

Project Term 2026

HS Catalog 9-12

PROJECT TERM 2026

Project Term is a four-week term (for grades 4-12) that begins May 12, 2026, and ends June 5, 2026. Project Term is a valuable opportunity for Black River students and faculty, alike. It provides hands on, experiential learning to each student, while adhering to Black River's academic requirements. Before viewing the course selections, please be aware of our project term policy and mark important dates on your calendar.

The priority registration deadline is **Monday, December 1, 2025** by 4:00 p.m. Students who register by this date will have *priority registration* over students who turn in their registration form after this date. The final deadline to register is Friday, December 19, 2025. Any student not registered by December 19 will be assigned to classes with available space.

TIME SLOTS FOR PROJECT TERM CLASSES

The four time slots are as follows:

8:00 – 11:00 from May 12 – May 22 (Block A)
11:40 – 2:40 from May 12 – May 22 (Block B)
8:00 – 11:00 from May 26 – June 5 (Block C)
11:40 – 2:40 from May 26 – June 5 (Block D)

Keep in mind that some classes and trips require more than one block. This is denoted in the first column before each class description.

PROJECT TERM OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026
6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Each year, we have a night to showcase our students' projects and display the fruits of their labor during the four-week term. *Attendance is required for all students registered in a Project Term course.* Please keep this date in mind as students who do not participate at the Project Term open house may lose credit for the course, at the discretion of the Dean of Students and teacher of the course.

HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT PROJECT TERM REGISTRATION

1. During scheduling, course choices will be prioritized first by application date and second by grade seniority. Turn your registration in by **Monday, December 1** to receive priority scheduling.
2. Fill out the **entire** schedule request. Do not repeat any classes.
3. Sign up for a variety of different kinds of courses. Students should not sign up for a course they have already taken unless approved by the teacher.
Students may be limited to one physical education class per two week term, depending on course availability.
4. Treat your teachers and classmates with respect during the year and act responsibly in the classroom. Students who behave responsibly and respectfully will be given first priority in off-campus courses and courses taught by guest teachers. *Students who have been on behavior contracts during the year will not be considered for off-campus trips.*
5. Be flexible. Many faculty members have listed several course possibilities for one time slot in order to provide a variety of choices. Be aware that due to a lack of interest, some courses will not run.
6. Make sure you sign up for a second, third, and fourth choice for each block in case your first choice isn't available. If you don't, please be advised that Mrs. Wise will pick your classes for you after all other students have been scheduled.

PROJECT TERM POLICIES

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. All students must attend Project Term. Project Term is part of our school year and the attendance policy does not change from the regular school year. Unexcused absences will be regarded as truancy. Students who miss more than two days of a Project Term course may fail the course at the discretion of the teacher.
2. The dates for Project Term are May 12, 2026, to June 5, 2026. The school day for on-campus courses will be from 8:00-2:40 p.m. The elementary and main offices close at 3:30 p.m. during Project Term.
3. Students are expected to participate 100%. Every class has an academic component and students are required to meet all guidelines established by the teacher.
4. Parents are responsible for transportation to and/or from their project during this term. Keep this in mind if registering for an independent study project.

FEEES

While most projects do not have fees, some may include one. Projects that involve incidental personal expenses such as travel, food and accommodations or those where students keep the projects they create may have a fee. Fees are due by **Monday, March 16, 2026**. Keep in mind that off campus trips may have different deadlines and deposit requirements.

There may be some opportunities for students to acquire financial assistance. Students requesting financial aid must fill out a financial aid form by **Tuesday, March 3, 2026**. Scholarship request forms are available on the school's website or from Mrs. Wise. Students will receive written notification of scholarship awards by **Monday, March 10, 2026**.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Individuals who would like to sponsor the personal expenses of a Black River student during Project Term are encouraged to contribute to the Project Term Student Support Fund. Faculty members cannot be responsible for raising money.

PROJECT TERM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Project Term is an integral part of the BRPS curriculum. Students in grades 9-12 need to pass three years (1.20 credits) of Project Term in order to graduate.

Seniors who have successfully completed three years of Project Term have completed their Project Term requirement for graduation. ***Seniors who have received either a grade of "incomplete" or "F" must make up the credit in order to graduate.*** They must make up this course by taking a project term class during their senior year.

A failing grade in a project term class for students in grades 6-8, in combination with other failing grades, may result in that student being retained in their current grade level.

Since many Project Term classes involve hands-on activities and a greater responsibility for the individual student, it is important that for the safety of all the students in the classroom, discipline problems are dealt with swiftly and effectively. Students who have a number of discipline related referrals may be withheld from Project Term classes. The Dean of Students will notify the applicable students in writing and will assign the student alternate projects to complete and submit for review.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students are encouraged to participate in Black River courses. However, high school students may elect to do an independent study with approval if they seek an opportunity that the school is unable to offer. There is an informational meeting during HS CAP Flex on **Tuesday, November 18, 2025**, where students will receive an **Interest Application**. Students who missed the meeting must see Mr. Wimbush for the application. The interest application is due by **Friday, December 5, 2025** to the office or directly to Mr. Wimbush. Once the project is approved, a more formal proposal will be due on **Monday, March 2, 2026**. Students who are interested in pursuing an independent study during project term should read the course description in the catalog and see Mr. Wimbush with any questions.

