

## Seasons Starting Dates

- FALL **September 28, 2020**
- WINTER **January 4, 2021**
- SPRING **March 22, 2021**



# JS. Programs

## VIRTUAL After School Program

The After School Program offers an array of activities. The program is designed to give the students an opportunity to explore activities of particular interest outside of the regular school program, such as:

- CRITICAL THINKING
- SOFT SKILLS
- DEBATE & PUBLIC SPEAKING
- YOUNG PHILANTROPISTS
- YOUNG DIPLOMATS
- MONEY MATTERS / Healthy Financial Habits
- HEALTH KIDS CLUB & COOKING SHOW
- ASPIRING FASHIONISTAS
- MUSIC PRODUCTION
- STOCK MARKET CLUB
- WRITOPAIA
- CLAY DESIGN
- CHESS CLUB
- ETIQUETTE & more ...

The descriptions of the activities are at your disposal in this brochure.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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## The Care Program

is designed to meet the needs of working parents. It provides a dependable regular daily service in a warm and caring environment.

The Care Program runs from 3:00PM to 5:30PM every school day starting the first day of school.

**Due to the pandemic and social distancing measures, limited space available for full-time enrollment.**

**Registration Fee: \$30 - One time /Academic Year**

**1. JA - J1 Monday to Friday  
Discounted Flat Fee - No Adjustments  
\$3000/Semester - approximately \$12/Hour**

**2. J2 - J3 - J4 HYBRID Schedule -  
Discounted Flat Fee - No Adjustments  
\$1500/Semester - approximately \$12/Hour**

- ⇒ 1st Semester: September through January
- ⇒ 2nd Semester: February to end of school in June
- ⇒ Late pick up \$1/minute

# Virtual Junior School Special Activities:

## PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATE



In this class the students will practice informing, persuading and motivating an audience in a variety of ways. This program compliments the Leadership program but is meant to be taught independently. The students learn how to create and present clear, authentic, persuasive arguments, effectively explain problems and provide appropriate solutions. The class will cover burden of proof, clash points, opposing arguments, possible pitfalls, motivating audiences to action, pathos and more.

The instructor of this class is Ms. Amanda Sawyer. She has taught students at the Leman Preparatory, Ecole International, the Hudson School, Packer Collegiate, Dalton, St. Bernards and Horace Mann. Her program is focused on social skills, public speaking and presentation. It was developed in conjunction with The University of Cambridge. Their findings showed that after several months of activities and exercise in communication, delegation and presentation the children's literacy, arithmetic and reasoning scores improved significantly.

## SOFT SKILLS



The Gift of Soft Skills is a unique leadership program that gives children and young adults the skills they need to succeed in our rapidly expanding workplace. Today, presentation is everything. Those that present themselves with assurance, assert and argue their point effectively, find solutions quickly, take initiative, understand how to negotiate and delegate harmoniously and are easy to work with are the most likely to maximize their potential.

Amanda Sawyer has structured this program around fun projects and games that encourage the exploration of inquiry, initiative, adaptability, critical thinking, negotiation, delegation and proper presentation. While cultivating the skills they will need to build strong, successful relationships they will learn how to find their voice and showcase themselves and their work in the best way. These building blocks will ensure they grow to become the leaders so sought after by our burgeoning society.

Amanda Sawyer , Founder, Director  
Dedimus Potestatem

## WRITOPIA



Writopia Lab runs one of the most fun and productive writing workshops for children and teens in New York City.

Each year, Writopia teens win more writing award than any other group of students. While the focus of the writing workshops is on story and creative expression, the students explore structure and grammar and ultimately organize their thoughts into coherent, fluid complete narratives.

Workshops are run by published authors or produced playwrights. The method is student-centered; at Writopia Lab, teens write at their best ability.

Sessions are peppered with instructive games and helpful exercises. Each writer leaves the workshop with a completed piece in hand.



