

**Ceramics, Beginners (Burns) (grades 8-12)**

*This class teaches the basics of clay work. Students learn the six stages of clay as well as wedging, glazing, and firing of clay. They make the most basic and earliest of clay forms: the pinchpot. The pinchpots of Paulus Berensohn are used as inspiration. The coil pots of the Anasazi Indians are the models for making coil projects. Students learn to use the extruder and slab roller, and are assigned slab work and the proper way to attach clay parts. Using the wheel, students will learn and practice making cylinders and bowls. They will practice making multiples of mugs and bowls. Additional skills taught include making handles, trimming, and proper glazing techniques.*