James River Home School Academy
2014-2015 Class Descriptions

Preschool:

Class: Eaglets' Morning Out
Ages: 4-5 (must be 4 by December 31st & must be potty trained)
Teacher: Rebekah Hair

Class Description: The little Eaglets will be guided through gentle learning activities, such as learning colors, shapes, numbers (to 20), the alphabet, weather and the seasons. Typical activities will include story time (Bible, seasonal & holiday), arts & crafts, music & games.

Tuition: Tuesdays & Thursdays $60.00 each month (Sept.-May)
Tuesdays only $35.00 each month
Supply Fee: $10.00 each semester (payable at Orientation & first Jan. class)
Class Minimum: 4 Students
Class Maximum: 6 students
Materials Needed: See attached list
Day/Time: Tuesdays/Thursdays 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Class: Eaglets' Bookworms
Grades: PreK – K (approx.)
Teacher: Rebekah Hair

Class Description: The Eaglets love books and good stories. Each week we will read a different story, and have an activity/craft or game to go with them. We will do fun rhymes, read about hungry caterpillars, animals in the fall & winter, have a Winnie the Pooh picnic hour, read of knights & princesses, and so much more fun. Let your little "Eaglets" come enjoy the "Bookworms" club!

Tuition: $15.00 each month
Supply Fee: $5.00 each semester
Class Minimum: 4
Class Maximum: 6
Day/Time: Tuesdays1:00 – 1:55 p.m.

Elementary:

Course: **The Middle Ages**
Grades: 2-4 (approx.)
Teacher: Cheryl Hair

Class Description: This class will take us through the Middle Ages, the Renaissance & Reformation. We will explore castles, knights, kings & queens, and the people of this era. Students will do notebooking, lapbooks, a middle ages timeline, color/activity pages, as well as hands-on crafts and projects. There will also be a "medieval feast," and we will of course dress as knights, queens or princesses. Our main text will be Story of the World, Volume 2, but it will be supplemented with other resources.

Text: Story of the World, Volume 2
Materials Needed: 2" or 3" view binder, pencils, colored pencils, glue sticks and an Expand a File folder (for those projects that won't fit in the binder).
Tuition: $200.00 (or may pay $23.00 monthly)
Copy/Supply Fee: $10.00 per semester
Class Minimum: 5
Course Maximum: 8
Day/Time: Thursdays 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Course: **Language Arts (Writing and Grammar)**
Grades: 3-4
Teacher: Sarah Oden

Class Description: Taking the format of a Junior Writer's Workshop, students will become proficient in the writing process as they practice writing a variety of age-appropriate genres including creative, narrative and expository. Games and activities will be used to introduce new skills including prewriting exercises, sentence structure, proper paragraph form, adding descriptive detail and self-editing. Rubrics will be used for grading. Students will have opportunities to peer-edit and collaborate in class presentations.

Grammar usage and mechanics will be incorporated as well as a study on the parts of speech. A grammar lapbook will be constructed over the course of the year that will serve as a fun reference tool. Mini-lessons in building vocabulary, banishing boring words, homophones, and prefixes and suffixes will round out our exploration into the Wonderful World of Words. Come join us as we learn the fundamentals of language arts.

Text: WriteShop Junior Book D: Student Activity Pack only
Easy Grammar Grade 3: Student Workbook only
Tuition: $275.00
Supply/Copy Fee: $10.00 per student
Class Minimum: 5
Class Maximum: 12
Day/Time: Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

Course: Equine History and Literature
Grade level: 3rd – 5th
Teacher: Georgianna Mills

Class Description: This course will guide students to expand their general horse knowledge through a study of the most well-known breeds and various aspects of horsemanship. Reading and studying six books by award-winning American author Marguerite Henry, and Black Beauty by Anna Sewell, will enable students to grasp an overview of the horse's history through literature. Students will compile a glossary of terms; simple writing and research projects will also be assigned. This course is based upon the History of the Horse curriculum written by Hilary Berg and published by Beautiful Feet.
Text and materials: Students will require a notebook and are responsible for borrowing or purchasing a copy of each book read*: King of the Wind* (M. Henry), *White Stallion of Lipizza* (M. Henry), *Justin Morgan Had a Horse (*M. Henry), *Misty of Chincoteague* (M. Henry*), Brighty of the Grand Canyon* (M. Henry), *Mustang, Wild Spirit of the West* (M. Henry) and *Black Beauty* (Anna Sewell).

