Project Term

2027

HS Catalog 9-12

PROJECT TERM 2027

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, November 30, 2026** 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 18 – May 28 (Block A)
11:40 – 2:40 from May 18 – May 28 (Block B)
8:00 – 11:00 from June 1– June 11 (Block C)
11:40 – 2:40 from June 1 – June 11 (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 10, 2027
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, November 30, 2026** 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 18, 2027 to June 11, 2027. 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.

FEES

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 15, 2027***. 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, 2027***. 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 9, 2027.***

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, MS/HS 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 17 and Thursday, November 19** where students will receive an **Interest Application. S**tudents who missed the meeting must see Mr. Wimbush for the application. The interest application is due by **Friday, December 4, 2026** to the office or directly to Mr. Wimbush.

Once the project is approved, a more formal proposal will be due on **Monday, March 5, 2027**. 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.

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR THIS YEAR:
1) Absolutely no students will be accepted into Independent Study if they will not be at the Open House in-person
2) Students in Independent Study can do a maximum of 2 blocks.

PROJECT TERM
DATES AND DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

Priority Registration Deadline	**Monday, November 30, 2026**
Last Chance to Register	**Friday, December 18, 2026**
Scholarship Requests Due	**Tuesday, March 3, 2027**
Project Term Fees Due	**Monday, March 15, 2027**
Project Term Begins	**Tuesday, May 18, 2027**
Project Term Open House	**Thursday, June 10, 2027**
Last Day of School	**Friday, June 11, 2027**

The entire 2027 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** ***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!

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

Teacher: Wright, Cessie & Tim Ewald
Special Requirements: ***Students will be responsible for purchasing their own meals and bringing a journal or device.***
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 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 & possibly publish some of our reviews on Yelp and other food critique websites.
Please note: students will be responsible for bringing enough money to purchase a meal each day that we are in the field (approximately 7-8 days).

A Block **Grade: HS** ***CAD AND LEGO: MAKING A CUSTOM MINIFIGURE*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Findlay, Anne & Caleb Fisher
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Ever wished you could make your very own LEGO minifigure? In this course, you'll learn the basics of computer-aided design (CAD) using Onshape. Using what you've learned, you'll create a custom character complete with unique outfits, hats, accessories, props, and furniture. Then, learn how to slice your designs and prepare them for 3D printing to bring your creations to life! No prior CAD experience is needed. For your final project, you'll design and 3D print your own custom LEGO minifigure and accessories.

A Block **Grade: HS** ***CLASSROOM INTERIOR DESIGN*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Become an interior designer for the place where you spend a good part of your day! We will investigate how light, color, layout, texture, sound, and a sense of ownership shape attention, mood, and community in classrooms. Using environmental psychology, sociology, and design thinking, we will audit room 418, interview "clients" (teachers and classmates), pitch a design proposal within a strict budget, and then carry it out, first in room 418, and then in the rooms of other teachers who sign up.

A 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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A Block **Grade: HS** ***CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACADEMIC PUBLICATION!*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Faber, Jae
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
What does it mean to be an adolescent today? How do young people develop intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically, and how do their experiences shape who they become?
This unique Project Term course invites a select group of 9–12 high school students to serve as an Adolescent Advisory Panel for a new college-level textbook on adolescent development being written for Macmillan Learning. Students will have an authentic opportunity to contribute their perspectives, experiences, questions, and critical feedback to a textbook intended for college students, educators, and others studying adolescent development.
Working directly with the textbook's author, a Hope College faculty member, students will read and examine manuscript chapters, participate in structured daily discussions, evaluate the clarity and relevance of the material, and offer feedback about how accurately the textbook represents the experiences and perspectives of today's adolescents.
This is not simply a course about adolescence. It is an opportunity for students to become active contributors to the development of an academic publication, bringing the voices and perspectives of actual adolescents into a college-level textbook.

A Block **Grade: HS** ***CRAZY FOR COLORED PENCILS!*** **Fee: $40.00**

Teacher: Gorris, Tara
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Creating artwork that leaves viewers wondering whether they are looking at a photo is no easy task. In Crazy for Colored Pencils, artists can learn the secrets of drawing life-like images using colored pencils. This class is great for artists who are just beginning or want to improve upon their existing skills. This class also requires patience and a love for detail.

