

HUDSON VALLEY CONSORTIUM COURSE CATALOG 2021-2022

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ENGLISH

Classics in Literature

Teacher Name: Lori Kehoe

Grade Levels: 5-8

Hours of homework per week: 1-2 (including reading)

Fee: \$ 175

Class Description:

A reader lives a thousand lives! Come fall in love with literature as we journey through some of those lives together. Join us for learning and reading and musing and living anew through great books! We will read a variety of books, short stories, and poetry that awakens the imagination. Students will learn about literary tools that help create great literature and they will explore the worldview of authors that inevitably colors their work. They will work together in groups on one presentation on a biography they choose. Reading outside of class will be required (approximately 75 pages/week), and I will provide all the books and other materials.

Required Texts:

Instructor will provide students with their own copies of several books and a binder to collect short stories and poems.

ELA for Middle School

Teacher: Lori Kehoe

Grade Levels: 5-8*

Hours of homework per week: 1-2*

Fee: \$150

Course Description:

This engaging class will cover reading comprehension, spelling, vocabulary, and basic grammar, punctuation and usage through literature, dictation, narration and other resources.

Required Texts: Workbooks, books, and other materials will be provided by the instructor.

Access Language Arts Through Literature

Teacher: Teresa Rieder

Grade Level: 6-8

Hours of homework per week: 1-2

Fee: \$160

Course Description:

This complete Language Arts program is designed for the learner that prefers to move at a slower pace or needs a little remediation during these middle grade years. We will be using the Total Language Plus program and reading “The Incredible Journey” during the Fall semester and “The Hobbit” during the Spring semester. I highly encourage struggling readers to read along to audio books (or even just use audio books)!

I will also be using various other sources to cover all language arts topics such as grammar basics, spelling, vocabulary, paragraphs and basic essay writing.

When appropriate I will provide more challenging assignments for my older/more advanced students.

As these students need extra help, I plan on having Zoom “Homework Help” times and post videos to help them through their homework as well. I also use Google Classroom to keep students and parents updated with classroom happenings, post easy to find links as well as a place to ask questions.

Required Texts:

Teacher will provide all workbooks and textbooks. Students will need to provide their own copies (and audiobooks, if preferred) of “The Incredible Journey” and “The Hobbit”

Excellence in Writing: Narnia

Teacher: Renee Capuano

Grades: 5-8

Homework: 1-2 hours a week

Fee: \$130

Course Description:

Covering the nine IEW units, this course develops composition, grammar, and vocabulary skills while students write about lessons learned from Narnia.

Using the first three novels of The Chronicles of Narnia (The Magician's Nephew, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, and The Horse and His Boy), lessons encourage students to experience the enchanted land of Narnia through structure and style.

Topics Included: Outlines, Narrative Stories, Summarizing, Poetry, Writing from Pictures, Research, Inventive Writing and Critiques

Required Texts:

Following Narnia - \$29. Can be purchased at IEW.com or Christianbooks.com

Recitation

Teacher: Renee Capuano

Homework: less than 1 hour

Grade Range: 5-8

Fee: \$20

Course Description:

This is a combined multi age/level class. Students will learn, memorize and recite materials. Materials include poems, tongue twisters, all 45 presidents, historical documents, and more. There will be no written homework. This class is appropriate for all levels. Games, activities and prizes will be used regularly.

Required Text: All materials supplied by teacher

Spelling Bee

Teacher: Renee Capuano

Grades 4-8

Homework: Homework not required

Fee: \$75

Course Description:

Preparing for the spelling bee takes focused study – and is a whole lot of fun! Students across the country and around the world will compete in regional spelling bees to determine who will join the 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Not interested in making it all the way to the national bee? That's ok! Come join us for spelling bee fun, bees, games, prizes and official word lists. This class focuses on spelling, public speaking and competition skills. Beginners and returning students welcome! Grades 4-8 are eligible to advance to the regional bee.

Required Texts:

Word lists supplied by teacher

Creative Writing

Teacher Name: Nina Van Valkenburgh

Grade Levels: 5-8

Hours of homework per week: 1-2

Fee: \$150

Course description:

This class will provide students with the skill set to tap into their own creativity and allow them to express their ideas in better, more engaging ways. We will hone the craft and adventure of creative writing allowing each student to explore in-depth their own strengths and interests. Students will learn the basic elements of fiction writing including narrative, scene, and character. In addition, students will strengthen basic skills such as descriptive writing and dialogue. Each week will look at a new short story pulling out the best of each author and incorporating it into our own writing. Homework for each week will include reading a short story and some writing. Writing will be done both at home and in class. Students will have the opportunity to workshop their writing with their peers and receive teacher feedback for improvement.

Required Texts: none

Newspaper

Teacher Name: Nina Van Valkenburgh

Grade Levels: 5-9

Hours of homework per week: < 1

Fee: \$100

Course description:

Students will have the opportunity to write, edit, format and publish their own student led newspaper for Hudson Valley Consortium. They will learn investigative skills, responsible reporting, and journalistic writing techniques as they read, respond to, and write their own news and feature articles. Students will also create editorials as they share their own opinions on both local and world news stories. The paper will be published bimonthly and made available to all consortium students to read.

Required Texts: None

Iliad/Odyssey

Teacher Name: Nina Van Valkenburgh

Grade Levels: 7-10

Hours of homework per week: 1-2

Fee: \$150

Course description:

In this course students will read through the prose version of both the Iliad and the Odyssey. We will use Memoria Press Guides to better understand the content of the text, ancient Greek history, and the applications still relevant to literature today. Students will also explore Greek Mythology and ancient Greek social structure. In class each week, we will discuss the reading, accompanying questions and may either do related activities or act out scenes to help students better understand the material. Homework will consist of reading, answering comprehension questions and a project at the end of each semester.

Required Texts:

The Iliad by Homer translated by Samuel Butler – Memoria Press
The Odyssey by Homer translated by Samuel Butler – Memoria Press

Traditional Home Economics Through Literature

Teacher Name: Nina Van Valkenburgh

Grade Levels: 8-12

Hours of homework per week: 1

Fee: \$165

Course description:

Take a step back in time as students explore traditional home making skills while focusing on developing the Biblical virtues that form the home. Students will learn knitting mittens, hemming skirts, churning butter, making jam, embroidery, baking bread and many more as we read together about the lives and families that have enchanted us for ages in the pages of historical fiction. Together we will seek to understand what home life was like in the 1700 and 1800's and what lessons traditional skills still hold for us today. This class will have hands-on activities and reading assignments weekly. Students may be asked to try out some of the skills they're learning at their own homes.

Required Texts:

TBD Historical fiction books will be recommended for purchase or can be borrowed from the library. Audio versions may also be available. Some books and excerpts will be provided.

Mentor Texts

Teacher Name: Jennifer Labonte

Grade Levels: 9-12

Hours of homework per week: 3

Fee: \$150

Course description:

The emphasis of this class will be on real-world writing. Students will read and study good writing and then emulate it, thus the title Mentor Texts. As the year progresses, students will develop or improve their ability to express & reflect, inform & explain, evaluate & judge, inquire & explore, analyze & interpret and finally propose a solution. Since this is a high school class, students should expect to spend roughly 3 hours per week writing and be prepared to occasionally share their work in class. All assignments must be type-written and submitted electronically as a PDF or Google Doc prior to class sessions.