Tuition: $225
Copy/Supply Fee: $10.00
Course Minimum: 4
Course Maximum: 8
Day/Time: **To be determined based on student interest.**

Course: Art Jam
Grades: 4-6 for 6 weeks
Teacher: Stephanie Shanks

Class Description: In this class, each student will explore his or her voice as a young artist through the rich world of color and paint. From practicing essential techniques, to grasping principles of design and color theory, to exploring interpretation and infusing their own inspired touches, the students will complete three personal paintings in three different media. No "artistic ability" required.

Tuition: $120.00
Supply Fee: $ 25.00
Class Minimum:
Course Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: Junior Speech
Ages: 5-9
Teacher: Kathryn Shanks

Class Description: In-class practice for all kinds of speeches (interpretation of literature, impromptu, and informative). Included in the course is training for parents who are preparing their students for the local homeschool speech tournaments in the spring.

Tuition: $250.00
Supply Fee:
Course Minimum/Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: Science (Christian Kids Explore Biology)
Grades: 3-5
Teacher: Cheryl Hair

Class Description: In this class, your child will love learning and exploring about much of God's creation: cells, trees, plants, birds, human body, reptiles, insects and water creatures. There will be hands-on activities, experiments, color pages, activity sheets & informational sheets for notebooking, as well as a few projects. This text is great for those who love the Charlotte Mason method of teaching.

Text: Christian Kids Explore Biology
Materials Needed: 2" view binder, color pencils, scissors, glue sticks
Tuition: $200.00 (may pay $23.00 each month - Sept. – May)
Supply Fee: $10.00 each semester
Class Minimum: 5
Class Maximum: 8
Day/Time: Thursdays 9:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

Course: Gym Day/PE
Grade: Elementary Class
Teacher: Noah Snoke

Class Description: Gym class would be perfect for those families that don't want to commit to a demanding team sport schedule but yet want to have an organized physical activity as part of their curricula. The purpose of this gym class will be to focus on a different game each week. The point is to be active while fun for everyone whether or not you are particularly athletic. The class would provide an opportunity for kids to be engaged in activity, working together as a team but not overly competitive. Classes would be broken down into age groups. (Age groups could be: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 depending on interest.) Class size would be approximately 15 students per class with 10 as the minimum. At the end of the semester, an outdoor gym day at a park/picnic would be a possibility,

Tuition: $45 for first student; $25 for each additional sibling; payable directly to the instructor
Registration Fee: $15
Course Minimum: 10 Students
Course Maximum: 15 Students
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest
Location: This class <u>will not</u> be at the JRHSF Campus, but probably at a church gym nearby.

Middle School:

Course: Stories of the Messiah from the Torah
Grades: middle school
Teacher: Steve Battaglia

Class Description: We will discover many instances within the first five books of the Bible, and elsewhere in the Tanakh (Old Testament), which are object lessons of the Lord Jesus Christ and what He would do. The student will come to understand the impact the Torah has upon the New Testament, and he/she will be able to make a good presentation of the gospel of the Messiah (the good news of Jesus Christ) with the use of Old Testament pictures and prophecies.
"These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning me. And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures." – Jesus, as recorded in Luke 24:44-45.

Tuition:
Supply Fee:
Class Minimum:
Course Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: CArtVenture
Grades: middle school OR high school track - 4 trips per semester
Teacher: Stephanie Shanks

Class Description: This "course" is a series of field trips to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to explore, examine, and recreate art inspired by the work. Each trip will focus on one or two historical movements, and one or two significant pieces of art (avoiding galleries with inappropriate subject matter). It will have the feel of a scavenger hunt, augmented by discussion and a project to help apply the learned ideas and techniques. No prerequisite. No museum fee. Sibling discount available.

