

FAITH ACADEMICS 2022-2023

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

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In addition, we are working on putting together a Music Appreciation class for the Spring 2023 semester. More information will come out in the fall and registration will open at the end of October or early November.

ALGEBRA 1/2

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PREREQUISITES/GRADE LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Instructor discretion

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Algebra 1/2 is the culmination of pre-algebra mathematics, a full pre-algebra course and an introduction to geometry and discrete mathematics. Topics covered include Prime and Composite numbers; fractions & decimals; order of operations, coordinates, exponents, square roots, ratios, algebraic phrases, probability, the Pythagorean Theorem and more.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

The student is responsible for completing all assignments, turning them in on time, and participating in all classroom activities and discussions. All students are required to bring their notebooks, textbooks, writing utensils, and paper to class each day.

GRADING:

While 4 lessons will be assigned per week, only one homework assignment will be graded, chosen at random from the four completed lessons. In addition, one test per week will be assigned, to be proctored by the parents at home. This test will also be graded by the instructors.

CLASS CAP:

15 students

CLASS FEES:

\$25.00

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Saxon's *Algebra ½*, **third edition**

ISBN: 1565771494 or 9781565771499

(Inexpensive copies are available online from used book sellers such as alibris.com or eBay.)

1 ½" 3-ring notebook with loose leaf paper

Tab dividers

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

All students who have not been enrolled in Academics in the past should take a Saxon placement test (Available free online here: [HTTPS://WWW.CHRISTIANBOOK.COM/PAGE/HOMESCHOOL/MATH/SAXON-MATH?SEARCH=SAXON%20PLACEMENT%20TEST](https://www.christianbook.com/page/homeschool/math/saxon-math?search=saxon%20placement%20test))

Many students who have not been enrolled in Academics in the past have found the Saxon work too challenging, so be sure your student is ready for the class before enrolling him or her.

ALGEBRA I

INSTRUCTOR: Tracey Harris

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PREREQUISITES/GRADE LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Completion of a pre-algebra course with a "C" or higher.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students will learn about signed numbers, exponents, and roots; absolute value; equations and inequalities; scientific notations; unit conversions; polynomials; graphs; factoring; quadratic equations; direct and inverse variations; exponential growth; statistics; and probability in this Algebra 1 course. (Description from the CBD website.)

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

The student is responsible for completing all assignments, turning them in on time, and participating in all classroom activities and discussions. All students are required to bring their notebooks, textbooks, writing utensils, and paper to class each day. Students will be given a schedule with a daily breakdown of work required. One homework assignment per week will be graded in order to ensure students are completing the assignments. Tests will be administered in-class and/or at home, with parents proctoring when the tests are administered at home.

Students will be required to register (for free) with virtualhomeschool.com in order to have access to daily lectures which accompany each lesson. These lectures may be required for viewing when difficult concepts are introduced, snow days occur, or as instructors deem necessary.

***Due to the fact that Saxon math builds upon itself, students will be required to complete the lessons in their entirety if they register for this class.**

GRADING:

While 4 lessons will be assigned per week, only one homework assignment will be graded, chosen at random from the four completed lessons. In addition, one test per week will be assigned, to be proctored by the parents at home. This test will also be graded by the instructors.

CLASS CAP:

15 students

CLASS FEES:

\$25.00

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Saxon's ***Algebra I, third edition***

ISBN: 1565771346 or 9781565771345

(Inexpensive copies are available online from used book sellers such as alibris.com or eBay.)

Saxon's ***Algebra I*** solutions manual

1 ½" 3-ring notebook with loose leaf paper

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

All students who have not been enrolled in Academics in the past should take a Saxon placement test (Available free online here: [HTTPS://WWW.CHRISTIANBOOK.COM/PAGE/HOMESCHOOL/MATH/SAXON-MATH?SEARCH=SAXON%20PLACEMENT%20TEST](https://www.christianbook.com/page/homeschool/math/saxon-math?search=saxon%20placement%20test))

Many students who have not been enrolled in Academics in the past have found the Saxon work too challenging, so be sure your student is ready for the class before enrolling him or her.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE: ZOOLOGY 2 & ZOOLOGY 3

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PREREQUISITES/GRADE LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

6th-8th grade ***No need to have completed Zoology 1 ... each Zoology book in this series is an independent class.**

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to be an introduction to studying science in a group setting. Using Apologia's *Exploring Creation with Zoology 2* (fall semester) and *Exploring Creation with Zoology 3* (spring semester), students will learn to follow a daily lesson plan (daily reading assignments and note taking), participate in class discussions and group science labs, and will be introduced to writing lab observations and date in the form of a report.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

The student is responsible for arriving to class on time, completing all assignments, turning them in on time, and participating in all classroom activities and discussions. All students are required to bring their notebooks, textbooks, writing utensils, and paper to class each day.

