

7th-12th grade homeschool co-op class ideas

These class descriptions are from over 20 years of classes taught at my homeschool co-op. Many of our 7/8th and 9-12th grade classes get combined, so I'm sharing them all in one place. There was a time when some were even marked as Core Credit Classes, meaning a student could earn an official ½ or full high school credit when completing the class and all of the assignments.

Basic class kit for this age is pen or pencil + a spiral notebook or 3-ring binder. EC = Enrichment Classes. Evening of Enrichment is our end-of-semester program.

These are class descriptions only; I do not have the lesson plans. So many of these classes were designed and planned by moms and dads, while a few were taught from an existing curriculum. I hope they are inspiring to you!

For more co-op ideas, see my website nickitruedell.com.

From Blitzkrieg to Midway: World War II (To The Halfway Mark) (7-12)

Barely twenty years after the end of the First World War a global conflict greater and more terrible than the first erupted. The most devastating war in history forever changed the world, introduced us to unspeakable evil and showed us the resolve of those who have come to be known to us as the Greatest Generation. We will take two semesters to explore this war in depth. In the fall, we will examine the causes and the start of World War II and will study the significant events from 1939 to mid-1942.

Fee: \$10

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Light to Moderate. Short research paper may be assigned

Ancient Rome (7-8)

We will study the Roman Empire, society, culture, politics and arts. We will make maps, re-construct the general standards of the Roman people, and recreate “Roman Concrete” along with the architecture. We will enjoy Roman food and drink while dressed as Romans with “Roman names”.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Notebook

Homework: Moderate to Heavy

Dance Choreography (7-8)

Students will select the music (out of 4-5 choices provided by instructor), learn how to choreograph their own routine, decide on costume/dancewear, and (if they want to) perform at Evening of Enrichment.

Fee: \$0/Costume TBA

Supplies: None
Homework: None

1775 (7-8)

In 1775, after years of diplomacy failed to secure their full rights as Englishmen, American colorists launched a revolution that changed the world. We will take an exciting, detailed look at the first year of the War for Independence, beginning with the road to war and concluding with Henry Knox's incredible plan to deliver Boston from the British. Class activities will include map work, memorization of patriotic quotes, and creating a keepsake 1775 "smash book".

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Colored Sharpies or markers; map pencils; glue sticks

Homework: Light

Volleyball (7-8)

Play volleyball and have fun!

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Volleyball, tennis shoes, pads

Homework: None

World Geography (7-12)

This geography class will explore the Earth as God created it from understanding what

geography is to surveying the world continents and their contents.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit, folder with pockets and brads, and lined notebook

Homework: Light

The Two Towers by J.R.R. Tolkien (7-12)

This is not your average literature class; it's for all fans of Lord of the Rings! Joins us for

the second leg of our journey with Frodo to destroy the One Ring. The Fellowship is broken and two of its members are lost. Read along as we venture to new locations in Middle Earth, such as Fangorn Forest, Helm's Deep, Isengard, and the Tower of Cirith Ungol. We will meet new races and characters such as the Rohirrim, Ents, King

Theoden, Gollum, Faramir, and Shelob. In class we will explore new maps of Middle Earth, dig even deeper into its history, watch a few movie clips, and discuss spiritual

elements in this riveting continuation of the Fellowship of the Ring. Reading the book is

required, whether you read over the summer or along with the class. A reading schedule will be provided on the first day of class. I will host a summer get-together for all

students, old and new, to recap many of the themes and history discussed in the Fellowship class. Although this class is a continuation from Spring 2013, you need not

have attended The Fellowship of the Ring to enjoy The Two Towers.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Copy of the Two Towers, Basic Class Kit

Homework: Moderate

Choir (7-12)

The choir will practice and perform on the Evening of Enrichment.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: None

Homework: None

Texas History, Part I (7-8)

Which sovereign nation became a state in the USA? Which state had a famous battle

is known more for the loss than a win? Which state was settled by the “300”? These things and much more, we will learn as we discover Texas History and the impact it has

had and still has on this nation.

Fee: \$20 for the year/2 semesters

Supplies: Basic Class Kit/3 ring binder

Homework: Light

The History of Fashion (7-12)

Students will learn the History of Fashion -- when people wore certain clothes and why.

They will learn about different classes, lower, middle and upper class. They will learn how

clothes have changed over the years. They will learn about clothes in different countries.

Focus will be on women’s clothes.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: poster board, fabric scraps, fashion magazines, map pencils, markers and basic

class kit

Homework: Moderate

Soccer (7-12)

We will learn basic soccer skills and enjoy playing the game.

Teacher: Nicolle Isbell

Fee: \$0

Supplies: None

Homework: None

English Boost (7-12)

English Boost is designed to introduce strategies of test-taking, refresh vocabulary, break down words, incorporate synonyms and antonyms, and review grammar and its usage to assist in taking high school exams or college evaluation tests, such as SAT or ACT.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Folder with pockets/brads, paper and pens

Homework: Light

Faith Keepers (7-12)

Faith Keepers is a class for girls only. It is designed to introduce girls to dozens of practical skills in many different areas such as homemaking, crafts, Biblical girlhood, nature, recreation, etc. and for the girls to master many of these and earn badges to show their mastery. Between 4-6 new skills will be taught each semester by me or other EC moms who have knowledge of specific skill and can volunteer one to two EC days to teach their skill. Skills will be chosen from the “Keepers at Home” Handbook, available online at KeepersoftheFaith.com. This will be an ongoing group, and those families that choose may order badges or pins for their daughter to display her mastered skills. Examples of skills including candle making, cross stitch, crochet, hygiene, etiquette, letter writing, rubber stamping, etc. There are literally dozens of skills for us to choose from each semester. Girls may also work on specific skills at home on their own, spate from the ones taught at EC. These include Bible memory, Bible reading, journaling, Church work, etc. I Timothy 4:12 – “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity”. The Faith Keepers motto: “Lord help me to have a patience diligence and a teachable spirit as I work to master different crafts and skills which will enable me to share your love with others and to someday be a proper keeper of my home.”

Fee: \$25

Supplies: Keepers at Home Handbook (\$15.95), 3 ring binder, pen/pencil

Homework: Light

Theatre Arts Appreciation (7-12)

We will explore different genre of performing arts by viewing and discussing DVDs in a relaxed environment. Possible videos could include full length ballets, operas, plays, musicals, tap/jazz performances, etc. If there is interest, we may even include a field trip or two to take in live performances as opportunity permits.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: None

Homework: Possibly; very light

Pinterest Crafts (7-12)

How would you like to create a dozen (or more) craft projects this semester? Pinterest, the online pinboard, has opened up a whole new world of quick, easy, and impressive projects! We will attempt lots of them, using paper, fabric, tiles, T-shirts, blue jeans, old frames, crayons, spray paint, and much more. Many of your finished products will make great gifts, just in time for Christmas!

Fee: \$30

Supplies: Fabric scraps, blow dryer, scrapbook papers (12x12)

Homework: None

Hello, My Name is....(7-8)

Each week, each student will give a 3-4 minute presentation in class. It's a great time to learn the important skills of speaking AND listening. We will be working on skills such as eye contact, posture, pace, timing, listening, etc. Topic suggestions will be given each week, but of course, the student/parent can select another topic if working on something at home. Feedback will be given each week. This will be a fun class!

Fee: \$0

Supplies: None

Homework: Moderate

Tambourine and Dance (7-12)

The tambourine is a beautiful instrument both to hear and to watch. In this class we will be looking at some scriptures that deal with the Biblical significance of the tambourine and worship and praise with dance. We will learn patterns for tambourine and streamers that we will choreograph to a song to perform at the Evening of Enrichment. The cost of this class is for the streamers that we will be using along with the tambourines. Each student is responsible to get their own tambourine. I suggest the smaller ones (about 7 1/2 " in diameter) with only one row of jingles. The lighter the tambourine the more comfortable you will be working with it. "Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp." -Psalm 149:3

Fee: \$25 (for streamers)/Costume TBA

Supplies: Tambourine (see above)

Homework: Moderate: practice!

