

LITTLE ROCK  
CHRISTIAN  
A C A D E M Y

**J-TERM 2023**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION**  
**CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**



# **J-TERM**

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.

## **Dress Code**

During J-Term, students taking classes on campus should meet the standard of Friday Dress Code. Students doing internships should wear the attire considered appropriate to the profession. Activity-specific clothing may be directed by your course instructor (protective clothes, gloves, boots for outdoor weather, active wear for physical activities, etc.)

## **Lunch**

Lunch will be provided by Sprouts on campus between 11:15 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. each day. Students will order lunch no later than 8:45 a.m. via FACTS on their Chromebook.

## **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 with excused absences will need to make up work independently. Teachers may substitute assignments or give independent work as needed to ensure the integrity of the credit.

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

The J-Term experience totals .25 credit. The grade is figured into the GPA, just like other coursework. It is required that students participate in J-Term.

## **Dates**

J-Term 2023 will begin on Tuesday, January 3 and end on Tuesday, January 10. Regular classes will resume on Wednesday, January 11.

J-Term Class Request Forms are due to the HS Office between 7:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. each day.

**Seniors:** Thursday, October 20

**Juniors:** Friday, October 21

**Sophomores:** Monday, October 24

**Freshmen:** Wednesday, October 26

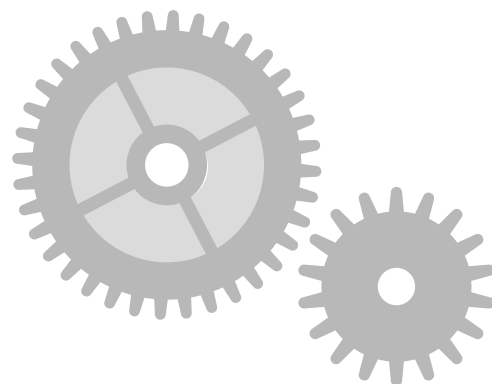
**Friday, October 28:** J-Term schedules and rosters finalized. [Electronic Parental Permission Form](#) due.

**Tuesday, November 1:** Parents billed for J-Term classes if applicable.

**Friday, November 11:** Students meet with J-Term teachers morning classes 11:15-11:45 a.m.

**Monday, November 14:** Students meet with J-Term teachers afternoon classes 11:15-11:45 a.m.

*Internships and Trips will meet with their leaders both days.*



## 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 turn in a completed J-Term Class Request Form to the HS office on their assigned day. Requests are date stamped. It is very important that students and parents understand the information associated with each class (cost, location, etc.) before requesting classes. Classes that fill may not be requested. This information will be given before the day students are required to turn in their [2023 J-Term Class Request Form](#).

### **Internships and Trips**

Students doing an approved internship or going on a trip do not turn in a J-Term Class Request Form. They have different protocols for registration.

