



2025 - 2026 High School Schedule

Time	HS	HS	HS	HS	HS	JH/HS	JH/HS	JH/HS	JH/HS
9:00-9:55	Eng 1 Creative Writing Mischnick	Eng 2 Rowell	Eng 3 College Prep Raney	Algebra 2 Flanders	Bible Cannon	JH/HS Strategic Games Solsbery	Lit 8th/9th-Stories that Shape Writing Simon	JH/HS Intro Sewing Lowry	
10:00-10:55	Personal Finance Wilson	Algebra 1 Flanders	Geometry Kimberling	High School Apologetics J. Moore	World Geography TBD	JH/HS Ballroom Dancing Waite	JH/HS Pickleball Davis	JH/HS Studio Art II Brown	
11:00-11:55	11th/12th - Journalism Mischnick	Biology Jones	A&P McDonald	Chemistry Poorman	Living Biology TBD	JH/HS Earth Science Gardner	JH/HS Strategic Games Meier	JH/HS ARTistic Challenge II White	JH/HS Knitting Coffey
12:00-12:25							Apologetics Discussion Moore		Study Hall
12:30-12:55	Lunch								
1:00-1:55	Spanish 1 Morris	IT Networking Mr. Kosa	Lit Analysis Sloane	11th/12th Government (Fall) ----- 11th/12th Economics (Spring) Rawls		JH/HS Team Sports Brown/Davis	JH/HS Intermediate Leather Garrett	JH/HS Advanced Sewing Lowry	JH/HS ARTistic Challenge I White
2:00-2:55	Sign Language 1 Wingard	Photography/Yearbook Waite	Senior Projects Meier	US History Gimble	Intro Cake Decorating (Fall) ----- Girls Self Defense (Spring) McDonald	HS *only* Chemistry Tutoring Poorman	JH/HS Intro to Leather Garrett	JH/HS Theater Leech	JH/HS Home Art & Hand Crafts Flanders

Sample High School Course Plan

While homeschoolers in Texas are not required to complete any specified course plan other than a bona fide visual study of reading, spelling, grammar, mathematics, and good citizenship, the Texas Education Agency's, Recommended High School Program may give you starting point.

The TEA Recommended High School Program consists of 26 credits. The Core Recommended Course Sample is:

- 4 credits of English/Language Arts, including English 1 and English 2
- 3 credits of Mathematics, including Algebra I and Geometry
- 3 credits of Science, including Biology
- 3 credits of Social Studies, including World History, U.S. History (1877 to present), 1/2 credit Government, 1/2 credit Economics
- 1 credit of Physical Education
- 1 credit of Fine Arts
- 5 1/2 credits of Electives
- 2 credits of Foreign Language Studies

CG High School Course Plan:

At CG we plan to offer an opportunity to take all of the Core Recommended Courses listed above. Classes will be subject to teacher availability and interest level.

Yearly Classes:

Some classes, like English, Math, Science and History are offered every year regardless of class size.

- Writing Classes: Multiple Writing classes and Literary Analysis
- Math Classes: Algebra I, Geometry, & Algebra II
- Science Classes: Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry and Anatomy & Physiology
- Spanish: 1 and 2

Rotational Classes:

The following classes are in a rotation plan for every other year

- Math: Personal Finance, a Consumer Math class
- Science: Physics
- Social Studies: World History, Government/Economics (rotates with US History)
- Worldview (rotates with Apologetics)

[TEA Graduation Programs](#)**Class Descriptions****Eng 1 Creative Writing**

Class Fee Per Semester: None

Teacher: Mandi Mischnick

Grade: 9th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: None

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 3-12

Class Description:

- Students will write a variety of papers to practice their writing skills and creativity.
- Students will learn how to write some different forms of essays.
- A fiction novel will be read by the class the first semester to use for writing prompts.