PROJECT TERM DATES AND DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

Priority Registration Deadline	Monday, December 1, 2025
Last Chance to Register	Friday, December 19, 2025
Scholarship Requests Due	Tuesday, March 3, 2026
Project Term Fees Due	Monday, March 16, 2026
Project Term Begins	Tuesday, May 12, 2026
Project Term Open House	Thursday, June 4, 2026
Last Day of School	Friday, June 5, 2026

The entire 2026 Project Term Catalog for grades 4-12 can be found on the website at:

<https://www.blackriverpublicschool.org/academics/project-term>

HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT TERM COURSES

STUDENTS MUST PICK ONE COURSE FOR EACH BLOCK (A, B, C, & D)

A Block **Grade: HS** *"A HISTORY OF SPORTS"* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Dykhouse, Gregory

Special Requirements: N/A

This course allows you explore sports and athletes of interest in greater detail. You may know some important aspects of competition and the athletes who excel, but you may discover other interesting stories in performance. Why do some athletes succeed and other less so? How do sports contribute to our society? Join our class, learn more about a topic of personal interest, and share your findings with others.

A Block **Grade: HS** *AMIGURU-WHAT? AMIGURUI!* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Dykstra, Natasha

Special Requirements: N/A

Amigurumi is the Japanese art of crocheting small, stuffed yarn creatures. Learn how to use a simple single crochet stitch to create a wide variety of 3D objects that you can love for years to come!

A Block **Grade: HS** *ANIME & MANGA - HS* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Spisak, Elizabeth

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you like watching anime? Reading manga? Want to learn more about this unique art form that has gained worldwide popularity? Join this class for an exciting journey into the world of Japanese anime and manga! Together we'll explore the history and culture behind both art forms. We will view multiple examples, from the classics like Sailor Moon and Astro Boy, recent favorites like Naruto and One Piece, and movies like Howl's Moving Castle and Spirited Away. We'll touch on Japanese animation elements and Japanese culture as we discuss the examples we view in class. You'll also learn about character design and the creative process as you create your very own manga to display at the Project Term Open House.

A Block **Grade: HS** *BEACH VOLLEYBALL* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Murphy, Colin

Special Requirements: N/A

Want to play like Misty May or ditch the biology lab and play like Crabb? Then come play beach volleyball! In this course you will learn the basics of beach volleyball through gameplay. We will be walking to the courts downtown everyday, rain or shine.

A Block **Grade: HS** *BOWLING BONANZA* **Fee: \$60.00**

Teacher: Stid, Jake

Special Requirements: OPTIONAL: Bowling ball and bowling shoes

You have probably gone bowling for a birthday party or a friendly, Friday night social gathering; did you know that bowling is actually considered a competitive sport? Or even a professional sport? In this class you will learn about the history of bowling as a sport, and you will learn to bowl, or become a better bowler. Daily challenges, learning how to score without the use of the computer, and improving your basic techniques will be the focus of the class. There will be a week-long team tournament at the end of the class.

A Block **Grade: HS** *BRUNCH HUNTERS* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Wright, Cessie

Special Requirements: Students will be responsible for bringing enough money to purchase a meal each day that we are in the field (approximately 7-8 days).

Do you love to write, have an eye for detail, and enjoy eating new cuisine? Do you find yourself reading or writing reviews on sites like Google, Yelp, and Trip Advisor? Have you ever considered the career path of becoming a

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restaurant critic? Professional critics review the food, service, and atmosphere of the establishments that they visit. In this class, we will test and improve our skills as critics by visiting a variety of breakfast and brunch restaurants in the Holland-Zeeland area. After each visit, we will write, edit, and peer review our critiques. At the end of the course, we will create websites with our reviews & publish some of our reviews on Yelp and other food critique websites.

A Block

Grade: HS

CRAFTFLIX

Fee: \$30.00

Teacher: Rice, Toni

Special Requirements: N/A

Binge. Craft. Snack. Repeat.

Ever wish you could binge movies and craft at the same time, without freezing outside on a snow day? Welcome to Craftflix, the ultimate cozy class for creative movie lovers!

We'll explore crafts that pair perfectly with movie marathons, from diamond painting, cross-stitch, and crochet to hand-sewing and fun DIY projects like tapestry crochet, pipe cleaner animals, rainbow looming, weaving, and quilling.

Together, we'll plan our craft kits, pick the perfect movies (cheesy musicals, sequels, or classics like *Descendants*, *High School Musical*, and *Mary Poppins*), and discuss ideal snacks and drinks for the ultimate Craftflix experience.

Your final project will include a display of your creations and a Google Slides review highlighting the best crafts, movies, and snack pairings. The class fee covers 2–3 craft kits and basic supplies; students should bring additional snacks, drinks, or craft kits they would like to try.

A Block

Grade: HS

DRIVER'S TRAINING: SEGMENT 1

Fee: \$550.00

Teacher: Coates, Hannah

Special Requirements: \$100 deposit (payable to Macatawa Driving School) is due with the application.

Registration is first come/first serve. Applications can be picked up in the main office or from Mrs. Coates.

The \$450.00 balance will be due by the first day of class.

Macatawa Driving School is proud to offer a Level One Driver Education course to Black River teens for Project Term Credit. Cost: \$550.00 that includes all drives, classroom training, and a Level One permit after successful completion of the course. The class will meet from May 7 – May 22. See specific dates and times below.

Thursday, May 7 (Class only: 11:30-1:30 pm)

Friday, May 8 (Class only: 11:30-1:30 pm)

Saturday, May 9 (No class, Range drives only)

May 11 - 15 (Class and drives: 7:10 - 11:10 am)

Saturday, May 16 (No class, Range drives only)

May 18 - 22 (Class and drives: 7:10 - 11:10 am)

Note: The State of Michigan requires students to be in class the number of hours that are scheduled. If there are any schedule conflicts that you know of prior to the start of class (Dutch Dancing, AP exams, etc.), please contact Macatawa Driving School for possible arranged make-up times at info@drivemacatawa.com.

A Block

Grade: HS

HORA DEL CINE

Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Pommer, Ashley

Special Requirements: N/A

Improve your Spanish skills by watching movies and TV shows in Spanish.

