

2019-2020 Secondary level course descriptions

Apologia Chemistry / Lisa Sanchez / 24 weeks / \$170 / Grades 10-12 **1 credit**

Naturalist Lisa J. Sanchez will facilitate this course which follows the Apologia *Exploring Creation with Chemistry* textbook, 2nd edition, and will focus on performing the hands-on experiments during class time. A syllabus will be provided and students should expect to spend 3-4 hours per week on homework including writing lab reports.

Apologia Physical Science / Lisa Sanchez / 24 weeks / \$80 / Grades 7-9 **1 credit**

This course follows the Apologia *Exploring Creation with Physical Science* textbook, 2nd edition, and focuses on performing the hands-on experiments during class time. A 32-week detailed reading and assignment schedule will be provided for work at home.

Foundations in Personal Finance / Cheryl Drouillard / 16 weeks / \$50 **½ credit**

The course is based on Dave Ramsey's DVD series for young people. Students will learn about saving and investing, credit and debt, financial responsibility, money management, the power of giving, and so much more – all from a Christian perspective.

US History: 1607-1877 / Sarah Conn / 12 weeks / \$15 / Grades 7-12 **½ credit**

This course traces the path of United States history from the founding of Jamestown to the end of Reconstruction. Students will be using the Khan Academy US History course with Mrs. Conn acting as the students' coach.

US History: 1878-present / Sarah Conn / 12 weeks / \$15 / Grades 7-12 **½ credit**

This course traces the path of United States history from the end of Reconstruction to the present day. This course follows the Khan Academy US History course with Mrs. Conn acting as the students' coach.

Speech Bootcamp / Renita Gerlach / 12 weeks / \$60 / Grades 9-12 **½ credit**

Using Andrew Pudewa's Institute for Excellence in Writing DVD curriculum, Mrs. Gerlach guides students through writing and presenting narrative, descriptive, and persuasive speeches. Students will learn not only quality writing but also poise and confidence in public speaking.

High School Writing / Renita Gerlach / 12 weeks / \$90 / Grades 9-12 **½ credit**

This course focuses on developing students' communication skills with instruction and practice in a variety of writing styles: essay, research, literature response, and weekly informal journal writing.

US Government / Sarah Conn / 12 weeks / \$10 / Grades 9-12 **½ credit**

This course follows the Khan Academy US Government course with Mrs. Conn acting as the students' coach. Students will watch videos and read text online to learn about the structure and operation of the

US government. During class time, students will engage in activities to review what they have learned that week, evaluate the information from a Christian perspective, and to apply the information from that week's topic to current events in the US.

Lives of the Music Masters/ Sarah Conn / 12 weeks / \$10 / Grades 7-12

½ credit

Students will study the lives and music of 10 great classical composers. We will begin with an introduction to classical music and some of its terminology. We will then focus on 10 different composers, one each week. We will listen to selections of their most recognized music, learn about their lives, particularly the spiritual aspects, and how it impacted their musical creations.

Classic Novellas / Linda Kerr / 8 weeks / \$20 / Grades 7-12

Students will read classic novellas and explore character, theme, setting, plot, conflict, and symbolism during lively class discussions. The class will also include vocabulary development and techniques for writing an analytical literary essay. One essay on *The Call of the Wild* will be assigned, but students may opt out of the essay expectations.

Draw Your Day / Amy Lyttle / 8 weeks / \$20 / Grades 7-12

We will make and record observations of the world around us in sketchbooks, embellished with facts and details, poetry, quotes, and stories. Using watercolors and colored pencils, we will bring our drawings to life!

Write Your Own Adventure Stories / Amy Lyttle / 8 weeks / \$20 / Grades 7-12

Have fun creating your own adventure stories! The \$20 fee includes the course book.

Basics of Art / Sam Mylin / 8 weeks / \$50 / Grades 7-12

This class will cover the four basic elements of Art: Line, Shape, Space, and Mass as we discover how to control the pencil as well as brush, marker, and even toothpick! This class will introduce basic color knowledge and values as pertaining to light and dark, distance, and more. We will also study artists of the past and of now in the most creative ways!

Cake Decorating / Desiree Tack / Two 8-week sessions / \$35 / Grades 7-12

Students will learn the basics of cake decorating. They will learn the different types of icing consistency by making homemade butter cream in class. They will learn how to level and ice a 2-layer cake. The students will learn how to write, make leaves, flowers, borders, dots, and vines using different types of tips.

Chess / Wood Chess Service (Mark Wood & Joe Weber) / 8 weeks / \$50 / Grades 7-12

No experience or equipment is needed in order to participate in our hands-on lessons. After an overview of the basic rules, students will learn how to develop the opening, the middle game and the

end game using time-tested exercises that will simplify the game into isolated strategies that can be learned in a brief period of time.

First Aid and Emergency Care / Jolyn Meadows / 8 weeks / \$10 / Grades 7-12

This course will discuss assessing a person for injury and several aspects of providing first aid and emergency care. Topics will include: CPR, choking, burns, heat & cold emergencies, cuts/lacerations, puncture wounds, fractures, bites & stings, and bleeding control. This class will be taught by a registered and practicing nurse.

Textiles / Liz Flahart / 8 weeks / \$25 / Grades 7-12

Students will learn basic skills in embroidery, counter cross-stitch, hand and machine sewing

Physical Education / 7-week sessions / \$15 each / Grades 7-12

Students will learn sports skills, physical fitness, and teamwork in this fun but challenging class.