## Virtual Junior School Special Activities:

### MONEY MATH

Money Math is an innovative class designed for our youngest students. It teaches them the foundation of financial literacy. It also serves as a practical math environment where students develop their computational skills and mindset for healthy financial habits.

From playing money math games to learning about budgeting through hands-on activities, students will have fun while they enhance their “real life” math skills! Financial literacy is an essential 21st century skill that will benefit all students, no matter where life takes them.

This class is provided by SPARK Academy a leader in educational after school programming for students. Its mission is to promote financial literacy and empower students with the tools and mindset to make educated financial decisions and develop into responsible global citizens.

### MY FIRST BUSINESSES Hot Cocoa & Lemonade Stands

The students learn how to make yummy hot cocoa and how to earn money selling it! A hot cocoa stand is a great way to introduce our youngest entrepreneurs to the world of business. This program empowers kids with an entrepreneurial mindset for their “business,” drawing from such disciplines as marketing, finance and strategy, in a supportive environment fostering team work.



From designing marketing flyers to estimating profits to experimenting with recipes, students have fun while developing business savvy! As a showcase event, students launch their lemonade stand in the spring and donate profits to a charity they select!

This class is provided by SPARK Academy

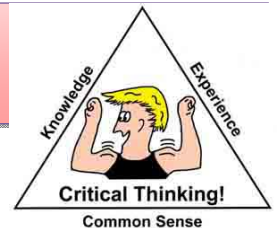
### ASPIRING FASHIONISTAS



In this “glam” club for boys and girls, students gain knowledge of the fashion industry and develop skills in fashion design, fashion marketing, fashion journalism and branding.

Students explore popular brands, analyze industry trends (e.g., athleisure), design various articles of clothing (t-shirts, sneakers, winter coats, shorts, dresses, accessories, etc.), define their own brand, outline a merchandise layout for their favorite store, launch a fashion blog and more! This class is provided by “SPARK Academy

### CRITICAL THINKING



Critical thinking is the foundation of sound decision-making and a vital skill for our personal, academic and professional lives. This class helps students develop into effective thinkers by integrating the following critical thinking framework:

- Be open-minded and mindful of alternatives—Obtain information from credible sources—Identify assumptions—Ask clarifying questions—Evaluate the quality of an argument—Develop a point of view—Play devil’s advocate—Formulate plausible hypotheses—Plan and conduct experiments—Draw valid conclusions.

With critical thinking come good decisions!

## Virtual Junior School Special Activities:

### FILM MAKING that INSPIRES

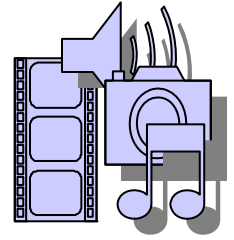
Young people all over the world have begun using social media platforms to amplify minority voices, educate people about social justice issues and share science, poetry, art, movement, culture and more.



In this class students will learn to capture brief videos that share important and inspiring messages with the world, analyze movements from other young activists that have impacted their communities and use these platforms to advocate for a better world.

### MUSIC PRODUCTION

In this class the students explore the world of digital music and sound editing, side by side a professional musician. They will create projects including making their own ring tone, and songs with and without lyrics. They will work both on their own projects as well as a live group song.



The students will have the opportunity to play instruments live and learn to record and add them to their music. They will also have the opportunity to create original lyrics to sing and add to the projects. This is a great class for both novices and those experience in music and singing.

This class is provided by CinemaKidz a New York City's premiere STEAM and Media program.

### ENTREPRENEURS CLUB

In this club, students select a “business idea” learn what it takes to launch a business. They build self-confidence while gaining a valuable exposure to the business fields of strategy, marketing and finance.

They develop a business plan and make a “pitch” presentation on the last day. They even create a real website (no coding required) and design their own business cards. Financial literacy is an essential 21st century skill that will give students an edge in life”.

This class is offered by SPARK Academy



### MONEY MATTERS

In this class students learn to earn, save, spend and donate!

This innovative class on financial literacy lays the foundation for healthy financial habits early in life, empowering students with the mindset to start making sound financial decisions.



