



AUXILIARY PROGRAMS GUIDE

Fall Trimester 2023

Extended Day
After School Adventures
Middle School Auxiliary Clubs
Music Instruction

TABLE OF CONTENTS

After School Program Overview	2
Under New Management.....	2
Extended Day	3
After School Adventures.	5
Middle School Auxiliary Clubs.....	6
Registration and Payment.....	6
Music Instruction.....	7
Dismissal.....	7
Behavior Expectations.....	8
FAQs.....	8
Programs for Fall 2023	10
Mondays.....	11
Tuesdays.....	13
Wednesdays.....	16
Thursdays.....	19
Fridays.....	22

OVERVIEW

Auxiliary Programs at Catherine Cook School serve our students after the regular school day dismissal until 6:00 p.m. and include Extended Day, After School Adventures, Middle School Auxiliary Clubs, and Music Instruction. Our main objective is to provide students with a safe and fun environment to explore exciting enrichment and academic opportunities right here on Catherine Cook's campus. We have it all!

You never know what hidden talents your students may have, so be sure to explore the never-ending possibilities of Auxiliary Programs at Cook.

This guide provides the necessary information to navigate after school programs at Catherine Cook and understand our student participation policies and procedures. For the most up-to-date information on Auxiliary Programs throughout the academic year, please visit the Campus Life section of our website or reach out to the Auxiliary Team for any assistance or questions. We are always happy and eager to help!

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Meet Your New Auxiliary Programs Team:



Rachel Pujol

Director of Auxiliary Programs
and Office Operations
Email: rpujol@ccookschool.org
Phone: 312.266.3381



Sophia Roberson

Coordinator of Auxiliary Programs
Email: sroberson@ccookschool.org
Phone: 312.266.3381

EXTENDED DAY

Our Extended Day Program is for students of all ages and is an opportunity to extend their school day in a safe and fun environment. Extended Day is divided into two time blocks and three age groups:

Cougar Cubs (Early Childhood)

2:45-4:30 p.m. - Block 1 | 4:30-6:00 p.m. - Block 2

- Students in Preschool (PS), Junior Kindergarten (JK), and Senior Kindergarten (SK)
- Enjoy free time play, story time, table activities, games, crafts, and playground time (weather permitting)
- Students are separated into three groups based on their grade level: PS, JK, and SK

Cougar Club (Lower School)

3:00-4:30 p.m. - Block 1 | 4:30-6:00 p.m. - Block 2

- Students in 1st-4th Grades
- Includes a recess period, quiet study time to complete homework or work on an academic-related activity, and games, crafts, and free play (time permitting)
- Students are separated into two groups based on grade level: 1st/2nd Graders and 3rd/4th Graders

Study Club (Middle School)

3:30-4:30 p.m. - Block 1 | 4:30-6:00 p.m. - Block 2

- Students in 5th-8th Grades
- A quiet space for students to complete homework or work on an academic-related activity

Extended Day Enrollment Options and Pricing

Want to give Extended Day a try? This year we are offering a trial option for Extended Day for the first six days of school at a discounted rate. Sign-up for the first six days and the full trimester will open the same day as ASA and Middle School Auxiliary Clubs registration.

Fall Trimester September 11- November 17	Mondays (8 Total)	Tuesdays (10)	Wednesdays (10)	Thursdays (10)	Fridays (9)
Extended Day Block 1 Dismissal - 4:30 p.m.	\$220	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$250
Extended Day Block 2 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	\$110	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$124
Extended Day Block 1 & 2	\$330	\$413	\$413	\$413	\$374

Note: Students must be enrolled in a school-sponsored, after-school activity (i.e. Athletics, ASAs, Extended Day, tutoring, etc.) during Block 1 to attend Extended Day Block 2.

Extended Day Price Breakdown

Extended Day registration occurs each trimester and is calculated by each day(s) of the week you select. For example, school will be in session a total of eight (8) Mondays for the Fall trimester, whereas Tuesdays or Thursdays may have more or less days during this trimester. We break it down this way so that you only pay for the number of days you've selected.

End of School Day Dismissal

It is expected that all children will be picked up on time. Please call the Main Office if you are running late, and personnel will email the homeroom teacher/advisor. This courtesy call does not absolve parents/guardians of late fees but may reduce stress and uncertainty for children and staff.

Drop-In Extended Day is available as needed. Registration for daily drop-in can be done in advance or on the day needed. Drop-in Extended Day is \$35/day for Block 1 and \$15/day for Block 2. If unable to register online, please email afterschool@ccookschool.org or call the Main Office.

We strongly encourage families to register for Extended Day, as this allows us to provide adequate staffing and resources. Please note: Students will not be allowed to remain unsupervised in the school building or wait in the Main Office to be picked up.

Drop-In Extended Day

Drop-In Extended Day is available to parents as-needed and is for those students who are not registered. Registration for daily drop-in can be done in advance or on the day needed. If you have a last-minute request for a Drop-In, please email afterschool@ccookschool.org as soon as possible to help with proper staffing and resources. If your request is submitted later than 2:00 p.m., please contact Main Office personnel to inform the student's homeroom teacher/advisor and to radio the Auxiliary Team.

Drop-In Extended Day is \$35.00/day for Block 1

Students are dismissed at 4:30 and have a 15-minute window to be picked up before being placed in Block 2.

Drop-In Extended Day is \$15.00/day for Block 2

Students must be picked up no later than 6:00 p.m. to avoid late fees.