Required Textbook(s):

- Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls

Possible Required Assignments:

- Students will be given homework assignments to be completed each week via Google Classroom.
- This is a writing-intensive class.
- All graded papers will need to be edited and resubmitted.

English II

Class Fee Per Semester: \$10

Teacher: Carol Rowell

Grade: 10

Class Prerequisites: English I or Equivalent

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 2-12

Class Description:

- Four units: Nonfiction (Short stories), Fiction (Biography), Novel (American literature), and Poetry
- Various writing types and styles
- Grammar practice
- Literary criticism discussions in class

Required Textbook(s):

- Easy Grammar Ultimate Series: 180 Daily Teaching Lessons Grade 10 Teacher Guide (This text has all the daily lessons AND the answer guide. The student workbook has the same lessons but no answer key.)

- Novel(s): IBD

Possible Required Assignments:

- Writing: Short Story, Research Paper, Persuasive Essay, and Poetry
- Grammar daily practice and tests
- Reading and any associated written assignments must be completed prior to class each week

English III/IV

Class Fee Per Semester: \$5

Teacher: Katie Raney

Grade: 11th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: English I and English II (or equivalent classes)

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 2-12

Class Description:

- This course is advanced, requiring several hours of outside homework.
- It's a study in analyzing classic literature and communicating about it through oral discussions and writing.
- Students will read and annotate literature in class, as well as, at home, studying genre, audience, purpose, and other literary and thematic elements.
- Composition will focus on critical observation and thinking, proper understanding and application of literary devices, correct grammar usage, and required MLA formatting.
- Students will read two Shakespearean tragedies in the fall semester and other classic works with related themes.
- Students will read two Shakespearean comedies in the spring semester and other classic works with related themes.

Required Textbook(s):

- Shakespeare's: Macbeth, Hamlet, Twelfth Night, and As You Like It
- Beowulf
- Homer's The Iliad
- The Biblical account Of David
- Jane Austen's Persuasion
- An additional, undecided light-hearted classic
- Various poems and speeches, provided by teacher

Possible Required Assignments:

- Weekly reading assignments
- Weekly writing assignments
- Google Classroom lectures
- Google Classroom discussion boards
- Peer editing assignments
- Lengthy research and analysis papers

Literary Analysis

Class Fee Per Semester: \$5

Teacher: Sloane Simon

Grade: 9th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: English 1

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 3-12

Class Description:

- This class will explore genres, themes, structure/style, historical context, and literary devices such as tone, imagery, and mood within both American and British literature classics written in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Required Textbook(s):

- Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller
- The Great Gatsby by Scott F. Fitzgerald
- 1984 by George Orwell
- Lord of the Flies by William Golding
- Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
- The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- Various poems and short stories supplied by teacher

Possible Required Assignments:

- 3 analytical essays
- Writers journal
- In class short answer comprehension quizzes
- Book annotations
- Student led discussion questions using the hierarchy of questions (factual, inductive, analytical)

Journalism/Newsletter

Class Fee Per Semester: \$20

Teacher: Mandi Mischnick

Grade: 9th - 12th (juniors and seniors preferred)

Class Prerequisites: At least one high school English class completed

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 4-8

Class Description:

- Students will learn journalism basics such as how to conduct interviews, report on events, etc.
- Students will write articles/take photos weekly for a Cottage Garden newsletter.
- Basic computer skills, typing, and email use are a must.

Required Textbook(s):

- The Associated Press Stylebook (2018 version or later): This book comes out every year.

Possible Required Assignments:

- Students will have to write/submit news articles in a timely fashion for newsletter publication.
- This is a writing-intensive class.
- Interviewing, writing, editing, photography, newsletter design, etc.