A Block **Grade: HS** ***CREATE YOUR OWN COMIC BOOK/GRAPHIC NOVEL/MANGA*** **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!

A Block **Grade: HS** ***CROCHET & STITCH STUDIO*** **Fee: $25.00**

Teacher: Rice, Toni
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Unplug, slow down, and discover mindful creation! In this hands-on studio course, you'll explore Japanese textile arts alongside crochet, transforming fabric, thread, and yarn into unique handcrafted treasures. Master the delicate geometric patterns of Sashiko embroidery, learn the intricate art of Kinusaiga fabric mosaics, and build crochet skills to craft amigurumi plushies or textured accessories.
Enjoy a warm, relaxing studio space with music, good vibes, and optional treats to share. No prior experience is required; just bring your curiosity and enthusiasm! Basic tools and textiles are provided, and you'll finish the term showcasing your work in a fiber-arts art show.

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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 13 – May 28.
See specific dates and times below.
Thursday, May 13 (Class only: 11:30-1:30 pm)
Friday, May 14 (Class only: 11:30-1:30 pm)
Saturday, May 15 (No class, Range drives only)
May 17 - 21 (Class and drives: 7:10 - 11:10 am)
Saturday, May 22 (No class, Range drives only)
May 24 - 28 (Class and drives: 7:10 - 11:10 am)

A Block **Grade: HS** ***GRIDDLE ME THIS!*** **Fee: $75.00**

Teacher: Meyer, Nathan
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Missing Open Flames this year? Check out the less time-intensive electric cousin in Griddle me this! Come learn all about cooking on the electric griddle in just one block. We will train you to chop, slice, dice, sauté, sear, and scramble. All we need is a plug and plan! Plug in the griddle, plan out the menu, and start your new role as the electric hero! Griddle the ultimate cheese sandwich, the perfect three egg omelette, or French toast that will make you stand up and say "ooh la la!" Why stop at breakfast? When the hot griddle is calling…one must answer. Will you take up the spatula and flip into action?

A Block **Grade: HS** ***HISTORY OF FILM*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Benoot, Chelsea
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Lights, Camera, Action!
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. Join us and be a part of history!

A Block **Grade: HS** ***IMMERSED IN CULTURE: LATIN AMERICA*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Pyle, Bridget
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
How did an underground music scene and a humble street food end up conquering the global mainstream? This class dives straight into the unexpected histories behind Latin America's massive cultural footprint, connecting everything from the roots of the taco to Bad Bunny's stadium anthems. We will look at how everyday culture has been used to fight back against dictators, border politics, and censorship. You will spend the second week acting as a cultural journalist by conducting your own fieldwork and producing a piece of media on a topic of your choosing.

A Block **Grade: HS** ***INDEPENDENT STUDY*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Wimbush, Karsten
Special Requirements: ***Attend a meeting in November and fill out an Interest Application (due 12/4) before signing up for this class!***

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A Block **Grade: HS** ***INTO THE GHIBLIVERSE*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Harrity, Noelle
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Have you heard of films such as Castle in the Sky or Princess Mononoke? In this class we will watch these films along with others as we learn about Studio Ghibli, the Japanese animation company that created them, and Japanese culture. We will discuss the themes and morals of these films and reflect what our takeaways from them through various artistic forms such as drawing, poetry, and acting. (Please note that this class is a continuation of the middle school course Through the Studio Ghibli Lens.)

A Block **Grade: HS** ***LIVING HISTORY*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Morse, Keely
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
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. 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.

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, Stovetop Roasters, 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 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** ***WIE GEHT'S? INTRODUCTION TO GERMAN LANGUAGE*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Dykhouse, Gregory
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Herzlich Willkommen!
Black River Public School students are required to meet a three-year proficiency in Spanish language to graduate from high school, but students may be interested in developing additional foreign language proficiencies. This introductory course will present basic grammar and conversational skills in German language. The instructor will work to compare new German language objectives to what the students already know with Spanish language. The final product will be a student portfolio that displays knowledge of targets and objectives. Students will work from the Fokus Deutsch text and Deutsche Welle website materials

