Project Term

2027

MS Catalog 6-8

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT TERM COURSES

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

A Block **Grade: MS** ***3 V 3 BASKETBALL*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Rowe, Brent & Colton Nott
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Get ready to bring your game to the next level with an exciting 3 v 3 Basketball Class designed just for middle school students! You'll develop your skills, improve your fitness, and learn the strategies of the game through fast-paced games, fun challenges, and friendly competition. Whether you're a basketball star or just starting out, you'll have the chance to build confidence, make new friends, and show off your skills on the court. Bring your energy, embrace the competition, and get ready to hoop!

A Block **Grade: MS** ***ART FUN*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Kane, Jeanne
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Like art? During this project term, you will be able to explore different types of art utilizing the basics: lines, shapes, contouring, perspectives, colors, etc. Each day will present a new technique and an art project. No previous experience is necessary. Just come to class each day to learn all about art and to have fun.

A Block **Grade: MS** ***BOARD GAME GEEK*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Schreuder, Joel
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Get ready to roll the dice, outsmart your opponents, and dive into the awesome world of board games. In this class, you'll play all kinds of games that challenge your strategy, creativity, problem-solving, and ability to think one step ahead. Whether you're building an empire, solving a mystery, taking a big risk, or teaming up to beat the game, there's always a new challenge waiting for you. Discover new games, challenge your classmates, and find out who has what it takes to become a board game champion!

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

Teacher: Fisher, Caleb & Anne Findlay
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: MS** ***CROCHET 101*** **Fee: $10.00**

Teacher: Dykstra, Natasha
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Ever wanted to learn how to make your own clothes, stuffed animals, and more? In this class we'll be learning the basic crochet stitches so you too can create your own fun items!

A Block **Grade: MS** ***FROM BOOK TO FILM*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Halsey, Amanda
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Do you have a favorite book? A favorite movie? How about a favorite book that was turned into a movie? In this class, you'll get the best of both worlds! We'll read the book, discuss, watch the movie, and compare. For your final project, you'll get to step into the shoes of a movie critic and write a movie review.

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A Block **Grade: MS** ***FUTURE MAKERS: REIMAGINE, REUSE, RE-INVENT!*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Bivins-Fink, Eliza
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
What if things we call useless could build a different future?
In this hands-on class, students will invent, experiment, and build using discarded materials, broken gadgets, and unexpected objects. Some of the tools we have access to include a machine that turns plastic bottles into 3D printing filament, miter boxes, and a machine that twists rope out of corn stalks. What could we create from the materials all around us? Through creative challenges, wild ideas, and trial and error, students will question how things work, break a few rules of conventional design, and build prototypes of futures they would like to see. There are no instruction manuals for the future. Let's invent it!

A Block **Grade: MS** ***MANGA & ANIME BEYOND THE PAGES*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Nieves Rangel, Maricruz
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Do you love manga and anime? Join us to explore your favorite series, discover new ones, and connect with other fans! Students will share their favorite stories and characters, discuss what makes a series special, and explore memorable moments, interesting plots, and character development. Whether you are a longtime fan or just getting started, this is a chance to share your interests, learn from others, and discover new favorites.

A Block **Grade: MS** ***PAINT LIKE A ROSS*** **Fee: $30.00**

Teacher: Donoghue, Liz
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.

A Block **Grade: MS** ***PEACE BY PIECE PUZZLING*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Putzke, Sydnie
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Need a break from screens, stress, and the craziness of the school day? Peace by Piece gives you a space to slow down. Students will work on jigsaw puzzles, collaborate with others, and enjoy a calm environment. Come puzzle, relax, and find your piece of peace.

A Block **Grade: MS** ***PLAYBOOK DESIGN - FOOTBALL'S XS AND OS*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Beurkens, Caden
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Welcome to Playbook Design! In this immersive project term course, you will step into the role of an offensive or defensive coordinator alongside Mr. Beurkens. Together, we will dissect the strategic architecture of football—examining modern offensive and defensive formations, decoding the language of play calling, and understanding the tactical counter play behind every snap. Over the course of two weeks, you will master analysis of situational football (down and distance, field position), and apply these concepts by designing, diagramming, and presenting your own original playbooks.