GRADING:

Papers will be graded and passed back to students for parents to track.

CLASS CAP:

15 students

CLASS FEES:

\$30.00

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Young Explorers Series: Exploring Creation with Zoology 2 by Jeannie Fulbright **ISBN: 1932012737**

Young Explorers Series: Exploring Creation with Zoology 3 by Jeannie Fulbright **ISBN: 1932012850**

(Many used copies available.)

1 ½ " binder with paper

Colored pencils!!!

GENERAL SCIENCE

INSTRUCTOR: Elisa Lindblom

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PREREQUISITES/GRADE LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

8th-9th grade or above

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to be a student's first systematic introduction to the sciences. The course covers such topics as the scientific method, designing experiments, simple machines, archaeology, geology, paleontology, biology, and human anatomy and physiology. Its scope, therefore, is quite wide. There are many hands-on experiments to do, some in class, and some at home.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

The student is responsible for completing all assignments, turning them in on time, and participating in all discussions and problem-solving sessions. If the student misses class for any reason, it is the student's responsibility to find out what assignments and notes he/she missed. All students are required to bring their notebooks, textbooks, writing utensils, finished assignments, and paper to class each day. General science is a subject that builds on itself. Please keep up with each topic, or you will fall farther and farther behind.

GRADING:

Grades will be issued based on homework, tests, and quizzes. This course will require at least 1 hour of homework (reading and assignments) each day. Because this class builds on itself, the student will be required to complete ALL assignments. If students are unable to complete assignments, they will be asked to leave the program. Late work will be penalized if accepted.

CLASS CAP:

15 students

CLASS FEES:

\$25.00

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Exploring Creation with General Science, by Dr. Jay L. Wile, published by Apologia, **2nd Edition (ISBN 978-1-932012-86-6)**

3-ring binder (at least 1 1/2")

Loose leaf notebook paper

Pencils and colored pencils

Highlighters

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

All students need access to a computer with internet capabilities in order to complete lab reports and sketches.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

INSTRUCTOR: Margaret Kirkman

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PREREQUISITES/GRADE LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

8th -10th Grade

*Students should have completed pre-algebra and should be enrolled in Algebra I or II in order to succeed in this class.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to be a thorough overview of the branches of natural science that study non-living systems. The course covers such topics as the basic principles of astronomy and chemistry, as well as the basic principles of earth science and physics.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

The student is responsible for completing all assignments, turning them in on time, and participating in all discussions. Every student is required to bring in their notebook, textbook, writing utensils, and paper to class each day. Because Physical Science is a subject that builds on itself, students will need to keep up with each topic or they will fall behind.

GRADING:

Parents will be given a copy of all recorded grades the students earn throughout the year.

This course will require 30 minutes to one hour of homework (reading and assignments) each day. Students will be required to keep a notebook. Quizzes will be given in class each week and formal tests will be given every two weeks to be administered at home with parental supervision. In addition, students will be required to type at least one lab report per week.

CLASS CAP:

15 students

CLASS FEES:

\$25.00

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Exploring Creation with Physical Science, 2nd Edition, by Dr. Jay Wile published by Apologia

3-ring binder (two inches)

Loose leaf notebook paper

Pencils

Colored Pencils

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

All students need access to a computer with internet capabilities in order to complete lab reports and sketches.

SIGN LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

INSTRUCTOR: Donna Holmes

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EMAIL: specialdeliverymidwives@gmail.com

PREREQUISITES/GRADE LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

6th-12th grade

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students will develop an understanding and practical application for sign language. Students will learn a combination of ASL (American Sign Language) and SEE (Signing Exact English) through worship and scripture.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Each student is expected to be respectful of himself, other students, and the instructors, and to do his or her best. Students will be required to know the signs learned at the previous class. Please have students bring their binder and a pencil to each class session.

GRADING:

Grading will be based on actual class participation, evidence of having completed home practice, and the final individual presentation.