8th/9th Grade Literature - Stories that Shape Writing

Class Fee Per Semester: \$5

Teacher: Sloane Simon

Grade: 8th - 9th

Class Prerequisites: None required but students will do especially well coming from JH Lit class and/or if they have an earnest interest in reading/writing

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 3-12

Class Description:

- This class is meant to prepare 8th and 9th graders for upper level English classes
- This class will explore genres, themes, structure/style, historical context within literature
- We will learn and identify literary devices such as tone, imagery, and mood within literature
- We will study and learn various forms and techniques of writing like poetry, narration, analysis, creative writing and journal writing. Writing will build up throughout the year as students learn new skills and techniques.
- Students will participate in in-class 'Writing Workshops' where students will share their polished pieces of writing, hear positive feedback from peers/teacher, and positive critiques/edits to improve writing skills and gain confidence in sharing their writing
- Students will finish this class feeling confident in their writing and analysis abilities

Required Textbook(s):

- Book list is still being determined and will be finalized by June 1st

Possible Required Assignments:

- Weekly reading
- Paper outlines
- Short essays
- Character analysis
- Writers journal
- In class short answer comprehension quizzes

Biology

Class Fee Per Semester: \$15 fall \$30 spring

Teacher: Melissa Jones

Grade: 9th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: none

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 15

Class Description:

- college-preparatory, laboratory-based biology course
- rigorous introduction to the general study of biology

- discusses the general characteristics of living things
- how the living world is organized
- the way we scientifically study organisms and how we classify them
- how energy flows throughout creation

Required Textbook(s):

- Berean Builders <https://bereanbuilders.com/ecommerce/discovering-design-with-biology/>

Possible Required Assignments: N/A

Anatomy and Physiology

Class Fee Per Semester: \$45 Fall semester/\$35 Spring semester

Teacher: April McDonald

Grade: 11th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: Successful completion of biology. First year chemistry is strongly recommended, but not required to take this

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 3-10

Class Description:

- This advanced biology course covers the anatomy and physiology of the human body's eleven organ systems in detail. We will learn the structure and function of the human body from the cellular to the organ system level.
- Most of the class time will be in lecture format. We will also use the microscope some and perform three dissections during the year.

Required Textbook(s):

- Apologia Advanced Biology: The Human Body 2nd Edition by Marilyn M. Sharron & Rachael L. Yunis

Optional Textbook(s):

- Advanced Biology: The Human Body 2nd Edition Student Notebook (new)
- Advanced Biology: The Human Body 2nd Edition Solutions and Test Manual

Required Assignments:

- Reading each Module
- On Your Own Questions, Study Guide Questions – graded for completion
- Lab Reports and Tests - graded for content

Chemistry

Class Fee Per Semester: \$10

Teacher: Jennifer Poorman

Grade: 9th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: must know/understand algebra, read for understanding well

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 2-8

Class Description:

- This is an independent study, college-preparatory course covering fundamental aspects of chemistry such as the classification of matter, atomic structure, spectroscopy, chemical binding, molecular geometry, physical change, chemical change, stoichiometry, solutions, ideal gases, acid/base chemistry, reduction/oxidation reactions, thermochemistry, thermodynamics, kinetics, and chemical equilibrium.
- Each CG Monday we will conduct an experiment from the book in class and I will highlight key concepts and work some problems from the chapter as time allows.
- You will need to spend 1.5 hours to 2 hours a DAY (M-F) reading, and doing comprehension checks and the review set.
- Daily homework is not assigned. However I expect the student to complete all the reading and homework and manage their time in such a way that they can be successful in the class.

Required Textbook(s):

- Berean Builders Discovering Design with Chemistry 2nd ed. by Dr. Jay Wile textbook
- Answer key and Test Booklet (all sold as set with textbook)

Required Assignments:

- Reading each chapter
- Weekly lab reports on experiment done in class- graded for content
- Test over every chapter about every two weeks- graded for content
- Comprehension checks and review questions- potential for extra credit if completed/turned in

Living Biology

Class Fee Per Semester: \$40

Teacher: TBD

Grade: 9th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: N/A

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 3-12

Class Description:

- We will learn about God and the world we live in by studying His creation.
- This class will cover topics such as: cells, ecosystems, and plant and animal kingdoms.
- There will be videos, discussions and labs involved during class time.