### **Schedule Release**

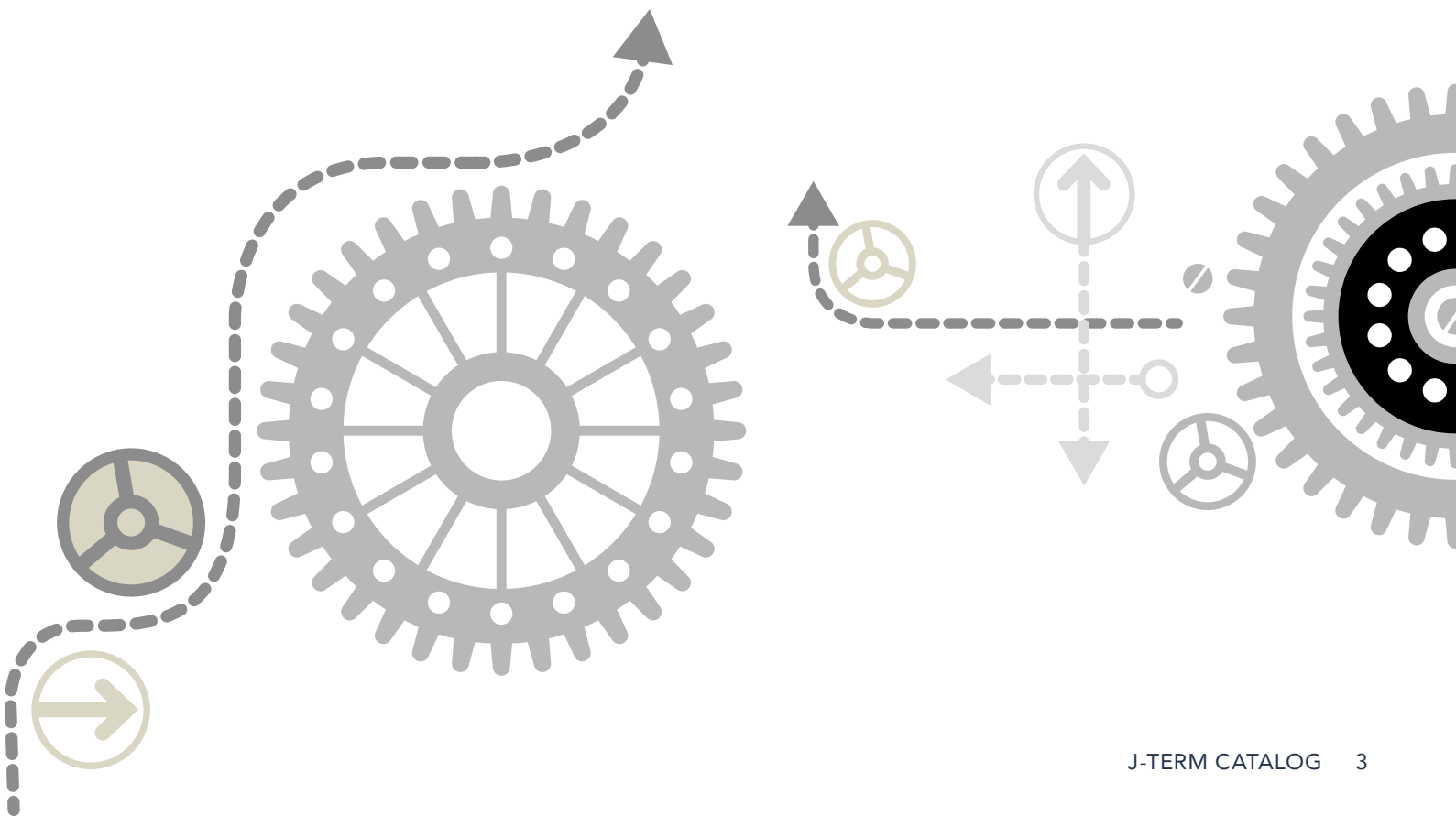
Families will have access to student schedules for J-Term via FACTS Parentweb on Friday, October 28. Any data seen before Friday, October 28 is not considered final and is subject to change. Once the scheduling is finalized, we will notify parents and students.

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



## **Full Day Class**

If you enroll in Thompson Driving or Honors Senior Capstone, it will be your only class.

### **Thompson Driving School New Driver Education Class**

**Dates:** January 3-10, 2023

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

Six hour class (45 min. modules of instruction, 15 min. breaks in-between, and 45 min. lunch)

**Instructors:** Robert Bennett & Brock Thompson, LRCA Liaison Mrs. Terri Swedenburg

**Tuition:** \$230 per student (Paid to LRCA)

**Class Size:** 50 students maximum in person, the rest on Zoom (Capacity 125 total)

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

**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 ten **business days after class completion**.

**Location:** This class will be offered in person at our offices off of Rodney Parham Road, and offered virtually, through Zoom, for those students who want to participate from home.