Role-playing and fun activities keep students engaged. Topics include budgeting games, currencies of the world, money math, prices and bartering, career day and more. Financial literacy is an essential 21st century skill that will benefit all students, no matter where life takes them.

## Virtual Junior School Special Activities:

### STOCK MARKET

In this class students learn about current investment topics, from IPOs and mergers to stock splits and bitcoin!



Students participate in a team competition against other schools, build the best \$100,000 stock portfolio using a simulation tool with real-time market data, “learning by doing”.

This class is offered by “SPARK Business Academy” a leader in educational after school programming for students.

Its mission is to promote financial literacy and empower students with the tools and mindset to make educated financial decisions and develop into responsible global citizens.

### ETIQUETTES

In this class, the students will learn:

- how to introduce themselves and their friends,
- they will explore appropriate language for quotidian and special occasions,
- how to enter and leave conversations,
- proper table behavior for different scenarios
- effective strategies for conflict resolution and negotiation
- the importance of tone, expression, and body language in every social interaction
- and why manners and soft skills are essential to a successful life.



This class is offered by “Dedimus Potestatem”

### CLAY DESIGN

Clay Modeling & Character Design Workshops explore the art of Clay Modeling. This artistic class helps student’s improve their creativity, fine motor skills and artistic capabilities. Monsters, Fairies, animals, backdrops and all sorts of creatures will hand built to create an amazing Clay World. Different techniques will be implemented such as pointillism, spreads, textured clay among others. “Sculpting let children and adults express their feelings and creativity in a magical manner, even more if this is carried out with such a playful material such as clay”.



This class is offered by Clay World Studio  
[www.clayworld.org](http://www.clayworld.org)

### YOUNG DIPLOMATS

In this class students develop a global mindset and build international awareness an important skill in today's increasingly interconnected world.

Students explore cultural differences across countries, world currencies, geography games, famous landmarks, current global events, the role of international institutions like the UN or the World Bank, and more. Students role-play as diplomats and come up with solutions to key global problems like hunger, poverty and pollution.

This class is provided by SPARK Business Academy”



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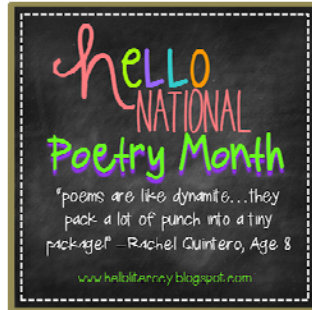
### FINDING YOUR VOICE

#### Writing Poetry

This course will attempt to demystify poetry as an inaccessible art form of antiquity and reveal it for what it is; an invaluable tool for communicating thoughts, understanding feelings, and articulating experiences.

It will explore the difference between written and spoken word poetry, the difference between literal and colloquial meanings, the mechanics of effective metaphor, and will ask important questions of ourselves and the authors review to better understand intent.

By the end of this course each student will have a stronger command of the English language as well as a useful tool for processing their experiences in a productive and healthy way.



### YOUNG PHILANTROPISTS

In this class the students internalize the benefits of doing well and doing good. They review a number of charities and discuss the merits of giving back.

*Generosity*  
changes everything

They learn how prominent figures, like Bill Gates, leverage their success to make a difference in the world and serve as motivation and inspiration.

The students collaborate in small teams to select a charity or issue they feel passionate about and come up with practical ways they can support that cause, including raising awareness, volunteering and fundraising.

### SUPERHERO FILMS

*Awards Image*  
*Defines genre Name of film*  
*Endorsement/ Producer's logo*  
*Release date Director*  
*Tag line Credit block*  
*Social media*  
*Age restriction Quote*

In this class the students invent, design, and become an original superhero to star in a comic and finally a short film! They will begin with drafting up a look and power for their hero.

Using the CinemaKidz Maker Kit, they will create a costume and build props for their original character. After creating a story and making a comic, students will utilize a green screen and learn filmmaking techniques as they film a short video. The students will learn how to add special effects and bring their character to life for the big screen!