Students not picked up by 4:45 p.m. for Block 1 dismissal will automatically be placed in Block 2, and parents will incur the Block 2 Drop-In fees. Students not picked up by 6:00 p.m. for Block 2 dismissal will be charged a \$2-per-minute late fee. Please note: Students are not allowed to remain unsupervised in the school building or wait in the Main Office to be picked up. If a student is repeatedly picked up past their dismissal time, they will **lose the privilege of participating** in Extended Day.

Students billed for Dismissal Late Fees will receive an invoice by the end of the month. Please note, failure to pay for after-school programs in a timely manner may exclude students' participation in the following trimester.

AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES (ASA)

Catherine Cook offers many After School Adventures (ASAs) to appeal to various student interests. Class offerings change with each trimester, are approximately 8-10 weeks long (1 day a week), and can include karate, cooking, sewing, dance, fencing, robotics, chess, cheer, and many more. Before an ASA class, students are provided a short break to use the restroom and enjoy a snack before heading to their class/activity.

Trimester Dates

Trimester schedules consider all school breaks and days off.

Fall: September 11 - November 17, 2023

Winter: December 4, 2023 - March 8, 2024

Spring: March 18, 2024 – May 31, 2024

MIDDLE SCHOOL AUXILIARY CLUBS ---

Middle School *Auxiliary* Clubs - not to be confused with other “clubs” in Middle School that take place during the school day - are similar to an ASA, but will typically run much longer than the average 8-10 week offerings. These clubs may meet 2 days per week for half the year or the full year. Please note that there may be off-campus events and a need for travel.

ASA and Middle School Auxiliary Club Waitlist

When the maximum number of students has been reached during registration, a “Waitlist” button will appear below the activity choice. You must add your student to the Waitlist for the opportunity for a spot. If a space becomes available, you’ll receive an email with instructions to confirm your space and submit payment. **We will hold your space for 24 hours for you to act prior to alerting the next family in line.**

Enrollment & Attendance

Regular attendance is necessary and expected. Pay attention to specific meeting dates and requirements in this guide’s class description for each class. Registration is required for all participants. There are no refunds for student absences or prorated fees if students attend two activities that meet at the same time.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT ---

Registration Begins: Monday, August 21, 6:00 p.m. Registration is online via the After School Registration System on the [Cook Portal](#). Directions for registration can be found [here](#) or under Campus Life > After School Adventures on our website. Payment is due upon registration.

ASA & MS Auxiliary Club Deadline for Registration: Thursday, August 31, 6:00 p.m.
Extended Day Deadline for Registration: Thursday, September 7, 6:00 p.m.

Once registration closes, decisions are made to cancel classes that have not met enrollment. Families impacted are contacted by email.

Cancellations & Refund Policy

All auxiliary programs (except for Extended Day) require a minimum number of students to enroll for a successful experience. If minimum requirements are not met by the deadline for registration, refunds will be given, and alternative options will be suggested. A full refund will be given if another option is not chosen by the family. Once a session begins, refunds can be given less a \$50 administrative fee during the first week of the program only. After that, there is no refund for student withdrawal. There will be no tuition credits or refunds in case of student absence or should a student not complete the full session.

MUSIC INSTRUCTION

Catherine Cook has a partnership with Chicago School of Musical Arts and Walking Fingers Music School. Instructors are invited to campus to teach piano, guitar, drums, ukulele, violin, voice, saxophone piano/voice combo, flute and clarinet. Parents/guardians are responsible for contacting our music vendors independently for questions, sign-up, scheduling, and payment.

Walking Fingers Music School

Gabriel Medina, Business Owner

Music Lessons: Guitar and Piano

Email: gabrielmedinamusic@gmail.com

Website: www.gabrielmedinamusic.com

Phone: 773-484-5677

Chicago School of Musical Arts

Music Lessons: Violin, Ukulele, Guitar, Voice, Piano, Saxophone,

Piano/Voice Combo, Clarinet, and Flute

Please inquire via email to info@ChicagoSMA.com

Website: www.chicagosma.com

Phone: 312-780-0823

AUXILIARY PROGRAM DISMISSAL

All students staying after school must be registered for a specific activity. Catherine Cook's after-school programs are scheduled in a two-block arrangement. Block 1 activities end by 4:30 p.m., and all students, **including Extended Day attendees who are not registered for Block 2**, will dismiss from the Main Entrance for carline dismissal by student placards. All students remaining on campus after **4:45 p.m.** will manually be registered for **Block 2 Extended Day** at the drop-in cost.

Once Block 1 carline dismissal has concluded at **4:45 p.m.**, no one will be stationed outside to call placards, and parents/guardians must find legal parking or quickly come inside the building and notify staff at the security desk for Block 2 pick-up. Please do not call the Main Office for your student to be sent down, as there are times no one is working in the Main Office after 4:00 p.m.

In addition, it's important to know that students who are being tutored after school or are participating in athletics do not follow the same procedures, and their dismissal is coordinated by Learning Specialist Anne Russell and Athletic Director Malcolm Scott, respectively. Please contact them directly for more information on their dismissal procedures.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

There is an expectation that students will maintain their positive ROARSy behavior in after school programs as outlined by the Community Handbook, and therefore, a review of participation will take place if the expectation is not met. **A student may lose the opportunity to participate in after school programming if the child's social conduct or behavior is deemed unacceptable or poses a danger to themselves or others.** In general, the consequences follow a sequence of verbal reminders, a phone call to the parent/guardian, and removal from the program for that day or a specific period. There are no refunds for student absences due to behavior.