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A Block **Grade: MS** ***WHO DONE IT?*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Faber, Jae
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Do you live for escape rooms, true crime logic, and movies that keep you guessing? It's time to stop just solving mysteries and start writing them. In this class, we'll study master storytellers, dissect suspenseful stories, and decipher clues before learning how to construct our own gripping whodunits. We'll play mysterious games and solve crimes! By the end of term, you'll have engineered an original mystery story guaranteed to keep readers on the edge of their seat.
Content Advisory: Features fictional crime scenarios with darker, mature themes.

AB Block **Grade: MS** ***ALL ABOUT ANIMALS!*** **Fee: $40.00**

Teacher: Murphy, Colin & Haley Masse
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! In this course we will learn about animals through a variety of hands-on field trips, classroom activities and volunteer opportunities. Potential topics include wildlife conservation, animal care, birds of prey, farm animals, wetland sampling, invasive species and more. If you love anything to do with animals, visiting the zoo or local farms and nature centers, watching nature documentaries, playing games and making cool projects, this wild class is for you!

AC Block **Grade: MS** ***INTEGRATED MATH IV*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Laarman, Sarah
Special Requirements: ***Interested students, currently taking 8th grade math, must get permission from their math teacher and have a quiz/test average of around 95%.***
9th grade math covers many of the same concepts covered in 8th grade, but takes those concepts to a much deeper level. Additionally, there are concepts that are covered in 9th grade math that are not addressed in 8th grade math. Students in this class will cover concepts from the 9th grade class (IM IV) in hopes of advancing from 8th grade math into 10th. In order to advance, students must successfully pass both final exams for IM IV, which will be taken in class. Students who meet the eligibility requirements to move from 8th to 10th, but choosing not to take this course, will still be given the opportunity to review the material independently and take the exams.

B Block **Grade: MS** ***"GIRL, I LOVE YOUR NAILS!" - NAIL ART DESIGN*** **Fee: $25.00**

Teacher: Faber, Jae
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Prepare to become that person—the one who casually says, "Thanks, I did them myself!" In this hands-on workshop, we're diving headfirst into the world of nail art. You'll master techniques for designing nail tips, unlock the secrets to real nail health, and unleash your inner artist. It's fun, it's whimsical, and your hands are about to look like a masterpiece.

B Block **Grade: MS** ***ARTS AND CRAFTS*** **Fee: $25.00**

Teacher: Kane, Jeanne
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Do you like to be creative? Come join us and put your creativity to use. In this project term, you will use your artistic talent to make various crafts. Some of the crafts, which will be presented, include needlepoint, decoupage, clay creations, tye-dying, and quilling. You will end this term with many great gifts, along with presents for yourself!

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B Block **Grade: MS** ***GAME SHOW MANIA*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Coates, Hannah
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Survey says this is the class for you! Come enjoy classic games shows! Each day in this class we will watch and then play a different iconic game show! Test your puzzle skills with Wheel of Fortune, your speed and balance with Minute to Win It games, and your familial spirit with Family Feud! To culminate our experience each student will create their very own game show!

B Block **Grade: MS** ***HISTORY OF ANIMATION*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Benoot, Chelsea
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Enter the artistic and wonderful world of animation!
Cartoons and animated movies are some of the best parts of media, but have you ever wondered how our favorite movies got to this point? This class will show you exactly how your favorite animated movies came to be. Starting with Snow White and ending with The Wild Robot, we will cover different animated eras and their importance in society at the time of their creation.

B Block **Grade: MS** ***HOOPS AND STITCHES*** **Fee: $15.00**

Teacher: Dykstra, Natasha
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Want to customize your jacket patches, design your own tote bags, or just create cool thread art for your room? This hands-on workshop is all about learning the basics of hand embroidery and cross-stitch so you can make awesome, one-of-a-kind designs from scratch.
No experience? No problem! We'll walk you through everything step-by-step!
Throughout the class, you will build a versatile "stitch sampler" and complete two small projects, learning how to take an idea from pattern to finished display piece.