Required Textbook(s):

- [Guest Hollow High School Biology Curriculum](#)

Possible Required Assignments:

- Weekly Reading
- Essays
- Dissections

Discovering Design with Earth Science

Class Fee Per Semester: \$25

Teacher: Amanda Gardner

Grade: 8th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: 7th Grade Level Science

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 5-15

Class Description:

- This science course is an introduction to earth science using a text book filled with detailed descriptions, stunning images, as well as awesome and fun experiments.
- The goal of this course is to help the student understand the science behind God's creation and do experiments that are designed specifically to increase understanding of the concepts introduced.
- Each Monday we introduce a new concept and complete as many of the curriculum's experiments as possible in the hour and a half allotted, as well as discuss and document our results.

Required Textbook:

- Berean Builders: Discovering Design With Earth Science by Dr. Wile
- Answer Key and Tests Manual

Possible Required Assignments:

- Reading of Each Chapter
- On Your Own Completion of Short Comprehension Questions and Full Chapter Reviews - Graded For Completion
- Lab Reports and Tests - Graded for Content

Chemistry Tutoring Time

Class Fee Per Semester: \$10

Teacher: Jennifer Poorman

Grade: 9th - 12th

Class Co-requisites: Taking Discovering Design with Chemistry at Cottage Garden

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 1-8

Class Description:

- This is a dedicated time to study Chemistry, ask Chemistry questions, or work on problems with the support of the teacher.
- The goal is to work with students individually and increase their understanding.
- No talking outside of asking the teacher questions and her response will be permitted, as this is a time for STUDY, not fellowship. No phones or laptops will be permitted either.

Required Textbook(s):

- Berean Builders Discovering Design with Chemistry 2nd ed. by Dr. Jay Wile textbook
- Answer key and Test Booklet (all sold as set with textbook)

Possible Required Assignments:

- n/a

Algebra 1

Class Fee Per Semester: \$10

Teacher: Jennifer Flanders

Grade: 9th

Class Prerequisites: Pre-Algebra

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 1-8 students

Class Description:

- In this mastery-based math program, students will focus on learning one new skill per week, thus laying a foundation for ever-increasing levels of proficiency.
- Teacher will read and explain each chapter in class while working examples on the board.
- This course will cover standard Algebra 1 topics: variables, signed numbers, solving inequalities, solving word problems, addition, operations with polynomials, binomial factors, radical expressions, irrational numbers, graphing lines and inequalities, graphical solutions, and much more.

Required Textbook(s):

- Math-U-See Algebra 1 Student Packet (Legacy Edition)
- Note: Student Packet contains a workbook and an exam booklet
- Optional: An Algebra 1 textbook & instruction videos are available, but NOT required
- Teacher will email parents an answer key, to be used in checking weekly homework

Possible Required Assignments:

- Students will complete homework assignments and test for each chapter independently.
- One problem set a day, five days a week, each containing 5-20 problems
- A weekly test with 10-15 problems
- Optional honor problems can be done for extra credit
- Note: For students who are strong in math, homework should take 3-4 hours a week max. For students who struggle in math, the coursework may take considerably longer.

Algebra 2

Class Fee Per Semester: \$10

Teacher: Jennifer Flanders

Grade: 10th - 11th

Class Prerequisites: Algebra 1

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 1-8 students

Class Description:

- In this mastery-based math program, students will focus on learning one new skill per week, thus laying a foundation for ever-increasing levels of proficiency.
- Teacher will read and explain each chapter in class while working examples on the board.
- This course will expand upon concepts learned in Algebra 1, including variables, signed numbers, solving inequalities, solving word problems, addition, operations with polynomials, binomial factors, radical expressions, irrational numbers, graphing lines and inequalities, graphical solutions, and much more.

