



# LITTLE BLACK PEARL ART & DESIGN HS

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MS. DONIKA GIGGER, PRINCIPAL

LBPA Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2020

## Welcome Back LBPA Parents and Students!

The first day of school is upon us and we are looking forward to being with all of you REMOTELY on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. There are a three things we want you to think about this week-end in preparation for VIRTUAL LEARNING:

**\*\*BE ON TIME\*\***; **\*\*BRING YOUR "A" GAME\*\***; and **\*\*KNOW THAT YOU CAN DO THIS\*\*!!!**

Sincerely,

Ms. Donika Gigger, Principal

“Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom.”

*Oprah Winfrey*



PARENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

**YOUR VOICE COUNTS!!!! -**

**PLEASE**

**Complete the CENSUS and**

**VOTE!!**

## LBPA FY21 STAFF

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**VISION**

Little Black Pearl Art & Design Academy is a public arts and design high school where dedicated students, staff, families, and community members prepare for lifelong involvement in artistic and scholastic pursuits within a highly qualified learning environment. Our students will be active and articulate leaders in their personal and professional lives.

**LITTLE BLACK PEARL  
ART & DESIGN ACADEMY**

# FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday,

September 8, 2020

9:00 am

Remote Learning

**CHECK YOUR CPS EMAIL FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON WHERE TO JOIN YOUR CLASSES**

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT RETURNING TO SCHOOL

- **VERY IMPORTANT: Lunch Forms** (All students need a completed lunch form **BY SEPTEMBER 10TH**. Parents should have already received the email with the attached form. If you are unable to download and complete to return, you can also schedule a time to complete at the building with staff.
- Medical Compliance (All students shot records must be up-to-date, regardless of you being in school or online—This is REQUIREMENT BY CPS AND THE STATE). If you have received a letter,
- Students will be required to access their classes online and have a COMPUTER /INTERNET access that supports their online classes. If you are in need of technology (computer or hotspot, please email [Ms. Spriggs at tmiller51@cps.edu](mailto:Ms.Spriggs@tmiller51@cps.edu) to schedule a pickup time)
- If students are in a temporary living situation, meaning that you are not in permanent housing, email [Ms. Spriggs at tmiller51@cps.edu](mailto:Ms.Spriggs@tmiller51@cps.edu) to apply for STLS support.
- REMINDER: Fees for Music are \$10.00 and Fees for Art Kits are \$35.00. THESE FEES CAN BE PAID IN PERSON OR ONLINE AT [www.blackpearl.org/donate](http://www.blackpearl.org/donate). (If paying through the website, please go to **“ONE TIME DONATION”**, put in the amount of payment; and in the Description, type in students name and indicate what payment is for.

## “VIRTUAL AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS” - PLEASE JOIN!!



Students,

Little Black Pearl Best Buy Teen Tech Center (BBTTC) will continue to support our youth in AFTERSCHOOL programming and will offer a variety of VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES including trainings and opportunities that can lead to PAID INTERNSHIPS.

If you are 14—18 years old and you have a passion for **PHOTOGRAPHY, FILMMAKING, and VIDEOGRAPHY**, enroll in the **FRESHFILMS** Afterschool Program. But don't forget we have other programs in **AUDIO PRODUCTION, GRAPHICS DESIGN; or if you need to JUST TO HANG OUT with your peers and staff**. Send an email to Ms. Kiara Sinclair, Teen Tech Center Manager at [www.lbp.bbtcc.47th@gmail.com](mailto:www.lbp.bbtcc.47th@gmail.com) for the afterschool application.

## CLASSROOM NORMS/ EXPECTATIONS

1. Be on time
2. No eating during class time.
3. No background music.
4. Be respectful of your teachers and your peers
5. No use of profanity in your virtual class.



Photo Caption

*Juan Serna*

# I AM Encouraged

*"Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it."*  
- STEVE JOBS

I came to Little Black Pearl because my old school wasn't the right school for me. There were a lot of distractions that made it hard to learn. I felt like the teachers really did not care and would allow disruptions in class that would affect teaching.

When I came to Little Black Pearl it changed my thoughts of school. The school offers a lot of different classes that I have never taken before. There are extracurricular classes that are available like yearbook, digital imaging, glass blowing, pottery and a jewelry making class. Now I have more interest in school because it's more options and it makes me want to learn more and more. LBPA provides unique classes and a better learning environment.

Little Black Pearl Art & Design Academy has made me change my mindset about school. I really didn't like school and I thought of school as jail because it was so boring and it didn't have anything that interested me.

JOHN STEINBECK  
D.H. LAWRENCE  
LITTLE BLACK PEARL  
the business of art

I AM LITTLE BLACK PEARL



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# ENROLL TODAY

We invite you to explore the world of Little Black Pearl Art & Design Academy.

**2020-2021**

## ARTS & TECHNOLOGY FOCUSED

9TH-12TH GRADE CPS CONTRACT HIGH SCHOOL



**AUDIO PRODUCTION**



**VISUAL ART**



**TECHNOLOGY**

## VISION

Little Black Pearl Art & Design Academy's (LBPA) vision is to provide a unique creative secondary education and business environment that nurtures and promotes the product of design, originality, and imagination. LBPA builds on a school culture that encourages life-long learning and ingenuity.

**TEACHING THE BUSINESS OF ART.**

**TO APPLY, VISIT**

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