FAQs

How does my student get from dismissal to After School Auxiliary Programs?

At the end of the regular school day, all of our younger students are escorted by an adult from their classroom to their designated after school location, and Middle School Students are provided directions and guidance from teachers and staff.

Does Extended Day have medical and pick-up information for my child?

Extended Day Staff have access to the same medical and emergency information you provide for the regular school day. Parents should keep contact/pickup information up to date. After School personnel may check the ID of an unrecognized person, so parents/guardians should come prepared. Students will not be allowed to go home with an adult that is unknown and not on the approved pick-up list.

Can my child bring his/her own toys or electronics to play with in Extended Day?

Encourage your child to brainstorm activities, interests, and games that can be explored after school, and encourage them to share with the staff. We love new ideas and developing interests; however, personal toys are best left at home to avoid accidental loss or breakage. If any toys or materials need to be brought home from school, students will be asked to leave them in their backpacks. Personal electronics are not allowed in Extended Day, and school-issued computers are to be used only for school-related work or activities.

What if my child misses a class due to illness or a scheduling conflict?

If a student misses a class, families may request the notes/independent work from the missed class upon their return. We do not reschedule classes due to student absence and there are no refunds. Class fees take into account all school breaks and days off. Every effort will be made to continue classes and schedule substitutes in the event of an instructor emergency.

What if our family schedule changes or my student no longer wants to participate in an after school program?

Please remember to double-check your family calendar to avoid conflicts. Once a session begins, refunds can be given less a \$50 administrative fee during the first week of the program only. After that, there is no refund for student withdrawal. Exceptions will be made for students who are deemed too young for a class (i.e. a younger Early Childhood student who is not ready for a longer day).

Should my student(s) bring a snack from home for Extended Day?

We provide snacks for each student after school for those enrolled in an Auxiliary Program or Extended Day. Snacks are peanut- and tree nut-free, and we also provide other ingredient-free snacks upon request for students with various allergies. If you feel your student will need more than one snack for the afternoon, students are welcome to bring an additional snack to enjoy. Students are not permitted to share food or snacks.

Can my Middle School student dismiss themselves from their ASA?

Yes, if a Middle School student has a self-dismissal pass for the regular school day, they may dismiss themselves once their class or activity has ended. However, they will not be allowed to take home younger or older students. Students should always check out with the Director or Coordinator of Auxiliary Programs. Parents are responsible for coordinating self-dismissal with their student(s).

How do I get a message to my child after school or communicate last-minute schedule changes?

Parents can email afterschool@ccookschool.org at any time, but if the message is urgent, please try connecting with the Main Office as well, as they may be able to reach us on the radio.

Questions?

Please reach out to **Rachel Pujol**, Director of Auxiliary Programs and Office Operations, at rpujol@ccookschool.org and **Sophia Roberson**, Coordinator of Auxiliary Programs, at sroberson@ccookschool.org with any questions.

PROGRAMS FOR FALL 2023

Preschool=PS | Junior Kindergarten=JK | Senior Kindergarten=SK Please be sure to review when classes and activities begin and end. This applies to dates and timing of classes.

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Extended Day Block 1 2:45 - 4:30 p.m.	Extended Day Block 1 2:45 - 4:30 p.m.	Extended Day Block 1 2:45 - 4:30 p.m.	Extended Day Block 1 2:45 - 4:30 p.m.	Extended Day Block 1 2:45 - 6:00 p.m.
Extended Day Block 2 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Extended Day Block 2 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Extended Day Block 2 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Extended Day Block 2 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Extended Day Block 2 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Little Big Painters PS - SK	Beginner Cheer Team 2nd - 4th	Minecraft Code: Super Heroes SK - 2nd	Minecraft Code: Star Wars SK - 2nd	Hip Hop Beat Breakers JK - 1st
KidBots SK - 2nd	Fencing A SK - 6th	Scratch Jr. SK - 2nd	Fencing B SK - 6th	Lalalasana JK - 2nd
MS Cross Country (Sept. 11 - Nov. 6) 5th - 8th	Minecraft Code: Star Wars 3rd - 5th	All Sports Enrichment 1st - 4th	Beginner Piano Group JK - 1st	Hip Hop Beat Breakers *4:30 - 5:15 p.m.* 2nd - 3rd
Super Scientists SK - 2nd	LEGO Builders Lab JK - 1st	Ballet Stars JK - 1st	Kawaii Cute 1st - 4th	LEGO Robotics 3rd - 5th
iCook: Culinary World Tour SK - 4th	STEAMwork - TEAMwork 1st - 4th	TikTok Hip Hop *4:30 - 5:15 p.m.* 4th-6th	Musical Adventures PS - SK	Chess Master SK - 8th
Try it All (Music Band) @WFMS [Off-Campus] *3:30 – 4:15 p.m.* SK - 1st	Ukulele Musical Arts 1st - 5th	Fun w/ Drums: Percussion Fundamentals SK - 4th	Little Big Painters PS - SK	iSteam: Engineering & Architecture SK - 4th
Floor Hockey 1st - 4th	MS FPS Club 5th - 8th	Robot City 1st - 2nd	MS FPS Club 5th - 8th	
You Are Sew Crafty 1st - 4th	MS Robotics Club 5th - 8th	Robot City 3rd - 4th	Drawing Fun! SK - 4th	
Circus w/ CircEsteem 2nd - 5th	Math Mavens SK - 2nd	Beat It All (Drums) JK - 2nd	Super Spies SK - 2nd	
Guitar 3 @WFMS [Off-Campus] *4:30 – 5:15 p.m.* 1st – 5th	Guitar 1 SK - 2nd	Taekwondo: Martial Arts 1st - 8th	Gem-Tastic SK - 2nd	
	Sing it All JK - 2nd	Drums @WFMS [Off-Campus] *4:30 – 5:15 p.m.* 1st – 5th	Guitar 2 1st - 3rd	
	Piano 2 @WFMS [Off-Campus] *4:30 – 5:15 p.m.* 1st – 5th		Piano 1 @WFMS [Off-Campus] *4:30 – 5:15 p.m.* 1st – 5th	