**Classroom and Zoom Information:** [www.ThompsonDriving.com/LRCA](http://www.ThompsonDriving.com/LRCA)

### **In-Person Attendance Details:**

Since there are limited seats in the classroom, the first 50 students to request classes on their assigned day by turning in the completed Class Request Form to the high school office, will be given priority for In-Person instruction.

**Dates:** January 3-10, 2023

**Times: Arrive to class 8:15 a.m.**

**Class times:** 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

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

**Technology Requirement:** Students attending in-person will use their Chromebooks.

**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.

**Cleaning:** The classroom will be cleaned after each day and students will need to keep their area picked up, as well.

### **Virtual Attendance Details:**

Students will access links by going to the website at [www.thompsondriving.com/LRCA](http://www.thompsondriving.com/LRCA)

Student textbooks for the course will be distributed by LRCA during the first week of December (Dec. 5-9). All homework assignments, activity assignments, handouts, and tests will be administered on-line. Students will use their Chromebooks and will be able to ask questions through the chat function. Interactive "checkpoint questions" will be asked throughout the day to verify active participation of each student. A Student/Parent Orientation video will be available in the near future.

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.

Certificates of completion will be sent directly to LRCA within ten business **days** following last day of **class**.

**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 that 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. Lessons are taught seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. by appointment.

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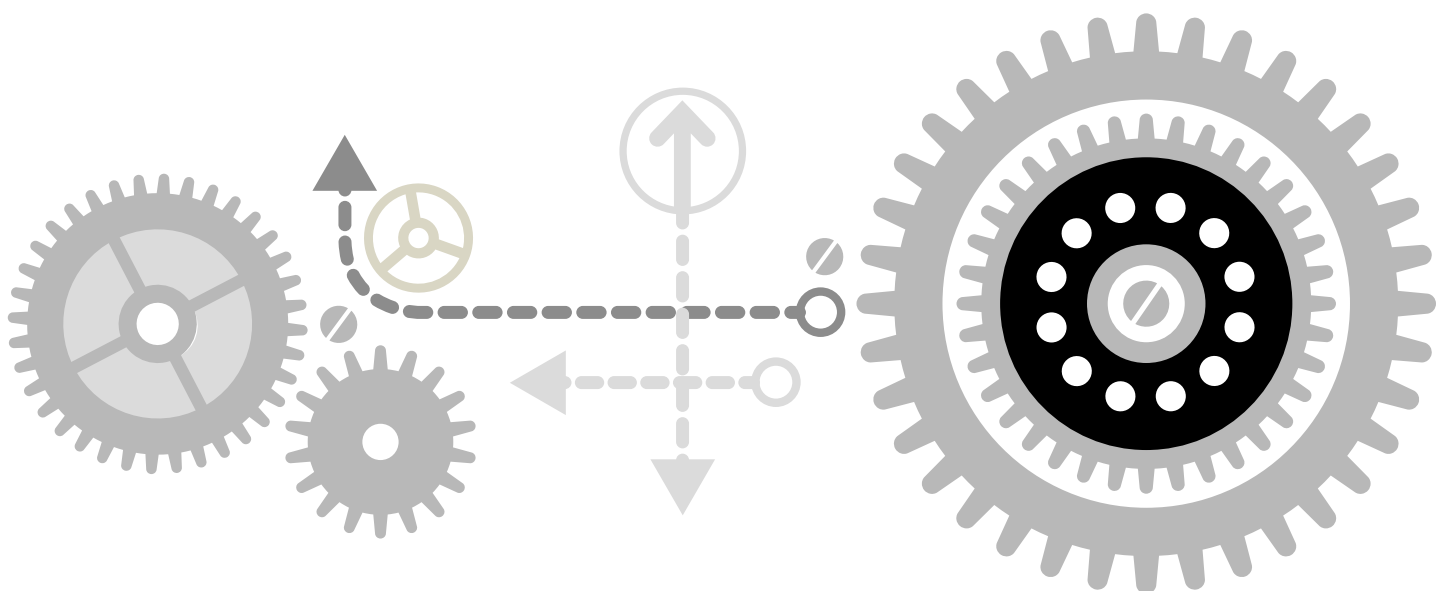
Certificates of completion will be sent directly to LRCA within two weeks of the last day of class.