Learning languages with TV shows and movies works by providing students with an immersive experience in the language and culture! The dialogue, music and images are authentic, and it exposes the students to the language in a natural and real-life way. The students are able to hear the language spoken by native speakers, which can help to improve their listening and comprehension skills. Plus they will be able to watch some incredible movies that they wouldn't normally watch.

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A Block

Grade: **HS**

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Wimbush, Karsten

Special Requirements: *You must attend a meeting in November and fill out an Interest Application before signing up for this class!*

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A Block

Grade: **HS**

LIVING HISTORY

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Morse, Keely

Special Requirements: *It is a mile walk one way to Freedom Village so make sure that you are able to wear good walking shoes as we will be walking every day, unless there is heavy rain or lightning.*

Would you like to earn community service hours required for graduation? Yes! Do you like talking with and playing games with senior citizens? Yes! Take this class and we will walk to Freedom Village and spend time with senior citizens getting to know them, their life stories, bits of wisdom, play games and even exercise with them, and of course earn community service hours for doing so. Every time I have taken students to Freedom Village both students and residents have appreciated the experience.

A Block

Grade: **HS**

PICKLEBALL

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Nott, Colton

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Come learn one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. Whether you are 10 or 80 years old, anybody can play pickleball. In this class you will learn the rules, the top strategies and how to work together with a teammate. At the end, all students will participate in an intense march madness style tournament to crown a class champion.

A Block

Grade: **HS**

THE SOCIOLOGY OF WICKED

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka

Special Requirements: *N/A*

What can we learn about social norms, marginalized communities, intersectionality, race, power, oppression, and gender dynamics from two simple movies? In this class, we will examine Jon Chu's 2024/2025 films through the lens of social theories. Additionally, we will use our analysis of the Wicked films and its messages to examine current events, pop culture, politics, and social media trends. No previous viewing or sociological expertise is required! Come with an open mind, and be ready to have some thoughtful academic conversation

A Block

Grade: **HS**

**THE VIENNA COFFEE HOUSE EXPERIENCE
– STUDIES IN CREATIVE WRITING**

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Rowe, Karen

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Does ambiance inspire creativity? Of course! Experience the cultural coffee house effect as we meander to local coffee shops like Lemonjello's, 205 Coffee, and Foxtail Coffee in search of the perfect writing environment. As a class, we will work on individual creative writing projects focused on fiction, memoir, and poetry, hold class

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workshops and readings, and ultimately publish individual chapbooks of class work to be displayed on open house night. As Shel Silverstein says, "If you are a dreamer...come in, come in!"

A Block **Grade: HS** **VISUAL STORIES THROUGH PAPER ART** **Fee: \$20.00**

Teacher: Chester, Katie

Special Requirements: *Students need to bring in recycled papers (news papers, junk mail, past used up notebooks). Students also need to bring a plastic tote with a lid to store their works in.*

Creating a work of art starts with paper for many artists. In this course we will use paper as a surface materials and a sculptural material with vast possibilities. Projects students will explore include: pop up books, book binding, paper puppets, shadow puppets, paper dolls, origami, papier-mâché, weavings, wearable art, and paper making. Students will explore the vast possibilities of working with paper. At the end students will display their works as a visual story of artworks created from paper.

AB Block **Grade: HS** **STRATFORD FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE** **Fee: \$450.00**

Teacher: Andrews, Rachel & Jaime McCool

Special Requirements: *N/A*

The highlight of this course is a two-night, three-day trip to the Stratford Festival of Ontario from May 19-21. We will be seeing four professional theater productions: A Midsummer Night's Dream, Death of a Salesman, Guys & Dolls and Something Rotten. The in-class project involves selecting an aspect of the theatre (acting, directing, set, costumes, makeup, props, choreography, dramaturgy, etc.) and completing a design or acting project for one of the productions that we will see. We will also read and discuss each show that we will see. So, if you love theatre, this is a great opportunity for you!

AB Block **Grade: HS** **WASHINGTON D.C.: THE CAPITAL TOUR** **Fee: \$2750.00**

Teacher: Pyle, Bridget & Chelsea Benoot

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Did you know that 2026 is the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence? What better way to celebrate than by traveling to our nation's capital: Washington, D.C. You'll connect with our nation's history and culture as you take in museums, monuments, and memorials. And of course, walk along Capitol Hill, the place that's shaped our past, present, and future. The first week of class, we will be at Black River learning about the history and legacy of Washington, D.C. In the second week, we will take our class on a 4-day trip to D.C. Please see Miss Benoot or Ms. Pyle if you have any questions about this class or trip.

AC Block **Grade: HS** **AP CALCULUS PREPARATION** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Danckaert, Dustin

Special Requirements: *Successful completion of Advanced Algebra/Geometry.*

AP Calculus Prep is for students who have successfully completed Advanced Algebra/Geometry. Students will study units involving function composition, vectors, parametric equations, complex numbers, polynomials, rational functions, radical functions, three-dimensional geometry, trigonometric graphs, trigonometric identities, trigonometric equations, conic sections, exponential and logarithmic functions, and derivatives.

AC Block **Grade: HS** **BLACK RIVER POLICE ACADEMY** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Mulder, Lindsey

Special Requirements: *N/A*

In this course, students will experience the various functions of policing, including patrol, community policing, crisis intervention, K9, evidence collection, traffic reinforcement, investigations -- including undercover work, crisis negotiation, tactical team, mental wellness, jailing, shooting on the range, weapons system, hands-on reaction drills, and more, allowing insight about what it is like as an officer.

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B Block Grade: **HS** *#GIRLSWHOLIFT* Fee: \$25.00

Teacher: Gorris, Tara

Special Requirements: *N/A*

There are many stereotypes and misconceptions when it comes to women who weight lift, when in fact, it is one of the greatest workouts you can do for yourself not only for your health but for longevity. In this class, you will be taught the basics of how to use weight lifting equipment, proper form, etiquette, as well as better ways to live a healthy lifestyle. The class will also incorporate a variety of cardio exercises to get our bodies and minds ready to work. This class will, hopefully, build your confidence as an athlete, gain strength, and, hopefully, defy the stereotypes that women can and should be weightlifting. You do not have to be an athlete to join this class as the program will be adapted to each person's individual fitness level.