Topics in Algebra (7-12)

Do you need a little extra help with Algebra or just a refresher? This class will cover important topics that will be useful in future math courses and college entrance exams. Please bring any additional math questions you may have for discussion.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Paper, pencil, graph paper

Homework: Light

What's up with That? And other common mistakes (9-12)

See if you can try and find the mistake's made in this class description. If your having trouble finding the twelve errors I speak of, you definitely want to except this invitation to join us in a very fun class on grammer mistakes. You can bring you're friends to this class, to, if their brave enough to join you.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Probably none

Christian Persecution Today (9-12)

This class is to educate students about what the Bible says about persecution. Students will learn about different countries where persecution is going on and what Christians in those countries do to worship Christ. Students will view video of stories of Christians (including teenagers) who are being persecuted today. Students will also engage in activities to help persecuted Christians and activities to spread the gospel.

Fee: \$15

Supplies: Paper, pens, 3 ring binder

Homework: None

Twisted Shakespeare (9-12)

During this class we will do a twisted remake of the play "Cleopatra" by William Shakespeare. This will be written, acted, edited and directed solely by students. Students will volunteer for each position. This is a fun way to introduce the students to the writings of Shakespeare.

Fee: \$10

Supplies: Costume TBA

Homework: Light

Movies and Snack Time (9-12)

Pre-schoolers are offered this class. Why not high schoolers? This class will provide some relaxing down time for high schoolers. We will watch a different movie each week and eat popcorn and snacks. Movies: Frequency, Glory Road, Napoleon Dynamite, Star Trek, Soul Surfer, Nacho Libre, The Avengers, Remember the Titans.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: None

Homework: None

Medieval Times (9-12)

We will discover what happened in Europe and parts of Asia when Rome fell. What happened to all the roads and bridges those Romans built? What is Byzantine architecture? Who invaded England? What about those pesky Vikings and where did they get that name? When did people start having a last name? What was life

like in those days? Was there such a thing as chivalry? What did the weapons really look like?

Fee: \$35

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Light

Food “Free”dom! (9-12)

Want to learn how to cook and eat gluten- free, sugar-free, and toxin free? Based on a “Paleo” style of eating, this class will teach the students how to prepare delicious and healthy recipes that have been tried and tested. This class will focus on eating real food, not fake food. *Please note: Eggs will be used in several of the recipes.

Fee: \$15

Supplies: None

Homework: None

Beauty Products 101 (9-12)

Learn what the pros will not tell you: How to make your own beauty products on a budget. Learn how to make your own face masks, moisturizers, hair treatments, nail strengtheners, foot treatments and much more.

Fee: \$15

Supplies: Wood spoon, medium plastic or glass mixing bowl

Homework: None

American Heritage Series (9-12)

The American Heritage Collection brings together seven of historian David Barton’s most popular programs. This extensive compilation provides the perfect primer on America’s unique religious and moral roots. Explore the Bible’s influence on American culture from government to education. Become an eyewitness to the nation’s Christian heritage with an exclusive tour of the US Capital, and enjoy the rich history of faith in the founding era. Discover the fascinating truth of America’s past in The American Heritage Collection.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: None

Basic Economics (9-12)

Basic Economics, 4th Edition – by Thomas Sowell. Using the book written by conservative Thomas Sowell, a scholar in residence at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, this class will learn how societies create prosperity or poverty for their peoples by the way they organize their economies. The study will include the history of economics and the implications of that history. We will learn why homeless people are sleeping on the sidewalks of New York in the winter when the abandoned apartment buildings in the city have 4 times as much space needed to

house all of them. We will learn why Russia has to import food to feed people in Moscow when Russia has an abundance of rich farmland within easy driving distance. We will learn about the special role of corporations, government, and big business in economics and.....much more!

Fee: \$26

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Light

Human Video (9-12)

A human video is a form of theater combining music, dance and drama. Students will choreograph a drama to a song. They will then perform it the Evening of Enrichment.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Costume TBA

Homework: None

Great American Cowboy (7-12)

No distinctly American character has so captured the imagination and had such world-wide appeal as the cowboy. With New World roots harking back to the conquistadores and New Spain, the evolution of the vaquero into the familiar form of the American Cowboy largely took place in Texas, springing from a Spanish and Indian lineage and incorporating Anglo- and African-American influences along the way. Thus the history of the cowboy and the history of Texas converge in many places. This class will explore that connection in detail and will chronicle the life, work, and exploits of the Great American Cowboy and his imprint upon the soul of the nation.

Fee: \$10

Supplies: Basic

Homework: Moderate

Flags (7-12)

Students will learn the fundamentals of spinning and tossing a flag. Students who have experience will also practice more advanced moves. These moves will be included in a routine the students will be taught and will be performed on the Evening of Enrichment.

Fee: \$30

Supplies: Basic

Homework: Heavy: at-home practice

Book Club: Raising Dragons (7-12)

Raising Dragons is the first book in a four-part fantasy series by prolific Christian author Bryan Davis. Drawing upon the Arthurian legends, Davis spins a tale of teen dragons living in human form in modern-day America. Sound crazy? My 14-year-old has devoured all

four, 400-page books in this series and started on the sequels. CBN reporter Sharon B. Siepel describes the book as follows: What kind of book makes your kid turn down fast food, walk into walls while reading, or forget about playing Playstation for a day? Wouldn't you love it if that book were infused with Biblical principles and great theology? Raising Dragons is that kind of book. Students will have weekly outside reading assignments, with class time reserved for discussion about the book, its applications, and Biblical and historical references to dragons.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic, copy of Raising Dragons by Bryan Davis

Homework: Light

Mad Scientist A (7-12)

We will be doing a variety of fun science experiments and discussing them.

Fee: \$10

Supplies: Basic

Silmarillion (7-12)

Before there was a Frodo, before there was Bilbo, before Gollum found the One Ring deep in the Misty Mountains, someone had to forge that Ring. Where did Sauron come from? Why did he hate Elves and Men? Where did Elves, Men, Dwarves, Wizards, and even Middle Earth come from? The answer to all these questions are found in The Silmarillion, which Tolkien began in 1914 and didn't quite finish before his death. He began this story before all the others, creating Middle Earth, its history, and its many languages just before World War 1, and continued writing it throughout his life. It is a must-read for all fans of Lord of the Rings, bringing all of the many background stories to life from this epic tale. This class is not a boring book-study; it's an exciting journey through the history of Middle Earth from its creation to the appearance of Bilbo Baggins in the Third Age!

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic, and a copy of The Silmarillion

Homework: Heavy – lots of reading

Inspire Me (7-12)

We will be reading/watching different inspirational stories found in the news and online and learning how to serve others.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic

Homework: Light

Jewelry Making (7-12)

Students will learn to make jewelry including necklaces, bracelets, earrings, lanyards, and so on.

Fee: \$10

Supplies: Beads

Tumbling (7-12)

Apex Tumbling will be offering tumbling classes this spring for all ages/grades and skill levels. We will cover all basic tumbling, positions, and terminology from beginner levels up to back handsprings. Technique is important, so we will be teaching through progressions, drills, and strength training so that no student tries something above his or her ability. Safe gymnastics is fun gymnastics!

Our objectives are:

1. Teach proficiency in skills
2. Aid motor development and coordination
3. Develop self-discipline
4. Develop self-confidence through accomplishment
5. Encourage healthy competition
6. Stimulate team spirit and friendships
7. Have fun!

All Apex instructors are trained and have multiple years teaching experience. Please wear appropriately modest clothing.