### **J-Term Capstone Independent Study**

**Instructor:** Mr. Matt Foster

**Prerequisite:** Enrolled in Honors Senior Capstone or Honors Senior Capstone-Portfolio

J-Term Capstone Independent Study allows students currently in Honors Senior Capstone or Honors Senior Capstone-Portfolio to continue work on their research or project. Through the Independent Study model, the student will spend at least six hours each day at work on their research.



# Morning Classes

## **Access Service Project**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Christy Nipper

**Class Size:** 10 max

**Location:** [10618 Breckenridge Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211](#)

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

We will be serving Access School's Early Learning Campus. ACCESS Early Childhood Program offers full-time education, therapy, training and activities for children and youths with learning disabilities. Our students will have the opportunity to work in the classroom with teachers and therapists to serve the needs of students.

## **ACT English and Reading Preparation**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Jennifer Byrd

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

**Class size:** 16 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 926

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. Doug Young

**Class Size:** 18 max

**Location:** [AR Foodbank Warehouse, 4301 West 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Little Rock 72209](#)

**Transportation:** Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the service project.

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 Network has been working 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 the warehouse stocking shelves, making boxes, bagging items, sorting products, etc. Come out and join this J-Term class and learn about community service.

## **Creative Communication: Introduction to Competitive Speaking**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Michelle Jorgenson

**Class Size:** 16 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 920

Do you love to tell stories? Read dramatically? Make people laugh? There's an entire world of competitive speech that includes a wide range of events--think track and field but for talking. Come explore the many categories from humorous to serious to debate. There's even a "duo" category, so consider signing up with a friend!

### **Dance: Let's Move!**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Abby Curry

**Class Size:** 14 max

**Location:** On campus, Gym Loft

**Supplies:** School appropriate clothing students can move in and tennis shoes/dance shoes

Get up and get moving with this high energy morning dance class! This course is designed to give students training in various dance techniques, an understanding of the structure behind stage choreography, and an insight into the necessary showmanship and performance of that choreography. Students will explore various dance styles (jazz, ballet, music theatre) through technical training and explore their historical context and artistic impact on the musical theatre genre. We will also look at dance as a form of worship. The course is designed for experienced dancers, students who have never taken a dance class, and everyone in between. Girls and guys welcome!

### **Digital Video Production**

**Instructor:** Mr. Jim Anderson

**Class size:** 16 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 935

This class will be a crash course in video production. We will learn some basics about shot composition, camera angles and editing. Our goal will be to produce several small individual and/or group projects to practice the techniques and one longer movie.

### **Drones: Design and Operation of Unmanned Aerial Systems**

**Instructor:** Mr. Ryan Smith

**Class Size:** 12

**Location:** On campus, Room 934 with occasional field trips

**Transportation:** When off campus for a field trip, parents are responsible for transportation to and from the location.

Want to know how to fly a drone? In this class, students will learn the fundamentals of flight operations of a drone. Each student will be able to demonstrate FAA regulations specific to UAS aircraft operations. Topics will include basic tool and equipment safety, along with troubleshooting and repair of a UAS. Students will learn different industry applications of UAS including; social media, agriculture, videography, real estate, and MUCH MORE! No experience needed.

### **Faith Leadership in Sports**

**Instructor:** Dr. Adam Funmaker

**Class Size:** 18 max

**Cost:** \$40

**Prerequisites:** Must be a current student-athlete at LRCA or on a club team.

**Location:** On campus, Room 918

**Transportation:** Students and parents are responsible for all transportation to off-campus class locations.

How do you influence your peers to create a winning team culture? What does "winning" actually mean? This course empowers student-athletes to become Christ-centered leaders in their homes, schools, churches, and on their sports teams. Course curriculum will place an emphasis on athlete character development from a biblical worldview.

