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# J-TERM 2020 GENERAL INFORMATION





Challenging, fun, life-changing, deep, communal, inspiring, practical. . .all these words and more can be used to describe the J-Term experience at LRCA. J-Term gives high school students an opportunity to serve, to travel, to learn in areas of passion or interest, to go deeper into a subject, to practice skills, to grow spiritually, and to develop new relationships, new insights, and a renewed enthusiasm for learning. Some of the most memorable experiences of high school life are created during J-Term each year.

### **J-Term Options by Grade**

Freshmen may participate in classes, some of which include service projects. A few trips also are open to freshmen. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors may select classes, trips, or internships.

### **Dress Code**

For on-campus classes, normal dress code applies. Activity-specific clothing may be directed by your course instructor (gardening clothes, active wear for physical activities, etc.).

### **Lunch**

Students taking on-campus classes are not allowed to go off campus for lunch. Lunch is available to purchase from Sprouts food service. Students who leave campus for classes, or arrive in the middle due to a morning off-campus class are not required to eat on campus.

### **J-Term Attendance Policy**

Because of the compact nature of J-Term, each day of the J-Term experience is vital for purposes of awarding credit. Students who miss more than 2 days of class will not normally be able to receive a passing grade, except for unplanned and extenuating circumstances. If a student has an absence during J-Term, he or she will be required to complete work commensurate with what was missed during the absence.

### **J-Term Credit and Transcripts**

The J-Term experience earns either a .25 or a .5 credit on the student transcript. Most trips and internships are worth .5 credit. The J-Term class experience totals .25 credit. Full day classes are .25 credit and half day classes are .125 credit. The grade is figured into the GPA, just like other coursework. It is required that students participate in J-Term.

### **Dates**

J-Term 2020 will begin on Monday, January 6, and end on Monday, January 13. Regular classes will resume on Tuesday, January 14.

October 1: Trip registration completed.

October 7: Internship approval deadline.

Class Registration 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. each day

Seniors: Tuesday, October 15

Juniors: Thursday, October 17

Sophomores: Friday, October 18

Freshmen: Monday, October 21

Tuesday, October 22: Electronic Parental Permission Form for classes and internships due. Click on this link to access the permission form. [Parental Permission Form - Classes and Internships](#)

Monday, October 28: Schedules and rosters finalized.

Friday, November 1: Parents billed for J-Term classes (trips are paid through a separate process).

# CLASS SELECTION AND PARENTAL PERMISSION

## **Requesting Classes**

Each grade level will request classes on a different day. Students are not allowed to request classes before their assigned day. This allows us to populate classes, close ones that fill, and give priority to upperclassmen. Students will enter requests through their FACTS Studentweb account. Requests are time and date stamped, and classes are assigned according to when the requests were made. So, earlier is better! It is very important that students and parents understand the information associated with each class (cost, location, etc.) before requesting classes. Classes that fill will not appear in the dropdown menu as choices on the webform even though all classes offered appear in the J-Term booklet.

## **Steps to Register**

- Login to your FACTS Student Account
- Select "Student Information"
- Select "Course Request"
- Make your selections. You must complete 1st and 2nd choices as well as 3rd and 4th choices.
- Be sure to hit **SAVE** when finished.

## **Schedule Release**

Families will have access to student schedules for J-Term via FACTS Parentweb on October 28. Any data seen before October 28 is not considered final and is subject to change. Once the scheduling is finalized, the registrar will notify parents and students.

## **Schedule Changes**

Students and parents should **carefully consider** class selection including associated fees, location, and transportation requirements before registering for classes online. Schedule changes are not allowed unless unforeseen or extenuating circumstances develop.

## **Transportation**

It is important that each family understands transportation needs associated with each class so that arrangements can be made. See individual class descriptions for more details.

## **Trips**

Students going on trips have a separate registration process completed through trip sponsors, not FACTS.

## **Classes and Internships**

Students participating in classes or internships will register for J-Term online via their FACTS account. The **Parental Permission Form** must be submitted no later than October 22. Click on this link to access the permission form. [Parental Permission Form- Classes and Internships](#)

## **Fee Payment for J-Term**

For your convenience, all fees for J-Term classes will be charged to your November statement. Payment is due November 20<sup>th</sup> and will be considered past due after this date in accordance with LRCA's financial policies. Please take advantage of the [FACTS Parent Portal](#) to review your charges and make payment. Contact the business office at 868-9822 ext. 3435 with any questions regarding billing.