B Block **Grade: MS** ***IT'S ABOUT TIME!*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Meyer, Nathan
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Have you ever thought about why time is measured in seconds, minutes, hours. Why were sets of 60 used instead of something else? Why do we have time zones and Daylight savings time? Did you know that astronauts on the ISS age more slowly than humans on earth? Does current science support theories of time travel into the future? What is a circadian rhythm? Can you manipulate sleep patterns to improve your performance? Need answers to these questions, well it's about time you find out more...about TIME! We will research and respond to these topics and so much more. We will also build our own sundial, time telling device, and much more. Will this be your favorite class offered during project term?...time will tell.

B Block **Grade: MS** ***OFF THE BEATEN PATH*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Gaffney, Sarah
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Lace up your hiking shoes and get ready to explore! In this class, you'll discover local hiking trails, explore nature, spot wildlife, and learn outdoor skills along the way. You'll practice trail safety, navigation, teamwork, and how to be a responsible explorer. Along the way, students will document their experiences through writing, sketching, photography, and nature observations. Your big adventure? Create your own Local Hiking Trail Guide featuring the trails you visit, cool things you discover, maps, photos, and tips for future hikers. Come ready to hike, explore, learn, and leave a trail of discoveries!

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B Block **Grade: MS** ***PICKLEBALL*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Nott, Colton & Tally Martinez
Special Requirements: ***Students will need to provide their own pickleball paddle.***
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.

B Block **Grade: MS** ***PLAYBOOK DESIGN - FOOTBALL'S XS AND OS*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Beurkens, Caden
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Welcome to Playbook Design! In this immersive project term course, you will step into the role of an offensive or defensive coordinator alongside Mr. Beurkens. Together, we will dissect the strategic architecture of football—examining modern offensive and defensive formations, decoding the language of play calling, and understanding the tactical counter play behind every snap. Over the course of two weeks, you will master analysis of situational football (down and distance, field position), and apply these concepts by designing, diagramming, and presenting your own original playbooks.

B Block **Grade: MS** ***PLAYGROUND EXTRAVAGANZA*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Rowe, Brent
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Discover Holland one park at a time! In this active, hands-on class, students will walk to six Holland parks, create a map highlighting the city's recreational spaces, and enjoy unstructured play and group games that encourage creativity, teamwork, and fun. Students will explore what makes each park unique, share their favorite experiences, and consider how public parks contribute to a healthy, vibrant community. To wrap up the experience, each student will write a letter to the City of Holland celebrating their favorite park and explaining why it matters to the community.

B Block **Grade: MS** ***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: MS** ***STEP UP TO THE PLATE*** **Fee: $50.00**

Teacher: Schreuder, Joel
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
This class explores America's favorite pastime…baseball! Students will learn about baseball from its early beginnings to the game we know and love today. Along the way, students will discover important moments, teams, and players that have helped shape the sport. You will have plenty of opportunities to get active by playing a variety of baseball-related games and activities both indoors and outdoors. Whether you are an experienced baseball player or simply enjoy being active and learning about the sport, there will be something for everyone. A highlight of the class will be a trip to a Detroit Tigers game, where you and your friends will experience a Major League Baseball game in person!

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B Block **Grade: MS** ***STORYTELLING SILHOUETTES - LYRICAL DANCE 101*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Harrity, Noelle
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Do you love to dance or want to tell a story through movement? This class will introduce and explore the elements of lyrical, a genre of dance that blends elements of ballet and jazz together to tell a story. Students will learn and perform a choreographed group dance piece together as well as choreograph their own dance pieces in small groups. All levels of dancers are welcome!

B Block **Grade: MS** ***THE ART OF BOOKBINDING*** **Fee: $10.00**

Teacher: Bivins-Fink, Eliza
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
In this immersive hands-on class students will explore the rich history behind the craft as you create your own unique journals and hardcover books, and learn techniques for repairing books in our class library. By the end of the course, not only will you have created one-of-a-kind treasures to cherish, but you may also breathe new life into stories waiting to be told again. Join us for a journey where creativity and preservation go hand in hand!