B Block Grade: **HS** *ART IN YOUR POCKET* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Chester, Katie

Special Requirements: *Students will need their own funds for restaurants and coffee shops.*

The journey is the biggest part of this experience. Come experiment and explore different art techniques, concepts, and scrapbooking. Join Ms. Chester on a journey through two weeks of sketchbook prompts and techniques inside a pocket sized sketchbook you get to take home with you! Pop-ups, collage, ink, material exploration, cut-aways, life drawing, still life studies, and so much more. Put your materials in your pocket and join Ms. C on outings to new locations to complete your work. At coffee shops, in the park, in restaurants, and at the museum.

B Block Grade: **HS** *BOXING DIARIES* Fee: \$100.00

Teacher: Bittrick, Brett

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Learn to box under the guidance and expertise of professional boxing coach Sakwam, at Sakwamdo Boxing Club of Holland. Students will train in the "Sweet Science" of boxing, learn valuable life lessons, and increase their fitness. Students will be evaluated before and after the two-week training session. Your evaluation and a "Boxing Diary", will serve as your course evaluation. It may be the hardest fun you'll ever have!

B Block Grade: **HS** *DIY @ GROUNDWORKS (HDL)* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Bivins-Fink, Eliza

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Students will walk to the library each day and explore all the "maker" tools and equipment Groundworks has to offer. After exploring the equipment available, students will focus, plan, and execute a project using one resource in the Groundworks Lab. Equipment at Groundworks includes (but is not limited to): button maker, sublimation tools (for tumblers, hats, shirts, etc.), embroidery/sewing machines, photo/negative scanner, and poster printer. For a complete list of equipment, visit the Groundworks page on the Herrick District Library website. Students will be responsible for the cost of individual projects beyond the school-supplied budget.

B Block Grade: **HS** *EAT MY WAKE* Fee: \$235.00

Teacher: Gray, Stephen

Special Requirements: *Swimsuit and towel. You will get wet everyday!*

Test the waters in this action packed adventure class! You will be learning and expanding your wake boarding skills each day at Action Wake Park. Whether you're a novice or have been wake boarding for years this class is for you! There will be certified instructors providing instruction each day along with cable passes, wake boards, helmets, and life vests. Join us at the first and only full-size cable park in Michigan!

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B Block

Grade: **HS**

HELPING HOLLAND

Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Laarman, Sarah

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Participating in community service and volunteer work is a graduation requirement, and allows you to improve the world we live in. Sometimes, the hard part of community service is knowing where to begin. In this class, we will volunteer at a variety of locations over the course of two weeks. Earn community service hours, while helping Holland.

B Block

Grade: **HS**

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Wimbush, Karsten

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B Block

Grade: **HS**

INVESTIGATIONS IN RACING

Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Schwartz, Todd

Special Requirements: *N/A*

"Auto racing began five minutes after the second car was built."— Henry Ford. Mankind has always had a fascination with speed and has created a variety of ways to see who could take machines faster than others. Through the spectrum of archival videos, we will experience the wide variety of racing styles from both a historical perspective and a modern lens. We will discuss the various vehicles, personalities, and racing series that have fed our humanities need for speed.

B Block

Grade: **HS**

KNITTING

Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Whether you've never knit before or have a ton of experience, this is the knitting class for you. Beginners will learn to cast on, knit, purl, cast off, and read patterns so you can start creating your own knit squares, wash clothes, and scarves. Experts will learn new stitches and techniques and have the freedom to create whatever you'd like. Knitting has been scientifically proven to increase wellness. As we learn and practice knitting, we will also study the science behind how knitting relieves stress, calms anxiety, creates strong social bonds, and increases feelings of usefulness. We will examine our own wellness as we experiment on ourselves to see if we can measure the benefits of knitting in our own lives. All supplies are provided for you, and no experience is necessary.

B Block

Grade: **HS**

LEGO MASTERMINDS

Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Stid, Jake

Special Requirements: *N/A*

In this hands-on course inspired by the hit show LEGO Masters, students will tackle exciting weekly challenges using LEGO bricks to explore the intersections of engineering, art, and creativity. Each project will test problem-

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solving skills, teamwork, and imagination, as students design and build solutions to real-world scenarios, creative themes, and artistic concepts. Whether constructing products to solve an issue or designing innovative art pieces, students will have the freedom to think outside the box and bring their wildest ideas to life. This course encourages collaboration, creative thinking, and playful innovation.

B Block **Grade: HS** **LIVING LOCAL: LUNCH AND LEARN** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Hamilton, John

Special Requirements: *Students will need to bring enough money for their afternoon meal each day.*

Let's grab a bite and learn a bit! Each day, we will head out into the community to learn about and enjoy hidden culinary and creative gems in our own community that we may overlook on a daily basis-- it will be an adventure in our own back yard, so to speak. Prior to the start of class, students will identify areas and topics of interest to help focus our time and experiences in the Holland area so we can have a wide variety of experiences. Students will write daily reviews and use their experience to design their own restaurant concept. Lunch? Check! Learning? Check! Let's do this!

B Block **Grade: HS** **MINECRAFT MANIA** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Danckaert, Dustin

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Have you ever seen a structure or contraption in Minecraft that impressed you? Do you have an interest in careers that involve coding or engineering? If you answered "yes" to either of those questions, then this is the class for you! In this course, you will explore how to efficiently build structures in Minecraft using commands and how to create Redstone contraptions with advanced functions. We will also discuss coding syntax and electrical and mechanical engineering. Even if you have never played the game before, you can learn a lot from this course and have fun! Bring that creative energy and let's begin crafting!