Fee: \$100

Supplies: No jeans or other zippers or buttons on clothing. Shorts and a T-shirt long enough to stay tucked in is best.

Writer's Roundtable (7-12)

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Be it known throughout the land the Writers' Round Table is called to order. This is a tremendous opportunity for writers to share their work or works in progress and receive feedback from their peers, along with the instructor's critique and tips drawn from IEW. Writers of all skill levels are welcome, from published authors to closet poets. You determine your own subject matter and format (poetry, prose, play, etc.) Come prepared to listen, share and WRITE!

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit; Computer/word processor helpful, but not essential
Homework: Moderate

IEW (7-12)

We will continue to explore the nine structural models of the Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW) syllabus. The source of the text for these lessons will focus on people and events in US History from Explorers to the Gold Rush. There will be heavy homework requirements, as the course is designed to fulfill the requirements for English Composition for one year. During the year, we will explore

structure, style, vocabulary, and grammar as we learn to communicate more effectively in our writing. We may opt to meet outside of class if necessary to finish the course once the semester ends. This, of course, is optional. This is the second semester of a year long course. Previous enrollment is not required, but prior IEW exposure is recommended.

Fee: \$5 (unless you need a book)

Supplies: ½” binder, paper, pencil

Cardio, Dance, Strength (7-12)

Come get your heart rate up with some cardio dance and resistance training. Then enjoy a long cool down with many relaxing stretches.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Workout shoes, water bottle, hand weights & mats if you have them. I will supply some as well.

Film and TV Production (7-12)

During this semester we will write, video, edit and produce 3-4 thirty second commercials. Students will learn scene setting, script writing, video taping, lighting, sound and acting.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Positive Attitude and a desire to learn

Homework: Light

EC Staff (7-12)

How would you like to be a Staff Member at EC for an hour? Come help us wrap up the day, prepare for the cleaning crew, plan and prepare for Evening of Enrichment, make copies, and more! Be prepared to work and have fun.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic

Economics

We will use ABEKA's Economics: Work & Prosperity, Third Edition, to study high school economics. Students will come to class ready to discuss weekly reading assignments. Other activities will be added as necessary to explain economic concepts.

Fee: \$30

Supplies: Basic

Homework: Yes – outside reading

Propaganda

We will explore the history of propaganda, the role it plays in society, and learn to use discernment. We will be watching old films, learning the purpose of the message presented, and who funded these films.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic
Homework: Light

U.S. Constitution An in-depth study of the constitution. A seminar by leading constitutional scholars with study guide and pocket constitution.

Fee: \$0
Supplies: Basic
Homework: Light

World War I

We will continue our study of World War I. We will examine the many new weapons that were developed and how they changed how battles were fought.

Fee: \$0
Supplies: Basic
Homework: Light

Bush 43: The First Term (7-12)

George W. Bush took the oath as the President of the United States in January of 2001, after one of the most hotly contested elections in American history; not officially decided until more than one month after election day. This less-than auspicious beginning to his first term was closely followed by a showdown with Pacific rival China over a downed American surveillance aircraft. The potential ramifications of this foreign policy stand-off were in turn dwarfed by the cataclysmic events of September 11, 2001, a day in which our country, and the world, changed forever. The patriotic response of the American people, the enunciation of the Bush Doctrine, and the initiation of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq insured that the first term of Bush 43 would go down in history as one of the most significant in the history of the Presidency.

Fee: \$10
Supplies: Basic Class Kit
Homework: Moderate

Star Wars Rocks A (4-6)

We can all quote Yoda, but did you know that those sayings relate to God's Word? Let's explore this galaxy together!

Fee: \$5
Supplies: None
Homework: None

Anne of Green Gables (7-12)

We will be watching the movie Anne of Green Gables. For many years, I have enjoyed watching this series and would like to share this beautiful story in hopes of encouraging a love for literature.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: None
Homework: None

Battles of the Medieval World 1000- 1500 (7-12)

We'll study 20 pivotal battles of the Middle Ages – the players involved, the causes, the results, impacts, and some of the weaponry that changed and evolved through warfare, from the Battle of Hastings to the Battle of Constantinople. This is a two semester course. To receive high school credit, there will be comparable homework and a final notebook to turn in (from notes in class and reading assignments outside of class). Otherwise, medium reading homework assignments.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Moderate-Heavy (See above)

Kingdom Karaoke (7-12)

Do you have some favorite Christian songs you love to sing? Here is your chance to sing to the music of many popular Christian artists. We have 54 songs to choose from. Come join the fun!

Fee: \$5

Supplies: None, except the desire to sing!

Homework: None

Talent Show (7-12)

We will use our class time to plan, organize, and practice our gifts or talents for the Evening of Enrichment. Students may work together or alone on a skit, play a duet on the piano, sing, dance, play their instrument, tell jokes, do magic, etc. We will work together to help each other practice our talents.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: None

Homework: Practicing talent at home

The Roadmap to Success (7-12)

This is a class to help young men and women learn what it takes to make it down the road of life and how to avoid the many trials, temptations, perils, and pitfalls of life. Each week, we will travel down this roadmap and discuss how to get on and stay on the right track. We will discuss the various obstacles everyone in life is faced with and how to avoid and/or overcome them. All participants of this class will also be given a free copy of this 100-year-old Road Map to Success and receive a certificate of completion.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Light

Flag Football (7-8) *Two-hour class

Students will use football skills to engage in flag football games. Students will leave campus during 4th and 5th hours to participate in this class and must sign up for both hours.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: None

Homework: None

Celebrating Advent (7-12)

In this class, we will discuss the season of Advent with its focus on the birth of Christ while making a felt Advent banner and ornaments. This banner continues through to Epiphany.

Fee: \$10 (this includes book and supplies)

Supplies: None

Homework: Light (a few questions about family traditions and any craft not finished in class)

Christian Heroes (7-8)

In this class, we will listen to 2 audio biographies. Jacob DeShazer: Forgive Your Enemies is the story of one of the famous Doolittle Raiders who attacked Japan after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. After being captured, he spent time as a Japanese POW, then returned to serve his former enemy for 30 years as a missionary. Nate Saint: On a Wing and a Prayer is the story of one of the five missionaries who gave their lives to bring the gospel to the Auca Indians of Ecuador. We will do map activities related to the books.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: None

English Country Dancing (9-12)

Enjoy learning the latest dances of the 18th and Early 19th centuries – the very same dances enjoyed by Jane Austen – all while using the popular music of the period.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: None

Homework: None

Yearbook (7-12)

This class is for the sole purpose of creating a yearbook for the ** Christian Homeschoolers Association and the organizations and groups it represents, including the surrounding homeschooling community. Each staff member will learn how to “edit” a section of the yearbook, which will include how to plan, layout, and finalize a section/page. If you are interested in being on the yearbook staff, you will need to sign up for this class. It will be offered two different hours – just select one of the two.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Laptop computers, if you have one (please bring to class)

Homework: Light

Drama/Theater Arts (7-12)

This class is for all of our actors and actresses or those wishing to try their hand at acting! We will choose a short 10-15 minute play or skit and work on it throughout the semester. We will perform it on stage at Evening of Enrichment using simple costumes and props.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: None

Homework: Moderate (memorization)

Irish Ceili Dancing (7-12)

Irish Ceili dancing is a bit like English Country dance or the Virginia Reel only BETTER because it's IRISH! This is a full participation class so be ready to dance every week. No prior dance experience necessary.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: None

Homework: None

Cultural Geography Part II (7-12)

This is the second half of Cultural Geography chapters 12-24. We will be learning about Latin America, Africa, Southwest Asia, Asia, Australia, and the Pacific Realms, putting Christian history together with the mapping and discovering of the world. (Note: This is a continuation of a previous class, but the first semester is not required to take this class.)