Required Texts:

Materials will be supplied by the teacher. For the IHIP, Write Like This by Kelly Gallagher should be listed as the textbook.

English SAT Prep

Teacher Name: Jennifer Labonte

Grade Levels: 9-12

Hours of homework per week: 1 -2 hours

Fee: \$150

Course description:

This course prepares all students in grades 9-12 intending to take the SAT exam with a comprehensive blueprint to the Reading and Writing & Language content on the exam. Those enrolled will receive eight practice tests and will also be provided with the resources to thoroughly review their content afterwards. By the end of the course, students will have had ample opportunities not only to master effective test-taking strategies, but also to thoroughly practice using the materials covered during class. In addition to the tests, homework will be assigned on a weekly basis. All books will be provided and are meant to be non-consumable; if materials are lost or ruined, students will be responsible for replacing or paying for them. For parents who want their children to be able to write in the books, an email will be sent out with the link to the resources. **Required Texts:** See above

Basic Grammar, Punctuation, and Usage

Teacher Name: Lori Kehoe

Grade Levels: 8-12

Hours of homework per week: < 1

Fee: \$130

Course Description:

Students will have the opportunity to learn basic grammar, punctuation, and usage in a fun, engaging environment. Class members will learn about parts of speech and discover how those parts of speech work together through working with cards, using the Winston Grammar Basic system. We will use two other programs to expand understanding of proper usage that teach usage issues and a stronger focus on punctuation. Students will play games that teach concepts of grammar, and they will complete worksheets in class to demonstrate their understanding of the principles at play. Progress will be evaluated through participation in class and through completion of in-class worksheets, exams and homework.

Required Texts: Workbooks and other materials provided by the instructor.

Grammar & Punctuation

Teacher Name: Lori Kehoe

Grade Levels: 8-12

Hours of homework per week: < 1

Fee: \$130

Course description:

In this class, students will have the opportunity to learn grammar skills in a fun, engaging environment. Class members will work with Easy Grammar: Plus to learn how to mark sentences in a way that demonstrates their understanding of parts of speech. Students will also discover how those parts of speech work together in sentences, and punctuation will be introduced. Students will play games that teach concepts of grammar, and they will be assigned worksheets to complete as homework to demonstrate their understanding of the principles at play. Progress will be evaluated through participation in class and through completion of worksheets and in-class exams. Homework will be required (less than an hour most weeks) and all materials will be provided by the instructor.

Required Texts: Student text and other materials will be provided by the instructor.

Language Arts with Lord of the Rings

Teacher Name: Teresa Rieder

Grade Level: 8-10

Hours of homework per week: 1-2

Fee: \$160

Course Description:

In this course we will cover reading comprehension, vocabulary, literary terms and writing all while journeying through Middle Earth! Unit studies will also further study into Tolkien's life and literary history and how it ties into modern day literature. There will be weekly homework that will include reading, comprehension questions, vocabulary and writing 1-3 page papers. Grades will be based on class participation, writing assignments, vocabulary quizzes and 3 unit tests per semester. I will be offering test preparation video conferencing a few times during the semester because of limited class time. They are not required, but highly recommended. Homework may take longer than 1-2 hours during heavy and/or testing weeks, but I try to spread everything out as much as possible and encourage students to read ahead when they have free time to lessen the workload!

Required Texts:

All textbooks/materials will be provided by the teacher.

American Literature

Teacher: Renee Capuano

Grades: 9-12

Homework: 1-2 hours per week

Fee: \$150

Course Description: This course introduces students to great American literature in a chronological historical, literary, and artistic context, while developing skills in writing and literary analysis. Homework will mainly consist of weekly reading. Students will write a short essay upon completion of each book. Four books will be read and studied in depth each semester.

Works studied in this course:

Autobiography by Benjamin Franklin

Rip Van Winkle and *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving

The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper

The House of Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Moby Dick by Herman Melville

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

Required Texts: All books listed above are the responsibility of the student to acquire.

Writing Intensive: The Art of the Powerful Essay

Teacher: Renee Capuano

Grades: 8-12

Homework: 1-2 hours per week

Fee: \$150

Course Description:

Students will learn how to use a wide range of structural models and stylistic techniques in their compositions as they write on a variety of fiction and non-fiction topics.

Topics covered for this course: Thesis Statements, Outlines, Essay Organization, Transitions, Introductions, Conclusions, Form Review, Descriptive Essays and Persuasive Essays

Required Texts: Will be provided by the teacher.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Computer Skills: Intro to Productivity Applications

Teacher Name: Liz Huisjen

Grade Level: 6-9

Hours of homework per week: <1

Cost per semester: \$100

Course description:

A basic look at productivity applications including Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint; Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides; and Apple Pages, Numbers, and Keynote. We will focus on using the programs for both education and business applications. Mac or Windows computer with Office 2019 installed is required.

Required Texts: None

Middle School Science

Teacher Name: Denise Roy

Grade Levels: 5-6

Hours of homework per week: 1

Fee: \$170

Course description:

During the Fall semester this class will study Middle School Biology and during the Spring semester we will study Middle School Astronomy. Class time will be spent learning through hands-on labs, activities, and discussion. Students will be expected to read their textbook and complete their homework at home each week to prepare for the activities that we will do together in class.

Required Texts:

For the fall: Focus on Middle School Biology Student Text and Lab Workbook. For the spring: Focus on Middle School Astronomy Student Text and Lab Workbook. (Books can be found online and at homesciencetools.com or rainbow resources)

STEM Projects and Concepts

Grade Level: 5-6

Teacher Name: Teresa Rieder

Hours of homework per week: <1

Fee: \$190

Course Description:

This class will be hands-on learning of science through engineering, technology and math. We will be doing fun projects like launching rockets, building bridges, logic games, hands-on math puzzles and teasers, learning electronics through component pieces and maker projects that cover topics in chemistry, physics, biology and engineering as well as ending the year with learning some circuitry and coding with a Micro;bit. Homework will consist of reading short articles or watching a video in preparation for class.

Required Texts: All supplies will be provided by the teacher.

Earth Science

Teacher Name: Pati Robison

Grade Levels: 7-10

Hours of Homework per week: 1-2.5

Fee: \$250

Class Description:

In this course students will be exposed different aspects of Earth Science including water, inside earth, earth's surface, astronomy, weather, rocks and minerals.

At home, students will be expected to read approximately 10-15 pages of the text per week and answer questions on the homework sheets.

In class students will discuss the week's reading and participate in hands-on lab work.

Students will also be asked to participate in the Science Fair in the Spring.

Tests will be given at the end of each book.

Required Texts:

Textbooks will be provided by the teacher. Prentice Hall Science Explorer

Textbooks: Inside Earth, Earth's Changing Surface, Earth's Waters, Weather and Climate, Astronomy

Forensic Science

Teacher Name: Pati Robison

Grade Levels: 8-12

Hours of Homework per week: 1-2.5

Fee: \$250

Course Description:

In this course students will be exposed to different aspects of the science behind crime scene investigations. Each chapter of the textbook presents a true case scenario and applies the science of Biology to the process of solving the case. In addition to biological aspects of the cases, Earth Sciences, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology, and Mathematics are used intermittently. This is a great way to answer that ever present question about science and math, “When will I ever use this in real life?” At home, students will be expected to read one-half or one chapter of the textbook per week. Review questions at the end of the chapter will be written out and handed in. Weekly quizzes will be taken at home online. Comprehensive tests will be given quarterly. In class students will be expected to participate in class discussions. We will spend one or two weeks on each chapter with at least one crime scene investigation lab per chapter. Students will complete the textbook over the course of a year. Students will also be asked to participate in the Science Fair in the Spring.

