

# PACE FALL & SPRING 2023-2024 TERM

P.A.C.E. offers a variety of classes for every age group. For your convenience, the Schedule is grouped by age levels. Note that some classes are open-ended, whereas others have an age cap. The classes and their description are listed under their corresponding area of study. Please read the course descriptions carefully before selecting a class for your child since some of them have age restrictions, pre-requisites, and supply fee requirements. Class fees, and any sibling discounts offered are listed separately in the "Payment Information List" that you will receive prior to registration. All classes are \$5 per student, per class, unless otherwise indicated. Classes are payable in advance for the entire month and no refunds are given for any missed classes.

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## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS are Listed Alphabetical

**American Government (Ages 13+):** Have you ever heard that the Constitution is irrelevant today? In this class we will be testing that theory. Does the Bill of Rights protect us Americas or should it be rewritten? This is a critically thinking class where we will be examining the U.S. Constitution and learning about the different founding fathers that gave America a unique government. We will learn the nature of government, citizenship, and politics. We will learn about why the pilgrims first explored the Americas and the government that they came from. We will learn about different governments around the world to better understand why America is different than other countries. We will also learn about the branches of the government, the roles that each play, and the importance of elections. We will be questioning fallacies of current events and politics. We will be looking at different law cases that break down the role of government to protect its people. God has a say about government so we will be examining the role of religion in our government. During our class, students will evaluate practical and fundamental economics. Supply fee: \$20 Teacher: Mrs. Chantelle Alicea

**Awesome General Science Experiments! (Ages 10+):** Science starts with good questions and curiosity! Each week students will be led through fun science experiments using skills in observation and the scientific method. They will also create a Science Fair project, working through the scientific method and eventually practicing communicating their results in a clear way. Supply fee: \$30 Includes supplies for weekly experiments and Science Fair materials. Teacher: Mrs. Natalia Aquila

**Ceramics Class Description (Ages 5+):** Are you searching for an entertaining and stimulating activity for your children aged five and above? Enroll them in this hand-building ceramics class that promises to be a great choice. They will get the opportunity to work with ceramic clay and learn various hand-building techniques, as well as glaze and acrylic painting. The instructions will be given step by step, ensuring they can create their unique piece of art by the end of the semester. Take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to unleash your child's creativity! The supply fee per semester is \$35, and the class fee per session (Friday) is \$5. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at martacastillo40@gmail.com.

**Crafting 101- (Ages 7+)** This class will use different mediums to created multiple crafts. It allows the children to be creative and to work with their hands while introducing them to different art supplies and techniques. Supply fee \$21 Teacher: Ms. Natalia Cordoba

**Crafting for Teens (Ages 13+):** This class will use different mediums to created multiple crafts. It gives teens their own space to be creative and to work with their hands while introducing them to different art supplies and techniques. Supply fee \$21 Teacher: Ms. Natalia Cordoba

**Creative Writing- (Ages 10+):** Creative Writing (age 10+): Inspiring and building students in their creative and daily communication! We will learn the fundamentals of writing, develop flow and style, and work collaboratively. We will also dive into the various worlds of creative stories and experience the pride of self-publishing. The goal is for every student to witness seeing their work come alive and be amazed at what they can accomplish as young authors! Supply fee: \$15 for the first semester OR parent can purchase "The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation: An Easy-to-Use Guide with Clear Rules, Real-World Examples, and Reproducible Quizzes 12th Edition" by Lester Kaufman // \$10 for the second semester class project. Teacher: Mrs. Danielle Belevan

**Drawing: World Of Wonder (Ages 7+):** This is a fun art class where students learn the basics of drawing and continue to develop their skills. Each week, they will practice drawing techniques with subjects from our World of Wonder - the animal kingdom (vertebrates and invertebrates), plant kingdom, natural landscapes (biomes), architecture and other manmade objects, and outer space. A blend of science, geography, history, and trivia will be integrated into each lesson. Students will be provided with a binder, sketchbook, pencils, eraser, and other art supplies, as needed. Supply fee: \$25 Teachers: Mr. Syvan Covas & Mrs. Ferchie Covas