Fee: \$3

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: None

Board Games, Movies, and Fun (7-8)

We will play different board games and card games each week while watching a movie.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: None

Homework: None

Simply Drawing (7-8)

This is an art class designed to give children confidence in being able to draw by following step-by-step instructions on DVD. We will begin the first six weeks working on animal drawings learning how to shade and blend to create a more life-like drawing. In the final four weeks, we will learn scenery drawing by using different colored pencil techniques to create a "Lighthouse Scene" drawing.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Basic Class Kit/colored pencils, eraser, ruler

Homework: None

Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice (7-12)

We will explore the world of Jane Austen and her life, and how they worked together to bring us what is considered one of the greatest classics of English literature, *Pride and Prejudice*. Homework consists of weekly reading assignments from the book. Class time will consist of discussing Jane Austen's life, the times in which she lived, and that week's reading assignment, followed by watching a portion of the A&E production of *Pride and Prejudice* on DVD.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Copy of *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, Basic Class Kit

Homework: Moderate (reading)

Cardio, Dance, & Strength (7-12)

Girls only. Come get your heart rate up with some cardio, dance, and resistance training. Then enjoy a long cool down with many relaxing stretches.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Water bottle, workout shoes, hand weights and mats if you have them

Homework: None

Beginning Drawing (7-8)

Can't draw? This class is for you! Based on Bruce McIntyre's *Drawing Textbook*, we will begin at the beginning and learn the basic shapes, the seven elements of perspective, and point of view. You don't need any special equipment – just a pencil, patience, and plenty of practice.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Pencils

Homework: Light (optional)

Cold War (7-12)

We will examine the Cold War and its financial and social impact across the globe.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Light

Kingdom Karaoke (7-12)

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Fee: \$10

Supplies: Desire to sing

Homework: None

Return of the King (7-12)

It's time for the conclusion of The Lord of the Rings! Let's join the amazing cast of characters as they build toward the climax of this epic tale. Follow Aragorn to the gates of Mordor and his destiny; ride with Gandalf and Pippin to Minas Tirith; march to battle with Gimli, Legolas, Merry, and King Theoden of Rohan; and suffer through the final hours of the Ring's existence with Sam and Frodo as they make their way to Mount Doom. You will learn more Middle Earth history as I add in fascinating information about Gondor and its Kings and Stewards, the Ringwraiths, Sauron, and more. You'll even get to see movie clips almost every week to bring the chapters alive. Reading the book is mandatory! The movies are fun, but they are not a substitute for the book. However, you may purchase or check local libraries for an unabridged audio version of The Return of the King. Contact me for more details on this.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Basic Class Kit, copy of The Return of the King by J.R.R. Tolkien

Homework: Heavy (reading 2-3 chapters per week) or read the book before the semester starts

Fractured Fairy Tales (formerly Twisted Shakespeare) (7-12)

During this class, we will be doing a play consisting of a compilation of fairy tales. This play will be written, performed, directed, and filmed solely by the students. We will meet two times before Enrichment starts to write the play and audition for the roles.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Costumes TBA

Homework: Light

Happy Home Repair (7-12)

Are you handy? If not, come join me as I guide you through a basic understanding of general construction knowledge. We will explore various tools, skills, and basic facets of home repair. Start putting your questions together now as we will engage in real-world problems that you may be currently facing.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Closed-toed shoes

Homework: None

Manners Matter (9-12)

This interactive class will explore some old-fashioned manners and their modern equivalents; some manners for modern times and technology; some alarming and/or interesting histories of selected manners; what constitutes "good" or "bad" manners; and why we need manners at all. Skits, singing (sort of), and field trips within our EC confines will take place.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Basic Class Kit
Homework: None

Ancient Greece (with all her myths, math, marathons, and fighting men) (9-12)

We will study Ancient Greece from approximately 1150BC through the death of Alexander the Great in 323 BC. We will learn about the world's 1st democracy, the Spartans, the Athenians, the Persian and Peloponnesian Wars, the Golden Age of Greece with Homer and Aeschylus (the "Father of Greek Tragedy"), the three famous philosophers, the prophetic spread of Greek culture, and end with Alexander the Great. We will watch "Drive Thru History" and read The Odyssey along the way.

Fee: \$30

Supplies: Basic Class Kit
Homework: Light

Wish I'd Known Then What I Know Now (9-12)

This class covers everything forty-something-year-olds wish they would have known when starting out on their own. We will cover topics that include financial planning, setting up house, relationships, and the privileges and responsibilities of turning 18.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit/Notebook/Bible
Homework: Light

Speech (9-12)

This class is designed to meet the basic high school requirement (.5 credit) for speech. We will use the textbook Speech for Today by A Beka. We will begin with everyday speech such as phone calls, introductions, and conversation. We will continue to learn to be comfortable with speaking in public through telling stories, giving speeches, and impromptu speaking. Let us provide the audience for your student!

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Text: Speech for Today by A Beka Books
Homework: Heavy

American Government (9-12)

American Government will give a basic understanding of the system of government for the United States. Students will learn the roots of government, how federal, state, and local governments work, and the freedoms and rights guaranteed to all citizens.

Fee: None

Supplies: Basic Class kit/folder
Homework: None

Mental Math and Math Tricks (9-12)

Mental Math and Math Tricks will improve math skills, save time, improve estimation, and speed mathematical processing. Using patterns will help boost summing. Tricks not only spark math interest, but also build brain connections, strengthen memory, and foster confidence.

Teacher: Derek Fletcher

Fee: \$3

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Light

Heroes in Our Midst (7-12)

We have had some amazing parents and guest lecturers instructing our kids and sharing their wisdom at EC over the years. Some of them have had enough enthralling experiences to fill a large book. Foremost among these is **. I have been privileged to have him as a helper in more than a few of my classes and just as with the students in those settings I have been held in rapt attention by stories he has told of his time as an Army ranger in Viet Nam and later as an airline pilot. And there is no better place to begin that project than at EC. Come and hear, no experience, a 10-week series of personal history lectures from the heart and soul of a hero in our midst. It is our intent to video tape each session and later transcribe it for the printed page. Those students who have a special skill or interest in those areas are encouraged to sign up for the class and help preserve Mr. ** awesome story for posterity.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Light to Moderate (topic research preparation for each session)

The Fellowship of the Ring (7-12)

Get ready for adventure as we explore Tolkien's heroes in the first book in The Lord of the Rings. We will study the entire book during this semester. You'll learn background history on Middle Earth, Gandalf, hobbits, elves, dwarves, Sauron, The One Ring, Aragorn, and more! We will explore maps of Middle Earth as we follow the journey of the Fellowship. I will even mix in some stories from The Silmarillion to make it really interesting. Your knowledge will be tested with quizzes and games! Please be prepared to read along with the class during the semester, or read the book ahead. Listening to an unabridged audio version is also acceptable. Watching the movie is great, but is not a replacement for the book. A reading schedule will be provided during the first week.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Copy of "Fellowship of the Ring"

Homework: Moderate (reading)

Not a Fan (7-8)

Not a Fan Small Group Discipleship Study for Teens adapts the original message of Not a Fan to youth in a relevant way. Twenty times in the New Testament, Jesus issued a compelling and challenging invitation to Follow Him. He's not interested in mere fans. He doesn't want enthusiastic admirers. He wants Completely Committed Followers. We will join Kyle Idleman as he encourages our teens to examine what it means to deny one's self and truly follow Jesus. All students will need to purchase their own copy of Not a Fan – TEEN edition.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Not a Fan – TEEN edition

Homework: Light

Basketball (7-12)

Enjoy an hour of friendly competition in basketball. Bring your best attitude and a water bottle.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: tennis shoes, water bottles. Team color vests will be provided.