Required Texts:

You will need to purchase the textbook: (I have a few to loan–first come first served)
Forensic Science Fundamentals & Investigations(c) 2012 by Anthony J. Bertino
Published by South-Western Cengage Learning. ISBN: 0538731559 OR
9780538731553

PLEASE BE SURE TO GET A BOOK WELL IN ADVANCE SO THAT YOU HAVE A
BOOK FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES

Science Olympiad

Teacher Name: Andrea Gary Robinson, Allen Rhoades, Nina VanValkenburgh

Grade Levels: 5-9

Hours of homework per week: 2+ hours

Fee: \$200

Course description:

Fun science! Thrilling competitions! Teamwork! Great for college applications!

(You do not have to be a science genius to be great at Science Olympiad!)

Science Olympiad is a nationwide organization that uses a fun competition format to encourage kids to excel in science events. Think “Track Meet”, only with science events.

Students work in pairs to prepare in depth for many different types of events to win individual and team medals.

Types of Events

Knowledge – i.e. Anatomy, Solar System, Rocks & Minerals, Disease Detectives

Skill – i.e. Crime Buster Forensics, Experimental Design, Food Science, Optics – Laser Shoot

Build – e.g. Bridge, Hovercraft, Wind Power, Wheeled Vehicle, Glider

A full listing of this year’s events can be viewed at <https://www.soinc.org>. The B Div is for grades 5-9.

Preparation

Student pairs have a coach for each event who will help them to prepare according to the competition guidelines. Science Olympiad content is designed to be challenging, not aiming for mastery or memorization as much as understanding and application. *Students will be meeting outside of designated class time for each event, in either study hall times or other outside times and locations that are convenient for the students. We work with your schedule!* We also ask that parents participate as available in helping the team with a variety of tasks (even coaching if you have a particular specialty).

Class Times

Our official class meeting time is Thursday 8:00-9:30, but if you have a conflict, get in touch with Andrea Robinson) to see if we can work out an alternate time to meet. Students need to be available to attend our Regional competition, which is one Saturday in February or March, and if we qualify for the NY State Tournament, another Saturday in April.

Details

As coaches, year after year we see kids learn way more than they ever thought they could – even gaining a command of college level material. If you like any aspect of science at all, there's an event for you! If you don't, you will after this!

Required Texts: Provided by coach based on student events.

Intro to Electronics and Robotics using Arduino

Grade Level: 7-10

Teacher Name: Teresa Rieder

Hours of homework per week: <1

Fee: \$225

Course Description:

Fall semester will be learning electronics basics and Arduino programming using an electronic kit. Spring semester will be spent using that knowledge to assemble and run their own robot. Little to no homework will be assigned for this class. Grades will be based on participation, creativity and responsibility with the electronic kits and robots.

Required Texts: Students must have a laptop for each class that is capable of running the Arduino IDE software (no Chromebooks). All other textbooks/materials will be provided by the teacher. Lost or damaged electronics will have to be replaced at student's cost.

Computer Skills: Intermediate Productivity Applications

Teacher Name: Liz Huisjen

Grade Level: 9-12

Hours of homework per week: <1

Cost per semester: \$100

Course Description:

A look at productivity applications including Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint; Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides; and Apple Pages, Numbers, and Keynote. There will be a concentration on using formulas in spreadsheets and macros, templates, and other tools in documents to make the most of these lesser known but hugely helpful features of these apps. We will focus on using the programs for both education and business applications. Mac or Windows computer with Office 2019 installed is required.

Required Texts: None

Computer Programming: Intro to Python

Teacher Name: Teresa Rieder

Grade Level: 9-12

Hours of Homework Per Week: Less Than 1

Fee: \$100

Course Description:

This course is meant for those students who know a little about Python and also those who know absolutely nothing! We'll be working our way through an online course using Python 3 in the Visual Studio Code editor. We will be starting with Python basics and move all the way to building real-world Python programs, including GUIs, web apps, web scrapers and mobile apps.

Google Classroom will be used for posting updates and sharing our progress and well as posting helpful links as we learn.

Required Texts: All students are required to have a laptop and bring it each week. I will link to the online course we are using and I suggest that each student purchase a copy as well to have for at home viewing and working independently, but it is not required. Cost is about \$20.

Chemistry

Teacher Name: Pati Robison

Grade Levels: 10-12

Hours of Homework per week: 4 hours per week

Fee: \$275

Course Description:

Prerequisite:

Since much of Chemistry is math based, students must have either completed or be taking Algebra II concurrently. Students must be committed to getting to class on time each day and keeping up with the work outside of class.

This will be a Regents level Chemistry course. (This is a little easier than the Chemistry course I have previously taught.) In this course students will be exposed to different aspects of the science of Chemistry. The class will meet for 2.5 hours and will include a review of the reading, Chemistry problem solving (Math) and a hands-on lab. Students will learn to write several formal lab reports. They will also be expected to participate in the Spring Science Fair for which they will do some research and experimentation. Students will complete the textbook over the course of the year.

At home, students will be expected to read approximately one chapter of the textbook every two weeks.

This may realistically take 1 hour per day, 4 days per week. Review sheets including questions at the end of the chapter are to be written out and handed in. Weekly quizzes will be taken in class. Cumulative tests will be taken in class at the end of each chapter.

Required Textbook:

You will need to purchase the textbook: [2020 Prentice Hall Brief Review] New York Chemistry : The Physical Setting Student Book Paperback – January 1, 2019. ASIN B07YGNGCY5

Biology

Teacher Name: Michael Gaylo

Grade Levels: 9-12

Hours of homework per week: 2+

Fee: \$225.00

Course description:

The Biology course involves the scientific study of living organisms. It will cover the basic form and function of these organisms, from cells to organ systems, from simple viruses to complex mammals. The interactions between organisms, and between an organism and its environment will also be examined. Classroom time will consist of a lecture and lab. Students will be expected to keep a lab notebook to record lab data and to submit written reports for each lab the week following the completion of the lab.

Required Texts:

Prentice Hall Biology, student edition by Miller & Levine, printed 2006-2007. These books will have a dragonfly on the cover. Used copies can be purchased on Amazon.com.

Advanced Robotics using Arduino & Raspberry Pi

Grade Level: 8-12

Teacher Name: Teresa Rieder

Hours of homework per week: <1

Fee: \$125

Course Description:

Prerequisite – All students must have taken Introduction to Arduino OR can present working knowledge of Arduino IDE software and robot design (you must request teacher permission before registration if you have not taken the previous class). This class will be student designed and all projects for the year will be decided at our first class. All students attending this class for the first year must come up with projects run by Arduino, like a plant watering system or robot races. For students attending this class for the second (or after) year, projects in Raspberry Pi can be added. For many students this will be a new platform and I do suggest taking my Python coding class either prior to or concurrently with the year they pick up Raspberry Pi (since this is the coding language of Raspberry Pi). Students will be responsible for purchasing all their own parts and equipment. There is generally no homework for this class unless the student would like to continue working on their projects outside of class.