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AB Block **Grade: HS** ***PUERTO RICO IMPACT: CULTURE, COAST & COMMUNITY*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Ornée, Necia & Sarah Gaffney
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Get ready for an unforgettable journey where learning springs to life in living color! The "Puerto Rico Impact" trip blends adventure, rich culture and history, hands-on science, and meaningful community impact into one epic experience.
We will walk in the footsteps of history through the vibrant, cobblestone streets of Old San Juan, venture into the lush canopy of El Yunque—the only tropical rainforest in the U.S. National Forest System—to study rare wildlife firsthand, taste authentic island cuisine, relax on the beach, and make a real difference by working side-by-side with local island leaders. (Add-on optional excursions may include snorkeling, kayaking in the bioluminescent bay, or visiting the island of Culebra.)
More than just a travel opportunity, this immersive expedition sharpens Spanish language skills, builds leadership experience, and delivers a front-row seat to the culture, history, and heart of the Isla del Encanto!

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** ***BR 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.

AC Block **Grade: HS** ***OY WITH THE POODLES ALREADY ~ GILMORE GIRLS MARATHON FESTIVAL*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Schoolenberg, Julia
Special Requirements: ***A computer/tablet to be able to write a script, a favorite coffee mug, and your own coffee (or tea if you prefer Luke)***
Do people ever tell you to speak slower? Do you make pop culture references no one else understands? Do you love the smell of coffee? Does the season of Fall fill your heart with warmth and joy? Do donuts and poptarts make you feel happy? Here in the world of Gilmore Girls, we talk fast and learn faster. Through this course we will be studying the episodes of Gilmore Girls, their pop culture references, taste testing donuts and poptarts with bracket challenges for each, and at the end writing our own Gilmore Girls episode scripts.

B Block **Grade: HS** ***"BE CURIOUS, NOT JUDGMENTAL." - TED LASSO*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Schoolenberg, Julia
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
"Be curious, not judgmental." - Ted Lasso saying a supposed Walt Whitman quote. (It wasn't). Learn life lessons from the Ted Lasso show. The class of Ted Lasso will help you to better understand yourself, the people around

you, and the world you live in as well as how you can make it a better place. Ted Lasso teaches us that to help repair the world, we merely need to start with ourselves.

B 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.

B 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.

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
Special Requirements: ***Attend a meeting in November and fill out an Interest Application (due 12/4) before signing up for this class!***
Are you passionate about a subject that isn't offered at school? Want to get a taste of a job/career? Do you want to create something on a large scale but just don't have the time? Consider pursuing an Independent Study! You design your own learning experience, set your own goals, and carry out your own activities off-campus during one or two blocks. Students are first required to fill out a brief Interest Application (due Dec 4) and later, pending approval, will submit a formal application (due March 2) containing all details of the study. Study projects may not be similar to a class that is already offered during Project Term. Since students work off-campus, adult supervision is required. Students who travel for Independent Study may have an additional academic component to fulfill. Successful Ind. Study students are highly motivated, self-disciplined, organized and have a thirst for knowledge. Absolutely NO students who intend to miss the Open House will be accepted into the Independent Study Course.

B Block **Grade: HS** ***JEWELRY METALHEADS*** **Fee: $40.00**

Teacher: Donoghue, Liz Chester, Katie
Special Requirements: ***N/A***

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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!

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 cloths, 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** ***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** ***MICROSCOPIC WORLD*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Findlay, Anne
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
What's hiding in a drop of water? In this hands-on science course, you'll explore the natural world through regular nature walks and microscopic investigations. We'll collect samples from parks and locations around Holland and discover what's hidden from view. Learn how to prepare, mount, and stain slides, then use a microscope to observe the tiny organisms and materials found living out of sight. You'll develop practical lab skills, become a more careful observer, and see familiar parts of the natural world in a whole new way. As a final project, you will investigate the world hidden in different water samples around Holland by preparing a collection of slides.

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!

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B Block **Grade: HS** ***QUILTING ADVENTURES*** **Fee: $40.00**

Teacher: Rice, Toni
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Quilting is a timeless art form and a practical life skill that turns fabric scraps into warm, beautiful works of art! In this hands-on, beginner-friendly course, you will learn the entire quilting process from start to finish as you design and craft your very own finished lap quilt.
Throughout the term, you will gain confidence operating a sewing machine, precision cutting with rotary tools, mastering the essential 1/4-inch seam, piecing patterns, quilting the layers, and binding the edges to complete your project. No prior quilting or sewing experience is required; just bring your creativity, enthusiasm, and a desire to make something lasting!
Sewing machines are not required, but welcome!