Description of Walking Fingers Music School (WFMS) Small Group Classes

These small group Guitar Classes introduce kids to the concepts of rhythm, reading music, and ear training while learning how to use a proper technique on their instruments. Kids will be exposed to a wide range of musical genres. Group Classes are the perfect way to learn music while having fun and socializing with peers and gaining the ability to play and sing in a group. At WFMS, our classrooms are equipped with full size piano keyboards and drum sets for each student as well as a sound system and microphones for kids to sound like a PRO!

Monday: 8 Sessions (10 Class Offerings)

1. Little Big Painters! PS - SK (\$225)

Calling all painters and enthusiasts! Students will use different materials and techniques to create a variety of art projects. Students will learn to identify primary and secondary colors and experience the joy of painting in many varieties, including canvas painting, finger painting, watercolors, and the use of different textures. Let's get painting!

Led by Christina Taylor, Catherine Cook Permanent Substitute Teacher

2. Middle School Cross Country (formerly known as Running Club) 5th-8th (\$295) *Note: This class begins on September 11 and ends on November 6*

Cross Country teaches proper running techniques and skills taken from expert programs around the country. We will provide information about running gear, dos and don'ts for running in the city, running at different temperatures, distance versus time skills assessment, and more. Each week the run will begin and end at Catherine Cook. Runs will become progressively longer and more challenging as the session goes on. Cross Country will be centered around training to complete the Hot Chocolate 5K tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 5 (entry fee for the 5K is not included in the Club fees). Parent volunteers are welcome to participate in the club and encouraged to join us in the race. Please join us for a super fun season as a team! **Led by Coach Stacy**

3. iCook: Culinary World Tour SK-4th (\$300)

Our chefs-in-training will learn how to make delicious and nutritious recipes inspired by international cuisine. We will travel across the globe to learn about the cuisine and traditions of Europe, Southeast Asia, Central America, and beyond. We will make recipes like Nigerian chin chin, Turkish cacik dip, Peruvian veggie ceviche, Italian tiramisu, and so much more! Students will work hands-on with fresh herbs and vegetables, and experience how they enhance the aroma and flavors of our dishes. We will master cooking safety, slicing, dicing, chopping, folding, baking, zesting, mixing, and more! All ingredients and supplies will be provided! **Led by iCook Inc**

4. You Are Sew Crafty: Hand Sewing 1st – 4th (\$285)

Students will develop the skill of hand sewing and creating one-of-a-kind stuffies all at their own pace. Whether you're interested in learning how to sew or would like to jump back into sewing- all skill levels are welcome! **Led by Sew Crafty Studio**

5. KidBots SK-2nd (\$300)

In this junior robotics course, we use a hands-on approach to STEM discovery. Students learn valuable coding concepts while tapping into their imaginations to create and program robots. Step by step, we build a variety of cool LEGO robots based around a motor and controller. Then, kids use a block-based programming language to make their creations come to life! It's educational, cool, and FUN! **Led by Code Advantage**

6. Super Scientists SK-2nd (\$295)

Science is FUN! Especially science experiments where you get to hypothesize and test how materials and chemicals respond, will they burst, increase or decrease in temperature, make a sound, or inflate? So many possibilities! Come check out this ASA and find out for yourself! Don't forget your lab coat and safety goggles! All class materials are included. **Led by Catherine Fournoy, SK Teacher Assistant**

7. Floor Hockey 1st – 4th (\$275)

Join Catherine Cook's first-ever Floor Hockey Auxiliary Program! This enrichment program provides participants the opportunity to learn and play floor hockey in a safe and fun environment. Players learn positions, stick handling, and ball control in this fun, fast-paced class. In addition, players develop teamwork and sportsmanship while having fun competitive gameplay each week. Safety and having fun are a must when you step on the floor. Loose and comfortable clothing and shoes are highly suggested. Come ready to play! **Led by Hot Shot Sports, LLC**

8. Try It All: Music Band (Off-Campus: Walking Fingers Music School) SK & 1st *Time: 3:30-4:15 p.m.* (\$395)

Note: Students will be picked up by WFMS staff at 3:25 p.m. and dismissed from WFMS by 4:30 p.m. To participate, parents/guardians must complete and sign a waiver before students are officially registered.

Students who enroll in Try It All: Music Band will explore different instruments, such as the guitar, drums, and keyboards which allows them to discover, explore and form a connection with the instrument they most enjoy. There are no practice expectations in Try It All - Music Band. It's all about students learning and having fun and exploring their hidden talents. **Led by Walking Fingers Music School**

9. Guitar 3 - Small Group of 4 *Time: 4:30-5:15 p.m.*

(Off-Campus: Walking Fingers Music School) 2nd – 5th (\$480)

Note: Students will be picked up by WFMS staff at 4:25 p.m. and dismissed from WFMS. To participate, parents/guardians must complete and sign a waiver before students are officially registered.