## **Forensics**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Tasia McIntire

**Class Size:** 18 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 939

This course is designed for those students that have a limited background in chemistry and biology concepts. 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. Most of the time in this course will be spent in the laboratory conducting experiments and gathering data, and thinking critically and logically about evidence and explanations. The main topics include fingerprinting, blood typing and splatter patterns, ink analysis, and trace evidence such as chemical powders, hair, and fibers.

## **History of the World through Breakfast**

**Instructor:** Mr. Matt Foster

**Class Size:** 16 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 917

Food is more than just fuel to keep our bodies going; it's also an important cultural artifact. Through the history of food, we can see the rise and fall of countries, the changes in cultures and values, and the evolution of technology and commerce. In so many ways, the old adage holds up: we are what we eat. In this class, we'll dive into the history of the world through quintessential breakfast foods like coffee (and sugar), bananas, cereal, etc. The class will be structured around readings of a variety of sources and the learning will be advanced primarily through discussion. Of course, there will also be some food.

## **Ice Hockey**

**Instructor:** Mr. Mark Scott and Mr. Andrew Counce

**Class size:** 20 max

**Cost:** \$125.00

**Location:** [Arkansas Skatium, 1311 Bowman Road in Little Rock](#)

**Transportation:** Parents have the responsibility to ensure students have transportation to and from the Skatium each day.

Have you ever watched a pro hockey game and wondered how the players make skating look so easy as they race across the ice with power and speed? Come see for yourself as you spend six days with former pro hockey player, Mark Scott, while he teaches you hockey fundamentals, develops your playing skills, and coaches you through games. Ice Hockey is a great activity that promotes physical fitness while improving balance, coordination, agility, and teamwork. Come join the fun out on the ice.

## **Ice Skating**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Amanda Griffin and Mr. Andrew Counce

**Class size:** 20 max

**Cost:** \$125.00

**Location:** [Arkansas Skatium, 1311 Bowman Road in Little Rock](#)

**Transportation:** Parents have the responsibility to ensure students have transportation to and from the Skatium each day.

Are you interested in learning how to skate or further developing your skating skills? Whether you are a beginner or experienced skater, this class is for you. Mrs. Amanda Griffin, who is a Gold Level figure skating coach, will be our instructor in teaching us proper skating techniques and choreography. Ice Skating is a great activity that will promote physical fitness while improving balance, coordination, and agility. So come join the fun out on the ice.



## **Introduction to Archery**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Lorri Justice, Mr. Dane Justice, Dr. Jay Flaming & Mrs. Sunshine Lee

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

**Class Size:** 14 max

**Location:** On campus, Indoor Athletic Facility

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!

## **Our House Service Project**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Laura Paczewitz

**Cost:** \$25 (to be used to purchase ingredients for a meal we will prepare for the residents)

**Class Size:** 12

**Requirements:** Proof of Vaccination

**Supplies Needed:** Bring your servant's heart to give Jesus firsthand to our own Little Rock community.

**Location:** Primarily at [Our House](#) main site in downtown Little Rock or at [Our House Resale Store](#) in NLR.

**Transportation:** Parents have the responsibility to ensure students have a ride to and from the daily service locations. Locations will be communicated before the end of first semester.

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 Mrs. 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, but will include donation sorting, deep cleaning spaces, working at the Resale Store, providing a meal, outside work, and much more.

## **Watercolor Workshop Intensive**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Melanie Buchanan

**Class Size:** 15 max

**Location:** Various locations around campus, Arena 817, with one field trip excursion

**Transportation:** Parent/Participant responsibility

**Required Materials:** None. Students will be provided with a watercolor palette, one brush, and a sketchbook. Watercolor is a diverse artistic medium with many applications and possibilities. During this workshop, students will develop a wide range of skills within the medium of watercolor and learn a variety of techniques for media manipulation. Students will also develop knowledge of different application tools and uses for different types of paper. No matter your level of artistic ability, this workshop will grow your skills. Students will learn to create realistic landscapes, develop font and illustration, create background layers for work with other media, and create expressive forms.