B Block **Grade: HS** **REEL ETHICS: HOW MOVIES MAKE US
THINK ABOUT SCIENCE AND MORALITY** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Wright, Cessie

Special Requirements: *Some selected films may be rated PG-13 or R due to mature themes or content; therefore, parental awareness and approval are required before signing up for the course.*

Life is full of difficult choices - many of these revolve around healthcare, illness, science, and the environment. This course explores the complex moral questions that arise at the intersection of medicine, science, and society through the lens of film. Students will examine how movies portray ethical dilemmas in healthcare, biotechnology, and environmental science, analyzing both the scientific accuracy and the moral implications of the stories told on screen.

Topics include genetic testing and discrimination, medical treatments and patient choice, organ donation, end-of-life decisions, and the environmental impact of scientific advancement. Films will serve as case studies to spark thought and deepen understanding.

B Block **Grade: HS** **SCIENCE FICTION VS. SCIENCE FACT** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Ewald, Tim

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Science fiction (whether in books, TV shows, or movies) continues to be one of the most popular genres this century. However, when it comes to the actual science on display, how legitimate is it? This class will be a chance to analyze a number of written and film works through the focus of "how correct and authentic is the science?" Another focus of the class will be to look at older works of science fiction and determine if the author managed to get the future correct. Sometimes, a work of literature or a movie can be surprisingly on target. Other times, the results are laughably ridiculous. Let's put science fiction under the microscope and see how much science fact manages to show up in our science fiction.

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B Block **Grade: HS** *SEW WHAT?* **Fee: \$20.00**

Teacher: Coates, Hannah

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Do you love being creative? Do you want to learn a practical skill? Have you always wanted to learn how to sew, but didn't know where to start? This is the class for you! In this class we will explore the basics of hand and machine sewing! Learn how to sew on a button, hem pants, and sew the invisible stitch! Complete projects on the machine like a patchwork pillow and zipper pouch!

B Block **Grade: HS** *THE CROCHET CAFÉ* **Fee: \$20.00**

Teacher: Rice, Toni

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Crochet, bake, connect.

Have you always longed to be able to crochet? Do you love baking and sharing treats? Have you always wanted to learn to crochet, or already know how and want to take your skills to the next level? If so, welcome to The Crochet Café!

In this creative class, you'll learn (or expand) crochet techniques to make real projects while also enjoying delicious treats (baked at home) to share and review with your classmates. You'll keep a decorated recipe book filled with all the recipes you've tasted and your written reviews.

Beginners will master the basics, while experienced crocheters will focus on more advanced projects. Your final project will include a display of your crocheted pieces, photos, or a visual display of your baked creations, and your finished recipe book.

Basic crochet supplies will be provided. Students should bring their own yarn for larger projects and plan to bake once or twice, bringing enough treats for the class to sample. Join us for a hands-on experience that blends creativity, community, and comfort!

B Block **Grade: HS** *WIZARDS, WOOKIEES, WARGS OH MY!* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Murphy, Colin

Special Requirements: *N/A*

The horn of Gondor calls BR students to its aide! In this class we will watch, discuss, and research the context/history of a variety of fantasy and science fiction film classics. Films will include the likes of Lord of the Rings, Spirited Away, and Star Wars. Join this unexpected journey as we venture through the depths of these rich secondary worlds and how they are not much unlike our own.

B Block **Grade: HS** *WW2 FITNESS AND HISTORY* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Morse, Keely

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Get fit and learn WW2 fitness at the same time. We will read and journal about brave WW2 heroes for inspiration each day before exercising. We will try to practice and then pass the 1946 Army fitness test made based on WW2. We will do pull ups, squat jumps, sit ups, push ups, and a 300 yard run. We will journal our progress and you will hopefully leave fit and with motivation and a plan to continue your fitness journey into the summer break. We will also play a variation of capture the flag.

C Block **Grade: HS** *ANYONE FOR GOLF? FORE!* **Fee: \$50.00**

Teacher: Fisher, Caleb

Special Requirements: *Students must have their own set of golf clubs and be able to depart BRPS by 7:40a.m. each morning. Pull carts are optional or available for rent daily.*

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Do you enjoy golf? Would you like to learn? If yes, then this is the course for you! We will spend time learning about this great game and practicing our own shots at the golf course. We will spend time on the driving range, practice greens, and the course itself. Learn how to take the frustration out of your own game by learning fundamentals and essential etiquette. Students will spend every class period at the golf course. Fore!

C Block **Grade: HS** ***ATHENS & THE ISLANDS*** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Pyle, Bridget

Special Requirements: *The trip to Greece will take place after Project Term, in June. Please contact Bridget Pyle for further information, registration material, and payment details.*

Join us on a life-changing adventure through Greece this June! When you reach the top of the Acropolis and look out across Athens, history stands still. In the shadows of the Parthenon's mighty 2,400-year-old columns, the only sound you hear is the ancient gravel beneath your feet. Your connection to antiquity hits home as you cruise the Aegean Sea, where each port brings new discoveries and timeless lessons.

During Project Term students will learn the basics of safe international travel, design a personal budget for our upcoming trip and complete an individual research project based on their interests and reasons for traveling.

C Block **Grade: HS** ***BLACK RIVER BAKE OFF*** **Fee: \$35.00**

Teacher: McCool, Jaime

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Would you like to see your family and friends' faces light up as they enjoy a brownie, doughnut, or a slice of pie you baked yourself, but don't know where to start? This course introduces you to the fundamentals of baking, from measuring and mixing to kneading, proofing, and decorating. You'll learn how to make your favorite pastries, breads, and desserts entirely from scratch while mastering key kitchen skills and safety practices.

Final Project: Each student will bake a signature cookie to showcase their skills. During the Project Term Open House, guests will participate in a blind taste test, and votes will determine the winner of the Black River Bake Off Champion title!

