

The Secrets of Hollywood and Digital Filmmaking Revealed

An ISM Films Workshop will be held during this year's eImagine Multimedia Festival at Olathe Northwest High School
On Saturday, February 28th from 1:00 to 5:00



Guest Instructor Chet Thomas is active in the film industry as a producing partner at WhiteLight Entertainment. Before becoming a partner at WhiteLight, Chet worked on Steven Spielberg's "Minority Report" and several other DreamWorks projects such as "Amistad," "Deep Impact," "Meet the Parent," "Road to Perdition," "Mouse Hunt," and "Saving Private Ryan." Mr. Thomas is also the co-founder of ISM Films.

ISM Films is an online educational filmmaking curriculum developed for middle schools and high schools. It is the only program of its kind, and offers students and teachers the tools and lessons necessary to not only learn filmmaking skills, but to also develop their unique interpersonal and collaborative abilities.

At the ISM Films Workshop teachers will learn about the following topics:

The Game of Hollywood

With over 15-years of experience in the movie industry, Chet will talk about the studio system in Hollywood and how it really works. The process of how scripts are bought and how a movie is made is drawn out and discussed. Chet will show how the Hollywood game is truly played!

The Neglected Steps of Filmmaking: Development and Preproduction

Important topics will be covered that are commonly missed in filmmaking – this will be broken down by common mistakes and solutions to help improve this process.

Develop a Story Concept

Using the ISM Films step-by-step process, the group will develop a new story concept. As a group, a story idea will be chosen and then we will begin development for: Naming Your Project, Deciding Upon the Genre, Researching Similar Films, Finding the Core Story (3 Act Breakdown), Character Sketch, and Script Writing

Filmmaking Tips from Experience

During this wrap-up session, Chet will discuss some of the experiences he has had in the movie industry and share some humorous and interesting anecdotes.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to speak with a Hollywood producer and learn first-hand some of the techniques that have made him so successful. So, bring your ideas and bring your questions – we're going to have a good time!