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

Teacher: Wright, Cessie
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
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. 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.

B Block **Grade: HS** ***SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Halsey, Amanda
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Drama, romance, betrayal, comedy – Shakespeare has it all. Join us as we dive into the worlds created by the bard himself. We'll read plays, act out scenes, memorize dramatic monologues and so much more. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to take center stage and have your moment performing Hamlet's soliloquy or the introduction of the witches in Macbeth, now's your chance!

B Block **Grade: HS** ***STAINED GLASS FOR BEGINNERS*** **Fee: $120.00**

Teacher: Putzke, Sydnie
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Unlock your creativity in this hands-on beginner's stained glass class! Whether you're completely new to the art or looking to refine your skills, this course will guide you through the fundamentals of stained glass design and assembly. Throughout the course, you'll create your own stunning stained glass work to take home.

B Block **Grade: HS** ***SWITCHING TRACKS: SECONDARY INSTRUMENT LAB*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Andrews, Rachel
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
This course is designed for current music students (instrumental or vocal) who want to "switch tracks" and try their hand at a secondary (or even third or fourth instrument). Students should select a secondary instrument that they have access to and will be given time in this class to dive into something new that will allow them to expand upon their current skill with their primary instrument. Perfect for woodwind players who want to be able to play doublings in a pit orchestra, or for a vocal student who has always wanted to try an instrument.

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

B 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.

B Block **Grade: HS** ***ZOMBIES AND ALIENS AND MARTIANS…AND YOU?*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Ewald, Tim
Special Requirements: ***Students will need to bring their school issued chromebook.***
Even though we have no concrete evidence that beings like aliens and zombies actually could exist, what is it about them and other specters (like ghosts, werewolves, and the Easter Bunny) that keeps drawing our attention to them? In this class, using literature and movies as our guides, we delve deep into the fascination (and possible existence?!) of those things that we are (fairly certain) do not exist in our reality…and yet, somehow, we just can't stop paying attention to them. We might even take a creative crack at constructing our own works, possibly fall into some alternate realities, or explore strange new worlds as well…be prepared for the eerie and oogy (think Frankenstein, X-Files, and Grimm…and not Saw, Criminal Minds, or true-crime podcasts).

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

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

C Block **Grade: HS** ***BR BREWS: BEHIND THE SCENES*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Gately, Nancy
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Ever wonder what actually goes on behind the scenes of the coffee cart you see in the hallways every week? Now's your chance to run the show! In BR Brews: Behind The Scenes, you won't just be making and delivering daily coffee and tea orders to teachers—you'll be running a real, functioning small business. Learn how to design viral marketing content for our Instagram, manage our budget and inventory, and network directly with real local coffee shop owners to learn their secrets. No prior experience needed—just bring a good attitude, build your resume, and get ready to run BR Brews

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C Block **Grade: HS** ***DANCE UNITED: RHYTHM & ROOTS*** **Fee: $30.00**

Teacher: Rice, Toni
Special Requirements: ***Outdoor sneakers, gym sneakers (for hip hop), bare feet or grip socks (or ballet/jazz shoes/turners if you already own them).***
Love music, movement, and discovering the stories behind how people express themselves? Always wanted to try different dance styles, build confidence, and unwind in a fun, active space? Dance United's Rhythm & Roots dance intensive is the perfect project term for you!
You'll explore the steps and rich history behind each style, learning where it started, who shaped it, and why it moves people today. Mornings begin with refreshing conditioning, including walks along the Heinz Boardwalk, before heading into the studio for lessons in technique, choreography, and rehearsal. Mindfulness practices throughout the week will help you stay focused, manage performance nerves, and connect with fellow dancers.
No prior dance experience is required; just bring your energy, enthusiasm, and a willingness to try new steps! You'll finish the two weeks by taking the stage at the Project Term Open-House in a final performance built together.

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.***
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. 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 boating are welcome to sign up!

C Block **Grade: HS** ***EVERYWHERE POETRY*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Bivins-Fink, Eliza
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
In Everywhere Poetry, students will experience first-hand that poetry isn't confined to books, but lives in the world around us. This course invites students to find inspiration in the everyday: from song lyrics and conversations to notes passed between friends and thought-provoking works of art. In an effort to help writers find their voice, students will experiment with a variety of tools from traditional fountain pens and classic typewriters to modern digital software. We will step outside the classroom to explore local settings and community spaces where students will draw inspiration from their environment, hone their observational skills, and build a diverse portfolio of original work.