C Block **Grade: HS** ***BLACK RIVER WHIFFLE BALL CLASSIC*** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Nott, Colton

Special Requirements: *N/A*

The greatest phrase in sports... GAME 7. Come play a seven game series of whiffle ball with and against your best friends. Create memories that will never be forgotten. Host post game interviews asking your best friend why they lost to you. Calculate your batting average to see where it ranks amongst the class. Crown a winning team in a best of seven series. Get the full World Series experience by signing up for Whiffle Ball this project term.

C Block **Grade: HS** ***CLAY WHEELS AT HAAC*** **Fee: \$75.00**

Teacher: Chester, Katie

Special Requirements: *Students need to come with an old towel, a tote with a lid that is 10x10x10", and be prepared to get messy each day.*

This is a course for those who love the mess of clay and want to learn how to make work on the clay wheel. Join Ms. Chester at Holland Area Arts Council and learn what it takes to make thrown pottery pieces. This is a fast paced, limited space opportunity! Join Ms. C and try your best create 2-3 successful works on the wheel in a very short limited amount of time. Are you up to the challenge and the humbling art of wheel throwing?

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C Block **Grade: HS** **CRIMINAL HISTORY** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Morse, Keely

Special Requirements: N/A

Did you know that two of the most famous bank robbers in US history struck downtown Holland and you can still see bullet marks from the robbery to this day? Come look at criminal history. Learn about presidential assassins, their motives, and attempted escapes. What are the conspiracies surrounding presidential assassins? Who was H.H. Holmes? We will study various serial killers, their motives and how they were caught and found guilty. What was organized crime like during prohibition? What were the law enforcement officials like that pushed back against alcohol during this era? Who were Bonnie and Clyde? Who was J. Edgar Hoover? Who was John Dillinger? Come and find out in Criminal History.

C Block **Grade: HS** **CROCHET EXPLOSION** **Fee: \$20.00**

Teacher: Rice, Toni

Special Requirements: N/A

Stitch. Cover. Transform.

Yarn bombing is a colorful form of street art that uses knitted or crocheted yarn to transform everyday objects into eye-catching installations! The knitted version, often called "Guerilla Knitting," has been taught at BR for several years, and this year, students have the chance to be part of something huge.

In the crochet section, you'll learn the history and motivations behind yarn bombing, focusing on crochet techniques, before practicing on small items. Then, together with the knitting section, we'll create a large-scale yarn-bombing project on campus! Some crochet experience is helpful, but you don't need to be an expert; bring your creativity and enthusiasm.

C Block **Grade: HS** **DOUBLE-HANDED SAILING** **Fee: \$125.00**

Teacher: Rowe, Karen

Special Requirements: *Students need to supply their own life jackets and should come to class prepared to sail every day. Ideally, students should have at least two years of previous sailing experience, but students with less experience who are comfortable on the water or with*

This course introduces students to the sport of sailing in a double-handed (two person) sailboat. Students will learn the basic rules of sailing, practice rigging and de-rigging a sailboat, gain confidence in managing both skipper and crew roles, and spend time on the water at Lake Macatawa each day.

C Block **Grade: HS** **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS - HS** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Spisak, Elizabeth

Special Requirements: N/A

Are you interested in fantasy and adventure storytelling, with a side of puzzle solving and combat? Then learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons, the iconic tabletop role-playing game that inspired popular media such as Stranger Things, Onward, and more! First, you will learn what Dungeons & Dragons is, its history, and presence in popular culture today. You will create your own character, take part in a large-scale campaign story, and learn how to lead your own campaign as a Dungeon Master. As a final project, you will create a detailed personal narrative backstory for your character that details the adventures they went on during your classroom campaign.

C Block **Grade: HS** **EXTREME BIKING AND STATISTICAL DONUTS** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Schwartz, Todd & Tim Ewald

Special Requirements: *To sign up for this class, you must have a functioning multi-gear (10+) bike, a proper bike helmet and be able to properly operate your bike for extended rides for every class period. Students will need money daily to purchase a minimum of two donuts per c*

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As Homer said... "Ummmm, donuts". Is there anything more beautiful than a perfectly earned donut? The smoothness of drizzled chocolate, the healthiness of raspberry filling, the crunch of protein packed peanuts, and of course sprinkles are for the winners. As Lance Armstrong said... "Ummmm, biking." The skill and physicality of piloting a bike in all conditions tempts fate and fills the soul. As Bill Gates said... "Ummmm, spreadsheets". Equally wonderful is the scientific recording of data, the manipulation of variables, the organizing of values, and the joy of spreadsheets. We will ride our bikes to various local donut establishments to do the hard work of mathematically determining the best donut in town and then create presentations to boldly proclaim our decision.

C Block **Grade: HS** **INDEPENDENT STUDY** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Wimbrush, Karsten

Special Requirements: *You must attend a meeting in November and fill out an Interest Application before signing up for this class!*

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C Block **Grade: HS** **LET'S GROW! HORTICULTURAL 101** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Coates, Hannah

Special Requirements: *N/A*

The home of numerous greenhouses, fruit farms and tulips, West Michigan is a gold mine for all things plants! Explore the wild world of plants to learn all about annual and perennial flowers! Visit local greenhouses in the Holland area as we learn how to start plants from seeds, cuttings, and more! If you have a green thumb (or want to develop one) this is the class is for you! You will leave this class with the knowledge to propagate and care for plants for years to come! Gardening is a lifelong skill and in this class you can grow your knowledge, experience, and some beautiful plants this project term!

C Block **Grade: HS** **MAKE YOUR OWN MANGA/GRAPHIC NOVEL** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Hamilton, John

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Do you have a story idea you've always wanted to put down on paper? A character design you'd love to flesh out? Perhaps you have a bookshelf full of manga, comic books or graphic novels, and you'd like to try your hand at making your own. Well, in this class, students will read the stories they love and learn how to make their own! Over the course of two weeks, students will plan, design, write and illustrate their own comic book. Sharpen your pencil, and come aboard!