Tuition: $80.00
Supply Fee: $25.00
Class Minimum:
Course Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: The Study of the Middle Ages
Grades: 5-6
Teacher: Cheryl Hair

Class Description: This class will introduce students to European history-from the rise of Christianity, to the Protestant Reformation, and then to the age of exploration. This will be covered by studying the famous men/women of the Middle Ages. As we are studying them, we will also learn about castles & town life, the serfs, the kings, queens & knights, dress, food, etc. of this era. There will be hands-on activities, projects, notebooking, and reading assignments. We will also have a "Medieval Feast".

Text: The Story of the Middle Ages – Samuel B. Harding (free download in the archives) / Famous Men of the Middle Ages (Greenleaf Press)
Materials Needed: 2" view binder, colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors
Books for Assigned Reading: *Adam of the Road, The Door in the Wall, Otto of the Silver Hand, Thunderstorm in the Church, The Hawk that Dare Not Hunt by Day* (many of these are available in the library-some are in the JRHSF Lending Library & can usually be found in the Used Curriculum Sales in the spring)
Tuition: $225.00 (may pay $25.00 each month – Sept. – May)
Supply Fee: $10.00 each semester
Class Minimum: 5
Class Maximum: 8
Day/Time: Thursdays 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Course: Foreign Language Exploratory
Grades: 6-9
Teacher: Kathryn Shanks

Class Description: Learn a little bit of four different languages (French, German, Spanish & Latin) and the cultures they represent to help students decide which language to study in high school: Plus I'll expose students to how foreign languages are similar/different, teaching them some very basic principles of linguistics and phonetics, using examples from Russian, Hawaiian, Japanese, Italian, ASL, etc.)

Tuition: $300.00
Supply Fee:
Course Minimum:
Course Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: Art Jam
Grades: 7-9 6 weeks
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Supply Fee: $ 25.00
Class Minimum:
Course Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: Junior Varsity Speech
Ages: 10-12
Teacher: Kathryn Shanks

Class Description: In-class practice for all kinds of speeches (interpretation of literature, impromptu, apologetics, and persuasive advocacy). Plus, I will provide coaching for each student to prepare for the local homeschool speech tournaments in the spring.

Tuition: $300.00
Supply Fee:
Course Minimum:
Course Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: Public Forum Debate
Ages: 10-13
Teacher: Kathryn Shanks

Class Description: Hands-on training to prepare students to analyze issues from a Christian worldview, construct simple arguments, work with a partner, and speak fluently with poise. Included in the course will be preparation to compete in Public Forum Debate at the local homeschool tournament in the spring.

Tuition: $300.00
Supply Fee:
Course Minimum:
Course Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: Gym Day/PE
Grade: Middle School Class
Teacher: Noah Snoke

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Registration Fee: $15
Course Minimum: 10 Students
Course Maximum: 15 Students
Day/Time: To be determined based on interest
Location: This class <u>will not</u> be at the JRHSF Campus, but probably at a church gym nearby.

Jr. High/High School

Course: Theatre Goers
Grades: 9-12
Teacher: Kathryn Shanks

Class Descriptions: Most of this course will take place in various locations throughout the Richmond community. Curriculum will consist of chaperoned field trips to local theatres, where students will attend live theatrical performances, interview theatre professionals, and participate in structured discussion groups on what they've seen and heard. Follow-up homework in the form of writing, speaking and construction projects will be required for those students who want to earn elective credit for high school transcripts. Shows will be selected based on appropriate content, educational value and affordability.

Tuition: $350.00
Supply Fee:
Course Minimum:
Course Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: Readers' Theatre & Oral Interpretation
Grades: 6-12
Teacher: Kathryn Shanks

Class Description: We'll use a three-pronged approach to this literature-based course. First, students will read and analyze dramatic literature, which includes plays, poetry and stories. Second, we'll work on individual speech skills such as articulation, vocal and facial expression, and characterization. And third, students will give in-class performances, including oral interpretation, choral readings and readers theatre. Students' finished presentations will be suitable to perform in public, either as ministry at church or as an outreach ministry.