C Block **Grade: HS** ***FIRE UP RATS!*** **Fee: $30.00**

Teacher: Halsey, Amanda
Special Requirements: ***Students will be required to wear athletic apparel and appropriate tennis shoes.***
We've got spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit, how 'bout you?!
Have you ever wanted to be a cheerleader? Now's your chance! In this class you'll learn the basics of cheerleading. Including, but not limited to, stunting, sidelines, crowd leading, and more! We'll focus on building confidence, strength, and teamwork, with a couple of fun crafts along the way. We'll also look into where cheerleading originated and why it is still so relevant and popular today. Grab your friends and some pom poms and sign up!

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

Teacher: Wimbush, Karsten
Special Requirements: ***Attend a meeting in November and fill out an Interest Application (due 12/4) before signing up for this class!***
Are you passionate about a subject that isn't offered at school? Want to get a taste of a job/career? Do you want to create something on a large scale but just don't have the time? Consider pursuing an Independent Study! You design your own learning experience, set your own goals, and carry out your own activities off-campus during one or two blocks. Students are first required to fill out a brief Interest Application (due Dec 4) and later, pending approval, will submit a formal application (due March 2) containing all details of the study. Study projects may not be similar to a class that is already offered during Project Term. Since students work off-campus, adult supervision is required. Students who travel for Independent Study may have an additional academic component to fulfill. Successful Ind. Study students are highly motivated, self-disciplined, organized and have a thirst for knowledge. Absolutely NO students who intend to miss the Open House will be accepted into the Independent Study Course.

C Block **Grade: HS** ***NAIL ART DESIGN*** **Fee: $25.00**

Teacher: Findlay, Anne
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Do you love a fresh manicure or have a creative side you're ready to show off? In this hands (and nails)-on course, you'll explore the science behind your nails while learning how to care for them, support healthy nail growth, and apply nail polish. Experiment with colors, patterns, shapes, and designs to find the perfect manicure for you. Whether you're already into nail art or are trying it for the first time, this class is for you! As a final project, you will be designing your own custom set of press-on nails to display and take home. You'll also have the chance to do your own nails as you learn and capture your finished look in photos!

C 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, sew the invisible stitch, and use a sewing machine! Complete projects on the machine like a patchwork pillow and zipper pouch! Having and bringing your own machine is helpful, but not required!

C Block **Grade: HS** ***STRATFORD FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE*** **Fee: $500.00**

Teacher: Andrews, Rachel
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
During this class, students will prepare for the trip which will take place *June 22-24*. We will be seeing four professional theater productions at the Stratford Festival in Ontario. (Hamlet, Chicago, Merchant of Venice and Mary Poppins) 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!

C Block **Grade: HS** ***THE SCIENCE OF HAPPINESS*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Let's explore the psychology and sociology behind what makes real people happy! Through the lenses of the social sciences, we will explore our brains and our society to discover what misconceptions we may have about

what might make us happier versus what the science tells us actually improves well-being. We will discuss and practice various techniques, experiment on ourselves, and complete a project in which we commit ourselves to a happiness practice and reflect on our successes and failures.

C Block **Grade: HS** ***WORD GAMES*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Pyle Bridget
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
What's Your Wordle streak? Are you a Scrabble chump or a Scrabble champ? Does Taboo Boggle your mind? Join this class for two weeks of intense word play as you challenge your classmates, and yourself, to become master of the games. Throughout this course, you will participate in a variety of word games and challenge yourself to utilize strategy, vocabulary, and your own brilliance to dazzle the competition. Games will include Scrabble, Scrabble Flash, Upwords, Boggle, Taboo, Apples to Apples, Mad Libs and more! You will also have the opportunity to create your own word game and challenge your classmates to see if they can literally beat you at your own game! Note: This class is open to word game masters and rookies alike!

C Block **Grade: HS** ***WW2 HISTORY AND FITNESS*** **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.

