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Dear Visual Arts Majors,

I hope that you all have stayed healthy and well, and managed to have some fun too, over this “strangest of spring breaks” and are getting some rest and enjoying time with your families.

Working and learning together, in the coming weeks we will all adjust to doing our studio work on-line. I’m a little nervous about the whole thing, but I’m actually excited about it too. It is going to be different for sure, and it will require patience and commitment (and humor) from all of us. But it is going to be fun too, and it will also present some great new opportunities for creativity and growth. I know that you all will produce some amazing artwork, as you always do.

Here is some basic information on how we will get started:

1. First of all, VERY IMPORTANT! We are going to have a full Art Department ZOOM meeting this coming Sunday (STUDENTS & TEACHERS). The meeting will be Sunday, March 29th, 8:00PM EST. So, just to be clear, that is 8:00 in the evening Walnut Hill time!!!!

Please try to get on-line and be there for the meeting. We will be able to talk about things and how we will get this “on-line studio” work started. It will also be great just to see your faces, say hi, and have a few laughs. (Please download ZOOM and make sure that you know how it works and can get on-line. It’s pretty easy. If I can do it, I’m sure you can do it!)

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2. Your studio schedules will stay the same (by day). In other words, whatever you have each week on M / T / W / TH / F.... you will still have. (*For example, if you have Apparel Design with Rachel every Monday, you will have a meeting with her every Monday, etc.....the same for all classes.*)

* We will NOT be having the “Required Studio” classes. So, if you are in one of those – Monday with Ken, or Thursday with Rachel, or Friday with Eileen – don’t worry about it. This is all complicated enough without trying to do those too.

3. Each teacher may handle things a little differently, but basically it will work like this:

For each class, you will have a regular scheduled meeting time each week. All kids in the class, and the teacher, will be on-line together. This meeting will probably be from about 20 minutes to 1 hour. (Remember, it WILL be on the day that you currently have that class.)

Then, that teacher will create a scheduled time for each student to check in with them later in the day to check on progress, answer questions, discuss the assignment, etc.....

4. The exact meeting time for each studio class will be indicated in the schedule that you will see on Finals site. I know it may look weird, because you are all used to starting at 2:00 in the afternoon, but because of the time zone differences, we are trying to figure this out and make it work as best we can. Try to be patient and flexible, and don’t worry, we will be able to make minor adjustments once we start meeting as individual classes. But first we need to get those class meetings started! (It may require that some of you have to wake up and attend class at some strange hours.... but hey, it might be fun...) Okay.... that’s all for now.

There will be a lot more information over the next several days, and I know you will have questions. I will too! But let’s keep it very simple for now!

See you on Sunday, March 29, 8:00PM Walnut Hill time!

Here the [ZOOM link](#), just click and be there!

Jim

PS: Boo will be at the department meeting on Sunday too.....