pm and Monday, Nov 7th, from 11am-5pm.** Drop-off location: Heritage Bank, 201 North Columbia Street, Covington, LA **NO art will be accepted after Monday, Nov 7th.**
- **Student Art Exhibit:** Nov 12th, 10am-5pm and Nov 13th, 10am-2pm at Heritage Bank(See above address)
- **Artwork pickup: (Mandatory) - Sunday, Nov 13th, 3-5pm, from Heritage Bank.**

Teachers/Parents must make arrangements for artwork pickup on Sunday from 3-5pm. Any artwork not picked up by Sunday, Nov 13th will become the property of the City of Covington.

Student artwork will be juried and as many entries will be displayed as space permits. All students who have entered artwork should be encouraged to attend the Student Art Exhibit during the festival where they will be able to view the exhibit, to discover whether their art is on display, and to learn which pieces of artwork earned awards.

Awards will be presented to winning students at **2 pm Sunday, Nov 13th at COPA** and names of all student winners will be announced.

Student awards are as follows:

- ❖ **Best of Show - RIBBON AND \$50 CASH AWARD** in four levels (Elementary, Middle, Jr High & High School).
- ❖ **First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention** - Ribbon in each medium in each grade.
- ❖ **Michelangelo Awards** - Ribbon and Plaque presented by **American Society of Italian Heritage** to each "Michelangelo" student award winner.
- ❖ **"Artist's Favorite" Award** – Ribbon for artwork selected by a local professional artist

In the spirit of Michelangelo, we anticipate excellence of *originality* and *creativity*, and we look forward to showcasing the artistic talents of students of St Tammany Parish. We hope that you will **encourage your students to enter** this exciting art competition! Feel free to contact me at the telephone number or email listed below, or visit our festival web site for additional information.

Sincerely,

Sarada Bonnett, Event Coordinator

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