<b>Morning Classes</b> <b>8:15-11:15</b>	<b>Afternoon Classes</b> <b>12:00-3:00</b>
Thompson Driving: New Driver Class (Robert Bennett & Brock Thompson, Faculty liaison Mr. Lance Clark)	Thompson Driving: New Driver Class (Robert Bennett & Brock Thompson, Faculty liaison Mr. Lance Clark)
ACCESS Service Project (Mrs. Christy Nipper)	ACT Math Practice (Mrs. Heather Tarpley)
ACT English Prep (Mrs. Teresa Walker)	Automotive & Internal Combustion Engine Design (Mr. Jonathan Boils)
AR Foodbank Service Project (Mr. Brian Gibson and Mr. Drew Harris)	Biomechanics in Physical Activity, Sport, and Exercise (Mr. Kelby Moser)
Bible Journaling (Mrs. Erin Diaz)	Comedy in Film (Miss Rebecca Howell)
Creativity and Character (Mrs. Meagan Kinley)	Designing Escape Rooms (Mr. Keith McLeod)
Easterseals Riverdale Service (Mr. Doug Young)	Exploring the Non-Profit Sector (Mrs. Ciara Gulley)
Forensics (Mrs. Tasia McIntire)	Hunter Safety Education (Mr. David Torres)
Introduction to Archery (Mrs. Monica Morrison and Mr. Trey Tyler)	Jane Austen in Literature and Film (Mrs. Callie Ferguson)
Middle East Geopolitical Studies (Dr. Eric Cohu)	A Life Refined: When Less is More (Mrs. Jenny Farias)
Modern American History Through the Ears (Mr. Adam Funmaker)	Our House Service Project (Ms. Laura Paczewitz)
Photojournalism (Ms. Madison Babb)	Sequential Arts (Mrs. Jennifer Byrd)
Rube Goldberg Inventions (Mr. Barry McCaskill)	Science Olympiad (Mrs. Olga Probst)
Weird Science (Mrs. Michele Lumpkin)	Sustainable Garden Design and Construction ( Mr. Brandon Jeffus)

### **Full Day Class**

If you take this course, it will be your only class.

### **Thompson Driving School – New Driver Education Class – Classroom Only**

**Dates:** January 6-13, 2019

**Times:** 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

**Location:** Thompson Driving Classroom, 9108 Rodney Parham, Suite 210, Little Rock, AR 72205

**Instructors:** Robert Bennett & Brock Thompson, Faculty liaison Mr. Lance Clark

**Cost:** \$195 per student

**Class Size:** 60 students

**Prerequisite:** Students must be at least 13 years old (Note: Students ARE NOT required to have a driving permit to attend class)

**Transportation:** Parents/Guardians are responsible to ensure that their student has transportation to and from the Thompson Driving Classroom.

**Lunch:** Students should bring their lunch each day. Students will have access to a refrigerator and a microwave. Chips/candy/soda are available for purchase.

**Academic Credit:** A passing score of 60% is required for LRCA academic credit and a passing score of 80% on the final examination is required to obtain a Thompson Driving certificate of completion. Student scores and certificates will be delivered to the LRCA main office for distribution within seven business days after class completion.

Few people stop to consider that driving is one of the riskiest activities we do. New drivers, in particular, often lose sight of the life-endangering risks of driving over their enthusiasm for their newfound freedom. At Thompson Driving, we don't just teach students how to drive, we teach them the tools to stay alive. This comprehensive classroom series teaches everything from road signs and the latest Arkansas traffic laws, to understanding traffic flow and crash avoidance, and the consequences of texting and driving and other avoidable distractions. Taught in a fun, but realistic atmosphere, the student is prepared for the road and the written permit test. This driver education course is a life skill investment.