CLASS CAP:

15 students

CLASS FEES:

\$15.00

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Three ring notebook for class handouts. There will not be a required text.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

***THIS CLASS IS A ONE-SEMESTER COURSE DURING THE FALL SEMESTER ONLY!!**

LANGUAGE ARTS A

INSTRUCTOR: Wendy Blan

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INSTRUCTOR: Allison Willis

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PREREQUISITES/GRADE LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

The student should understand the basics of sentence structure and be able to read at a middle school level. Returning students to the Academics Language Arts program will be placed based primarily on instructor recommendation. New students will take a placement test to determine their appropriate class level.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Language Arts A is designed to instill a love of the written word and to serve as a foundational course for the Academics Language Arts program. Understanding basic sentence elements and construction is a primary component of this class, leading up to students learning to write effective paragraphs and essays. Although the basic emphasis of the class is grammar and writing, we will target other areas as well, including literature and spelling. Students will need occasional access to the internet. It will probably take about 60-90 min./day to complete the spelling, grammar, writing, literature reading and questions.

Instructors will provide IEW's *Medieval History-Based Writing, 6th Edition*; *Spelling Workout (E)*; *Gum Drops Grammar* and literature books including *The Door in the Wall*, *Adam of the Road*, *Shakespeare Stealer*, and others so that students read about ten books this year.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Each student is expected to be respectful of himself, other students, and the instructors and to do his best. Students are to complete all assignments on time. You can expect to spend approximately one hour on class work each day (4 days/week). If a student misses a class, he/she is responsible for obtaining and completing the assigned work. Any work turned in late (without instructor approval for valid family or medical reasons) or incomplete will be penalized. Each student should bring all required supplies to each class session.

GRADING:

Grades will be emailed each quarter.

CLASS CAP:

12 students

CLASS FEES:

\$45.00

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

2 folders; one for completed and graded grammar and spelling work and one for completed and graded IEW work. Please keep your completed work in chronological order for easy reference.

Loose-leaf paper, pencil, pen, highlighter.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

At this level parental supervision and participation are critical. We will only have your child in class for 1½ hours per week and will need to use that time to present an overview of all the material they will work on throughout the week ahead. Your student needs you to guide him as he progresses through the material, working with him to ensure that he truly understands the coursework and can apply it effectively. We look forward to working with you to help your child succeed in this class. We encourage you to contact us with any concerns.

LANGUAGE ARTS B

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INSTRUCTOR: Julia Akin

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PREREQUISITES/GRADE LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

The student must have taken the FAITH Language Arts Placement Test or be a previous class participant.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Language Arts B is designed to instill a love of the written word, both in reading and discussion of literature, as well as written composition. In this course, students will review foundational grammar and be introduced to the formal analysis of literature prior to the application of both elements. Each student will develop a resource guide for use throughout the course.

Literature: Students will read the assigned literature at home according to the provided schedule. Books will either be provided by Faith or will be available through a free online source such as The Gutenberg Project. In each class, students will gather weekly as a literature circle to share thoughtful discussion, critical analysis of the text, focusing on significant details and patterns to develop a deep, precise understanding of the text's form, crafts, and meanings. Books are intentionally selected to provide a broad variety of genre, characterization, conflict type, settings and writing style.

Composition: Students will be introduced to writing for the purpose of finding their 'voice' in practicing the art of getting what's in our heads out on the paper in a cohesive, well written manner. We will cover a broad range of writing formats including, but not limited to: journaling, letter writing, creative story writing, descriptive writing practices. Some of our writing will be based on the literature reading at the instructor's discretion.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Each student is expected to be respectful of himself, other students, and the instructors and to do his best. Students are to complete all assignments on time. You can expect to spend approximately 45 minutes per day completing homework. If a student misses a class, he/she is responsible for obtaining and completing the assigned work. Any work turned in late (without instructor approval for family or medical reasons) or incomplete will be penalized. Each student should bring all required supplies to each class session.

GRADING:

Grades will be emailed each quarter. A rubric will be provided.

CLASS CAP:

12 students

CLASS FEES:

\$45.00

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Composition: composition or spiral bound notebook to keep all writing in one location. Computer/Word access for certain assignments that will be typed for final draft.

Literature: a composition notebook, sharpened pencils, glue stick, scissors, 1 pocket folder, 1 roll of washi tape (any color or design), internet access for e-books.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

At this level parental supervision and participation are critical. We will only have your child in class for 1½ hours per week and will need to use that time to present an overview of all the material they will work on throughout the week ahead. Your student needs you to guide him as he progresses through the material, working with him to ensure that he truly understands the coursework and can apply it effectively.