B Block **Grade: MS** ***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

BD Block **Grade: MS** ***GIRLS RUNNING CLUB*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Mulder, Lindsey
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Join our Girls Running Club, where we focus on building fitness, confidence, and teamwork in a supportive and fun environment. Whether you're new to running or have some experience, this class offers a mix of running drills, games, and challenges designed to keep you motivated and improve your skills. It's a great way to stay active, make new friends, and enjoy the outdoors. Come join us to train for a 5K at the end of the four weeks!

C Block **Grade: MS** ***3 V 3 BASKETBALL*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Rowe, Brent & Caden Beurkens
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Get ready to bring your game to the next level with an exciting 3 v 3 Basketball Class designed just for middle school students! You'll develop your skills, improve your fitness, and learn the strategies of the game through fast-paced games, fun challenges, and friendly competition. Whether you're a basketball star or just starting out, you'll have the chance to build confidence, make new friends, and show off your skills on the court. Bring your energy, embrace the competition, and get ready to hoop!

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

Teacher: Nott, Colton & Caleb Fisher
Special Requirements: ***Students must have their own set of golf clubs and be able to depart BRPS by 7:40a.m.***

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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: MS** ***CROCHET 102*** **Fee: $10.00**

Teacher: Dykstra, Natasha
Special Requirements: ***N/A***

Do you already know some of the basic crochet skills such as a single stitch? Join us for Crochet 102 where we'll learn the magic circle and how to create a stuffed animal! This class is beginner friendly!

C Block **Grade: MS** ***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: MS** ***EMBROIDERY WITHOUT BORDERS*** **Fee: $40.00**

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

Embroidery is a needle point craft that has gone beyond thread and fabric. Learn the basics of embroidery and create beautiful illustrations with threads. In this class, we will learn how to fix clothing with embroidery stitches, embroider on surfaces other than fabric, and learn how to take this ancient art form to a new level!

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

Teacher: Benoot, Chelsea
Special Requirements: ***Sneakers or cheer shoes and athletic apparel.***

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!

C Block **Grade: MS** ***FISH-ON!*** **Fee: $10.00**

Teacher: Bittrick, Brett & Jeanne Kane
Special Requirements: ***Students may choose to use their own fishing gear, but are responsible for keeping track of it.***

Give a girl a fish, she'll eat for a day, teach a girl to fish, and she'll eat for a lifetime...come learn the art of fishing with your most excellent guides, Mr. Bittrick and Mrs. Kane. We will fish the greater Macatawa watershed, while learning about the different fish species it inhabits. Come with a growth mindset, a passion for learning, and a yearning to catch a prize-winning fish!

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C Block **Grade: MS** ***FRIENDSHIP BRACELET MAKING*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Gaffney, Sarah
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Learn to make a variety of macramé Friendship Bracelets that you can trade with friends or wear yourself. Whether you are a beginner artisan or have already been making bracelets on your own, you will learn a handful of knots and cool designs while creating fun and personalized bracelet/string jewelry creations. You will have the opportunity to bring your own projects to work on or start new projects in class and be a part of a service learning project called the Pulsera Project.

C Block **Grade: MS** ***LEGO MASTERMINDS*** **Fee: $20.00**

Teacher: Putzke, Sydnie
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Get ready to build, compete, create, and think like a LEGO mastermind! In this class, students will take on LEGO building challenges to test their creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork skills.

C Block **Grade: MS** ***PAGES & PINES*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Faber, Jae
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Let's HANG and read HARDCOVERS! Let's RECLINE and READ! How many different ways can I say I want to HAMMOCK AND READ BOOKS!?!? There's no better way to enjoy a book than lounging in a hammock, and you cannot convince me otherwise. Come ready to read the books you love in hammocks!!

C Block **Grade: MS** ***STOP-MOTION ANIMATION*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Chester, Katie & Tara Gorris
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
What do the movies, Coraline, Nightmare Before Christmas, and Kubo and the Two Strings have in common? They are all created with the use of stop-motion animation! Stop-motion means that all movements are created from a series of separate images. Objects are set in place and moved by hand to create the illusion that they are actually moving. In this class, you will learn about the process of stop-motion animation, which includes creating story-boards for your movie (s) and creating your own characters out of modeling clay, or paper, and then using photographs and the iPad program, StopMotion Pro, to help edit your movie.