## Afternoon Classes

### **ACT Math Practice**

**Instructor:** Ms. Mary Dysinger

**Required Materials:** Pencil with eraser, red or colored correcting pen, Chromebook, graphing calculator (TI-83 or higher)

**Class Size:** 16 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 933

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. It is strongly recommended that students register for the February 11, 2023 ACT test prior to the start of J-Term (The registration deadline is January 6, 2023, with a late sign-up date of January 20).

### **The Anatomy of Biblical Narrative**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Kelli Collins

**Required Materials:** Bible

**Class Size:** 14 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 953

Have you ever wondered what Jesus experienced on the cross from an anatomy perspective? Or wondered what happened in Lazarus's body to be resurrected from the dead? In this class, we will address these events and so much more! Christianity is all about faith seeking understanding, and in this course we will examine what we believe by faith with scientific reasoning and evidence related to anatomy and physiology. Our goal will be to build evidence for the Bible as God's true and inerrant Word while also learning about how God created man in the beginning. In this course, anatomy and God's Word meet as we apply scientific knowledge to biblical events.

### **Automotive 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.

**Class Size:** 14 max

**Location:** On campus, STEM Classroom 813

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 learning 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 learn where the future is going with electric cars.

### **Digital Humanities**

**Instructor:** Dr. Tony Davis

**Class Size:** 14 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 951

**Required:** Students will use their Chromebook each day.

Can a computer find central figures in Hamlet using Network and Graph Theory? Which president had the saddest/happiest speeches? What did Little Rock look like in the 1830's and what impacts did this early geography have on our modern day city? How can a computer "read" thousands of early Christian texts and find distinct topics? Can you design a model using Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence to predict the genre of a song based on the song's lyrics? Welcome to the field of Digital Humanities; a field where one uses computers

to help answer questions in fields such as Languages, Literature, History, Music, Theology, etc. Each day we will focus on using a different tool, a different method, and a specific humanities discipline to assist us in answering questions from large sources of data.

### **Entomology: The Study of Insects and Why It Matters**

**Instructor:** Mr. Loren Rugen

**Restrictions:** None

**Class Size:** 16

**Required Text:** Students will need to purchase a copy of *Kaufman Field Guide to Insects of North America* and have it for the first day of class (available on Amazon.com).

**Location:** On campus, Room 938

In this course we will explore the fascinating world of the largest and most diverse class of animals on the planet...insects! Entomology is the branch of zoology interested in the study of insects. Be prepared to interact with live insects as we cover basic insect anatomy, life stages, classification and identification, the ecological benefit of insects, social insects (ants & bees), and the practical applications of entomology in the workforce. We'll explore questions like: What's the difference between a "bug" and an insect—or a spider and an insect? How do I identify the insects I see? How can I use insects to help my garden?

### **Fitness and Nutrition**

**Instructor:** Mr. Granville LeCroix

**Class Size:** 16 max

**Location:** On campus, Indoor Athletic Facility

This course is designed to give students the opportunity to learn strength and conditioning techniques used for obtaining optimal performance. Students will benefit from comprehensive weight training and cardiorespiratory endurance activities. Students will learn the basic fundamentals of strength training, aerobic training, nutrition, and overall fitness training and conditioning. Course includes both lecture and activity sessions. Students will be empowered to make wise choices, meet challenges, and develop positive behaviors in fitness, wellness, and movement activity for a lifetime.

### **GeoDesign: The Intersection of Art and Mathematics**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Andrea Edmondson

**Class Size:** 12

**Location:** On campus, Room 931

Discover how art and mathematics are intertwined, how the Bible uses mathematical patterns, and how these patterns can be used to create beautiful and interesting works of art. Students will investigate these connections and then create their own piece(s) of art.

### **Hunter Safety Education**

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

**Class Size:** 18 max

**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 River Market 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 River Market 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.