Required Textbook(s):

- Math-U-See Algebra 2 Student Packet (Legacy Edition)
- Note: Student Packet contains a workbook and an exam booklet
- Optional: An Algebra 2 textbook & instruction videos are available, but NOT required
- Teacher will email parents an answer key, to be used in checking weekly homework

Possible Required Assignments:

- Students will complete homework assignments and test for each chapter independently.
- One problem set a day, five days a week, each containing 5-20 problems
- A weekly test with 10-15 problems
- Optional honor problems can be done for extra credit
- Note: For students who are strong in math, homework should take 3-4 hours a week max. For students who struggle in math, the coursework may take considerably longer.

Geometry

Class Fee Per Semester: \$10

Teacher: Kimberly Kimberling

Grade: 9th - 10th

Class Prerequisites: High School Algebra 1

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 2-8**Class Description:**

- This high school level geometry course is designed to equip students with the ability to understand geometric concepts, solve geometry problems, and to be prepared and capable for additional higher level math courses.
- Emphasis will be placed on geometry vocabulary, real world application problems and geometric proofs.
- Each CG Monday we will have a lecture style presentation of the material and will cover practice problems to prepare the student for their weekly assignments.

Required Textbook(s):

- Math-U-See Geometry Instructional Manual
- Math-U-See Geometry Student Workbook
- Math-U-See Geometry Test Booklet

Possible Required Assignments:

- Reading of the assigned chapter
- Weekly application problems and tests
- Comprehensive unit tests and final exam

Personal Finance ('Life Math')**Class Fee Per Semester:** \$20**Teacher:** Lana Wilson**Grade:** 9th - 12th (Juniors and Seniors preferred)**Class Prerequisites:** higher maths and Higher English**Minimum to Maximum Enrollment:** 5-20**Class Description:**

- This math course combines business math and English writing. It covers topics like budgets, real estate, investing, stocks, and real-life expenses and investments that impact global economic growth and productivity.
- Learning to use AI and using it in specific assignments.
- Writing forms, resumes, and other methods used in the workplace.
- Working as a team with other classmates to finish an assignment.
- A field trip to explore the world and the business environment around us.
- Having multiple outside speakers speak to the students about topics ie real estate, investing, budgets, and local government.

Required:

- Each student will be required to have a Gmail.
- Must be able to listen to assigned podcasts.
- Must have access to a computer or a phone to see Google assignments.

Possible Assignments:

- Assigned reports on certain topics that pertain to the class subject. We will be using MLA format. This will not be taught. So having knowledge of this format is a prerequisite.
- Classroom discussions and Google classroom discussions.
- Making a profitable business model with a team.
- An opportunity for extra credit using the T-Bill terms given each week.
- Making a workable budget.
- Finding an apartment or house based on their budget.

HS Government**Class Fee Per Semester:** \$0**Teacher:** Caleb Rawls**Grade:** 11th - 12th**Class Prerequisites:** an open mind & a good attitude**Minimum to Maximum Enrollment:** 5-15**Class Description:**

- A brief survey of the history of world government as it evolved toward representative democracy
- A closer examination of the government described in and established by our founding documents, i.e. Declaration of Independence, US Constitution & Bill of Rights
- Various discussion of real-world issues that are impacted by government
- Homework is primarily reading assignments and notetaking on the reading
- Students must take notes during class lectures & meaningfully participate in class discussions
- Several in-class exams will be given during the semester
- Grades will be largely based on class participation and the in-class exams

Required Textbook(s):

- Exploring Government, by Notgrass
- We Hold These Truths, edited by Notgrass

Possible Required Assignments:

- 7-page position paper due at end of term or shortly thereafter

Note: This class is offered in the Fall semester.