**Exploring Creation with Chemistry (Ages 13+):** Students will embark on an amazing journey and be introduced to the fascinating subject of Chemistry! They will learn about the matter that makes up God's creation and how it changes. The curriculum that will be used in class will be 'Apologia Exploring Creation with Chemistry (3rd Edition)' and it is strongly recommended that students not only have the book but are also following along in modules. If the course is completed following the class syllabus, it will satisfy your students' high school science requirement for one school year. Labs and experiments will be performed in class. Although the course will be hard work, students will learn some truly incredible things. They will surely develop an even deeper appreciation for the wonderful creation that God has given us! Supply Fee \$35.00 per semester. Teacher: Barbie Barrientos

**Forensic Science, Biology & Anatomy (Ages 12+):** Forensic Science, Biology & Anatomy (Ages 12+): Hands-on science paired with critical thinking to solve a crime mystery is a great combination of fun and learning! Have you seen crime movies and murder mysteries, caution tape, evidence bags, and crime-fighting heroes? Now it's your turn to be the investigation hero! Fall: We will solve a diamond robbery crime with forensic techniques. Have you ever wondered how the human body functions? This class is for you! Warning this class is not for the faint of heart, have I mentioned we will do some dissections! A truly well rounded biology lab! Students will study skeletal structure, analyze bone remains, suture skin lesion, identify fingerprints, solve a diamond robbery and learn different forensic techniques, such as fingerprint dusting, chromatography, microscope analysis, and dissection. Spring: Forensic science continues with a gaze deeply into the eyes. We will analyze how eyes, ears, and tongue work, learn what makes them function from a human and animal perspective, and connect the brain in every aspect including dissection. Students will learn how the brain learns, memorizes, uses its senses and analyze if it is a good eyewitness. In this lab students will be exposed to forensic analysis and human anatomy including dissection. A real eye opener! All the homework and quizzes are done at home to present in class to make sure the lab component is deep and exciting. This lab class is what you have been waiting for to enhance your theory science class: biology science lab with a mystery forensic component! Material: Students are expected to bring their work sheets to class every week. Bring your own eye goggles/glasses for dissection days. Latex-free gloves will be provided. Supply fee: \$ 46.00 Teacher: Beatrice Koubi

**FUNDamental Fitness (ages 9+):** Students will learn to love physical fitness as they learn different games and exercises in a fun environment. Each week will include a variety of warm-up exercises and stretches followed by outdoor games and team events like kickball, soccer, dodgeball, capture the flag and wiffle ball to name a few. Students will have a chance to participate in a mini-Olympics and an exciting obstacle challenge. Supply fee:\$ Teacher Ms. Annabelle Aquila

**Geography Discovering Europe and Asia – (Ages 12+):** These two continents and their ancient civilizations had set the foundation of today's architectural styles and global landmarks. Students will travel back in time and learn about their culture, famous people, missionary stories, scientific discoveries, and also taste some of their food. The class will cover geography, history, art, science, culinary arts and Bible! Supply fee \$20. Teacher Mrs. Helen Brautigam-Jimenez.

**"Guitar for Beginners"(Ages 5+):** This private class will be an introduction to the skills needed to play the guitar. We will be going over chord shapes, exercises and strumming patterns. We will also be learning chord sequences and by the end of class we will be able to play them with ease. Supply fee is \$10 for folder including classwork and exercises. Teacher: Mr. Robert R. Cruz

**Handwork: (Ages 6+):** Handwork: Knitting, Crochet, Tunisian Crochet, Macramé, or Hand sewing (Ages 6+) Students explore the art of knitting, crochet, macramé, or hand sewing. Each student works on individual projects depending on their desire, fine motor, and previous learned skills. It is very exciting to see the creativity of each student blossom. Those that choose **knitting** will learn how to cast on, knit and progress to purling and patterns as the semester goes on. Students enrolling for **crochet** will use simple stitches and progress to double crochet and patterns. More advanced students will progress to more complex projects.