CD Block **Grade: HS** ***NOVELLA, NOVELLA!*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Ewald, Tim
Special Requirements: ***Students will need to bring their school issued chromebook.***
Have you ever had an absolutely brilliant idea for a longer story, with characters you would love to develop, settings you would love to have those characters exist in, and a plot that breathlessly races from one point to the next? Or have you had an absolutely brilliant idea for a longer story with characters, settings, and plot that would break all of the usual literature standards to make something new and indefinable in the field of literature? Whether it is a work inspired by other literature you have read and enjoyed (or other art you have experienced) or it is a work inspired by nothing else out there, this class would provide you a space and time for throwing words at paper and seeing what sticks. Maybe your writing will be driven by a particular emotion. Maybe your writing will be driven by a particular moment in your life that deserves exposition. Whatever the inspiration, live with it for two weeks and see what kind of literary magic you can spin. If a novella is too long, consider writing short stories or a journal. Need more visual aspects to consider? Write a play and allow your need to create for a particular stage take hold. Believe it or not, the teacher you usually associate with chemical equations and data analysis also loves to write. If you love to write as well, it would be great to work with you.

CD Block **Grade: HS** ***WESTERN ADVENTURE*** **Fee: $1425.00**

Teacher: Schreuder, Joel & Nate Meyer & Haley Masse
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Experience the adventure of a lifetime on this unforgettable journey through the spectacular landscapes of Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks! We will begin our adventure surrounded by the towering peaks and pristine lakes of Grand Teton National Park, where we will hike scenic trails and take in breathtaking views of the Teton Range. We will then journey into Yellowstone National Park, exploring colorful hot springs, bubbling mud pots, and spectacular geyser basins, including the world-famous Old Faithful. You and your friends will sleep in tents, eat delicious camp food, and hike up to 10 miles each day to stunning features only seen in this beautiful part of Wyoming…what an adventure!

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D 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! 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 a gym goer and 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.

D Block **Grade: HS** ***ART IN YOUR POCKET*** **Fee: $25.00**

Teacher: Chester, Katie
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
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.

D Block **Grade: HS** ***BLACK RIVER BACK YARD MARATHON!*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Rowe, Brent
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Black River Back Yard Marathon: The Race That Has No End!
Get ready for Black River's first-ever Back Yard Marathon, inspired by the growing running craze known as the race that has no end! Starting at 8:30 a.m., students will organize and participate in a unique endurance event on the Black River campus, with a 2-mile run beginning every 30 minutes. Throughout the class, students will practice running, build up to completing a 2-mile loop, and challenge themselves to run as many loops as they choose while developing strength, perseverance, and mental toughness. Behind the scenes, students will learn how to design a racecourse, recruit and organize volunteers, market a running event, and raise funds for a meaningful cause—all while creating a memorable new tradition at Black River!

D Block **Grade: HS** ***BR WHIFFLE BALL CLASSIC*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Nott, Colton & Caden Beurkens
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Participate in a 2 week whiffle ball season, battling it out with your teammates! At the end, you and your team will participate in a tournament to take home the championship. Throughout the season you will keep track of all of your stats to put on your very own baseball card!

D Block **Grade: HS** ***CRAFT LAB*** **Fee: $30.00**

Teacher: Rice, Toni
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
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, Craft Lab is the perfect project term for you!
In this hands-on, creativity-first space, you'll experiment with a variety of techniques, including but not limited to Kumihimo, fusible fabric art collage, cartonage, embroidery, yarn-wrapped cording, Kinusaiga, and weaving.

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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** ***DIY GROUNDWORKS*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Bivins-Fink, Eliza
Special Requirements: ***Students will be responsible for the cost of individual projects beyond the school-supplied budget.***
Students will walk to the Herrick District 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.

D Block **Grade: HS** ***DUNGEONS & DRAGONS*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Findlay, Anne
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.

D Block **Grade: HS** ***EXPERIENCE JAPAN*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Pyle, Bridget & Chelsea Benoot
Special Requirements: ****see Ms. Pyle for current trip enrollment costs****
Japan is an island nation of contrasts. Neon lights pulse and shine on century-old temples, monks walk alongside anime cosplayers, and Zen meditation is practiced in the same parks where people take selfies. It may sound chaotic, but Japan has perfected the balance of ancient and modern. A better understanding of Buddhism and Shinto, higher truth, or just a measure of inner peace await you on this meditative journey through the tranquil side of Japanese culture. 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. Please contact Bridget Pyle for further information, registration material, and payment details. Join us on a life-changing adventure through Japan this June!