**Post J-Term Opportunity:** In order to reduce your insurance and the risk of vehicle crashes, after your student completes the J-Term course (and obtains a valid, driving instruction permit) we suggest you follow-up with behind-the-wheel driving lessons. This puts the knowledge of the classroom into practice through learned skills in the vehicle, as taught by an experienced instructor, ensuring the student is able to safely navigate our dangerous roadways. Call our office at 501-225-4028 to get signed up. Be sure to mention LRCA J-Term to receive our special rate of \$119 per each lesson. This special rate is good for up to 180 days from the completion of J-Term. Lessons are taught 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. by appointment.

## MORNING CLASSES

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### **ACCESS School Service Project**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Christy Nipper

**Class Size:** 10 max

**Cost:** \$0

**Location:** 10618 Breckenridge Drive, Little Rock

**Requirements:** Students must complete paperwork and undergo a background check in order to be approved.

**Transportation:** Parents must provide transportation to and from ACCESS each day.

Interested in serving students with special needs? This J-Term we will serve students and staff at ACCESS School. ACCESS is a nonprofit organization offering a variety of services to children and families with special needs. ACCESS offers evaluation, therapy, and school services to students from 6 weeks to 35 years of age. With a variety of service opportunities ranging from helping with ACCESS gardens, reading and playing with kids, to cleaning and organizing therapy equipment, there is a way to use your gifts to serve this amazing school!

### **ACT English Preparation**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Teresa Walker

**Cost:** \$16

**Required Materials:** notebook paper, Chromebook, writing utensils

**Class Size:** 15 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 818

The course will address individual student reading and writing concerns that include grammar, good writing practices, elevated vocabulary, and reading skills such as inference, main idea, sequencing, comprehension, context clues, point of view, genre, etc. Students will daily write a structured paragraph including hook, thesis statement, and two carefully selected quotes supporting their thesis. These paragraphs will be edited and returned daily, enabling students to have feedback before completing the next writing assignment. All activities will facilitate student success on the ACT and PSAT by reinforcing required skills for success. Resources, which students may use for review of course concepts, will be provided for students' future use. Because English and reading skills are foundational for student success in all classes, an investment in this class is wise and beneficial.

### **Arkansas Foodbank Service Project**

**Instructor:** Mr. Brian Gibson and Mr. Drew Harris

**Cost:** \$0

**Class Size:** 24 max

**Location:** AR Foodbank Warehouse, 4301 West 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Little Rock

**Transportation:** Students will ride the bus to and from the LRCA campus. The bus leaves at 8:15 and returns by 11:15 each day.

Often when we visualize a hungry person, one of two pictures comes to mind: either a small child halfway around the world with a distended stomach or a person on the side of the road holding a "will work for food" sign. But hunger in Arkansas is found in more than these stereotypical images we hold in our minds. The Arkansas Foodbank has worked since the early 80's to eliminate hunger in Arkansas by providing nutritious food to those in need. During J-Term, students will work in both warehouses stocking shelves, making boxes, bagging items, sorting products, etc. Come out and join this J-Term class and learn about community service!

### **Bible Journaling**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Erin Diaz

**Location:** On campus, Room 820

**Class Size:** 16 max

**Cost:** \$20

**Required Materials:** A Bible that you are willing to write, draw, or paint in.

Together we will explore Scripture and learn how Bible journaling is an exciting way to engage with Scripture. It can transform the way you spend time in the Word and it all begins within the margins of the Bible. Students will learn how to artistically express their understanding of His Word and develop a skill set that they can use for a lifetime. Students do not need to have prior knowledge of art or have artistic ability to be successful in this class, but students should have an interest in these areas. Purchasing a journaling Bible is not required and any Bible is acceptable. It is the preference of the journaler.

### **Creativity and Character: A Study of Fiction and the Pursuit of Platform**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Meagan Kinley

**Cost:** \$30

**Class Size:** 15 max

**Location:** Primarily on campus, Room 823, with periodical trips for artistic inspiration

**Transportation:** We will hopefully have access to the minibus most days, but periodically parents have the responsibility to ensure students have a ride to and from the class. Locations will vary depending on the activity and career focus of the day. Calling all storytellers! Do you desire to make your mark on the world with the pen in your hand?