### COOKING SHOW

In this hands-on class, the students put on their custom-made apron, and head to the kitchen to experiment, learn, and make their very own Cooking Show!

They will cook, act, direct, film, and edit in this hands on engaging class.



They will plan the look and feel of the show, and work in the test kitchen, experimenting with various recipes to feature in each episode. They will learn about food preparation and making movies from start to finish!



## MOTHER TONGUE PROGRAM VIRTUAL

The Mother Tongue Program provides instruction mainly for students who already possess good oral and comprehension skills in the languages offered at UNIS and need to work on their reading and writing skills.

The reading and writing activities assimilate grammar and vocabulary. The program emphasizes on multi-sensory learning through verbal, visual and tactile association.

It offers progressive series of lessons organized around themes incorporating creative, customized teaching materials and music. Technology is integrated through the use of different apps and websites are used as a medium of teaching and learning. The program may be beneficial as preparation for the 3rd language program. The students may be required to complete home study activities in order to strengthen their skills and offer additional practice opportunities outside of the classroom.

**All classes are subject to enrollment and teachers' availability. The level, the program of studies and activities are at the discretion of the respective language teachers. The students may be required to complete home study activities in order to strengthen their skills and encourage additional practice opportunities outside of the classroom.**

The Mother Tongue Program also offers to beginner level students the opportunity to learn the language and culture in a fun and engaging way. Basic vocabulary and oral communication skills will be introduced in parallel to reading and writing the language and a practical use of the language.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**1\* Spanish & French in Action** is an introductory & supplementary program that makes communication a natural, enjoyable and rewarding experience. The goal is to encourage self-expression. Students have fun learning languages through music, songs, little plays, watching films in original language, games.

**2\* The Instituto Cervantes** is offering a unique combination of activities in Spanish. Instituto Cervantes was founded by the Spanish government in 1991 to promote the teaching, use, and study of the Spanish language; and to contribute to the advancement of Spanish, Hispanic, and Latin American cultures throughout the world.

**3\* The Deutsche Sprachschule New York** conducts the German classes at UNIS on Tuesdays and Saturday mornings to students from kindergarten through high school. For information & registration you may contact: Mrs. Ina Seow at (212) 729-9053- Email: [inaseow@gmail.com](mailto:inaseow@gmail.com) (Fees are directly announced and paid to Deutsche Sprachschule).

**4\* The 't Klokhuis, Inc.** is offering Dutch language instruction. For more information please contact: Mrs. Loura Zijdel-Eelkema, Director at Tel #: 908-432-5830 and Email: [Klokhuis@aol.com](mailto:Klokhuis@aol.com)

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM REGISTRATION PROTOCOLS

The After School Program is designed to give students an opportunity to explore activities of particular interest outside of the regular school program.

### PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY AND KEEP IT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

- 1/ Classes are scheduled based on **Trimesters (Fall, Winter, Spring)**. Unless otherwise specified.
- 2/ **Online-Registration is available:** Please register early to avoid disappointment. **Enrollment is on first come, first served basis.** Class sizes are limited to ensure quality of instruction.
- 3/ Please note that:  
**No refunds are made after the 2nd week. Fees will not be prorated for late registration.**

**After the deadline there will be an automatic \$50 late registration fee.:**

- FALL Season deadline: September 15th
- WINTER Season deadline: December 7th
- SPRING Season deadline: March 10th

- 4/ Please note that a general notification, with the list of confirmed courses, will be sent to all parents. Time does not allow us to confirm individual registrations.
- 5/ The Office reserves the right to withdraw any activity for which there is insufficient registration. In the event of cancellation or over enrollment, refunds will be issued. Please note that there can be no refunds if a child withdraws from a course, which has already started or misses any class.
- 6/ If an activity is canceled by the teacher, a make up class will be scheduled. Parents will be advised as soon as possible of such cancellations.
- 7/ The registration form includes the fees for all activities. Those activities scheduled for a specific season are also indicated.



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