Required Texts: Cost of building projects will be the student responsibility. Please expect to spend \$25-\$200 for project parts, unless you already own lots of parts. Students must also bring a laptop with appropriate software to every class.

ART

Heads, Hands, and Figures

Teacher Name: Noreen Powell

Grade Levels: 9 - 12

Hours of homework per week: Less than 1 hour

Fee: \$160.00

Course description: Students will understand how to break down and approach a portrait, hands, and the figure in order to do mature works of art. They will be exposed to a variety of historical artists and art movements and will explore a different medium with each project. All supplies are provided except for the student's personal sketchbook.

Required Texts: 9x12 Spiral Bound Sketchbook

Mixed Media

Teacher Name: Noreen Powell

Grade Levels: 5 - 8

Hours of homework per week: No Homework

Fee: \$ 160.00

Course description:

This course offers hands-on learning through the art process. Students will experiment with a variety of media throughout this course with an emphasis on three dimensional art. All art supplies are included except for the students sketchbook.

Required Texts: 9x12 Spiral Bound Sketchbook

Art Building Blocks

Teacher Name: Noreen Powell

Grade Levels: 5 - 8

Hours of homework per week: No Homework

Fee: \$160.00

Course description:

Students will be guided through beginning level art projects that will build their skills in design, drawing and painting. Students will explore a variety of mediums and be exposed to and inspired by some of the masters of art. All art supplies will be provided except for the students personal sketch book.

Required Texts: 9x12 Spiral Bound Sketchbook

Hand Building with Clay

Teacher Name: Helen Centanni

Grade Level: 9-12

Hours of homework per week: No Homework

Fee: \$170

Course description:

Students will explore various hand building techniques including slab, coil, pinching and sculpting. Students will apply texture and paint to create their own unique and fun pieces of work. Some tools will be use and supplied. Clay included in fee.

Required Text: 5x7 Sketchbook

MUSIC

Choir

Teacher Name: Kate Siegenthaler

Grade Levels: 5-12

Hours of homework per week: <1

Fee: \$135

Course description:

Singing a variety of musical styles, students will be introduced to choral skills, vocal techniques, musical literacy, and enjoy the camaraderie that participating in a musical ensemble brings. Class will include vocal warm ups, music activities, and rehearsal of music to be performed. Generally, there will not be homework with the small exception of memorizing music or reviewing a section as needed before performance.

Required Texts: Students will receive music octavos ordered by the instructor.

General Music

Teacher Name: Kate Siegenthaler

Grade levels: 5-8

Hours of homework per week: 0

Fee: \$130

Course description:

Students will enjoy a variety of musical activities; from singing songs, playing musical games, learning to read music, and playing instruments. We will enjoy seasonal music and learn about a few great composers. This is a great course for students who have any level of musical experience and will allow for a wide range of musical exploration and experiences.

Required Texts: All materials and instruments will be provided by the teacher.

Ukulele

Teacher Name: Matt Olmstead

Grade Levels: 5-8 and 9-12

Hours of homework per week: No Homework

Fee: \$115

Course description:

Learn the basic fundamentals of strumming, song playing, rhythm, reading music/chords, chord sheets and singing while playing. This fun and interactive class will be all about playing while learning. All experience levels welcome! Not only are Matt's classes incredibly fun, but he brings his Music Education teaching experience with him as well as years of performing experience with his own a cappella group!

Required Texts: Will be provided by the teacher. Students will need to purchase their own ukulele and bring it to class each week.

A Cappella Chorus

Teacher Name: Matt Olmstead

Grade Levels: 7-12

Hours of homework per week: No Homework

Fee: \$115

Course description:

In this class we will be creating popular songs into a cappella versions and learning basic song construction, learning how to harmonize and improvise, doing vocal warm-ups, beat-boxing, learning audition skills and having the opportunity for solo singing.

Not only are Matt's classes incredibly fun, but he brings his Music Education teaching experience with him as well as years of performing experience with his own a cappella group!

Required Texts: Will be provided by teacher

Music Appreciation

Teacher Name: Kathy Kinisky

Grade Level: 5-8

Fee: \$125

Course Description:

Students will learn about the history of Western Music beginning in Ancient Times and the dramatic influence of the church during Medieval Times. They will learn about the world's greatest classical composers including Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart, Beethoven (and many more) and then onto the development of music in America, Broadway, and the Beatles! Classes will be made up of lecture, videos, musical excerpts, games, and activities. Students will learn musical vocabulary and will learn to listen to and identify several of the greatest musical works ever written. There will be a few quizzes and students will be required to give a presentation on a composer or musical time period at the end of each semester.

Required Materials: 1" binder

MATH

Finance (Middle School)

Teacher: Lori Kehoe

Grade levels: 5-8

Hours of homework per week: >1

Fee: \$140

I wish this course were available at my school. While I did well in traditional math, there was no blueprint in class for how to approach money in real life. Students will learn to be prepared to avoid pitfalls and build a mindset of saving, giving, and spending wisely both in the short and long term. Want a bike sometime soon? A car in a few years? And, yes, by starting now and following a simple mindset, middle school students will be on a solid, not just dreamy, path to being millionaires by the time they retire. In addition to learning through using Foundations in Personal Finance: Middle School Edition for Homeschool by Dave Ramsey, we will also learn through real money activities loosely using My Classroom Economy by Vanguard. Students will rent their desks, get paid for homework, bid on auction items, open a business for a few days at consortium, prepare for classroom “disasters” through insurance, etc. (No money outside of the cost of the class will ever be expected or allowed.) Most importantly, this class will seek to glorify God and teach gratitude and contentment in all things.

Required texts: Workbooks and other materials will be provided by the instructor.

Math and Logic Games

Teacher Name: Denise Roy

Grade Levels: 5-8

Fee: \$130

Course description:

This course will introduce students to and reinforce basic math concepts through a variety of interactive math games and activities. Students will have opportunities to practice logic, strategy, problem-solving skills and brain exercises.

Required texts: Provided by teacher.

Math 6

Teacher Name: Denise Roy

Grade Levels: 6

Hours of homework per week: 1+

Fee: \$150

Course description:

This course will teach 6th grade math using Singapore Math in Focus which is based on the Singapore teaching method and common core aligned. In class students will be taught directly from the lessons in the book and assigned weekly homework to reinforce the concepts and newly introduced material. I will work with students to complete guided practice problems before sending them home to continue developing new skills. Topics covered in the sixth grade include: Positive & Negative Numbers and the Number Line, multiplying and dividing fractions and decimals, ratio, rates, percent, algebraic expressions, equations and inequalities, the coordinate plane, area of polygons, circumference and area of circle, surface area and volume of solids, intro to statistics and measure of central tendency. Tests will be given as take-home. Grades will be based on tests, and homework completion.

Required Texts: Math in Focus grade 6 course one student books A and B, binder, scientific calculator, protractor, graphing paper and notebook

Math 7

Teacher Name: Angelisa Box

Grade Levels: 7

Hours of homework per week: 4+

Fee: \$160

Course Description:

Prerequisite: For students who have passed Math 6 or demonstrate equivalent skills. This Math 7 course will follow the Math in Focus Singapore Math curriculum for grade 7. Students will learn to classify numbers within the system of Real Numbers, perform operations with Rational Numbers, write and simplify algebraic expressions, solve algebraic equations and inequalities, reason proportionally by representing direct proportions in tables, graphs, and equations, as well as identify indirect proportions, classify angle relationships, perform geometric constructions, find volume and surface area of geometric solids, represent data using various statistics and visual representations, and find the probability of events. Class sessions will include math facts drills, lesson instruction, and guided practice exercises. Students will be expected to complete follow-up homework assignments and tests at home, which will require 45-60 minutes each weekday with support and feedback from parents as needed. Some students may require more learning support than the weekly class time allows; in this case, the student should also sign up for a Math Tutoring class. Internet access at home will be beneficial for accessing additional teacher-provided resources to support weekly lessons and homework.