Throughout time, man has ever used the art of fiction to explore the depths of humanity's innermost struggles. From heroic battles with horrific monsters, to the ominous evil lurking deep in the pit of our own souls—no matter how fantastical, the human element is found in each of our favorite stories. For those aspiring writers amongst us, learning to craft and create our own characters with this level of complexity is a learned art. Together we will explore the psychological development of "character" in the novel with sensory experiments and unexpected surprises. By crafting our own original work, we will seek to develop characters who contain complexity and a consciousness all their own. By exploring our city, we will uncover and push the boundaries of our own minds and seek to find our own "secret sauce" in the art of creation. We will also explore platforms by which our writing can reach others in our community and beyond. Don't miss this exciting journey through mind, body, soul and the writing process!

### **Easterseals Academy at Riverdale Service Project**

**Instructor:** Mr. Doug Young

**Class Size:** 10 max

**Cost:** \$0

**Location:** 1617 Brookwood Drive, Little Rock 72202

**Transportation:** Parents must provide transportation to and from the Academy at Riverdale each day.

Interested in serving students with special needs? This J-Term we will do volunteer work at the Easterseals Academy at Riverdale. The Easterseals Academy at Riverdale is a private school and outpatient therapy clinic that offers services to students with developmental disabilities in the central Arkansas area. The Academy accommodates needs such as hearing impairments, speech or language impairments, visual impairments, dyslexia, etc. The Easterseals Academy provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs have equal opportunities to live, learn, work, and play in their communities.

### **Forensics**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Tasia McIntire

**Cost:** \$30

**Class Size:** 18 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 830

This course is designed for those students who have a limited background in chemistry and biology concepts and lab experience. We will learn the fundamentals of forensics and crime scene analysis, including interpretation and methodology for conducting investigations. This course centers on concepts and skills emphasized in a science class and building a bridge between science and real-life application. Information and activities require students to be investigators, gathering data, and thinking critically and logically about evidence and explanations (hypotheses), reinforcing the scientific method.

### **Introduction to Archery**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Monica Morrison and Mr. Trey Tyler

**Cost:** \$50 (cost can be applied to Archery Team membership)

**Class Size:** 15 max

**Location:** On campus

If you have ever wanted to shoot a bow, now's your chance! Although we will do some formal study, such as learning about the history of archery and the different types of bows and how to care for them, the focus of the class will be learning proper shooting form and safety. Students will be evaluated on their knowledge of the sport and technique as well as skill development. Come sling some arrows!

### **Middle East Geopolitical Studies**

**Instructor:** Dr. Eric Cohu

**Class Size:** 20 max

**Cost:** \$0

**Location:** On campus, Room 843

Correlating Genesis and the entire Bible with the historical framework of the Middle East, this class will concentrate on the current geopolitical alliances and crises. Focusing on the centuries and millennia of conflict, the class will examine the origin of conflict, historical recapitulation of the issues, and the modern current situation that affects the entire world. Finally, discussion and debate regarding solutions and future trends will culminate the class.

### **Modern American History Through the Ears**

**Instructor:** Mr. Adam Funmaker

**Cost:** \$5

**Class Size:** 18 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 821

Try to imagine a world without music, no rock, no rap, no T-Swift. Sounds terrible, right? Luckily that hasn't been the case, and music has been a huge part of American culture. So, what does music say about a generation? That will be up to you to discover as you analyze the music of modern American history. You will discover what the music says about a decade of people and what it might not say. Through research, inquiry, and analysis of modern American history you will answer the question, what does music say about a decade of people? By the end of the course you will produce a product that demonstrates your findings.



### **Photojournalism**

**Instructor:** Ms. Madison Babb

**Requirements:** Digital Camera and SD card 32GB

**Cost:** \$20

**Class Size:** 14 max

**Location:** On campus, Warrior Hall Room 701, with some trips off campus for photo opportunities

**Transportation:** Parents have the responsibility to ensure students have a ride to and from the class. Locations will vary depending on the activity and focus of the day.

This class is designed for those with a love of photography and journalism. We will dive deep into the world of photojournalism. We will learn the ins and outs of photojournalism by using classroom instruction, hands-on experiences, and field trips. This class will be taking trips to various sites (during the scheduled class hours) in order to capture unusual pictures that tell a story, make a point, create pleasure, etc. We will gain skills in editing and writing. Some articles created during this course will be considered for publication in the LRCA Literary Magazine. This will be a learn-by-doing and a learning-from-others class as students share ideas, processes, and results.