Homework: None

Drawing Animals (7-8)

Students will learn how to draw pets, wild animals and birds using a simple step-by-step method.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Pencil, colored pencils

Homework: None

Simple Machines (or Mini Weapons) (7-8)

We will learn to read simple building plans, learn the basics of simple machines and stretch our engineering skills by building simple weapons from items found around the home and in the office. Small launchers, sling shots, catapults and bows are but a few weaponry/simple machines to be built. We will begin the first week by creating a fun target for our arsenal.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Safety goggles or protection glasses

Homework: None

BRIGHT Lights (Being Radiant in Godliness, Holiness and Testimony) (7-12)

Come investigate God's plan for young ladies. Hear testimonies from other girls your age. Read scriptures. Discuss how these apply to you.

Fee: \$21

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Light

Modern Dance (7-8)

Students will learn the basic dance steps and then incorporate them into a routine.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Costume TBA

Homework: Light - practice

Hooks & Needles (7-8)

This class is for any level of aspiring knitters, crocheters and embroiderers.

Students are free to choose which skill(s) they would like to master. Bring your ideas, unfinished projects or just a desire to learn something new.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Everyone: small pair of scissors, Knitting needles size 8 or 9, yarn (cotton or acrylic), crochet hook size H or I, small embroidery hoop, embroidery needles, floss something to embroider (a kit from Hobby Lobby or you can buy an iron on transfer and put on a pillowcase or ?) You won't need all of these unless you plan on doing all three. Just pick what you want to focus on. You are welcome to bring something you are already working on.

Homework: Light

Rifles (7-12)

Students will learn fundamentals and more advanced rifle moves and tosses to be incorporated into a routine and performed at "Night of Enrichment"

Fee: \$30 new, \$0 returning

Supplies: Rifle (purchased with fee for new students), costume TBA

Homework: light

Saber/Rifle Class (7-12)

Students will learn basic fundamentals (tossing, choreography) and then incorporate them into a routine. Students

wishing to learn sabers must have previously learned rifles.

Fee: New Students: Rifles \$30, Sabers \$45, Returning Students \$0

Supplies: Costume TBA

Homework: Moderate—students must practice

Scrapbooking (7-12)

In this class you'll learn how to create simple, yet beautiful keepsakes that you will cherish forever. You will learn how to create a scrapbook, starting from your first layout to journaling, telling stories about your photos, or adventures, to family holidays and birthdays. Let's have fun with one another in a class setting.

Fee: \$20

Supplies: Photos, album if students are already working on one

Homework: None

Dave Ramsey's Generation Change (9-12)

This class will educate teens about how to handle money God's way. They will recognize the value they have in God's eyes and discover that their self-worth has nothing to do with "stuff". They will also learn the hazards of debt how to create an age-appropriate budget, tools for making wise purchases, and the importance of giving and saving.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Student workbook (supplied by teacher for \$5)

Homework: None

World War I: The Great War (9-12)

World War I, which the generation that experienced it referred to as the Great War, quickly spread throughout Europe in 1914. It eventually engulfed the whole world, even sucking in the isolationist-leaning United States in 1917. Empires crumbled, nations were transformed and countless millions perished before an uneasy peace was achieved by the Armistice in 1918. We will explore in detail the role of the U.S. in ending the war and will attempt to put a human face on the chaos and conflagration.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Moderate, assigned reading week-to-week. A short research paper will be assigned.

Career Choices (9-12)

Students will learn various career options, school requirements, expected salary and reality of a job. We will have various professionals visit to tell us about their personal career experience. We will also take a few field trips!

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Light

Speech (9-12)

Using the book "Sound Speech: Public Speaking and Communication (BJU Press), we will learn all about the dynamics of public speaking. We will make speeches in class – hopefully learning poise and confidence in speech while having a good time!

Fee: \$36

Supplies: Basic Class Kit, the Speech Book

Homework: Light

Traditional and Party Games (9-12)

This class will teach and demonstrate some traditional outdoor games and party activities that engage, challenge and improve socialization skills.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Provided by Teacher

Homework: None

Cooking around the World (9-12)

Students will learn to cook and enjoy meals from around the world. In addition, they will learn interesting facts from each country.

Fee: \$30

Supplies: None

Homework: None

Coffee Connoisseur (9-12)

Coffee Connoisseurs will learn to make a different kind of coffee each week. Using recipes, we will learn to make our own specialty coffees at a fraction of the cost of coffee shops.

Fee: \$10

Supplies: None

Homework: None

Medal of Honor (9-12)

The Medal of Honor is the highest award given for military service. And in our city, we have the opportunity to do more than just read about the living recipients – we are able to MEET these heroic men and learn from their wisdom. In this class, we will learn about the history of the award, criteria, and study many of the recipients that will be coming to town for the Medal of Honor Host City program activities in April, and will be able to interview them, rather than just reading about them. I am also trying to arrange a meeting with the recipients, to allow them to speak about patriotism and their experiences. This class will help to bring to life the sacrifices that our military men and women have made for our freedom, and put flesh and blood to the stories of heroism we've read about.

Teacher: Amy Dulock

Fee: \$0

Supplies: None

Homework: Heavy: if I can get information for the MOH recipients that are visiting, I would like for students to do phone/email interviews with recipients.

Jam Session (9-12)

Students bring their instrument to play and hopefully learn how to play with the group by jamming.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: An instrument you know how to play

Homework: None

PAINTING (7th–8th)

Students will be led through painting multiple projects. No prior experience needed. We will have an enjoyable time learning about acrylic paints! Class Goal: Students will learn art techniques.

Fee: \$10

Supplies: Basic Kit; apron or cover shirt

FREE DRAW (7th–12th)

Calling all aspiring artists! Come and spend a relaxed hour of drawing with friends. Bring your papers, pencils, markers, and other favorite tools and work on your latest ideas. Get inspired by each other and share tips and ideas. Note: This is not a “hang-out” class. Participants must be willing to draw and must bring their tools to work on projects each week. Class Goal: To give budding artists an opportunity to create and spend time with friends who are also artistic

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic class kit; drawing supplies of student’s choice

FLAGS (7th–12th)

Students will practice advanced spinning and tossing techniques, culminating in a routine to be performed for Evening of Enrichment. Minimum 3 semesters experience. Students should only move to this class if they are prepared for longer and harder routines, at instructor’s discretion. Please contact the teachers if you need help deciding which flags class is right for you. Class Goal: Students will prepare an advanced flags routine for EoE

Fee: \$35

Supplies: flag pole; Costume–TBA

Homework: Heavy

KINGS AND QUEENS (7th–12th)

If you want to be regaled by a good story, you can’t beat the royal tales of the monarchs of the British Isles. It’s all here: drama, danger, intrigue, and irony. In the spring semester, we will really begin to see just how much the lives of these rogues and gallants impacted our own American story. And as we learn of their triumphs and tragedies, we will, in many ways, identify with the frailties of their human condition and be encouraged to seek that wisdom that is from above. Class Goal: To gain a greater knowledge and understanding of the kings and queens of the British Isles and to explore the impact of their lives and the influence of their actions upon the American story.

Fee: \$14

Supplies: Basic kit

Homework: Moderate 39.

SPANISH 1 - 2ND SEMESTER (7th–12th)

Continued from previous semester: We will continue learning and reviewing material from last semester as well as adding new vocabulary and parts of speech. We will be covering adverbs, reflexive verbs, clothing, food, and other verbs/vocabulary. Class Goal: By the end of the year, IF HOMEWORK IS COMPLETED, the students will have a basic understanding and comprehension of Elementary Spanish. This second semester is needed to qualify for 1-year High School credit.

Fee: \$3

Supplies: Basic kit; notebook; index cards

Homework: Heavy

ART EXPLORATION (9th–12th)

Students will learn linoleum carving and metal embossing. We will then have fun using the art to make projects for display at Evening of Enrichment. We will learn patina, stamp-making, and other techniques. Class Goal: Students will be creative and learn new art techniques.