Required Texts: Math in Focus Course 2 (Grade 7) Student Books A and B; ISBN 978-0-547-56007-6 and ISBN 978-0-547-56010-6 respectively.

Class Materials: 2” 3-ring binder, loose leaf paper, graph paper, ruler, protractor, compass, scientific calculator, sharpened pencils and highlighters.

Math 8

Teacher Name: Angelisa Box

Grade Levels: 8th

Hours of homework per week: 4+

Fee: \$160

Course description:

This course will follow the Math in Focus Singapore Math curriculum for grade 8 which is based on the Singapore teaching method, is Common Core aligned, and is a curriculum with problem solving as the center of math learning and concepts taught through real-world, hands-on experiences. During the 1.5 hour class, students will be taught the unit lessons and given guided practice exercises. Students are expected to complete follow-up assignments and tests at home which are to be turned in during the next class. The expectation is that students will spend 45-60 minutes each 4 to 5 times per week completing assignments with support and feedback from parents as needed. Some students may require more learning support than the weekly class time allows. In this case, the student should also sign up for a math tutoring class. Exams will be given upon completion of each unit to be administered at home by the parent. Grades will be based on quizzes, tests, class participation and homework completion. I consider this material a bit advanced compared to other curriculums I have used. In order to get through the material in one year, this class moves at a quick pace so there isn't much extra time in class for help with homework.

Required Texts: Math in Focus Grade 8 Course 3 student books A and B (Common core editions): ISBN 978-0-547-56011-3 and ISBN 978-0-547-56009-0.

Additional required class materials: 2 inch three-ring binder, scientific graphing calculator (TI-83 plus or TI-84 or comparable), protractor, graphing paper and notebook.

Consumer Math

Grade Level: 9-12

Teacher Name: Angelisa Box

Hours of homework per week: 3+

Fee:\$160

Course Description:

Bridge the gap between just learning mathematical procedures and using them in everyday situations with the practical exercises of Consumer Mathematics. This textbook covers concepts such as buying, insuring, and maintaining a car; social security tax; creating and balancing a budget; renting a home; buying food and clothing; tax forms; and affording leisure time. These principles will give your child sound views for understanding the value of money and how to use it wisely. This class is designed to teach the high school student how math is necessary in their everyday world. This class will require a minimum of 3 hours of homework per week. Exams will be given on the completion of each unit to be administered at home by the parent. Grades will be based on quizzes, tests, class participation and homework completion.

Required Texts: We will use Abeka Consumer Mathematics in Christian Perspective (9-12) 2nd edition and Abeka Consumer Mathematics in Christian Perspective Skills and Review Exercises. *I have a handful of extra textbooks if you would like to rent one from me for \$30 for the year. If they are returned in good condition, I will return your \$30 at the end of the year. This cost is not included in the course fee. You will need to purchase the Skills and Review Exercises book. Ebay is a great place to check for these books.

Additional required class materials: Binder, notebook paper, pencils, calculator.

SAT Math Prep

Teacher Name: Terri Rice

Grade Levels: 10-12th, Algebra 1 prerequisite

Hours of homework per week: 1.5 hours

Fee: \$200 per semester

Course description:

SAT Math Prep is a time to learn how SAT math questions are formulated and some techniques on how to solve them. The first semester will look at individual units of the new SAT: “Heart of Algebra”, “Problem Solving and Data Analysis”, “Additional Topics in Math”, and “Passport to Advanced Math”. The second semester will practice the new SAT test each week.

Required Texts: Worksheet pages are included with tuition fee but please provide the following: 3-ring binder (2 inches minimum), GRAPHING calculator (TI-83 Plus or TI-84)

Algebra I

Teacher Name: Terri Rice

Grade Levels: 8th-10th

Hours of homework per week: 2+ hours

Fee: \$250 per semester

Course description: This class will be held twice each week, 1 1/2 hours each, covering 4-5 lessons per week with a few added activities, quizzes and tests in class. This class is done “flip-class” style with the students viewing the video lesson (and completing a work page) at home BEFORE class begins. We will try to finish as much of the subsequent “homework” page in class, but students will need to finish anything not completed at home for homework credit. Students will need a QR reader or use the website

<https://emathinstruction.com/courses/common-core-algebra-i/> to view the videos.

Required Texts: Textbook is included with tuition fee but please provide the following: 3-ring binder (1.5 inches minimum), tabbed dividers, notebook paper, graph paper, straight edge (may be a protractor), GRAPHING calculator (TI-83 Plus or TI-84), electronic device with Internet access at home to view videos

Geometry

Teacher Name: Terri Rice

Grade Levels: 9th-11th, Algebra 1 prerequisite

Hours of homework per week: 2+ hours

Fee: \$250 per semester

Course description: This class will be held twice each week, 1 1/2 hours each, covering 4-5 lessons per week with a few added activities, quizzes and tests in class. This class is done “flip-class” style with the students viewing the video lesson (and completing a work page) at home BEFORE class begins. We will try to finish as much of the subsequent “homework” page in class, but students will need to finish anything not completed at home for homework credit. Students will need a QR reader or use the website

<https://emathinstruction.com/courses/common-core-geometry/> to view the videos.

Required Texts: Textbook is included with tuition fee but please provide the following: 3-ring binder (1.5 inches minimum), tabbed dividers, notebook paper, graph paper, straight edge (may be a protractor), drawing compass (Please get a good one. I recommend one of the better Staedtler brand metal compasses.), GRAPHING calculator (TI-83 Plus or TI-84), electronic device with Internet access at home to view videos

Algebra II

Teacher Name: Terri Rice

Grade Levels: 10th-12th, Algebra 1 prerequisite

Hours of homework per week: 2+ hours

Fee: \$250 per semester

Course description: This class will be held twice each week, 1 1/2 hours each, covering 4-5 lessons per week with a few added activities, quizzes and tests in class. This class is done “flip-class” style with the students viewing the video lesson (and completing a work page) at home BEFORE class begins. We will try to finish as much of the subsequent “homework” page in class, but students will need to finish anything not completed at home for homework credit. Students will need a QR reader or use the website

<https://emathinstruction.com/courses/common-core-algebra-i/> to view the videos.

Required Texts: Textbook is included with tuition fee but please provide the following: 3-ring binder (1.5 inches minimum), tabbed dividers, notebook paper, graph paper, straight edge (may be a protractor), GRAPHING calculator (TI-83 Plus or TI-84), electronic device with Internet access at home to view videos

Pre-Calculus

Teacher Name: Terri Rice

Grade Levels: 11-12th, Algebra 2 prerequisite

Hours of homework per week: 2+ hours

Fee: \$250 per semester

Course description: This class will be held once a week for 1.5 hours. Each week will have either 5 lessons or 4 lessons and a test. Each semester will have 4 tests and 2 exams completed in class. (Unfortunately, you will need to schedule time during one of your study halls to come in and take the tests as we will not have time in class.)