C Block **Grade: MS** ***THROUGH THE STUDIO GHIBLI LENS*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Harrity, Noelle
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Have you heard of films such as My Neighbor Totoro or Spirited Away? 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.

D Block **Grade: MS** ***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!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT TERM COURSES

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

D Block **Grade: MS** ***DANCE THROUGH LATIN AMERICA*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Nieves Rangel, Maricruz
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Discover the history, culture, and rhythms of Latin dance! Students will learn about different Latin dances and styles, such as salsa, merengue, bachata, Regional Mexicano, and more. They will explore the origins and cultural traditions behind these styles while practicing basic steps and movements. Through music, movement, and hands-on activities, students will develop their coordination, confidence, and appreciation for Latin dance.

D Block **Grade: MS** ***FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD...*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Kane, Jeanne
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Welcome to the Land of Oz! Did you know the author of the famed novel lived right here in Holland, Michigan for a brief time in his life? During this project term, we will be experiencing all things OZ by reading the original novel and a few of the sequels, watching different film adaptations, creating art with different mediums, and exploring the history found within the pages of the novel, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Come join the munchkins on a journey through Oz!

D Block **Grade: MS** ***FROM PAGE TO STAGE IN 24 HOURS*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Andrews, Rachel
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
In the 24 hours of this course, students will work together to write and then perform an original play. You will learn about the process of writing, producing and performing an original play for an audience, and how to come together as a team to create something new. This class would be a great opportunity for experienced and new theater students!

D Block **Grade: MS** ***LAVISH LATCH HOOK LAND*** **Fee: $20.00**

Teacher: Harrity, Noelle
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Come join us as we make beautiful latch hook creations, colorful strands of yarn threaded onto canvas to make a stunning image that can then be turned into an awesome rug, pillow, or wall hanging! Students will choose which latch hook design they would like to create from a variety of landscape and animal options, learn how to use a latch hook to thread yarn onto canvas, and follow a latch hook pattern to make a beautiful work of art!

D Block **Grade: MS** ***LET'S ROLL! - BOWLING FOR BEGINNERS*** **Fee: $70.00**

Teacher: Putzke, Sydnie
Special Requirements: ***We will be WALKING to the bowling alley. You will need to bring comfortable shoes and a positive attitude!***
Ready to hit the lanes? In this course, you will learn the basics of bowling, including the rules, scoring, and strategies for improving. You'll practice keeping score and even design your own bowling game!

D Block **Grade: MS** ***OUTDOOR ADVENTURES*** **Fee: $70.00**

Teacher: Laarman, Sarah
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Come explore the beautiful outdoors. Students will be hiking, kayaking, and shooting some archery. No equipment necessary - we will use rented kayaks, lifejackets, and archery equipment.

D Block **Grade: MS** ***PAPER IN MOTION*** **Fee: $0.00**

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Teacher: Dykstra, Natasha
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Transform a simple sheet of paper into complex 3D sculptures, interactive toys, and intricate mathematical models! Paper in Motion introduces middle school students to the ancient art of Japanese paper folding while exploring the hidden geometry, engineering, and cultural history behind every fold.

D Block **Grade: MS** ***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: MS** ***STREET FOOD LATIN AMERICA*** **Fee: $20.00**

Teacher: Gaffney, Sarah
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Travel through different Latin American countries to discover different street food. This class will follow the Netflix original documentary series "Street Food: Latin America", which focuses on six cities from across the Americas, each with unique influences and passionate people keeping their hometown culinary traditions alive. Learn to make traditional and authentic street food from across the continent and discover the delicious histories within our own diverse community. Then design your own Food Truck and menus to display at the open house.

D Block **Grade: MS** ***YOUR TRIBE HAS SPOKEN*** **Fee: $0.00**

Teacher: Faber, Jae
Special Requirements: ***N/A***
Outwit, outlast, and outplay your fellow rats as you embark upon an incredible journey to win River Rat Survivor (season 1)! Your tribe will compete against other tribes for immunity, but if you lose, you will be sent to tribal council where one of you will be voted out. The evicted contestants will join the jury to discuss, vote for, and ultimately determine the winner of RAT SURVIVOR SEASON 1!