Fee: \$20

Supplies: Basic Kit 41.

LOVIN' LITERATURE (7th–8th)

Let's discover the world together! Via 5 books, we will visit 4 continents and travel almost 100 years. In class, we will discuss the people, places, and time periods of each book. No heavy "intent of the author" analysis here, just discovering the world together. Our journey will use the following books: The Breadwinner, Star of Light, The Snow Goose, Out of Dust, and Little Britches. Class Goal: To learn about the world through literature

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic kit; books on booklist; folder

Homework: Heavy

INTERVIEWS, APPLICATIONS, AND CAREER PLANNING (7th–12th)

In this class, we will cover how to properly fill out an application and how to conduct yourself during an interview. The majority of the time will be discussing career choices. We will research the students' choices of degree or certification. We will look at trade schools as well as college. Each student will note cost of education or certification, as well as average income once complete, and time required to finish. I hope to have adults currently working in a trade or field of study attend so the students may learn more. Class Goal: The students should have a better idea of what trade or college degree they want to pursue. Fee: \$2

Supplies: Basic Kit

Homework: Heavy

LORD OF THE RINGS - FILM MUSIC (7th– 12th) This class will be a guided focus on Howard Shore’s scoring for the Lord of the Rings trilogy. Students will learn a few basics about film score and will develop a broad appreciation for Howard Shore’s cinematic masterpiece of music. Class Goal: The intricacies associated with film score

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Kit

RE-PURPOSE, REUSE! (7th–12th)

This class will be about how we can reuse items that we thought were only good to throw away! We will learn how to turn everyday items into things that will have a new life again. Best of all, everything that we are going to learn about will be cheap to free to do on our own! We will be using everything from clothes to pallets to dishes and utensils. Did you know that you can make FREE furniture, or furniture that does not cost a lot of money? Being wise with our money is an important thing to learn, and this will help you do just that! Get your creative juices going - we like to think outside of the box for this class! Not only does this save you money, it saves that item from the landfill! Class Goal: To learn how to be wise with our money and to not be wasteful. To learn that many items can be reused for many different things.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Old clothing and no longer used items

Homework: Light

WRITER’S CLUB (7th–12th) Do you like the idea of writing a novel “someday?” Well let’s turn that to a “now,” and start on the road to your story. It’s a long journey, so let’s work on the creative process and first draft. We will look at generating ideas, crafting themes, tools to overcome writer’s block, and more personal things, like do you write better in the morning or at night? Sharing this is best, so let’s do this together. Class Goal: Students should understand the creative process and have a first draft of their story.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: dedicated writing book of preference

Homework: Heavy

FLAGS1 (7th–12th)

Students will be introduced to the fundamentals of color guard, which will be incorporated into a routine for Evening of Enrichment. This class is perfect for students with two or fewer semesters of flags practice. Beginners welcome! Class Goal: Students will gain confidence spinning flags and perform a routine.

Fee: \$25 + \$15 if pole needed

Supplies: Flag pole, costume TBA

Homework: Heavy

VOLLEYBALL (7th–12th)

On the beach, in the gym, or out in the back yard, volleyball is a perennial favorite! No experience necessary. If you're new to the sport, we'll introduce you to the basics. If you're an old hand, you're good to go! Students will take turns serving as captains (choosing teams, planning strategies, etc.). Class Goal: Good exercise, good fellowship, a chance to learn new skills or keep old ones in practice.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Athletic attire

BEGINNER QUILTING (7th–12th)

Come learn how to make a quilt! Students will walk through each step of a basic quilt every Friday in class and finish the semester with a lap quilt. Students must have a sewing machine and know how to operate it (sew a straight stitch, thread the needle and bobbin, etc.). We will work hard during each class period, and then students must continue working on their quilt at home during the week to finish in 10 weeks. If siblings take the class together, they may share supplies. A complete list of supplies includes fabrics, thread, rotary cutter, cutting mat, quilting ruler, sewing machine, scissors, and safety pins. Specific measurements of fabric will be provided after registration. Class Goal: Students will know how to complete a basic quilt.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Quilting supplies listed in description

Homework: Heavy

THEATRE 101 (7th–12th)

This will have the same outline as the previous theater class. Students will practice and perform a play. They will step out of their comfort zone to gain experience in public speaking and performance. Class Goal: They should have a ready-to-perform play put together and have fun!

Fee: \$3.50

Supplies: Basic kit

Homework: Moderate

ULTIMATE FRISBEE (7th –12th)

A little like soccer, a little like football, and a whole lot of fun - that's Ultimate Frisbee. In this non-contact sport, players work with teammates to move the disk down the field, while players on the opposing team work to intercept and gain control of the Frisbee. Teams score when they connect with a player in the end zone. Students will take turns serving as team captains (selecting teams, planning strategy, etc.). Class Goal: Good sportsmanship and the joy of playing are the goals of this game, even at pro levels. We'll also learn rules, strategy, and Frisbee skills.

Fee: \$1

Supplies: sneakers or other shoes appropriate to playing/running; water bottle

IEW HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY INTENSIVE (9th– 12th)

(Continued from Fall Semester) This is a Core Credit Class. Students will continue to polish their essay writing skills and apply them to general essays, the SAT, ACT, and other exam essays. Class Goal: Students will finish this 2-semester course with the ability and confidence to write excellent essays, both timed and untimed.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Kit

Homework: Moderate

PRAYER JOURNALS (9th–12th) Students will be introduced to prayer scrapbooking, prayer journals, and prayer paintings as ways to be more organized and intentional in their prayer life. Class Goal: Students will learn some tools to be more purposeful in prayer.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Basic Kit w/ glue stick

Homework: Light

I Rode with Stonewall Jackson (7-12)

Henry Kyd Douglas, just 20 years old when the Civil War began, was the youngest officer to serve on the staff of the great Confederate war hero General Thomas J. Stonewall Jackson. His youthful exuberance and winning personality ingratiated him with friend and foe alike. Douglas' meticulous diary notes chronicled his experiences as a participant in every major campaign fought by Stonewall's troops from the beginning to the end of the war. Unpublished and lost to history, this memoir was finally released in its entirety in 1940 to a chorus of rave reviews. To quote one:..."the book must be rated a number-one find." I am sure that concurrent view will be held by any student choosing to deepen their knowledge of the Civil War by riding with Stonewall!

Fee: \$12

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: moderate

Current Events from a Christian Perspective (7-8)

We will use youth versions of World magazine to study current events. Each student will receive his own subscription for the school year. We will contrast fact with opinion and compare a Christian perspective with current media views. General Christian ideals will be highlighted, with respect for individual opinion. Class discussion will be emphasized with prepared presentations to the class.

Fee: \$10

Supplies: Basic class kit

Homework: moderate

Comics (7-12)

We will be discussing comic ideas, drawing a story line, and how to publish your comic using web design for comics. We may have a few guest comic illustrators, publishers, etc.

Fee: \$15

Supplies: Basic Class Kit, drawing supplies as needed

Homework: light

Beginning Music Theory (7-12)

Starting at ground zero of learning music the children will learn notes, spaces, lines, clefs, time signatures, and such. They will have a book or printouts to work in and practice. We will have examples of notes/sounds to demonstrate with and apply what is being taught.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: pencil and eraser

Homework: None

Beg. to Intermediate Ballet for Girls (7-12)

Basic Ballet fundamentals with traditional barre and centre work. This class will be geared for the beginner, but will accommodate a non-beginner. Intermediate and advanced skills can easily be included for those students further along in their practice. Students will be transported to and from ** Ballet studio for this 2-hour class.