Tuition:
Supply Fee: $350.00
Course Minimum:
Course Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: Geometry
Grade Level: High School (must have successfully completed Algebra 1)
Teacher: Becky Freund

Class Description: Learn the fundamentals of geometry. Topics that will be covered are: similar and congruent triangles and quadrilaterals, perimeter, area, volume, circles, three-dimensional geometry, proofs, trigonometry, and much more.
Text and Materials: Introduction to Geometry by Richard Rusezyk/scientific calculator (There is an app on Smartphones for this.)

Tuition: $390.00 (or $45.00 each month Sept – May)
Teacher Supply Fee: $10.00 each semester
Course Minimum: 3
Course Maximum: 10
Day/Time: Thursdays 9:30 – 11:00

Course: Intermediate Algebra II
Grade Level: High School
Teacher: Becky Freund

Class Description: Topics covered in this book include a review of basic algebra topics, complex numbers, quadratics and conic sections, polynomials, multivariable expressions, sequences and series, identities, inequalities, exponents and logarithms, piecewise-defined functions, functional equations, and much more.

Textbook: Intermediate Algebra by Richard Rusczyk
Tuition: $390.00 (or $45.00 each month September – May)
Teacher Supply Fee: $10.00 each semester
Course Minimum: 3
Course Maximum: 10
Day/Time: Thursdays 11:00 – 12:30

Course: Introduction to Acting
Grade Level: Jr. High – High School
I**nstructor**: Jay Hair

Class Description: This course will cover the very basics of acting and stage presentation. It is designed for those with little or no acting experience.

Textbook: Introduction to Acting
Tuition: $225.00 per year, or $25.00 each month – September-May (NOTE: family cap of $350.00-same class)
Copy/Supply Fee: $20.00
Course Minimum: 6
Course Maximum: 15
Day/Time: Tuesdays 6:00 – 7:30

Course: Crystal Creek Media Film Camp
Grade Level – High School
Teacher: Facilitated by Jay Hair
This class is a DVD series from Crystal Creek Media.

Class Description: The Studio Pack is a comprehensive film-training program. Designed for the high-school student . This course contains a wealth of information on film-making. The Studio Pack contains 16 training DVDs. Topics in the course include: script-writing, directing, planning, filming, lighting, editing, distribution and much more! In this lecture style DVD series, students will learn the process of effectively planning and creating a film. From script writing to cinematography to editing, the Studio Pack curriculum gives you the fundamentals to make your own project!

Tuition: $175.00 year or $20.00 each month Sept. – May)
Supply Fee: $20.00
Day/Time: Thursdays 6:00 – 7:30

Course: Christ & the Contemporary Artist
Grades: 10-12 8 weeks
Teacher: Stephanie Shanks

Class Description: Explore the societal shifts behind the art of the last 150 years. Learn to listen to and critique artwork that is both strange and significant, from a firmly rooted biblical worldview. Practice breaking into the conversation with wisdom and creativity. Learn fundamentals of design, color theory, and technical use of select drawing, painting, and sculpting media. No prerequisite.

Tuition: $160.00
Copy/Supply Fee: $20.00
Course Minimum/Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: High School Art
Grades: 9-12
Teacher: Kathleen Hutton

Class Description: These art classes will promote excellence in art making and enjoying the artistic experience. Whether you're apprehensive about your abilities or confident and experienced, this class can move you along to enjoy the visual arts and achieve what you never thought you could! This course will direct the high school student in the creative process, teaching a strong foundation in art through learning the fundamentals of drawing, painting & sculpture. Some of the areas we will be covering will be line drawing, shading, color theory, acrylic painting, sculpture, and much more! Students will keep a personal sketchbook and explore a variety of different media to create their artwork. Students will have the opportunity to display their finished artwork at the end of the year.