### **Rube Goldberg Inventions: The Man and His Machines**

**Instructor:** Mr. Barry McCaskill

**Cost:** \$10 (Goes towards the purchase of materials for our machine)

**Class Size:** 12 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 832

In this course, the task is simple but the machine complex. Rube Goldberg's inventions were comically intricate machines that accomplished a relatively simple objective. We'll study Goldberg's life and his infamous contraptions and then design and build a Rube Goldberg machine of our own.

### **Weird Science: Investigative Labs**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Michele Lumpkin

**Cost:** \$30

**Class Size:** 16 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 836 (Chemistry Lab)

This fun, make and take course is designed to let students experience science in a way that is above and beyond that of traditional high school science courses. The topics covered include polymer chemistry, gas laws, acid/base indicators, and saponification. Each topic studied will culminate with a lab investigation unlike any you've experienced before. Students will make bubble gum, liquid nitrogen ice cream, slime, flubber, soap, and more!

## AFTERNOON CLASSES

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### **ACT Math Practice**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Heather Tarpley

**Required Materials:** Writing utensils, graphing calculator (TI-83 or higher)

**Cost:** \$5

**Class Size:** 18 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 833

Students will review (or learn for the first time) math concepts that appear most frequently on the math section of the ACT. Students will also learn simple, but powerful, strategies for taking timed multiple-choice math tests. Timed practice tests will be taken in class, and homework will be given to help students become more proficient with the key math skills and testing strategies. Grades will be based on a variety of graded skills-based assessments including daily quizzes, small group activities, and online assessments.

### **Automotive and Internal Combustion Engine Design and Operation**

**Instructor:** Mr. Jonathan Boils

**Cost:** \$100; Cost includes 2 study books, V8 Engine model "working" design for each student to build in class, and expense for parts and cleaning supplies to tear down a real-life engine. Possibly 1 day of travel off-site to a garage or mechanic shop facility nearby.

**Restrictions:** Open to all. Just need an interest in how a car and automotive engine works! No prerequisite math or science classes needed.

**Class Size:** 15 max

**Location:** On campus, in new Arena/Gym STEM lab, and 1 day possible off-site shop/garage. We will try to reserve the minibus for travel.

Want to know how a car works? In this class, students will learn the fundamentals of automotive and engine design and operation. Each student will build a 250 piece engine model while talking about all components of the engine. Topics to include 2 stroke vs. 4 stroke, V-shape vs. In-line engine design, lubrication, gasoline and diesel applications, major components of an automobile, and how all this relates to physics and engineering! We will also watch a documentary on automotive history and discuss where the future is going with electric cars.

### **Biomechanics in Physical Activity, Sport, and Exercise**

**Instructor:** Mr. Kelby Moser

**Cost:** \$0

**Class Size:** 18 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 837

This course is designed for students who have an interest in the mechanics of the human body. It introduces students to basic mechanical principles of physical activity and exercise. This course looks at the role of external and biomechanical factors in athletic performance. Course content includes the biomechanics of athletic performance, linear and angular kinetics, the role of torque and force in athletic performance, and the risks associated with biomechanical stress in athletics.

### **Comedy in Film: What's So Funny?**

**Instructor:** Miss Rebecca Howell

**Cost:** None, students may bring snacks to enjoy

**Class Size:** 16 max

**Restrictions:** Open to Grades 10-12

**Movie Ratings:** G/PG/PG-13

**Text:** Meaning at the Movies, Grant Horner (Photocopy of comedy chapter provided)

**Location:** On campus, Room 851

Ever wonder why we find some things funny and others not? Or why you think it's funny when someone falls down and other people think you're mean for laughing? We will use film and one chapter of reading to explore the roots of humor- why we find things funny, what it says about us, and what our sense of humor tells us about God and the world. Students will have input regarding which movies we will watch from an approved list.

### **Designing Escape Rooms**

**Instructor:** Mr. Keith McLeod

**Cost:** \$85 (includes 3 escape rooms)

**Class Size:** 12 max

**Location:** Primarily on campus, room 841, with three separate field trips

**Transportation:** Parents have the responsibility to ensure students have a ride to and from the class. Most days, students will meet at school.