D Block **Grade: HS** ***FOR REAL LIFE! PLAY-BASED PEDAGOGY AND SOCIO-DRAMATIC LEARNING INSPIRED BY BLUEY*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Schoolenberg, Julia
Special Requirements: ***Depending on weather, a coat, gloves, hat, sunblock.***
Students will watch and discuss the television series Bluey and how it shows social-emotional learning (SEL), child-led imaginative play, and conflict resolution. Students will complete a direct fieldwork component: designing, executing, and evaluating Bluey-themed play interventions (games) inside and outside local preschool or early elementary classrooms.

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D Block **Grade: HS** ***INDEPENDENT STUDY*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Wimbush, Karsten
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Are you passionate about a subject that isn't offered at school? Want to get a taste of a job/career? Do you want to create something on a large scale but just don't have the time? Consider pursuing an Independent Study! You design your own learning experience, set your own goals, and carry out your own activities off-campus during one or two blocks. Students are first required to fill out a brief Interest Application (due Dec 4) and later, pending approval, will submit a formal application (due March 2) containing all details of the study. Study projects may not be similar to a class that is already offered during Project Term. Since students work off-campus, adult supervision is required. Students who travel for Independent Study may have an additional academic component to fulfill. Successful Ind. Study students are highly motivated, self-disciplined, organized and have a thirst for knowledge. Absolutely NO students who intend to miss the Open House will be accepted into the Independent Study Course.

D Block **Grade: HS** ***SCHOOL OF ROCK IV*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Bittrick, Brett
Special Requirements: ***You must be able to play a rock-related instrument. This is not a, "learn how to play a rock instrument class". Come skilled and ready to rock! Students must provide their own instruments and amplification.***
After being kicked out of his rock band, and his last school, Mr. Bittrick gets a new job at another uptight public charter school, only to try and turn his class into a rock band once again!

D Block **Grade: HS** ***SEW MUCH MORE!: SEWING LEVEL 2*** **Fee: $20.00**

Teacher: Coates, Hannah
Special Requirements: ***Completion of course Sew What? or previous sewing experience at a basic skill level including familiarity using a standard sewing machine.***
There is always more to learn in the world of sewing! Join this class to strengthen your skills, learn new ones, and complete and design fun projects! In this class we will explore intermediate sewing skills including applique, basic clothing alterations, and different bag designs! This course will involve some guided projects introducing new skills as well as free choice project time where students can complete projects they are interested in making! Come ready to sew and explore a practical hobby you can enjoy your whole life!

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.

D Block **Grade: HS** ***THE SOCIOLOGY OF FOOD*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Why do we eat what we eat? Who gets to eat what? And what does a meal say about the person eating it? Let's use a sociological lens to investigate food! Topics include family traditions and cultural identity, social class and food access, the industrial food system and the people who work in it, and the way media and marketing shape what we crave. No previous viewing or sociological expertise is required! Come with an open mind, and be ready to have some thoughtful academic conversation (and eat some amazing food).

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D Block **Grade: HS** ***THE TRIBE HAS SPOKEN*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Halsey, Amanda
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Outwit. Outplay. Outlast.
Have you ever wanted to be on Survivor? Do you dream of competing in immunity challenges? Then this is the class for you. We may not have Jeff Probst but we'll have challenges, tribal councils, and countless gameplay discussions just like they do on the show. Most importantly, you'll get your very own chance to plead your case for why YOU should be the Sole Survivor. Expect teamwork, strategy, competition, twists, and plenty of surprises. Grab a buff and sign up!

D Block **Grade: HS** ***WIZARDS, WOOKIES, 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 unalike our own.

D Block **Grade: HS** ***WW2 MODELS AND TRIPS*** **Fee: $50.00**

Teacher: Morse, Keely
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Come learn about WWII history. If busing is available we will take a field trip to the USS Silversides in Muskegon Michigan. The Silversides is the most successful surviving submarine of WWII and has been kept in great shape. Providing transportation is available, we will also take a second trip to Muskegon to see the LST 393 that transported troops into action at many locations including Normandy. In addition, we will read many first hand accounts of the war and write letters to veterans of all US wars. Finally 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.