Required Texts: Saxon Advanced Math, second edition, 2003. ISBN: 978-1565770393. In addition, please consider purchasing the Solutions Manual, ISBN: 9781565770423. 3-ring binder (1.5 inches minimum), tabbed dividers, notebook paper, graph paper, straight edge (may be a protractor), GRAPHING calculator (TI-83 Plus or TI-84)

Calculus

Teacher Name: Terri Rice

Grade Levels: 12th, Algebra 2 prerequisite

Hours of homework per week: 2+ hours

Fee: \$250 per semester

Course description: This class will be held once a week for 1.5 hours. Each week will have either 5 lessons or 4 lessons and a test. Each semester will have 4 tests and 2 exams completed in class. (Unfortunately, you will need to schedule time during one of your study halls to come in and take the tests as we will not have time in class.)

Required Texts: Please purchase Saxon Calculus, second edition, 2002. ISBN: 1-56577-146-X. In addition, please consider purchasing the Solutions Manual, ISBN: 1-56577-148-6. 3-ring binder (1.5 inches minimum), tabbed dividers, notebook paper, graph paper, straight edge (may be a protractor), GRAPHING calculator (TI-83 Plus or TI-84)

HISTORY

World History Middle School (5th-7th)

Teacher Name: Nina Van Valkenburgh

Grade Levels: 5-7

Hours of Homework per Week: 1-2 hours weekly

Fee:\$160

Course Description:

This class is an introduction to World History beginning with the ancient Roman Empire and extending through the Age of Reason at the close of the 1700s. Students will interact with history in a way that both brings it to life and allows them to understand how the past influences the present. Students will also have a chance to gain study skills by participating in class through note taking, activities, reenactments, and projects. Students will also have the opportunity to engage with primary resources in order to gain a deeper appreciation of what we are studying. Weekly homework will include reading a chapter of the book and answering questions and occasional additional work on projects. Tests will be given regularly throughout the semester and will be completed at home.

Required Texts: World History Medieval and Early Modern Times McDougal Littell – Students will be given a copy to use for the year.

American History Middle School(7th-9th)

Teacher Name: Nina Van Valkenburgh

Grades Levels: 7-10

Hours of Homework per Week: 1-2 hours weekly

Fee: \$160

Course Description:

Come explore the world altering history of the United States from early explorers through the Civil War as we focus on United States History from the 1400's-1877. Students will be challenged to delve into a deeper understanding by examining primary resources that accompany our textbooks, such as The Mayflower Compact, The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, The Federalist Papers, the Narrative of Fredrick Douglas and more. Through a series of videos on Biblical Citizenship in Modern America we will examine how history continues to have an impact on our culture today and how understanding American history can guide our future as a nation. Each week students will have a reading assignment in the text and questions to complete. The usual format for this class includes video clips, a short lecture and a significant amount of class discussion and debate. Occasionally, students may need to research additional information on the web for class discussion and debate. Some writing assignments will be completed at home and shared in class. We will complete a short 1-2 page essay about every 3-4 weeks. A class web page will be available weekly for students to access to gain a better understanding of the week's lesson. Field trips will be offered. Students will have to fill in the blank note pages to fill in during each class. This class has a cumulative review test each semester as well as three quizzes per semester to help foster retention and high standardized test scores.

Required Text: United States History Beginnings to 1877 Holt McDougal – text will be provided by the teacher

American History High School (9th-12th)

Teacher Name: Nina Van Valkenburgh

Grade Levels: 9-12

Hours of Homework per Week: 2+ hours weekly

Fee: \$160

Course Description:

The bulk of this course focuses on the history of the United States following the Civil War through to modern times, however, we will spend a few brief weeks reviewing early American history. Students will discover the impact of industrialization. They'll study the Progressive Era, World War I, the interwar period, the Great Depression, and World War II. They will learn about the period after World War II, when the United States was seen as one of two world superpowers (with the USSR) and entered into the Cold War. They will study the Civil Rights movement, the development of a counterculture, and the resurgence of conservatism. The course concludes with a discussion of modern technological advancements, terrorism, and the current state of politics. Class time will include short video clips, readings of primary resources, lecture, note-taking and discussion and debate. Homework will include reading, answering questions and writing assignments focused on current events. A project will be due at the end of each semester. **Required Text:** The Americans Reconstruction to the 21st Century Holt McDougal – text will be provided to students

Advanced Global Studies

Teacher Name: Nina Van Valkenburgh

Grades Levels: 9-12

Hours of Homework per Week: 2+ hours weekly

Fee: \$160

Course Description:

This course in global studies is designed to develop perspectives on the Middle East, Africa, South Asia (including India and Pakistan) and East Asia (including China and Japan), and West Asia, all of Europe, Russia and Republics, Latin America, and North America. Interactions and linkages among nations and people will be explored within specific time periods to ascertain how the past influences the present. We will look at events that have changed the way people lived, such as political revolutions, social and religious change, new technologies, or the exploration of unknown places. Students will dig into the geography, culture and history of these regions through in class videos, lectures, note-taking, and discussion and debates. Weekly homework will include reading, questions and periodic short essays on current events. Tests will be given regularly throughout the semester to reinforce concepts and projects will be due at the end of each semester in relation to what students are learning.

Required Text: Geography Holt MacDougal – will be provided by the teacher

Cultures & Geography Middle School (5th-8th)

Teacher Name: Denise Roy

Grade Levels: 5-8

Hours of homework per week: Less than an hour

Fee: \$150

Course description:

This class will use a variety of activities to study the various regions of the world. Including centers, geography through art projects, sampling foods, puzzles, games, word scrambles, crosswords and several hands on activities. We will cover topics, including latitude and longitude, map skills, population, capitals, culture, political and physical, climate and environment, regions.

Required texts: Provided by teacher.

LANGUAGES

Spanish I

Teacher Name: Helen Centanni

Grade Level: 5-8 and 9-12

Hours of homework per week: 1

Fee: \$160

Course description: Spanish I will include grammar, vocabulary, facts and cultures of Spanish-speaking regions, memory verses, writing assignments, games and more! Students will perform frequent practice and review exercises to develop proficiency, practice critical thinking, establish good study habits, and retain important cultural information. Abeka Spanish I workbook included in fee.

Required Text: Included in fee

Spanish II

Teacher Name: Helen Centanni

Grade Level: 8-12

Hours of homework per week: 1-2

Fee: \$160

Course description: Spanish II will include the learn-memorize-practice-apply method. Students will be taught to speak, understand, read, and write basic Spanish in common situations. The application exercises emphasize communicating orally with reasonable grammatical accuracy. We will review vocabulary and parts of speech utilizing games, charts and more! (Prerequisite Spanish I) Abeka Spanish II workbook included in fee.

Required Text: Included in fee

ENRICHMENT

Jr. Mock Trial Club (After School Club)

Teacher Name: Renee Capuano

Grade Levels: 5-8

Hours of homework per week: less than 1

Fee: \$85

Students will learn the basics of mock trial competition. This after school club will not only be fun and upbeat, but will develop skills such as critical thinking and public speaking. Games, guest speakers and field trips will add to the fun! Students will learn NYSBA Mock Trial Rules while studying a fictitious case. The program will culminate with students trying the case for both the prosecution and defense. At the end of the school year, students will have an awards ceremony and banquet.