World Geography

Class Fee Per Semester: N/A (may change once teacher is secured)

Teacher: TBD

Grade: 9-12

Class Prerequisites: N/A

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 2-12

Class Description:

- Exploring World Geography by Ray Notgrass is a one-year high school course that explores mankind's interaction with the world God made.
- The curriculum addresses two main questions: How has the physical world made a difference in what people have done, how they have lived, and how they live today? How have people made a difference in the physical world, and how are they making a difference in it today?
- Completing the full course provides your child with a year's high school credit in American History, English, and Bible. However, at Cottage Garden, we are only doing the World Geography portion. The geography credit involves reading the lessons at home, completing the assignment, and class discussions.
- The World Geography credit involves reading the lessons and doing the assignments in the Gazetteer (and answering the questions in the optional Student Review if desired).

Required Textbooks:

- Exploring World Geography Part 1
- Exploring World Geography Part 2
- Exploring World Geography Gazetteer
- Student Review Pack (will confirm once teacher has been confirmed)
- [Notgrass History - Exploring World Geography](#)

Possible Required Assignments:

- Reading and Project assignments
- Writing assignments
- Test assignments
- Class discussions
- Google Classroom Possibly Used

Economics

Class Fee Per Semester: \$0

Teacher: Caleb Rawls

Grade: 11th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: HS Government

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 5-15

Class Description:

- An introduction to basic macroeconomic and microeconomic concepts with an emphasis on the types of economic systems associated with competing systems of government, their distinguishing characteristics and the key ideas of some of history's most prominent economic minds.
- We will apply the broader economic concepts we learn about to specific economic issues in society and assess the government's role in those areas.
- Homework is primarily reading assignments and notetaking on the reading
- Students must take notes during class lectures & meaningfully participate in class discussions
- Several in-class exams will be given during the semester
- Grades will be largely based on class participation and the in-class exams

Required Textbook(s):

- Making Choices: Readings in Economics, edited by Notgrass, et al

Possible Required Assignments:

- End of term debate covering various concepts discussed in class as applied to real-world issues

Note: This class is offered in the Spring semester.

HS American History

Class Fee Per Semester: N/A

Teacher: Courtney Gimble

Grade: 9th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: N/A

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 2-12

Class Description:

- From Christopher Columbus to present day, Exploring America tells the story of how our great nation began all the way to the Obama Administration from the perspective of faith in God and respect for His Word. In addition to reading the narrative about events, issues, and people from our nation's heritage, students read the words of people who made history in original documents, speeches, poems, stories, and hymns.
- Completing the full course provides your child with a year's high school credit in American History, English, and Bible. However, at Cottage Garden, we are only doing the American History study. The history credit involves reading the lessons at home, completing the assignment, and class discussions.

Required Textbooks:

- Exploring America- Updated Edition(2019)-- Curriculum Package--Notgrass History
- Exploring American Quiz and Exam Book

Possible Required Assignments:

- Reading assignments
- Writing assignments
- Class discussions

Spanish I

Class Fee Per Semester: \$10

Teacher: Nafisa Morris

Grade: 8th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: If in 8th grade, JH Spanish is required. There are no prerequisites for students in 9th-12th grades.

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 4-12

Class Description:

- Students will learn basic Spanish vocabulary including greetings, colors, foods, clothing, parts of a house, school subjects, and things in a town.
- Students will learn grammatical concepts including making sentences negative, proper format for a question and response, and adjective/noun agreement.
- Students will practice verb conjugation with regular and irregular verbs in the present tense.
- Students will learn about culture in Latin American countries.

Required Textbook(s):

- BJU Press Spanish I Student Text, 2nd edition

Possible Required Assignments:

- Access a Google classroom site to view vocabulary lists as well as extra practice
- Complete activities in the textbook
- Study material covered in class for quizzes and tests

Bible Study Methods

Class Fee Per Semester: \$10

Teacher: Clay Cannon

Grade: 9th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: none

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 4 to 12

Class Description:

- This class is designed to introduce students to different methods of studying the bible. Five basic bible study methods will be covered with an emphasis on personal growth and application of biblical principles to daily living.
- Most of the work for this class will be completed during the class time at Cottage Garden but there will occasionally be some work to be completed at home.
- Reading out loud in class and participating in group discussions are encouraged but not required. Students will be given the option to pass on any group activities they are not comfortable with.