Fee: \$50

Supplies: Black leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes (not pointe) required

Homework: none

War & the Movies (7-12)

A look at war through the movies from WWI to Viet Nam. This is a two hour class.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: none

Effective Communication (7-12)

In this class we will explore the different forms of communication available today. We will learn how grammar, body language and eye contact affect our ability to communicate with others. We will learn new skills that will enable us to communicate in a more effective manner.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: notebook, pen

Homework: light

Pen & Ink Drawing Class (7-12)

We will learn the technique of drawing with a traditional dip pen and Indian ink.

Fee: \$15

Supplies: pencil, eraser, old shirt or smock (all other supplies will be provided)

Homework: none

Choir (7-12)

In this class we will learn different warm-up techniques and exercises to help us increase our singing abilities. We will be learning and performing 2 songs on the Evening of Enrichment.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: None

Couch Potato to 5k Running Class (7-12)

This class is for anyone that would like to begin running. It is truly a beginner's class. We will follow a run/walk format. No one will be required to run if they feel they can't. We will run the Chigger Chase on November 19th. Participation in the race is NOT a requirement for the class. The race is a fun, family-oriented, level, quick out and back, closed course.

Fee: \$0, optional race registration \$20-to be collected at a later time

Supplies: Running shoes and clothes to run in that comply with dress code

Homework: light

The Door in the Wall: A Medieval Odyssey (7-8)

Set in England of 1348, Marguerite DeAngeli's Newbery Medal book *The Door in the Wall* explores the adventures of Robin, a 10-year-old lad of noble lineage bound for a life of adventure as a knight in training. When illness strikes and Robin's future is in doubt, faithful Brother Luke assures him that with God, there's a door in any wall we might face.

This is a history-through-literature class. We will use Robin's story as a base for exploring Medieval England. We'll briefly discuss the Norman Invasion of 1066 (which resulted in the introduction of the feudal system), and the effects of the bubonic plague on Europe. Planned class activities are: mapping the journey from London to Wales; exploring the customs and foods of the Middle Ages; studying heraldry and creating a Coat of Arms; playing Medieval games; building a castle; and archery. We'll also view a scene from the movie "Dragonheart," where a disheartened knight recalls the code of chivalry and returns to his true calling. *The Door in the Wall* is a 10-chapter book. It is listed as recommended reading by Sonlight, Beautiful Feet, Veritas Press, and Classical Conversations. Suggested reading level is ages 9-12, or 4th-8th grades. We will review excerpts and discuss the story each class period. But to fully benefit from this study, students will need to do some reading at home.

Fee: \$3

Supplies: Basic Class Kit, a copy of *The Door in the Wall*

Homework: Moderate

Scientific Method (7-8)

Students will explore each step of the scientific method so they will be successful in using it for experimentation, science fairs and 4-H education presentations. The students will have a science report completed at the conclusion of EC.

Fee: \$10

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: moderate

Watercolor (7-12)

Watercolor painting using video and teacher guided as well. This is a two hour class. You may choose to take the first hour, the second hour, or both. The charge is the same

no matter which you choose.

Fee: \$25

Supplies: none

Homework: none

Interact: Friendly Competition (7-12)

This class will be a friendly competition. We will split the class into teams.

Throughout the

semester, each team will work together on assorted challenges, mind benders and games. Who will be the champs at the end of the semester?

Fee: \$5

Supplies: none

Homework: none

World at War (7-12)

World War Two Series by the BBC titled "World at War" will be the basis for course with newer material as it becomes available

Fee: \$0

Supplies: none

Homework: none

Reaching Out (7-12)

Reaching Out is a service class. We will be going to ABBA to help in the store. We put up clothes and merchandise and do general cleaning. We also will be going to Wheeler House. There we paint nails, do general cleaning, and whatever else needs to be done.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: none

Homework: none

American Government with Emphasis on Constitution (9-12)

Our American government, including history of government and how our founding fathers created the government we have today. Special emphasis on our constitution using Abeka American Government Book.

Fee: \$26 for book (2nd edition) or \$0 if you already have the book.

Supplies: basic class kit

Homework: light

Boot Camp (9-12)

Come prepared to sweat! We will work-out boot camp style, learn different exercise techniques, major muscle groups and have fun.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Exercise clothes, tennis shoes, 5-8lb weights, exercise ball

Homework: none

Learning About Cars (9-12)

For teenagers driving, boys and girls. Learn about maintenance on cars, how to do small repairs, warning lights, safety concerns, how to check all fluids, and repair a flat tire.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: none

Homework: none

Quick & Healthy Meals (9-12)

Students will learn how to make a balanced, quick, and healthy meal. Nutrition will also be discussed.

Fee: \$25

Supplies: none

Homework: none

Advanced Woodworking (9-12)

Students will learn basic woodworking and cabinet making skills, as well as how to use various power tools. Not only will they complete a few small projects, they will also build a patio set to be raffled off at "Night of Enrichment." The proceeds from the raffle will go to the EC general fund. This is a two hour class. You may choose to take the first

hour, the second hour, or both. The charge is the same no matter which you choose.

Fee: \$20 or \$0

Supplies: Safety Glasses, work gloves hammer

Homework: none

Everyone's a Critic (9-12)

This class will develop critical thinking skills through the evaluation and analysis of movies. We will watch one classic film, To Kill a Mockingbird, one Christian film,

How to Save a life, and one Cartoon, Wall-e. We will determine theme, discuss dialog, characters, special effects and evaluate the impact movies have on our society. Then, we will write a critique for each film. Much of the writing will be done in class, however there will be homework assigned. Come prepared to produce a quality essay for each movie. Access to a word processor is preferred. I have previewed each movie for content. If you have questions or concerns about any of the movies please preview them before enrolling your student in this class.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Moderate

Piercing the Darkness (9-12)

Piercing the Darkness is the gripping sequel to This Present Darkness, again dealing with spiritual warfare using a dramatic, fictional story. The story centers around Sally Beth Roe, a woman trying to forget her past and find Truth. She lands in a small town that is being attacked by demonic forces, including a small Christian school that is being inundated by New Age thought, leaving many of its students reeling and confused. We follow a police officer and a teacher as they are mercilessly attacked by the Enemy, and we see the angelic forces given strength and power from the prayers of believers around the world. We also see a return of Marshall Hogan, now a seasoned veteran of spiritual warfare. Piercing the Darkness continues Peretti's tradition of edge-of-the-seat thrillers tightly knit with spiritual applications. Some reading will be required outside of class, and we'll read poignant sections of the book in class and discuss their implications in our daily lives. While this second book is a sequel, it is not necessary to have read This Present Darkness before reading Piercing the Darkness. It is a new story that deals with the same issues in a new way, so having read the previous book is not a requirement. This book will challenge you to examine your own prayer life, and to discover the power of praying believers, all through a spell-binding, nail biting story.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: This Present Darkness by Frank Peretti

Homework: Light

RETURN TO THE HIDING PLACE

The State of Israel gives official recognition to the sacrifices of the "Righteous Gentiles,"

those who, during the dark days of the Holocaust, sought to shelter Europe's Jews from the Nazis menace. Proverbs 28:12 states, "When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory; but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden." Come learn the stories of the brave and resourceful individuals who laid all on the line to provide a hiding place for God's chosen people.