Required Text: All materials supplied by teacher

Debate & Public Speaking

Teacher Name: Renee Capuano

Grade Levels: 5-9

Hours of homework per week: 1-2

Fee: \$150

Course description:

This engaging and interactive class will provide a weekly venue for students to develop their public speaking and debate skills, as well as to develop a deeper understanding of Global current events, politics and government. This class helps students practice thinking on their feet as well as developing logical thinking skills. The weekly reading assignment will take students 10-30 minutes, with an additional 30- 45 minutes of writing their six points composed of 4-6 sentences each week.

Required Texts: all material supplied by teacher

Community Service Projects (After School Club)

Teacher Name: Renee Capuano

Grade Levels: 7-12

Hours of homework per week: less than 1

Fee: \$85

Course Description:

This after school club will provide students the opportunity to complete both individual and group service projects. Teacher will present many ideas for service including short term and long term projects. Students may also research and pursue their own ideas for projects. This club will focus on service, leadership and fellowship.

Required Text: Materials supplied by teacher

Cooking

Teacher Name: Denise Roy

Grade Level: 5-12

Fee: \$140

In this class our focus is to make healthy nutritional choices and foster a love for cooking! We will choose from appetizers, meals and desserts and learn about how to substitute healthier ingredients in our favorite recipes. We will choose from Japanese, Chinese, Italian, Greek, and Mexican just to name a few. Each student will get to choose something they would like to make during the semester.

Required Texts: All materials provided by the teacher.

Gym

Teacher Name: Gym

Grade Level: 5-12

Fee: \$150

Course Description:

We will introduce games and activities suitable for all ages and abilities. Focus on game rules, procedures and good sportsmanship.

Required Texts: All materials provided by the teacher.

The Case for Christ...and other Apologetics

Teacher Name: Beth Swanson

Grade Levels: 9-12

Hours of homework per week: Less than 1 hour

Fee: \$150

Course description: Have you ever spoken to a young child with lots of curiosity, and the answer he gives to everything you say is “But, why?” Have you ever felt that way about your faith...“But, why?!” The Bible encourages us to defend our faith, and answer those “But, why?” questions to anyone that asks. Apologetics means you know what you believe and are ready to answer for it. This class will help high schoolers identify what their Christian faith is based on, as well as sculpt a testimony they are ready to share. By helping teens to answer why they have faith, answering their questions and openly considering their doubts, this class will teach, inspire, and strengthen the faith they already have! The class will use discussion, debate, role play, movies, animated shorts, bible reading, and more to empower students to be confident in their faith! Email me at beth@acmedrs.com if you have any questions about course content! All students will receive a copy of the Student Edition of The Case for Christ, The Case for Faith, and The Case for a Creator books, How We Got the Bible booklets, a student bible, and a binder.

Required Texts: All materials provided.

Colleges and Careers (Fall Only)

Teacher Name: Jennifer Labonte

Grade Levels: 9-12

Hours of homework per week: 1

Fee: \$110

Course description: Students will explore a variety of different careers, determine what colleges would suit them best, and become familiar with the college application process (college visits & interviews, the essay & letters of recommendation, etc). They will also identify what type of learners they are and prepare for college: how to pick classes, develop time management skills, and improve their study habits. Classroom activities will be engaging and the homework that is assigned will help the students to succeed in life after high school. **Please note that this is a 1 semester course. Health will take its place in the spring and will satisfy the ½ unit required by NYS, though students are not required to continue on with health.**

Required Texts: Materials will be provided by the teacher.

Health (Spring Only)

Teacher Name: Jennifer Labonte

Grade Levels: 9-12

Hours of homework per week: 1

Fee: \$110

Course description:

In this class we will cover all things health-related: social, emotional, physical, spiritual, and nutritional, though reproductive health will be left up to parents. All information will be presented from a pro-life Christian perspective with an emphasis on our dignity as children of God. Each class will begin with a devotional from Max Lucado's One God, One Plan, One Life which focuses on teen issues, such as bullying, self-esteem, and purity. Most of the classes will be discussion-based, however, students will be required to do some class presentations and homework will be assigned most weeks. Guest speakers will be invited in when possible.

Required Texts: Materials will be supplied by the teacher. For the IHIP, Glencoe Health should be listed as the textbook.

Exploring Issues

Teacher Name: Lori Kehoe & Beth Swanson

Grade Levels: 9-12

Hours of homework per week: <1 hour

Fee: \$150

Course description:

So many issues seem like BIG issues today, but where do we start to break them down to understand them?! More importantly, does scripture speak to any, some, or all of these? Each week we'll take on a new topic, hear from some experts (both in person and virtual) about the theory and evidence behind the issues, and consider the basis for varying opinions. We will tackle topics like: What makes an election fair? Is Social Security the same as Guaranteed Wages? Should the minimum wage be higher? Is American exceptionalism real? Do we still have gender disparity? Is the electoral college necessary to democracy? Does America have healthcare rationing? Is abortion a choice for Christians? What should we do about immigration? Have some questions about a hot topic of your own? We will be considering student's topics throughout the year, too! This class will be a place to broadly discuss ideas and apply the logic of critical thinking in the light of scripture. For homework, students will keep a weekly journal reflecting on the material presented and how that intersects with their own thoughts and opinions.

Required Texts: All materials provided by instructors.

Debate & Public Speaking

Teacher Name: Renee Capuano

Grade Levels: 9-12

Hours of homework per week: 1-2

Fee: \$150

Course description:

This engaging and interactive class will provide a weekly venue for students to develop their public speaking and debate skills, as well as to develop a deeper understanding of Global current events, politics, and government. This class helps students practice thinking on their feet as well as developing logical thinking skills. The weekly reading assignment will take students 10-30 minutes, with an additional 30- 45 minutes of writing their six points composed of 4-6 sentences each week.

Required Texts: All materials supplied by teacher

Law and Professionalism (Mock Trial)

Teacher Name: Renee Capuano

Grades Levels: 9-12

Hours of homework per week: 1st semester 1 hour per week or less, 2nd semester varies depending on parts

Fee: \$150

Course Description:

Mock Trial is an activity in which students learn the principles of trial advocacy and then apply those principles as they try a fictitious case. Aside from getting a jump on college, involvement in Mock Trial fosters increased self-confidence, improved analytical and speaking skills and the ability to work well with others – not to mention, it's a lot of fun. The first semester will provide an understanding of the rules and process of Mock Trial. The fictitious case will be tried during the second semester. Students must sign up for Mock Trial both semesters in order to participate in competitions. Students will have little homework (less than 1 hour per week) for much of the first semester. The time commitment increases significantly as the competition begins in the Spring when students will need extra time outside of class to prepare. In addition, most competitions take place outside normal business hours (evenings and weekends) when the volunteers are available. **Required Text:** all materials will be provided by teacher

Strategy Games

Grade Level: 7-12

Teacher Name: Liz Huisjen

Hours of homework per week: <1

Cost per semester: \$125

Students will play strategy games such as Risk, Blokus, 7 Wonders, Ticket to Ride, SET, Settlers of Catan, Chess, and others. Students will gain skills in logic, strategy, communication, team building, and trivia. **Required Texts:** None

Bible

Teacher Name: Mrs. Rice

Grade Levels: 7-12

Hours of homework per week: No Homework

Fee: \$150

Course description: This course will be an inductive Bible study covering the books of Ephesians and Philemon in the fall semester and the books of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus in the spring semester. Students will learn a variety of Bible study methods including identifying key words, cross referencing, and comparing and contrasting passages. I will have our main Bible book verses pre-printed as well as provide in-class worksheets and colored pencils for marking the printed passages.