Guitar 3 students continue to develop their skills by learning power chords and barre chords, fingerpicking, and continue to improve reading music. In this class, singing along with microphones is encouraged as we play music from all different genres.

Requirements: Each child must bring their own guitar for this class. We recommend 1/2 and 3/4 size classical guitars. Books are included.

Led by Walking Fingers Music School

*Students enrolled in this class will be offered complimentary childcare care for Block 1 Extended Day.

10. Circus w/ CircEsteem 2nd – 5th (\$295)

Give your kids the opportunity to “clown around,” while developing balance, flexibility, and hand-eye coordination. Students will learn skills such as tight-wire walking, juggling, plate spinning, acrobatics, clowning, and more! Circus classes give every child the chance to shine in the center ring, building confidence and allowing students to work as a team.

Led by CircEsteem

Tuesdays: 10 Sessions (12 Class Offerings)

1. Beginner Cheer Team 2nd – 4th (\$310)

Show your Cougar pride with pom poms, dance moves, stunts, and big voices by joining the Catherine Cook Cheer Team! Cheerleaders will learn choreographed cheer chants and a dance to be showcased at one all-school assembly. Students should bring a great attitude, school spirit, and willingness to be an enthusiastic member of a very special team! Open to all students in Grades 2-4 who have not taken Cheer at Cook previously (not to worry, Advanced Cheer for Grades 2-4 starts back up Second Trimester!) Comfortable clothing and shoes are highly suggested. **Led by Coach Stacy**

2. Fencing A SK – 6th (\$330)

This class will combine a fun and educational introduction to fencing. Fencing is a fun sport that can build strength, quick thinking, and mobility while getting a great workout. This class will cover the basics of fencing: advance, retreat, lunge, attack, and counterattack. Students with some professional experience are welcome to return. Skills learned from previous sessions will be enhanced. Comfortable clothing and shoes are highly suggested.

Led by Swift Fencing

3. Minecraft Code: Star Wars 3rd – 5th (\$345)

May the Force be with you! Using the Minecraft platform, students will learn coding fundamentals while exploring fantastical worlds - constructing and coding everything around them including vehicles and planets! In this educational and fun-filled class, students will overcome challenges while learning coding concepts including coordinates, functions, methods, loops, variables, and more! Whether your child is a big Star Wars fan or has an interest in space, this class takes them on an exciting “out of this world” adventure! Projects include: coding a lightsaber, surviving an epic battle, spawning a horde of enemies, and creating a force attack to destroy blocks. Prior coding or Minecraft experience is not required. **Led by Code Advantage**

4. STEAMwork-TEAMwork 1st – 4th (\$295)

In this class, students will work independently or in groups to complete a STEAM challenge each week. Challenges will be based on stories, videos, or explored concepts and will vary in levels of difficulty. If you want to test your building, art, math, and science skills while having tons of fun, this is the ASA for you. You don't want to miss out!

Led by Jaclyn McCutcheon, Senior Kindergarten Teacher

5. Intro to Ukulele 1st – 5th (\$340)

Ukulele is very versatile and beginner friendly! Whether you are just beginning or already know some tunes, we will teach students to play chords, strumming techniques, and how to sing and play. These techniques will then be applied to simple songs. Students will also be introduced to reading musical notation on the ukulele.

Led by Chicago School of Musical Arts

6. LEGO Builders Lab JK – 1st (\$260)

LEGO Builders' Lab is an interactive class that fosters creativity, teamwork, and design skills through hands-on LEGO building projects. By exploring architecture, problem-solving, and communication, students develop essential abilities while having fun. Join the excitement and let creativity soar in this unforgettable journey through the world of LEGO!

Led by Megan Altmayer, Cook Librarian

7. Middle School Future Problem Solvers (FPS) Club 5th – 8th (\$750)

Required Competition Dates:

Sunday, January 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Noon;

Saturdays, Feb. 3 & 10, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.;

Friday, April 19 – Saturday, April 20, 2024 (6:30 a.m. Friday overnight until circa 2:30 p.m. Saturday)

Future Problem Solvers is an international program for middle school and high school students which seeks to develop thinking, research, writing, and teamwork skills by having kids research and develop solutions to the kinds of problems our world will face in the years ahead. Topics for 2023-2024 are Urbanization, Autonomous Transportation, and Antarctica — important and way cool! Most students participate in the “team” FPS competition strand, although there are also individual competition strands in art, writing, performance, and individual problem solving. Students come away with in-depth knowledge of interesting and pertinent topics; a framework for collaborative problem solving; and a fun time.

Please note this is a fairly intense commitment. FPSers need to be comfortable completing timed writing tasks in a team setting, seriously commit to weekly attendance, be independently motivated to put in the extra academic effort, and come to the after school sessions ready to focus. Students must be able to attend on competition dates since each FPSer is an integral part of their small team. Please check your calendar carefully before signing up.

For new FPS students, parents/guardians must talk to either Mr. or Ms. Kruse prior to registration being finalized. Please reach out via email to mkruse@ccookschool.org and lkruse@ccookschool.org to arrange a time to talk. **Led by Mike Kruse, 3rd Grade Teacher, and Liz Kruse, 7th Grade Humanities Teacher**

8. Middle School Robotics Club 5th – 8th (\$320)

Join the MS Robotics Club and have a blast designing, building, and programming a wide range of robots. This MS club will look into joining competitions to test the group’s skills and talent (optional for club members). Develop your skillset or increase your knowledge of robotics by teaming up with **Middle School Teacher Miguel Martinez**. This club welcomes members at all levels. No previous experience is needed.