Tuition: $45.00 each month (Sept. – May) due 1st class each month
Supply Fee: $80.00 This includes a sketchbook, portfolio, and all the supplies needed for the art projects for the year. The teacher will purchase all of the art supplies.
Course Minimum: 5
Course Maximum: 15
Day/Time: Thursday 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Course: Knowing God and Known by God: The Letter to the Romans
Grades: High School
Teacher: Steve Battaglia

Class Description: We will study the man Sha'ul (Saul of Tarsus), later referred to as Paul the Apostle, his ministry, and letters, with special emphasis and depth in his letter to the Romans. "This letter is truly the most important piece in the New Testament. It is purest Gospel. It is well worth a Christian's while not only to memorize it word for word, but also to occupy himself with it daily, as though it were the daily bread of the soul. It is impossible to read or to mediate on this letter too much or too well," - Martin Luther. The student will memorize many scriptures within this book, be able to compare the writings of Paul and James to explain how faith and works relate to salvation, as well as be able to describe the big words of the Bible, such as: justification, sanctification, glorification, etc.

Text: The Bible
Materials Needed: Bible, 3-ring binder, pen
Tuition: $
Copy/Supply Fee: $20.00
Course Minimum: 4
Course Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: **Worldview & Ethics**
Grades: 11-12 (a one-semester/four-month high school elective)
Teacher: Robert Partington

Class Description: An age-appropriate and introductory course dealing with world view, ethics and how these subjects inform decision-making on social and moral issues. The purpose of this course is threefold: to encourage students to begin formulating, prior to college, a sound ethical framework for moral decision, shaped by a biblical worldview; to equip students to think and act biblically by understanding how Scripture, science and common sense align with, or oppose, popular cultural views on the controversial issues of the day; and to instill in students confidence to actively engage the culture on moral issues, as well as to respectfully challenge future college professors who instill values and teach beliefs grounded in world views opposed to God's word.

Tuition: $160 for one, four-month semester, or four payments of $40 per month
Copy/Supply Fee: $25
Course Minimum: 5
Course Maximum: 12
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: Team Policy Debate
Ages: 14-18
Teacher: Kathryn Shanks
Class Description: Hands-on training for high school students to analyze issues from a Christian worldview, research evidence, construct organized arguments, work with a partner, and speak fluently with poise. Included in the course will be preparation to compete in Team Policy Debate at the local homeschool debate tournament in the spring.

Tuition: $350.00
Supply Fee:
Course Minimum:
Course Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: Stage Costuming
Grades: high school – adults
Teacher: Kathryn Shanks

Class Description: Learn the principles of designing and constructing costumes that help tell the stories when characters appear on-stage. I will teach a number of sewing and crafting skills that can also be used to design and build authentic-looking stage props, hats and other accessories. (NOTE: Students will have to do some sewing and crafting at home, unless an extra-long workshop time can be allotted.)
Tuition: $350.00
Supply Fee:
Course Minimum:
Course Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: Government and the U. S. Constitution
Grades: 10-12
Teacher: Kathryn Shanks

Class Description: Learn the foundational principles of the Constitution and our form of government. Students will attend the four-day Teen Pact class at the Virginia State Capital in February 2015, where they will learn about praying for our elected officials, Parliamentary procedure, how a bill becomes a law, and how students can become statesmen. Curriculum will include homework assistance for the required TeenPact homework.

Text: text by TeenPact founder, Tim Echols
Tuition: $350.00
Supply Fee:
Course Minimum/Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

Course: French 1, 2, 3, 4
Grades: 9-12
Teacher: Kathryn Shanks

Class Description: For the beginning French students I use an immersion method based on Power-Glide "The Adventure Begins" in which students begin speaking conversational French from the very first week. As students progress into French 2, I integrate lot more grammar, geography & culture, some literature, and everyday vocabulary. In French 3 and French 4 we delve more deeply into grammar, composition and literature. French people love food, so of course at every level we will share some yummy foods in class while studying the history and cultural significance of French cuisine and gastronomy.

Tuition: $350.00
Supply Fee:
Course Minimum:
Course Maximum:
Day/Time: To be determined based on student interest.

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Grade: High School Class
Teacher: Noah Snoke

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Registration Fee: $15
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Course Maximum: 15 Students
Day/Time: To be determined based on interest
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