Required Textbook(s):

- Bible, version of your choice
- Lessons on Assurance Bible Study booklet (to be provided by teacher)

Possible Required Assignments:

- Personal Bible reading at home
- Question and Answer Bible studies at home

Persuasive Evangelism (Apologetics)**Class Fee Per Semester:** \$10**Teacher:** Jason Moore**Grade:** 9th - 12th**Skill Level Needed:** Conversational English**Minimum to Maximum Enrollment:** 4 - 777**Class Description:**

- This class is about conversations. Talking about deep things. Thinking deeply and sharing from the heart.
- Each student will have the opportunity to learn multiple persuasive evangelism methods using Holy Scripture, science, logic, reason, and human experience.
- If the student is engaged they will be prepared on a high level to be able to give good reasons for their faith and to be able to stand with any professor and give both a logical explanation and articulate defense of those beliefs.
- Students will improve their personal ability to think and reason about complicated topics (success will look different for each student) but progress will be made! Then students will learn how to help others think deeply about these topics.
- Each student will be expected to explore new perspectives and to go past the surface and to gain the courage to freely verbally share ideas and thoughts in the class.
- Long format conversations are required. (If a 15 min conversation is difficult for you to pay attention through... this may not be the class for you.) Students are required to listen to the conversation going on in class and to be able to offer feedback and engage verbally with new topics even when an opinion has not yet been fully developed.

Required Textbook(s)/Materials:

- It's a given that we will use a Bible but not every class.
- Required Texts: Our main texts will be "On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision" by William Lane Craig and its corresponding study guide. These resources, available from Amazon and Biola, are about \$24. Participants are encouraged to acquire the non-"for students" edition of the book.

Possible Required Assignments:

- Write your testimony to a friend.
- Explain how you would use that evil exists in this world to point to God.

IT Networking, Python, and Technical Use of AI**Class Fee Per Semester:** \$20**Teacher:** Tom Kosa**Grade:** 9th - 12th**Class Prerequisites:** A basic understanding of computers is encouraged but not required. Students must be able to use Google Classroom, and download required programs and labs prior to the first day of class.**Minimum to Maximum Enrollment:** 4-10**Class Description:**

- Fall semester focuses on networking basics such as IP addressing, routing, switching, security
- Spring semester introduces Python and AI for technical tasks like automation and troubleshooting
- Both semesters include in-depth class discussion followed by lab demonstrations and hands-on application. Outside of class labs and projects are required.
- Students will understand how to prepare for a career in IT
- Students will understand the basic fundamentals in order to further study for the Cisco Certified Network Associate exam or similar Associate level exams

Required Textbook(s):

- Workbook TBA Approximately \$35 purchased from the instructor
- Computer with Internet access
- Free Software: Cisco Packet Tracer and Python (an Instructional pdf as well as a video will be provided in the Google Classroom prior to the first class to download these items)

Possible Required Assignments:

- 3-4 hours of work outside of class that involves watching videos, reading, workbook pages, study guides, and logging in and completing lab assignments in the online lab
- This is a highly technical class meant to introduce skills that are practical for earning certifications and further education, resulting in a technical career path. and as such participation in each class as well as work outside of class and during breaks will be required.