9. Math Mavens SK – 2nd (\$260)

Who ever said math couldn’t be fun?! Students in SK – 2nd Grade can get a jumpstart on increasing their math skills by joining Catherine Cook’s Math Mavens. This class will utilize a plethora of math games and group activities to create a fun learning environment.

Led by Catherine Flourney, SK Teacher Assistant

10. Piano 2 - Small Group of 4 *Time: 4:30-5:15 p.m.* (Off-Campus: Walking Fingers Music School) 1st – 5th (\$480)

Note: Students will be picked up from Cook by WFMS staff at 4:25 p.m. and dismissed from WFMS. To participate, parents/guardians must complete and sign a waiver before students are officially registered.

Kids will continue to focus on expanding their musicality on the piano. Chords will be introduced in this class. Students will practice playing with a steady beat, understanding the

musical alphabet, and using proper hand technique while learning new songs and rhythms. Singing along with microphones is encouraged as we play music from all different genres. Books are included. **Led by Walking Fingers Music School**

*Students enrolled in this class will be offered complimentary childcare care for Block 1 Extended Day.

11. Guitar Group 1 SK – 2nd (\$415)

This class introduces students to basic guitar strumming, rhythms, and note reading. Students will learn to play and sing easy melodies and tunes while learning proper hand technique and posture.

Class Requirements: Each student must bring their own guitar to each class. We recommend 1/2 and 3/4- classical guitars. Books are included.

Led by Walking Fingers Music School

12. Sing It All: Music Band JK – 2nd (\$415)

Do you love to sing? Come check out this group class for students who enjoy singing but have never had lessons. Students will learn the importance of breathing techniques, and warm-up voice exercises before singing their little hearts out. Students will enjoy singing their favorite tunes while learning basic voice techniques. All materials are included.

Led by Walking Fingers Music School

Wednesdays: 10 Sessions (11 Class Offerings)

1. Scratch Jr. SK – 2nd (\$345)

Learning to code is a critical skill for children to learn! Much like learning another language, it's best to have kids learn about programming concepts early and often! In our Scratch Jr. class, kids will learn coding concepts including computer automation and linear sequencing. They will make short stories, apply elements of animation, and create their own sprites and objects – all using technology and coding fundamentals! **Led by Code Advantage**

2. Minecraft Code: Super Heroes SK – 2nd (For Graduates of Scratch Jr.) (\$345)

The Minecraft world is in danger! In this class, students will learn coding fundamentals and use them to create powerful superheroes with special abilities. Each class creates a new opportunity for our coders to save the Minecraft world against a new danger! From traveling to a ruined city and exploring a frozen bunker to saving the White House and more! Students will have an amazing time putting their coding skills to the test! Projects include Anvil Rain using commands and loops, Programmable Robot Bodyguard with selector variables, and

Gladiator using position variables and fill commands. Prior coding or Minecraft experience is not required. **Led by Code Advantage**

3. All Sports Enrichment 1st – 4th (\$295)

This enrichment program features a new sport each week. Some of the sports taught and played include basketball, floor hockey, football, kickball, soccer, and baseball. In addition, participants play many popular running and group games. Children have the opportunity to acquire new skills and develop confidence in games they have played in previous classes. Comfortable clothing and shoes are highly suggested. **Led by Hot Shot Sports, LLC**

4. TikTok Hip Hop *Time: 4:30-5:15 p.m.* 4th – 6th (\$310)

Join our exciting after-school TikTok dance class, where you'll learn popular TikTok dances step by step. Get ready to groove, have fun, and showcase your moves as we break down the hottest dance trends while you expand your Hip Hop dance technique and knowledge. No prior dance experience is required—just bring your enthusiasm and prepare to dance like a TikTok star! All music and moves are age appropriate in this fun and open dance class. **Led by Dance to EvoLve**

*Students enrolled in this class will be offered complimentary childcare care for Block 1 Extended Day.

5. Ballet Stars JK – 1st (\$290)

Keep your Star Shiner moving in this ballet class for boys and girls. This progressive class introduces curriculum goals through fun movement allowing your dancer to be challenged while expressing themselves. Dancers develop dance, listening, and coordination skills, including an emphasis on ballet terminology and technique. A ballet leotard and tights are not required. Please send your student to school in comfy clothes and shoes.

Led by Dance to EvoLve

6. Fun with Drums: Percussion Fundamentals SK – 4th (\$340)

This class is an exciting opportunity to participate in a group-style drum ensemble where kids can effectively learn to play different types of drums and learn to play with others as well. We will cover many different percussion styles throughout the class that involve different hand drums, mallet instruments, stick percussion, and some unique auxiliary drums that are super fun to learn and play. Drumming is something that anyone can learn and is a great way to connect with others in the process. Let's play some drums!

Led by Chicago School of Musical Arts

7. Robot City 1st – 2nd (\$360)

Students develop a love of robotics, coding, and STEM fundamentals in this fun after school program. Come explore robotics and learn about electricity, mechanics, sensors, and programming, while building Do-It-Yourself robot kits you get to take home! Students will build different robots every session. **Led by Robot City Workshop**

8. Robot City 3rd – 4th (\$360)

Students develop a love of robotics, coding, and STEM fundamentals in this fun after-school program. Come explore robotics and learn about electricity, mechanics, sensors, and programming, while building Do-It-Yourself robot kits you get to take home! Students build different robots every session. **Led by Robot City Workshop**

9. Taekwondo: Martial Arts 1st – 8th (\$420)

LeeHan teaches Taekwondo to students of all ages and fitness levels. Join us and learn self-defense, build a positive mental attitude, and also improve confidence and focus. There will be a belt testing per semester, find its details at Belt Advancement Test | LeeHan Martial Arts (myleeahan.com).