MEDIEVAL HISTORY - MIDDLE SCHOOL

INSTRUCTOR: Tia Kennedy

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PREREQUISITES/GRADE LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

6th-8th grade

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Utilizing hands on activities and internet video sources, we will begin an exploration of medieval history.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

To ensure a quality Christ-centered learning environment, students are expected at all times to adhere to the highest standards of respectful behavior. Students are responsible for completing all assignments and turning them in on time. Students should come to class prepared for lively and engaging discussions on the assigned readings. Students who fail to maintain these standards will be asked to complete the class at home.

GRADING:

Grades will be assigned by the instructors.

CLASS CAP:

20 students

CLASS FEES:

\$35.00

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

2" binder to keep at home to file returned work

3 folders for binder

Colored pencils

Markers

Scissors

Glue stick

Internet access

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

WATERCOLOR PLUS!

INSTRUCTOR: Alyssa Fortenberry

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PREREQUISITES/GRADE LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

6th-12th grades

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Watercolor Plus will focus on using watercolor plus acrylics, gouache, inks, metallic paints, pencils, colored pencils, artist foils, and different resists. We will work on various projects throughout the semester utilizing these different mediums...sometimes together and sometimes alone. It's fun to practice with different mediums and see how they work when paired together.

I will provide palettes, water jars, and paper towels each week along with other supplies we will need for that lesson.

We will have a crash course in watercolor basics at the very beginning of the course and then dive in to using other paints. We will also do some light sketching before we paint our projects.

Please be aware that your student will not be working with washable paints. If he/she tends to be messy, you may want to have them dress appropriately.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

The student is responsible for having class materials ready, completing assignments, turning them in on time, and participating in lessons.

GRADING:

This course will be ungraded by the instructor, but parent may assign a grade at the end of the semester.

CLASS CAP:

15 students

CLASS FEES:

\$45.00

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Watercolor set

Watercolor Paper

Colored Pencils

Pencil and eraser

Fine-liner Pen

Brushes (that work with watercolor, gouache, and acrylic paints)

NOTES:

***THIS CLASS IS A ONE-SEMESTER COURSE DURING THE FALL SEMESTER ONLY!! It begins in August and ends in December.**

GEOGRAPHY AND CULTURE

INSTRUCTOR: Michelle Bowen

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PREREQUISITES/GRADE LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

6th-12th grades. No prior experience is required.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students will develop a geographic literacy as they study the lands, features and inhabitants of the Earth. They will be able to explain the biblical history of how God spread the nations by dividing Pangea into the seven continental regions recognized today. Throughout the one credit, full year social studies course, students will learn to identify each geographic region, including major physical features (oceans, rivers, mountains, etc.) and political boundaries. Further, students will take an anthropological view of the people groups who inhabit those regions. Language, faith and culture, especially as impacted by their geography, will be explored.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Each student is expected to be respectful of himself, other students, and the instructors and to do his or her best. Students are to complete all assignments on time. You can expect to spend approximately 20-30 minutes a day for homework, which includes tracing and memorizing maps, and researching a people group to present each quarter. If a student misses a class, he/she is responsible for obtaining and completing the assigned work. Any work turned in late (without instructor approval for family or medical reasons) or incomplete will be penalized. Each student should bring all required supplies to each class session.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Approximately 200 sheets of wax deli paper, a fine point sharpie marker, traditional pencil, pink or polymer eraser, colored pencils, folder, paper clips, internet access.

GRADING:

Grades will be emailed each quarter. A rubric will be provided.

CLASS CAP:

15 students

CLASS FEES:

\$30.00

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Most of the homework will involve tracing, coloring and labeling maps, often with a song or story for memory support. Research will be guided by the instructor using missional websites such as The Joshua Project.

DRAMA

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INSTRUCTOR:	Tesia Rivera	PHONE: (270) 735-9539	EMAIL: TesiaRivera@yahoo.com
INSTRUCTOR:	Allison Willis	PHONE: (270) 312-4707	EMAIL: etownwillis@aol.com

PREREQUISITES/GRADE LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

6th-12th grades

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to inspire the student who wishes to develop a love and appreciation of the theater. Classes will be structured to provide the student with basic theater skills, to offer a creative outlet, and to produce well-rounded performers. Students will culminate the semester with a stage production (to be chosen based on number of students participating).

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students are expected to memorize their parts in a play or plays. In addition, they will need to attend all practices in order to prepare for a performance.

GRADING:

This will be an ungraded class.

CLASS CAP:

Instructor discretion

CLASS FEES:

\$40.00

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Watch emails for more information.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

***THIS CLASS IS A ONE-SEMESTER COURSE DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER ONLY!! IT BEGINS IN JANUARY AND WILL INVOLVE SEVERAL EXTRA PRACTICES IN MAY.**