Escape rooms bring a team of people together to collectively use a variety of skills to achieve a common goal: escaping! Math, logic, science, physical agility, visual perception, hand-eye coordination, riddles and word play, and strategic thinking can all be incorporated into the process. In this course we will visit several escape rooms around Little Rock where you can practice your skills and make notes about their design and effectiveness. We will also learn a little of the history and background of this popular activity, and research how escape rooms are designed. The culminating project will be to work with a team to write, design, and build an escape room for your classmates to solve. If you love problem-solving and working with a team, this class is for you!

### **Exploring the Nonprofit Sector, Organizations, and Leadership**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Ciara Gulley

**Cost:** \$0

**Class Size:** 15 max

**Location:** Primarily on LRCA campus, Room 834. Occasionally at off-campus facilities and campuses.

**Transportation:** Parents have the responsibility to ensure students have a ride to and from the class. Locations will vary depending on the activity.

In this course, students will learn about the nature of non-profit organizations, trends and emerging issues facing nonprofits, and compare the leadership and governance of nonprofits to traditional business management. We will host guest speakers from various nonprofit organizations and will also have some on-site learning opportunities by visiting local facilities and campuses. Nonprofits not only provide valuable resources to the community, but they also have a profound positive economic impact on our local economy and impact our quality of life in good ways. If you are interested in the nonprofit sector or looking for unique ways to use a business degree, this course is for you!

### **Hunter Safety Education**

**Instructor:** Mr. David Torres and AR Game and Fish Personnel

**Class Size:** 20 max

**Cost:** Students will need to bring \$5 each day to pay for parking on site behind the Rivermarket if they drive their own car. All materials provided for free by AR Game and Fish.

**Location:** 602 President Clinton Avenue, Downtown Little Rock

**Requirements:** Clothing appropriate to outdoor activities in January.

**Transportation:** Parents must provide transportation to and from the Rivermarket each day.

During this course students will be led by an instructor from AR Game and Fish and trained in hunter safety. The course will be held downtown in the Rivermarket area at the AR Game and Fish Resource Center. Did you know that anyone born after 1968 must complete a mandatory hunter education course and carry a valid hunter education card to hunt in Arkansas? Even though children under 16 may hunt without hunter education as long as they are under the direct supervision of an adult who is 21 years old and has a valid hunting license, we believe it is best for students to be trained in safety. This course provides a great opportunity for students to complete this safety training. The class will be hands-on and include demonstration. Real weapons are not used. Tests are required as part of the course.

### **Jane Austen in Literature and Film**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Callie Ferguson

**Cost:** \$0

**Class Size:** 16 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 822

Jane Austen's novels are some of the most cherished in all literature. Why do they remain so popular more than two hundred years after the author's death? Austen's novels are filled with psychological insight and charming casts of characters that transformed the novel as a genre and have become the inspiration for countless television and film adaptations, sequels, and spinoffs. In this course, open to girls in grades 9-12, we will watch and evaluate film adaptations of Jane Austen's novels and read excerpts from her works. We will investigate her unique writing style and characters, the social and cultural contexts of her fictional world, and the relevance of her works to today's world. We will also compare and contrast the role of women in her novels to the role of women in our society and across cultures. The novels and films that we will focus on include *Pride and Prejudice*, *Emma*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Mansfield Park*, and others as time permits.

### **A Life Refined: When Less is More**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Jenny Farias

**Required Materials:** Journal, Duffel Bag, Bible

**Cost:** \$0

**Class Size:** 18 max

**Location:** On campus Room 828 and/or Pinnacle Mountain (depending on weather)

**Transportation:** Parents have the responsibility to ensure students have a ride to and from the class if meeting off campus. In this course, we will look at how our lifestyle in West Little Rock, Arkansas, affects the rest of the world. The class will research modern day slavery, waste management, and explore the effect of simplifying our daily activities, practices, and products. The Bible and excerpts from *Mere Christianity* will be foundational texts to help form our perspective. Challenges will be mental in the form of fasting from excess in various areas of our lives (clothes, food, technology, modern comforts) and purging/decluttering/organizing our things. Challenges will be physical in the form of hiking and team-building activities. The hope is that students will look beyond J-Term and reflect on how these experiences can shape their life, home, and community in the future.