Additional Fees:

\$100 for uniform, belt, and online access to prerecorded classes

\$70.00 for belt testing

Led by LeeHan Martial Arts Studio

10. Drum Group 1- Small Group of 4 *Time: 4:30-5:15 p.m.* (Off-Campus: Walking Fingers Music School) 1st –2nd (\$480)

Note: Students will be picked up by WFMS staff at 4:25 p.m. and dismissed from WFMS. To participate, parents/guardians must complete and sign a waiver before students are officially registered.

These small group classes of up to 4 students are nothing but fun. Drummers will be introduced to basic rhythms, drum beats, and proper technique. Students will have fun jamming to all of their favorite songs playing a real drum set. **Led by Walking Fingers Music School**

*Students enrolled in this class will be offered complimentary childcare care for Block 1 Extended Day.

11. Beat It All: Drums JK – 2nd (\$415)

This fun class introduces kids to basic rhythms, on a “drum box” (Cajon). Students will have fun jamming and singing to all of their favorite songs. Each kid will have their own drum box in class. Materials are included. **Led by Gabriel Medina, Walking Fingers Music School**

Thursdays: 10 Sessions (12 Class Offerings)

1. Minecraft Code: Star Wars SK – 2nd (\$345)

May the Force be with you! Using the Minecraft platform, students will learn coding fundamentals while exploring fantastical worlds - constructing and coding everything around them including vehicles and planets! In this educational and fun-filled class, students will overcome challenges while learning coding concepts including coordinates, functions, methods, loops, variables, and more! Whether your child is a big Star Wars fan or has an interest in space, this class takes them on an exciting “out of this world” adventure!!

Projects include: coding a lightsaber, surviving an epic battle, spawning a horde of enemies, and creating a force attack to destroy blocks. Prior coding or Minecraft experience is not required. **Led by Code Advantage**

2. Gem-Tastic SK – 2nd (\$290)

We're bringing out our best bling for these sparkling masterpieces! In the popular class, you'll create dazzling works of art, all covered in glittery GEMS! We'll make clay cakes that sparkle and shine, along with a collage that glimmers and gleams. We'll even make our very own gem-covered crown out of clay. Come get GEM-Tastic with us!

Led by KidCreate Studio

3. Kawaii Cute 1st-4th (\$290)

Are you ready for some serious cuteness? You are going to love creating these kawaii-style projects that are so cute they'll make everyone go “Aww!” We'll be using clay, paint, and Model Magic as we make these adorable masterpieces that emphasize the true quality of cuteness. We will make a teeny tiny succulent garden, draw a happy avocado, and sculpt a teddy bear macaroon that is just cute as can be! **Led by KidCreate Studio**

4. Fencing B SK – 6th (\$330)

This class will combine a fun and educational introduction to fencing. Fencing is a fun sport that can build strength, quick thinking, and mobility while getting a great workout. This class will cover the basics of fencing: advance, retreat, lunge, attack, and counterattack. Students with some experience are welcome to return. Skills learned from previous sessions will be enhanced. Comfortable clothing and shoes are highly suggested.

Led by Swift Fencing

5. Musical Adventures PS - SK (\$330)

Students will sing, dance, tell stories, explore rhythm instruments and learn children's songs. This hands-on, engaging class will explore the origins of rhythm, melody, and musical styles. An entertaining class designed for young musicians to encourage a lifelong love of music! **Led by Chicago School of Musical Arts**

6. Little Big Painters PS - SK (\$245)

Calling all painters and enthusiasts! Students will use different materials and techniques to create a variety of art projects. Students will learn to identify primary and secondary colors and experience the joy of painting in many varieties, including canvas painting, finger painting, watercolors, and the use of different textures. Let's get painting!

Led by Christina Taylor, Catherine Cook Permanent Substitute

7. Middle School Future Problem Solvers (FPS) Club 5th – 8th (\$750)

Required Competition Dates:

Sunday, January 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Noon;

Saturdays, Feb. 3 & 10, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.;

Friday, April 19 – Saturday, April 20, 2024 (6:30 a.m. Friday overnight until circa 2:30 p.m. Saturday)

Future Problem Solvers is an international program for middle school and high school students which seeks to develop thinking, research, writing, and teamwork skills by having kids research and develop solutions to the kinds of problems our world will face in the years ahead. Topics for 2023-2024 are Urbanization, Autonomous Transportation, and Antarctica — important and way cool! Most students participate in the “team” FPS competition strand, although there are also individual competition strands in art, writing, performance, and individual problem solving. Students come away with in-depth knowledge of interesting and pertinent topics; a framework for collaborative problem solving; and a fun time.

Please note this is a fairly intense commitment. FPSers need to be comfortable completing timed writing tasks in a team setting, seriously commit to weekly attendance, be independently motivated to put in the extra academic effort, and come to the after school sessions ready to focus. Students must be able to attend on competition dates since each FPSer is an integral part of their small team. Please check your calendar carefully before signing up.

