Make 2: Personal Projects (optional)

If you took this class here at Analy last year or before, you are in Make 2. If this is your first year with Mr. Hays in Project Make, you can stop reading: **this assignment is only for Make 2 students.**

If you were in my class last year 4th quarter you will recall that I allowed students to work on projects of their own choosing when we moved to distance learning. Students would do these personal projects instead of doing the regular work I assigned to everyone else. Projects that people worked on included:

- welding an exo-skeleton
- rebuilding a jeep
- building a Tech-Deck mini skatepark
- building a full size skating half pipe as well as skate rails and ramps
- weaving tapestry
- creating a board game
- cooking new and interesting meals
- making fishing lures
- making candles
- doing drywall and painting projects with family at home
- sewing COVID masks
- drawing or painting
- making a bird feeder
- fixing up a broken go-kart
- doing tie-dye

As you can see, there was a ton of creativity going on.

I am offering you (Make 2 students only) the same option, on a trial basis, starting next week. My thinking is that if you have a project you would like to do, you would tell me ahead of time and get approval from me. Then, the week you want to do that project, you still briefly show up for our Zoom classes, chat with me in the private chat to make sure I see that you showed up, and then leave the Zoom call and work on your project. You would need to send me a summary email for each class period, that is three emails for a week if you spent the whole week working on your project.

In summary, if you want to work on a personal project that is maker-related instead of the assignments I am giving everyone, do the following:
1. Get your project approved by me by sending me an email and asking if what you have in mind is good. Include about how long you think it will take you. (Our Zoom classes are 80 minutes long, so to be excused for a Zoom class you'd need to spend at least that much time on your personal project.)
2. At the regular time of our Zoom class, log in, send me a private chat to confirm that you are good to leave (often I will have announcements, etc. that I need the whole class to hear, for example, so I need you to show up every class, even if just briefly.)
3. Work on your project. Send me an email summarizing how things went or are going along with the amount of time you spent that day on it. I need one email for each Zoom day and one email for Wednesday. The Wednesday email must get to me before midnight on Wednesday. Send pictures if there is something cool to show/share.
4. When you are done send a final wrap-up email. Let me know what you learned and what the biggest challenge of the project was. Always send a final photo.

Any questions?