Fee: \$12

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Moderate

SENTENCE STRUCTURE FOR WRITING

There are people that LOVE grammar...and then there are normal people. I understand this; however, in any educational or professional setting, having a firm handle on basic sentence structure will give anyone a significant advantage over their peers. This class will focus on using our knowledge of parts of speech to construct different types of sentences (simple, compound, complex, compound-complex). We will also learn how to correctly punctuate each type of sentence. (For example, did you know that the second sentence of this description is a compound sentence linking two independent clauses using a conjunctive adverb that must have a comma following it? If you didn't, you would by the end of this class!) Finally, we will learn how to properly put the sentences together in writing. **STUDENTS MUST ALREADY KNOW BASIC PARTS OF SPEECH** (noun, verb, adjective, subject, etc.) **BEFORE TAKING THIS CLASS**. These will not be taught in class. (Slightly less basic terms like direct and indirect object, articles, etc. will not be taught, but knowing these is not necessary to take the class.) Students will walk away from this class as better writers; I guarantee it. And it will be mostly painless...at least for me.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit; 3-ring binder

Homework: Light

CREATIVE WRITING

To all the creative writers or aspiring writers out there: If you are looking for a safe place to share your writings and be encouraged, come join us. Please plan on doing most of your writing at home. We will share with one another and offer gentle critiques and help with proofreading upon your request during class time. We may spend some class time writing, but will do most of our writing at home. Feel free to bring short stories, poems, essays, etc., to share with your fellow students.

Fee: \$1

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Light

BIBLE BELIEFS 101

This class will cover the different Biblical beliefs and practices related to the study of the Bible or God (Theology). This class will be a Christ-centered approach to focus on Biblical doctrines and their importance. This will be a broad view of doctrines, and we will discuss various views.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Light

NIFTY FIFTIES

The incredible decade of the fifties brought us Hula Hoops, Disneyland, Rock and Roll, and so much more that helped shape the world we live in today. We are going to learn about a variety of things that started in the 50s. We will also be making props and practicing our performance for the Evening of Enrichment including dancing, skits, and lots of fun!

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Light

TEXAS OUR TEXAS

This class will discuss all the things about the Great State of Texas! Texas history, geography, culture, foods, symbols, and traditions will be covered.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Basic Class Kit; 3-ring binder

SHOW ME & TELL ME

Build your communication skills while playing Show and Tell. Each week will be a different theme. You will create a speech for homework and share during class.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: light

STREET HOCKEY (7T H-12T H)

Call it Street Hockey, call it Deck Hockey, call it fun! In this variation of ice hockey, we wear sneakers instead of skates, use sticks made from newspaper and duct tape, and play in a gym. We'll make our own custom sticks, then launch into a semester of playing.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Newspaper, 2 rolls duct tape

THEATRE

It's time to see how many future Broadway stars are amongst us. This semester's play has been written by one of our students and is ready for YOU to choose your role. What happens when your favorite fairy tale characters fall out of the story book? Will the White Rabbit make it home on time? How bad is the Big Bad Wolf? Only one way to find out.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit; costumes and props TBA

Homework: Moderate

MUSIC IN WESTERN HISTORY

We will learn about the development of western music from Preclassic to Modern times. We will cover what the people of that day and age considered important in

musical forms, along with the development of instruments. Every week, we will have a game show quiz where students will compete in two teams for that week's prize. Homework will consist of listening to the assigned music, until they are able to identify it easily, and filling out a worksheet from online resources and handouts.

Fee: \$2

Supplies: Basic class kit; 3-ring binder

Homework: THIS CLASS WILL REQUIRE HEAVY HOMEWORK

SIMPLY DRAWING/PENCIL ANIMAL DRAWINGS

Step-by-step DVD drawing lessons designed to give children confidence in drawing, regardless of any previous experience. This series will teach many important techniques which will include: using basic shapes to draw animals; connecting these shapes to sketch the animal; learning to shade and blend to create a realistic likeness; adding finishing touches. I will purchase sketch pads, erasers, and drawing pencils.

Fee: \$6

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

AUTHORS' TOOLS

Authors' Tools will use Pixar animated shorts and other fun activities to introduce students to literary analysis. Topics covered include plot analysis, character traits, point of view, genre, mood/tone, and other literary devices. Homework could include light reading or writing, as needed.

Fee: \$2

Supplies: Basic Class Kit; folder with brads

Homework: light

DRIVE THRU HISTORY - FOUNDATIONS OF CHARACTER

Foundations of Character by Drive Thru History features eight of the founders of America and focuses on their character, their faith, and their experiences. Each week, we will begin with a short DVD presentation followed by class discussion and activities that reinforce the lesson from the DVD. The history of our great nation from a Christian worldview will be discussed in detail.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit; 3-ring binder

INTRO TO SPREADSHEETS

This class is a basic introduction to spreadsheets. Although we will be working with Google Sheets, everything learned can be done on Microsoft Excel. Numbers can be fun when you learn how to format cells, organize the date, and make it work for you.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit; Laptop or iPad; Google Sheets will need to be downloaded

and available in offline mode on your computer/iPad prior to the first class. It is a free app, and I will be happy to assist anyone in accessing it prior to the first class.
Homework: Light

FLASHPOINT

Who needs history? We do - if we're to make sense of current events. Statues topple, riots rise, and - according to the modern media - America stands on the brink of an implosion fueled by racial tension. But is the media to be believed? What is the truth? What are the roots of this issue? Which claims are valid, and which are engineered to promote agendas? In Flashpoint, we'll employ literature, documented history, and current events to explore this topic and dig for truth. Our reading list includes: Amos Fortune:Free Man by Elizabeth Yates (juvenile fiction, but a great story and a quick, easy read), Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt, Gone with the Wind by Margaret Michelle (not the entire book; excerpts detailing Reconstruction only), White Lilacs by Carolyn Meyer. We'll also watch clips from the movies Amazing Grace and Woodlawn (for movie reviews, please consult pluggedin.com) and the documentary "Agenda: Grinding America Down." And we'll reference the Holy Bible. What does it have to say about slavery, racism, and living peacefully with your fellows?

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit; Book list: Amos

Fortune: Free Man; Across Five Aprils; Gone with the Wind; White Lilacs

Homework: Moderate

ANIMAL FARM, WWI, AND THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

Today's political scene is best understood by spending some time outlining the history of the world during the early 20th Century, including the rise of Communism. This se-mester, we will learn how WWI, monarchies, and the Russian Revolution of 1917 contributed to the spread of Marxist- Leninist ideology. The satire, Animal Farm by George Orwell, will enrich our conversation about tyranny, totalitarianism, and the downfalls of each. Expect weekly reading.

Fee: \$5

Supplies: Basic Class Kit; copy of Animal Farm; Folder with brads

Homework: Heavy

MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING AG LAND

Students will learn how to make the most out of Agriculture land: how to attain, establish, maintain, and improve land for agricultural purposes. Students will also learn how to find and purchase farm land.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: light

UNDERSTANDING ALGEBRA

This class will give students an opportunity to learn about concepts they may not fully comprehend regarding algebra-level mathematics. Students are encouraged to bring material they have questions about.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: Basic Class Kit

Homework: Moderate

52 CARDS

Each week we will play a different card game exploring the mechanics that make it enjoyable and thinking through the best tactics. We will also analyze what we dislike

about a given card game.

Fee: \$1

Supplies: none

Communism 101

The 20th century was an age of progress like no other century in world history. But it was also one of the deadliest centuries, thanks to the implementation of communism in multiple countries around the world. It is responsible for the deaths of over 100 million people, more than all the wars of the 20th century. So, why do so many Americans think it's still a good idea? In this class, we will learn the basics of communism, straight from the writings of Karl Marx, and then study its effects in practice throughout the 20th and 21st centuries. Students will get to know the Communist dictators around the world, such as Lenin, Stalin, Mao, Kim Ill-Sung, and more, and see the results of their communist governments. In addition, we will compare the freedoms of the West to the doctrines of socialism and communism, and learn to recognize the approaching danger to America through the use of videos, lecture, and hands-on activities. Students will be expected to read *Animal Farm* by George Orwell during the first 3 weeks of the semester, as well as complete other shorter reading and research assignments throughout the semester. Be prepared to take notes in class.

Fee: \$0

Supplies: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell, a 3-ring binder with notebook paper, basic kit

Homework: moderate