For new FPS students, parents/guardians must talk to either Mr. or Ms. Kruse prior to registration being finalized. Please reach out via email to mkruse@ccookschool.org and lkruse@ccookschool.org to arrange a time to talk. **Led by Mike Kruse, 3rd Grade Teacher, and Liz Kruse, 7th Grade Humanities Teacher.**

8. Drawing Lessons & Techniques! SK – 4th (\$290)

This session's selection of drawings introduces our students to a fascinating world of color, pattern, and design. We say goodbye to our favorite summer memory in our detailed still-life drawing of a beach. We explore color usage and composition in our silly monster and fire truck drawings. You will be MOOOOOved with our stylized patterned cow drawing that not only challenges our technique but also our color scheme. Our students will learn cultural themes as they draw and color kawaii art. **Led by Young Rembrandts**

9. Super Spies SK – 2nd (\$295)

Calling all kid detectives! Let's do some code-cracking and mystery-solving using our powers of observation! We'll write with invisible ink and use codes to send hidden messages! **Led by Catherine Flournoy, SK Teacher Assistant**

10. Piano Group 1- Small Group of 4 *Time: 4:30-5:15 p.m.* (Off-Campus: Walking Fingers Music School) 1st –5th (\$480)

Note: Students will be picked up by WFMS staff at 4:25 p.m. and dismissed from WFMS. To participate, parents/guardians must complete and sign a waiver before students are officially registered.

This small piano class is especially for kids who are ready to make the commitment for weekly practice. In a small group setting of up to 4 students, kids will work on getting to know the piano/keyboard, play together on a steady beat and easy pop / rock songs, and understand the musical alphabet along with other musical concepts important to playing the piano. Books are included. **Led by Walking Fingers Music School**

These small group Guitar Classes introduce kids to the concepts of rhythm, reading music, and ear training while learning how to use a proper technique on their instruments. Kids will be exposed to a wide range of musical genres. Group Classes are the perfect way to learn music while having fun and socializing with peers and gaining the ability to play and sing in a group. At WFMS our classrooms are equipped with full size piano keyboards and drum sets for each student as well as a sound system and microphones for kids to sound like a PRO!

*Students enrolled in this class will be offered complimentary childcare care for Block 1 Extended Day.

11. Beginners Piano Group JK– 1st (\$415)

This piano class is especially for kids who have never taken piano before. In a group setting, kids will work on getting to know the piano/keyboard, play together on a steady beat, and understand the musical alphabet along with other musical concepts important to playing the piano. Books are included. **Led by Walking Fingers Music School**

12. Guitar Group 2 1st – 3rd (\$415)

Returning guitar students continue to progress by learning chords, strumming, and reading music. Kids will focus on expanding their musicality, singing while playing, and learning to read guitar charts. Requirements: Each child must bring their own guitar for this class. We recommend 1/2 and 3/4 size classical guitars. Books are included.

Led by Walking Fingers Music School

Fridays: 9 Sessions (6 Class Offerings)

1. Hip Hop Beat Breakers JK – 1st (\$290)

Calling all students for this fun high-energy hip-hop dance class that enables kids to let loose. Dancers develop musicality, creativity, listening skills, and coordination. This non-stop, action-packed class includes hip-hop, basic break dancing, and dance games that will have your kid movin' to the beat! All music and moves are age appropriate. Comfortable clothing and shoes are highly suggested. **Led by Dance to EvoLve**

2. Hip Hop Beat Breakers *Time: 4:30-5:15 p.m.* 2nd – 3rd (\$305)

Calling all students for this fun high-energy hip-hop dance class that enables kids to let loose. Dancers develop musicality, creativity, listening skills, and coordination. This non-stop, action-packed class includes hip-hop, basic break dancing, and dance games that will have your kid movin' to the beat! All music and moves are age appropriate. Comfortable clothing and shoes are highly suggested. **Led by Dance to EvoLve**

*Students enrolled in this class will be offered complimentary childcare care for Block 1 Extended Day.

3. Lalalasana: Yoga + Music JK – 2nd (\$295)

Sing and play your way to Namaste! With the help of instruments, picture books, global folk music, asana (poses), and pranayama (breathwork), students will develop rhythm, focus, and cooperation in this illuminating movement adventure. **Led by Upbeat Feet, LLC**

4. LEGO Robotics 3rd – 5th (\$340)

In this junior robotics course, we use a hands-on approach to STEM discovery. Students learn valuable coding concepts while tapping into their imaginations to create and program robots. Step by step, we build for a variety of cool LEGO robots based around a motor and controller. Then, kids use a block based programming language to make their creation come to life! It's educational, cool, and FUN! **Led by Code Advantage**

5. Chess Masters (Professional Instruction) SK-8th (\$295)

Chess-Ed provides professional chess instruction that is both exciting and dynamic. The curriculum includes the basics through opening game principles, middle game tactics and strategies, and end game combinations plus other ideas. Classes will include time for students to practice what they learned and play each other with instructor oversight. Each student will move to a new level of skills and chess knowledge. Life skills are developed that will enhance all learning and promote academic success. **Led by Chess-Ed**

6. iSTEAM: Engineering & Architecture SK-4th (\$315)

“Blueprint Masters” introduces students to the exciting world of architecture, engineering and design. Through hands-on projects and activities, students will learn about the principles of design, including form, function, and aesthetics. They will explore various building materials and construction techniques to create their own architectural designs. From building models, sketching and drawing, design challenges to collaborative projects such as building bridges, towers, or buildings, this course encourages teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. By participating in program, students will gain a deeper appreciation for the built environment and develop valuable skills that can be applied in a variety of fields. **Led by iSTEAM, LLC**