**Tunisian crochet** is an interesting blend between knitting and crochet. Students will learn this fun weaving-crochet technique to make interesting coasters.

**Macramé projects** will include simple knots, book-marks, wall hangers, or plant hangers depending on the student's desire and materials brought.

**Hand-sewing**, students will learn how to sew on buttons, push buttons, simple and decorative stitches and make cute projects that are great for presents.

All students will be introduced to different materials, compare and contrast different content of yarns, wool, and fabric. Samples of different kinds of handwork projects will be discussed. Students are also encouraged to bring broken items from home to repair (missing buttons, small holes in t-shirts, ripped seams and other minor repairs). In this self-paced handwork class, students learn either knitting, crocheting, Tunisian crochet, macramé, quilting, machine, or hand sewing. In this group class, students will learn fundamental and advanced techniques. You'll be amazed what can be made from stings and needles. Let your creative side come out and shine. Supply fee: \$28 Teacher: Mrs. Beatrice Koubi

**Incredible Edible Bible Stories (Ages 2 ½ to 6):** What do children 2 ½ to 6 years old love most? 1) Eating, and 2) doing things all by myself. Combine them and you've got the perfect formula for making unforgettable biblical truths. Incredible Edible Bible Stories introduces your child to a new Bible story or age appropriate biblical concepts each week. These stories - contain bread of life and they're made easier to remember by making tasty, yummy edible treats to eat and share. - Ingredients are simple and kid-approved, making God's Word memorable with easy recipes preschoolers can do. New stories and recipes will be covered. Supply Fee: \$24 per student. NOTE: Students MUST be 2½ by the beginning of the - fall semester. Teacher: Mrs. Dyanna Cespedes

**Introduction to Public Speaking (Ages 8+):** This class will introduce students to the world of public speaking, teaching them that effective speakers are not necessarily polished or perfect. Instead, they are energetic, direct and warm human beings who are knowledgeable about their subject matter, and involved with their audiences. Showing them that good speakers are not born, they are developed! They will learn better communication skills, learn how to effectively deliver presentations, and learn to grow more confident in their ability when speaking to others. Supply Fee \$25.00 per semester. Teacher: Barbie Barrientos

**Introduction to Speed Cube (Ages 8+):** Students will start with the basics of speed cubing moving up to advance and more challenging cubes throughout both semesters. We'll use algorithms to help the students solve and master the cubes. Speed cubing can help students improve their cognitive skills, focus, memorization, motor skills, and hand- eye coordination, not to mention is a good fidget toy. Supply fee \$35 for cubes. Teacher Mr. Jonathan Jimenez. & Mrs. Helen B. Jimenez

**Let's Get Real: Examining the Evidence for God (12 +):** Kids will examine the evidence for God through lessons that support emerging understanding of logic and evidence in general, and specifically how we can apply both to defending the truths of the Christian faith. Supply Fee: \$10 Teacher : Mrs. Vanessa Rodriguez

**Little Critters (Ages 2 1/2-6):** In this class, we will be learning about insects, reptiles, amphibians, and other little creatures from A-Z. Each week, we will learn fun facts about each critter such as their habitat, physical features, characteristics, etc. Students will put together a memory/activity book of the Little Critters they learn in class. This class will feature a few live creatures as well as insect release at the end of each semester. Supply Fee: \$27 Teacher: Miss Amanda Covas

**Make a Joyful Noise- (Ages 2 1/2 -6):** This is a great way to learn delightful songs, dances and musical activities that focus on singing and keeping a steady beat to enhance timing, coordination, listening and language skills. Instruments are used alongside puppets, stories and colorful props to make this a very special music time. The repetition of activities and songs assists participation, language development and memory and improves coordination and timing. Supply fee \$15 Teacher: Mrs. Stephanie Rodriguez