### **Our House Local Service Project**

**Instructor:** Ms. Laura Paczewitz

**Cost:** \$25

**Class Size:** 12 max

**Supplies Needed:** Bring your servant's heart to give Jesus firsthand to our own Little Rock community. As we get closer to J-Term you will be given specific requests that will most help the neighbors we are serving.

**Location:** Primarily at Our House main site in downtown Little Rock or at Our House Thrift Store in NLR

**Transportation:** Parents have the responsibility to ensure students have a ride to and from the class.

Mission-minded but don't have the money to go overseas? No worries. There are countless opportunities to minister to and invest in our immediate community right here in Little Rock, Arkansas. Join Ms. Paczewitz on a local ministry adventure, spending your J-Term serving homeless Arkansans. Our service projects will vary from day to day depending on the needs of the shelter.



### **Sequential Arts**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Jennifer Byrd

**Class Size:** 18 max

**Cost:** \$25

**Location:** On campus, Room 826

Sequential Art is the telling of a story through a series, or sequence, of images. This process is the foundation for many different types of story-telling, including film, comics, fine art, and street art. Students will be taught the conventions of the modern day graphic novel and will be asked to read excerpts featuring the heroes of Marvel and DC, as well as selected independent comics. Other longer works will include Maus, Persepolis, Flight, and American Born Chinese. We will discuss storyboard, web comics, interactive comics, and the marriage of comics and film.

### **Science Olympiad STEM Challenges**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Olga Probst

**Cost:** \$45 (The membership fee will be waived for students taking the J-Term class who join the club.)

**Location:** Room 836 (Chemistry Lab)

**Class Size:** 15 max

Would you like to take a peek at what it means to be a Science Olympian? Do you enjoy problem-solving, creating and collaborating? Do you want to explore STEM challenges? If you do, this class is just for you. In our J-Term class, students will be divided in groups based on a challenge of their choice. Students may choose to design, build, and test a Boomilever, a plane, a gravity vehicle, a ping-pong parachute, or musical instrument.

### **Sustainable Garden Design and Construction**

**Instructor:** Mr. Brandon Jeffus

**Requirements:** Students should dress appropriately for the weather in January while also being prepared for the potential to get dirty.

**Cost:** Sweat and hard work

**Class Size:** 16 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 842

As part of this J-Term experience, students will be rebuilding the school's organic garden. Activities will include planning, measuring, and the use of power tools with a goal of completing assigned tasks. Through these activities, our goal is to expose students to various techniques and principles that will be useful life skills for years to come, including general carpentry, electrical, plumbing, irrigation, and home gardening. As we work and plan, we will spend time discussing topics related to sustainability in the growing of our food and in all of our interactions with God's creation.

## J-TERM INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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Internships at Little Rock Christian are a unique opportunity for students to observe and experience a working professional's life. Students will have an inside advantage as they work in the industry of their choice, build a network of contacts and develop a resume for the future. There's no better way to understand a profession than by actually doing it. That's exactly what an internship offers: a chance to do meaningful, hands-on work in the field of the student's choice to assist them, to find their calling God has for their life.

### General Information

- Internships are open to Grades 10-12.
- Students may only intern as a full-time intern and may not take classes while interning; they must actively participate in approximately 40 onsite hours during the internship period.
- A student may not intern with an immediate family member (mother or father).
- The student must understand that participation in the Internship Program is a privilege that involves significant student responsibility.
- Upon successful completion of the project, the student will receive .50 credit on their transcript.

The Internship Application must be submitted by October 7, 2019.

[Apply Here](#)

All changes must be approved via the Office of Student Life.



## J-TERM TRIPS 2020

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"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page." - St. Augustine

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..."

- Dr. Seuss, *Oh the Places You'll Go!*

### **Ireland - The Emerald Isle (.5 Credit)**

#### **Open to students in grades 10-12**

On this 10-day trip, students discover why Ireland's culture, geography and history have been capturing imaginations and inspiring writers for centuries. In Dublin, they will walk in the footsteps of giants like Jonathan Swift and James Joyce, exploring elegant Georgian squares and bustling streets before travelling along the Wild Atlantic Way, discovering the Ring of Kerry and the Cliffs of Moher, and taking in the rugged beauty of the Emerald Isle with all their senses. At every turn, students are enticed to savor the wit and down-to-earth spirit of the locals. Dublin, Galway, Killarney, and Cork are primary locations.