Required Texts: Students will need to bring each week a Bible, 3-ring binder with divider tabs, notebook paper and pens or pencils.

TUTOR/LESSONS

Violin Lessons

Teacher Name: Kathy Kinisky

All grades and levels (Beg.- Adv)

Fee: \$25 per 30 minute lesson

kkinisky@nycap.rr.com/(518) 300-1357

Kathy Kinisky has been teaching violin for 24 years and is a member of the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra and the Willow String Quartet. Her students play in all levels of the Empire State Youth Orchestra and frequently participate in NYSSMA and All State competitions. Teaching privately allows for the opportunity to design a program for each student based on their strengths and musical ability. Students will use the Suzuki Books (not method), they will learn to read music and will also participate in ear training and basic theory. Students will be invited to participate in a recital held in June. **Please contact her directly to schedule lessons.**

Piano Lessons

Teacher Name: Yvonne Joy

Grade Levels : All levels (Co-op & Consortium)

Hours of homework per week: Daily practice recommended

Availability: Thursdays, 8:00am - 2:00pm

Fee: TBD

Course description:

Learn how to play the piano, Classical or Pop style, Beginner to Early Advanced levels. Private 30min or 45min lessons with a personalized curriculum, including Music Theory (ABRSM). Online group classes on Music Appreciation and the History of Western Music will be offered periodically. Students will participate in Recitals throughout the school year. Email: joyrhythmusic@gmail.com

Required Texts: TBD

Math Tutor (Rice)

Teacher Name: Terri Rice

Grade Levels: 9-12th, (8th grade is Algebra 1)

Hours of homework per week: 2+ hours

Fee: \$150 per semester

Course description:

Math Tutoring with Mrs. Rice is a time for students in Mrs. Rice's math classes to get extra help. This is not private tutoring so the student will share time with other students. (For private one-on-one tutoring, contact Mrs. Rice directly. This will be done at her home or over Zoom.) I prefer students to come to tutoring prepared with specific questions they need help with. When possible, I try to work with students in blocks, so please come to tutoring prepared to work on routine math lessons when the teacher is working with another student.

Required Texts: Textbook and supplies necessary for class. Tutoring slots are set up for Mrs. Rice's math students first. If extra room and permission by your student's teacher, consideration will be made for students not in Mrs. Rice's classes. Parents will need to supply textbook and answer keys for tutoring.

Math Tutor (Box)

Teacher Name: Angelisa Box

Grade Levels: 5-12

Fee: \$150

Course description:

This option is for students in need of some extra help with their current math curriculum. Some students may require more learning support than the weekly math class times allow or even help with math they are working on at home. This is not a class where students bring their math curriculum to be taught by the math tutor. It is simply for extra help in concurrence with what they are already receiving instruction in. This is not private tutoring so the student will share time with other students. Please come to tutoring prepared to work on routine math lessons when the teacher is working with another student.

Science and Math Tutoring (Robison)

Teacher Name: Pati Robison

Grade Levels: any

Hours of Homework per week: none

Fee: \$125

Course description:

This class is for Mrs. Robison's science students who need extra help with their homework. Students should bring homework and questions to class.

Required Texts: None

Math Tutor (Rieder)

Teacher Name: Ella Grace Rieder

Grade Levels: 8-12 (Algebra I and above)

Hours of Homework per week: none

Fee: \$20/hour

Course Description:

HVC Alumni and current Computer Software major at RPI is available for Math Tutoring via Zoom and/or in-person at locally agreeable places. Is happy to work with students in Algebra I through Calculus. Contact directly for scheduling ellagracerieder@yahoo.com

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Art History 191

Teacher Name: Noreen Powell

Grade Levels: 11 - 12

Hours of homework per week: 2+ hours

Fee: \$ 385

Course description:

Art and Culture: The Ancient World (3.0) (Liberal Arts)

This course explores the origins of artwork, artists and architecture from the ancient world to the medieval period through the context of who, what, where, and why works were made.

Presentations and discussions will focus on culture as a driving force for visual communication and personal expression. Western and non-western perspectives will be explored.

Required Texts:

The Humanistic Tradition, Book 1: The First Civilizations and the Classical Legacy

7th Edition by Gloria Fiero

ISBN: 978-0073376660

College Spanish 101

Grade Level: 10-12

Teacher Name: Paula Saint-Vil

Fee: \$ 385

Hours of Homework per week: 2+ hours

Course Description:

Spanish 101 is a beginning language course designed to provide students with the fundamentals of Spanish pronunciation and grammar, as well as an introduction to Hispanic culture. The course will stress the development of communications skills, especially speaking, but will also promote listening, reading and writing skills. Grammatical structures will include articles, masculine and feminine nouns, adjective agreement, and present tense of regular, irregular and stem-changing verbs. Vocabulary will include greetings, introductions, personal information and descriptions, university study, family relationships, professions, pastimes, vacation, months, colors, numbers, time, sports and leisure-time activities. Students can expect regular tests, assignments and homework.

Required Texts: VISTAS: INTRODUCCIÓN A LA LENGUA ESPAÑOLA, 5th Edition, Blanco & Donley. Vistas Higher Learning. 2016

Materials: Students will need a notebook or folder to keep notes and important papers in. Spanish dictionaries are recommended at this level.

College Spanish 102

Grade Level: 10-12

Teacher Name: Paula Saint-Vil

Fee: \$ 385

Hours of Homework per week: 2+ hours

Course Description:

This course is a continuation of Spanish 101. We will cover lessons 6-10 this semester. Spanish 102 is designed to develop further listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, with emphasis on basic language skills for communication and on cultural aspects to promote understanding and appreciation of Hispanic cultures. Grammatical structures will include preterite regular and irregular verbs, object pronouns, demonstrative adjectives and pronouns, reflexive verbs, gustar and similar verbs, affirmative and negative expressions, saber and conocer, comparatives and superlatives, relative pronouns, imperfect tense, constructions with “se”, and adverbs. Vocabulary will include clothing and shopping, food, eating preferences and ordering meals, expressing likes and dislikes, celebrations, personal relationships, health, expressing emotions, opinions and beliefs about something. Students can expect regular tests, assignments and homework.

Required Texts: VISTAS: INTRODUCCIÓN A LA LENGUA ESPAÑOLA, 5th Edition, Blanco & Donley. Vistas Higher Learning. 2016

Materials: Students will need a notebook or folder to keep notes and important papers in. Spanish dictionaries are recommended at this level.

PSY 101 General Psychology

Teacher Name: Kathy Kinisky, LMHC

Grade Level: 11-12

Fee: \$ 385

Course Description:

This course provides an introduction to the general principles of psychology. The student is acquainted with the human organism, it's behavior, and some of the mechanics and dynamics of learning, perception, sensation, emotion, motivation, intelligence, and personality. The course gives a broad view of all psychology and is prerequisite to all other psychology courses. Students will be evaluated by tests, quizzes, and a research paper on some aspect of General Psychology.

Required Texts: Psychology (12th edition) Myers, D.G. Macmillan Publishers