C Block **Grade: HS** **PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Donoghue Liz

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Whaazz up??!! Grab your home skillet and sign up for this class. We will be learning about 90s trends including lingo, fashion, games, toys, and more. Experience classic 90s games, shows, treats, and make some 90s trendy crafts. We will be interacting with old 90s technology that includes taking photos with a polaroid camera, making a mixed tape, and more. If this is not for you then...WHATEVER! Talk to the hand. It's going to be da bomb!

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C Block **Grade: HS** **THE JOY OF PAINTING** **Fee: \$30.00**

Teacher: Gorris, Tara

Special Requirements: N/A

Bob Ross is an international phenomenon. As an American painter, he started his own television series, The Joy of Painting. This class, with the same name, will give you the chance to learn how to paint in the style of Bob Ross! Known for his landscape painting and making simple marks that take on the shapes of rocks and trees, Bob Ross' show has dazzled viewers over the decades. This is your chance to follow along his series and try your own hand at creating a painting just like Bob Ross! You will learn a lot of new techniques along the way and, hopefully, find your own joy in creating a painting.

C Block **Grade: HS** **YARN BOMB 2026: KNIT** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka

Special Requirements: N/A

This year we'll be doing a mega-installation with the Yarn Bomb 2026: Crochet class! Yarn bombing, otherwise known as "guerilla knitting," is the creation of yarn-based art installations to physical objects in locations that would not ordinarily be considered for yarn-based display. For example, you could yarn bomb an office by creating bags for the laptops, cases for the clocks, and wraps for all of the table legs. Students will learn the motivations behind and history of yarn bombing before practicing on some small items. Then, we will create a large group yarn bomb project on campus. Some knitting experience is helpful, but you don't have to be an expert!

CD Block **Grade: HS** **OPEN FLAMES: COOKING WITH FIRE!** **Fee: \$75.00**

Teacher: Meyer, Nathan

Special Requirements: N/A

Spit roasted, flame broiled, grilled, iron pressed, charred, seared, if you can prepare it over a flame, you will learn about it in this ultimate cooking class. To quote Smokey the Bear: "Only you can prevent wildfires" so let's learn to prevent them from going wild, by making them, shaping them, and utilizing them for the preparation of delicious culinary creations. You will learn to cook on a fire pit, on a grill, and other camp stoves and devices. You will be challenged to create themed meals such as tasty tailgaters, complete campfire meals, grilled pizzas and much more. You do not need prior experience in cooking to take this course. You will go from beginner to grill master by learning to cook over open flames, prepare a variety of foods, use a knife as a tool for cooking, properly clean up for health safety, and maintain a fire. You will also learn logistics to food preparation including acquiring and storing ingredients; recipe preparation for individuals, small groups and crowds; and hear tips from local restaurateurs and butchers. You will be outside every day, and we will cook rain or shine. This is a full day class, giving us the opportunity to utilize longer cook times and to learn more of logistics that go into the course. The fee for this class is \$75.00, which will include many of the grocery items and fuel for our fires, stoves and grills. Please note that there will be opportunities for you to try cooking something of your choosing, in which you may need to bring in a grocery item from home at an extra cost. Provided you don't turn your food into charcoal, you eat it for lunch, and share with your friends!

D Block **Grade: HS** **BLACK RIVER BAKE OFF: ADVANCED EDITION** **Fee: \$35.00**

Teacher: McCool, Jaime

Special Requirements: This class is for students who have already taken Black River Bake Off.

Ready to take your baking to the next level? This advanced course is designed for students who have already completed Black River Bake Off and want to expand their skills in both baking and cooking. You'll explore more complex recipes and techniques, such as laminated doughs, plated desserts, and savory baking, while developing creativity in flavor combinations, presentation, and kitchen management.

Final Project: Students will work individually or in small teams to design a signature dish that highlights their growth as a baker or chef. Their creations will be featured at the Project Term Open House, where guest judges and attendees will evaluate flavor, presentation, and originality to crown the next Culinary Champion of Black River!

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D Block **Grade: HS** *DESIGN LIKE AN ARCHITECT* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Let's design like an architect does! In this class, we'll learn about how architects think, plan, and create their designs. We'll delve into the technical side of architecture by exploring composition, hierarchy, balance, and space, and we'll learn how to ensure that a structure connects with people living near it and interacting with it on a daily basis. We'll also explore how architects use the natural and physical environment to stimulate their creative process by taking a look at incredible examples from renowned architects and taking field trips to local architectural marvels. By the end of the class, you'll have planned, designed, and created your own architectural model as well.

D Block **Grade: HS** *ESPRESSO YOURSELF* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Pyle, Bridget

Special Requirements: *Students will need money for purchasing items at coffee shops (\$5-\$10 per day)*

Do you have an undying love for all things coffee? Would you love spending your mornings enjoying the rich smells and flavors of local coffee shops? This is the class for you. This year, we will be visiting several local coffee shops and trying many different types of coffee. You will learn more about coffee and business than you ever knew existed. The end project will be a mini business plan to reflect your coffee dreams.

D Block **Grade: HS** *EXTREME BIKING AND DISCOVER HOLLAND* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Schwartz, Todd & Tim Ewald

Special Requirements: *To sign up for this class, you must have a functioning multi-gear (10+) bike, a proper bike helmet and be able to properly operate your bike for extended rides for every class period.*

We have lived in Holland for almost 30 years. Holland is really not that large of a town. Still, it really surprises me when I am asked to go somewhere in Holland that I have never been before and I actually have to look up how to get there on my phone. Or when a relative describes a place in Holland they walked through recently that a website recommended that I didn't even know existed. This class is meant for those who like to bike and be inquisitive. Let's learn about the city of Holland with a bike, a group of curious travelers, and a journal. One day, we might take a tour of a factory. Another day, we might spend a day focused on architecture and drawing. Every day, we will be journaling our insights. Every day, we will be biking. And most days, there will be a stop for ice cream. Almost all of us reading this description live in Holland, but do we really know our city? Let's find out.