**Mimicking the Masters! (Ages 9+):** Artists attempt to re-create the Lord's amazing creation in different ways. Each interpreting what they see in their own unique style- using different media. Students will observe a variety of artists' work, techniques, and media, and create art pieces of their own. Supply fee: \$40 includes a paint brush set for each student as well as art supplies to create quality art pieces for students to take home and display as well as enter projects into the Fair in the fine arts, 3-D, 2-D and craft exhibits. Teacher: Mrs. Natalia Aquila

**Private Piano (Ages 5+):** Piano and basic theory lesson. Each class is a 1/2 hour. Teacher: Mrs. Tricia Munger

**Pre-Ballet (Ages 2 1/2-6):** This is an introduction to ballet basics using methods designed for young imaginative minds and bodies. Students are given the opportunity to move, stretch, and improve self-confidence while being introduced to basic ballet concepts, body alignment, posture, locomotor skills, as well as develop self-expression through creative movement. Supply fee \$10. Teacher : Mrs. Stephanie Rodriguez

**Public Speaking /Debate (Ages 13+):** This unique class will focus on the life skill of communication with a particular emphasis on helping students acquire confidence in their abilities to speak in public. Helping them to understand that whether you choose to live on a public platform or are a behind the scenes kind of person, your voice matters. In addition, they will learn how to debate! We will explore not only team policy debate but also the Lincoln-Douglas debate style. Students will be taught how to prepare for these debates, as well as how to present them. Supply Fee \$25 per semester. Teacher: Barbie Barrientos

**Rainbow Club (MPact) (Ages 2 1/2-6):** Rainbow Club (MPact) (Ages 2 1/2-6): Welcome to the Wonderful World of Rainbows Club! In this 3-year hands-on class, returning and new club members will learn exciting Bible stories, fun new songs, and earn colorful animal badges. Rainbows Club is built around a Noah's Ark theme; therefore, Mr. and Mrs. Noah make appearances throughout the unit lessons. When your child brings home a Noah's Ark badge, he or she has memorized the Rainbows Club distinctives (pledge, motto, colors, Scripture verse, and song). After completing one of the units, he or she will earn a colorful unit badge to wear on his or her vest. To earn a unit badge, your child will complete the age-appropriate unit activity pages and memorize the unit memory verse. Your child's official dress uniform consists of a short navy vest. The achievement badges earned should be sewn onto the vest in random order as they are earned. Returning students will be earning 10 new badges, and the 3-year curriculum will not repeat. After turning 6 years old and earning 18 badges, your child will be considered an Honor Rainbow. We then will hold a ceremony during the PACE graduation, where each Honor Rainbow will receive a certificate and a pin to celebrate all their hard work. Supply fee **NEW** club members- \$35 per semester which covers: Rainbows Club vest, Unit badges, Colorful Activity pages, 1 Emblem badge, 3 Club badges, Achievement Certificate. **RETURNING** club members- \$25 per semester which covers: unit badges, colorful activity pages, Honor Rainbows Certificate, Honor Rainbows pin. Teacher: Mrs. Domenique Tapia

**Road Trip USA (Ages 6+):** In this class, we will travel through the 50 States of the United States of America & its Territories. Students will learn about each state's location, capital, state bird, flower, flag, important events, and influential individuals. Students will also "visit" America's National and State Parks and some historical landmarks. The students will be provided a binder (portfolio) which they should bring to class each week. This binder will feature some of their classwork and activities.  
Supply Fee: \$20 Teacher: Miss Amanda Covas