**Cost:** \$3,500 (approximate)

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### **Bahamas - Servant's Heart and Service (.5 Credit)**

#### **Open to students in grades 9 -12**

On this 8-day mission trip to Eleuthera, Bahamas, students have the opportunity to share the Word of God with almost every elementary school-aged student on the island! Students lead presentations at elementary schools, assist with youth events at local churches, complete various jobs at Jordan Stone House, and experience a Bahamian Sunday worship service. This trip packs in a variety of fun excursions, such as seeing the Glass Window Bridge and Leon Levy Preserve, visiting gift shops, eating at local restaurants, stopping for ice cream treats, lounging on beautiful pink sand beaches, and participating in other local activities available during our trip dates. The team will have daily devotional time together.

**Cost:** \$1,875

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### **Jamaica - Serving the Least of These (.5 Credit)**

#### **Open to students in grades 9 -12**

On this 7-day mission trip, students will partner with Mission Discovery and the Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf, ministering to hearing impaired and special needs children. This project includes construction work and sharing the love of Christ with the residents of the school. The team will also lead a Children's Bible School in the community of Eden, Jamaica, as well as spend time caring for residents at Blossom Garden Children's Home, an orphanage for more than 70 children. One of the highlights of this trip is spending time at the Westhaven Home for the severely disabled. The last day in Montego Bay will be spent enjoying the beautiful beach at Doctor's Cave.

**Cost:** \$1,950

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### **Washington, D.C. - Foundations of Freedom (.5 Credit)**

#### **Open to students in grades 9-12**

Come explore how Biblical truths and principles have permeated the fabric of our history and culture as Americans. We will visit memorials and sites dedicated to the early formative years such as Mt. Vernon, the historical city of Alexandria, the Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln Memorials, as well as the Ford Theatre. We will learn about America's military history by visiting the Arlington National Cemetery as well as memorial sites commemorating WWII, Iwo Jima, Korea, Vietnam, and 9/11. We will explore the legacy of FDR and MLK as we visit their memorials and will also consider the importance of ambassadorship on Ambassador Row. One of our most important days will be spent on the Capitol grounds and culminating in a tour of the White House. The Smithsonian, the Holocaust Museum, and the Museum of the Bible are sure to provide fascinating insights as well. You will return from this trip with a greater appreciation for the sacrifices that have been made in the past to ensure our freedom as Americans and as people of Faith.

**Cost:** \$1,900

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### **New York - Experience the Arts of NYC (.5 Credit)**

#### **Open to students in grades 10-12** - priority given to students with an interest in the arts

Come experience the myriad of artistic and cultural opportunities afforded by NYC. We will tour major monuments and architectural sights including the 9/11 Memorial, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Central Park, and Rockefeller Center. We will attend multiple Broadway shows, an opera, and multiple museums. We will also attend church at the Brooklyn Tabernacle hearing the famous Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. Students will attend Broadway-style workshops and talk-backs with Broadway actors and will also tour the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Whitney Biennial, and the Museum of Modern Art. This 6 night, 7 day trip will expose students to college and career possibilities in the arts.

**Cost:** \$2,200 (approximately) \*covers airfare, hotel stay for 6 nights, breakfast 6 days, 4 additional meals at New York's favorites, and excursions.

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### **Passion Conference (.25 credit)**

#### **Seniors only**

The focus of the Passion conference is to inspire students (18-25) to live so their journey on earth counts for what is most important in the end, the fame of the One who rescues and restores, and the privilege we have to amplify His name in everything we do. Passion is more than a conference. More than an event. More than a feeling. Passion is saying goodbye to lesser things and saying yes to Jesus, the One whose name is above every name. This year's 3-day event (Dec 31-Jan 1) in Atlanta, Georgia, features Ravi Zacharias, John Piper, Louie Giglio, Lecrae, Kari Jobe, Tim Tebow, Hillsong United, and others.

**Cost:** \$700 (approximate)

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