D Block **Grade: HS** *FLAG FOOTBALL* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Nott, Colton & Jake Stid

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Everybody knows the most popular sport in America... FOOTBALL!! Come learn and play the greatest recess sport of all time, flag football. We all miss playing on the field with our best friends during school hours. Well get that time back for 2 weeks before your opportunities run out, all while getting exercise, learning how to work as a team and using your own creativity to create the greatest plays of all time.

D Block **Grade: HS** *GRANNY SQUARE GALORE!* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Dykstra, Natasha

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Come and explore all that can be done with a simple crocheted granny square! With so many varieties of patterns you can create stuffed animals, bags, clothing, and so much more! Granny squares are so versatile and easy to make.

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D Block

Grade: **HS**

HISTORY OF FILM

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Benoot, Chelsea

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Film is something so engrained in our everyday culture, but have you ever wondered how it evolved to where it is today? This class will show you exactly how modern movies came to be. Starting with the 1900s, we will cover different decades and looks at the film techniques and technology that filmmakers had to create their visions. For a final project, you and a group will create your own film, using the elements from the movies we watched. Join us and be a part of history!

D Block

Grade: **HS**

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Wimbush, Karsten

Special Requirements: *You must attend a meeting in November and fill out an Interest Application before signing up for this class!*

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D Block

Grade: **HS**

JEWELRY METALHEADS

Fee: **\$30.00**

Teacher: Donoghue, Liz & Katie Chester

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Learn how to work with copper metal, a torch, and saws to make your own jewelry! We will be learning the basics of using a jeweler's saw, basic wire wrapping, basics of texturing metal, basic cold connections, and basic enamel skills to make our jewelry. We will be learning how to make earrings, necklaces, bracelets, and keychains. Safety is important so put your safety glasses on and get ready for a challenging but rewarding class!

D Block

Grade: **HS**

LOOSELY BASED

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Andrews, Rachel

Special Requirements: *N/A*

From *Clueless* to *The Lion King*, some of the most iconic modern films are inspired by classic literature. In this course, students will explore how filmmakers re-imagine timeless works—from Shakespeare and Austen to Homer and Shelley—through contemporary settings, genres, and perspectives. Each day we will pair excerpts from the original texts with their “loosely based” film counterparts to examine how stories evolve across time and media. Students will develop their own creative adaptation concept or short script as a final project.

D Block

Grade: **HS**

STAR WARS EPISODE X

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Danckaert, Dustin

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Congratulations! You have been selected as a force-sensitive individual who may have a promising future as a Jedi. As you begin your Jedi training, there are some things you must learn about the history of the galaxy as you will be entrusted with its protection. Join us in the class as we explore the events of Star Wars and learn the values of the Jedi. May the force be with you in your decision.

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D Block **Grade: HS** *THE CRAFT LAB* **Fee: \$25.00**

Teacher: Rice, Toni

Special Requirements: *All supplies are included in the \$25 fee, except that students should bring a T-shirt, a bag, or an item of clothing to work on.*

Discover. Create. Display.

Do you love crafting and learning new things? Did you love MS Crafts and wish there was something similar in high school? Have you always wanted to craft but never got around to it? Do you love working hard and trying new things? Look no further, The Craft Lab is the perfect project term for you!

In this hands-on, creativity-first space, you'll experiment with a variety of techniques, potentially including, but not limited to, Kumihimo, fusible fabric art collage, cartonage, embroidery, yarn-wrapped cording, and weaving. Your final project will take the form of an art show, where you'll display your handmade creations for others to enjoy. Peace, tranquility, and creativity will fill The Craft Lab as you explore, make, and learn together.

D Block **Grade: HS** *THE GREAT SKATE ESCAPE: HS EDITION* **Fee: \$100.00**

Teacher: Hamilton, John

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Ever wonder how those dance skaters on TikTok can move so seamlessly? Sign up for this skate class! This awesome course will take place at the RollXScape roller rink in Holland. This course will be led by a trained instructor in all things roller skating and rollerblading. You will learn beginner and intermediate roller skating/blading skills: skating forwards, skating backwards, stopping, crossovers, shoot the duck and more! In addition to learning and building new and fun skating skills, you'll also get some time to free skate, choreograph your own routine and jam out with the music and energy cranked up to maximum levels of fun! Whether you are a true beginner or have been skating for years, you are welcome!

D Block **Grade: HS** *THE PRINT SHOP* **Fee: \$40.00**

Teacher: Gorris, Tara

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Welcome to The Print Shop! Printmaking is an artistic process based on the principle of transferring images from one material to another surface, such as paper or fabric. In the print shop, we will design images on various surfaces, such as linoleum, foam plates, cardboard, erasers and even potatoes! Once the images are designed, ink is rolled or applied to the surface and then pressed onto the surface of your choice, creating a mirror of your image! In the Print Shop, we will be creating various items with patterns and designs, some that we could even sell in the form of cards or copies of prints.

D Block **Grade: HS** *WWII MODELS AND MOVIES* **Fee: \$50.00**

Teacher: Morse, Keely

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Come learn about WWII history. We will put together and assemble a model of a WWII vehicle for display during the open house that you will be able to bring home and keep. Students will learn how to assemble plastic model kits using razor blades, glue, paint, and putting on decals. While assembling the models we will watch movies and documentaries on WWII. Additionally, we will spend some time reading and learning about a handful of WWII heroes including local hero Matt Urban.