**Spanish for Beginners (Ages 7-10):** Learn the foundation of the language, pronunciation of vowels, alphabet, word formation etc. In this class we will use videos and songs to learn to feel comfortable with the use of the Spanish language. I will be utilizing the Nacho - Libro Inicial de Lectura, as well as other resources that will be provided to students on a week to week basis. Homework will not be assigned to students, but practice is greatly encouraged! Supply fee \$20 Teacher: Mrs. Alejandra King

**Taekwondo (Ages 6+):** Taekwondo (Ages 6+): An ongoing curriculum of formal martial arts and self defense. Kids will receive a well-rounded martial arts education as well as specific, formal instruction in Taekwondo. Belt ranks are possible only up to purple belt. South Miami Taekwondo, the associated dojo, is located at 4542-B SW 75th Ave, Miami, FL, 33155. White belt tests are \$30, include a uniform, and must be performed at the dojo. Students will be permitted to attend unlimited classes free of charge on the day they come to test for white belt. Teacher: 7th dan Grandmaster Jeff Wade.

**Tumbling/Gymnastics (Ages 7+):** This is a joyful way for children to explore movement through music and dance. Your child will work on developing physical skills, channel energy, stimulate imagination, and creativity. Using tumbling, students can simultaneously develop motor skills, rhythmic awareness, coordination, and balance in a safe environment. Supply fee \$20 Teacher: Mrs. Stephanie Rodriguez

**Yearbook (Ages 13+):** For students 13 years old and up. In this hands-on class, where students will put together the P.A.C.E. 2023-2024 yearbook. Students will learn the Entourage Yearbook program, using the talents God has given them to design pages, adding layouts, clip-art and design captions. Students will also solicit sponsors, design and participate in fundraisers and play a major role in acquiring photos for the yearbook. Students will have time in class to work on their assigned yearbook pages, but will also be expected to work at home to complete their pages. Students registered for this class may have to work at home, help with fundraisers, baking goodies, etc. Students wishing to work on the yearbook but who are unable to attend class may contact the YEARBOOK COORDINATOR. Supply fee \$15 per semester. Teacher: Mrs. Dominique Tapia

### **P.A.C.E. PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

**Childcare (Ages Infant to 4):** Nursery and Childcare will be available throughout the day for infants through 4 year olds as a service for Parents while they are performing their Volunteer Assignment or are assisting in co-op. Children may bring one or two toys into the Childcare Room. Parents must provide a changing pad, diapers, and wipes for each child. Bags, bottles, and snacks should be marked with child's name. Strollers may be allowed inside the childcare room only for sleeping children and "non-walkers" at the discretion of the Childcare Coordinator. Parents must sign in each week indicating their volunteer assignment. NO FEE.

**Florida Parents Educators Association (FPEA):** FPEA membership may be obtained online at [www.fpea.com](http://www.fpea.com). with a group rate discount of \$20.00 per family with a PACE membership. FPEA membership will be effective September 1 to August 31. FPEA is our statewide homeschooling association, which "exists solely to serve homeschooling families in Florida. The FPEA executes that mission through support for the legal right to home school, local school board education and interaction, support group networking, a state convention, local conferences and events, informative communications, and most importantly, by giving individual encouragement." FPEA members receive discounts at Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million, AAA, HSLDA, The National Driver Training Institute, and many more (found on the FPEA website). In addition, they receive a considerable discount to attend the annual homeschooling convention in Orlando, and receive the periodic publication "Connect". For more detailed information, see their website at [www.fpea.com](http://www.fpea.com). We strongly urge all families to join FPEA if they are not already members through another support group.

**Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA):** The HSLDA, Home School Legal Defense Association is a United States-based organization that seeks to aid homeschooling families through legal representation. HSLDA is a Christian organization available to represent all homeschool families. With the PACE membership you will receive a \$15 discount.

**PACE Parent's/Mom Group:** Are you in need of encouragement and fellowship? Join us at 11-11:55 pm or at 1:45-2:40 pm, every Friday as we seek God's Word and learn ways to flourish, thrive and overcome common struggles that all homeschool families face. NO FEE.