### **Igniting Devotion**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Kelly Lessel

**Class Size:** 14 max

**Required Text:** Bible

**Location:** On campus, Room 949

If your quiet times feel monotonous and hard, come explore and experience new ways of drawing near to the Lord. Be ready to get messy with paint, express yourself through improvisation and movement, play a sport together, walk around the campus, and taste and see the goodness of God. In this class, students will learn to think outside the box about what a quiet time can be and learn to walk with Jesus daily in a way that breaks the monotony. Animation, stimulation, invigoration, inspiration, transformation, activation. . . Who said quiet times can't be active and fun?!

### **Introduction to Sports Medicine**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Paula Pugh

**Class Size:** 16 max

**Location:** On campus, Indoor Athletic Facility classroom

**Open to:** 10th-12th

**Prerequisites:** Interest in the medical field as a possible career, completion of Health & Safety or currently enrolled in Anatomy & Physiology

**Course Fee:** \$45

Students will learn about athletic training, sports medicine, and its history with a look at the athletic trainer's scope of practice: injury prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, emergency injury management, and administrative functions. This course is intended to help students gain an understanding of sports medicine, various disciplines, and the role they play in the physically active community. If you have taken or currently are enrolled in Foundations of Sports Medicine, you would have already learned this information, so you should select a different J-Term class.

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

**Instructor:** Mrs. Callie Ferguson

**Class Size:** 18 max

**Location:** On campus, Room 922

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 students in grades 9-12th, 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.

## **Outdoor Service Projects**

**Instructor:** Mr. Jawanza Whitfield

**Class Size:** 12

**Supplies Needed:** Be prepared for a diverse set of outdoor weather conditions. Sometimes we might be working near a water source, so appropriate footwear will be needed. Also remember this will be during the first week of January and we will be working outside for the most part. Bring an extra set of clothes depending on the weather. It could warm up during the day or it could be cold and windy.

**Location:** Mostly the [Arkansas 4-H Center](#), 1 Four H Way, Little Rock, AR 72223, and one day field trip to [Second Chance Ranch in Paron, AR](#)

**Transportation:** Parents have the responsibility to ensure students have a ride to and from the 4-H Center. We will take the minibus to Second Hand Ranch in Paron. Students will depart from and return to LRCA that day.

“Do unto those downstream as you would have those upstream do unto you.” - Wendell Berry  
Join this outdoor J-Term class as we serve the community and our God by taking care of what He created for us. Come work with your hands, worship outdoors, and marvel at the complexity and beauty of the natural world which points to our Creator. In this J-Term class we will work on cleaning up and helping restore local outdoor areas that all Arkansans enjoy. Perhaps you are someone who finds the quiet of the outdoors a place to connect deeply with God. This J-Term opportunity will give you a chance to express your love for God and His creation by helping take care of it.

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

**Instructor:** Mr. Colby Sims

**Class Size:** 14 max

**Location:** On campus, Physics Lab

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.

## **Serving with Heart**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Ellen Cupit

**Class Size:** 12 max

**Location:** Various locations including nursing homes and senior living centers, some days on campus

**Transportation:** Parents have the responsibility to make sure students have transportation to and from each location when off campus.

If you have a servant’s heart, join us for this J-Term experience of serving some of the most vulnerable. We will spend some time learning about what Scripture teaches related to service and how to serve locally. We will focus on the older population and visit some care facilities. We will also learn about prison ministry.

## **Women in Leadership**

**Instructor:** Mrs. Cindy McLeod

**Required Materials:** Chromebook

**Class Size:** 16 max (females only)

**Location:** On campus, Room 944

Are you a woman who desires to make a difference in the world for the Kingdom? In this class, we will learn from women in the Bible, in history, and in our community who have led and are leading with vision and resolve. We will develop skills for leading ourselves and making connections with other people. Regardless of your personality, interests, or talents, God may be calling you on a journey that is more exciting than you’ve ever imagined!