Photography & Yearbook

Class Fee Per Semester: \$10

Teacher: Alyssa Waite

Grade: 9th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: Access to a digital camera (preferably a DSLR, but this course can be done with a smart device if necessary) and access to a computer with internet access as this course uses Google Classroom for assignments and supplemental material

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 4-100

Class Description:

- Students will learn the basics of photography
- Students will learn basic DSLR function
- Students will be introduced to various photography genres
- Students will be encouraged to discover their artistic identity through photography
- Students will learn how to critique (photographic) art in an engaging manner
- Students will learn the basics of graphic design
- Students will be expected to participate in decision making in regard to the yearbook. They will be asked to present ideas, design pages, vote on decisions, etc.
- Students will be asked to work as a team and asked to photograph Cottage Garden events

Required Textbook(s):

- N/A

Possible Required Assignments:

- Students will be required to take photographs outside of class time
- Students may be asked to watch linked videos that are posted on Google Classroom
- Students will be required to use a unique log-in to complete page designs and more for yearbook design
- Students may be asked to photograph opening ceremonies, events, etc.

Senior Projects

Class Fee Per Semester: \$45

Teacher: Jen Meier

Grade: 12th

Class Prerequisites: none

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: N/A

Class Description:

- This class is for graduating seniors.
- We will work on graduation plans, including memory boards, slide shows, senior pictures, and other needed things to prepare.
- We will plan fundraisers, service projects and fun get togethers for the Class of 2026.
- I hope to have speakers/visitors or field trips to help with college/career planning.

Required Textbook(s): N/A

Possible Required Assignments: N/A

Cake Decorating

Class Fee Per Semester: \$35

Teacher: April McDonald

Grade: 9th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: none

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 3/10

Class Description:

- Students will learn the basic techniques for decorating cakes.
- Uses of different tools
- How to make, color and store icing
- Tricks and tips for baking cakes and the skills for making beautiful cakes

Required Textbook(s):

- N/A

Possible Required Assignments:

- Certain Mondays the student will be required to bring a cake to be decorated and buttercream to decorate the cake. All other supplies provided.
- This class requires a good deal of preparation the Saturday and Sunday before cakes are due.

Note: This class is offered in the Fall semester.

Girls Self-defense

Class Fee Per Semester: none

Teacher: April McDonald

Grade: 6th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: N/A

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment:

Class Description:

- We will learn multiple self-defense techniques
- We will be addressing being aware of your situations and how to watch out for yourself
- We will also address what has been told to kids to get them to walk away from a safe space. Giving them real life situations that have happened and pointing out the lies they were told and helping them be able to analyze the situation and make better decisions

Required Textbook(s):

- N/A

Possible Required Assignments:

- N/A

Note: This class is offered in the Spring semester.

JH/HS Strategic Games

Class Fee Per Semester: \$20

Teacher: 9:00 Laney Solsbery; 11:00 Jen Meier

Grade: 6th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: N/A

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 3-12

Class Description:

- We will learn to think strategically and competitively while playing a variety of strategic games.
- Possible games include: Ticket to Ride 1st Journey, Catan Jr, Taco v Burrito and SushiGo

Required Textbook(s): N/A

Possible Required Assignments: N/A

Note: This class is offered at two times: 9:00-9:55 with Laney Solsbery and 11:00-11:55 with Jen Meier.

Sewing (Beginners)

Class Fee Per Semester: \$40

Teacher: Lacey Lowry

Grade: 6th – 12th

Class Prerequisites: None

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 1-12

Class Description:

- Students will learn how to better operate their sewing machine comfortably, reading instructions, learn about different fabrics, apply Math to projects, fun, etc.
- The goal is to complete 4-5 projects each semester. It always depends on the class how much we accomplish.

Required Supplies:

- Sewing machine
- Fabric Scissors
- White thread (cotton preferred)

- Pincushion
- Straight pins
- Hand-sewing needles (size 10 or close to that size)
- Bobbins to fit their machine
- Container for their machine if they like (NOT mandatory)
- Small container equivalent to what would hold 12x12 scrapbook paper projects

Possible Required Assignments:

- There will be weeks where students may be asked to do some steps of their project at home. It is always within their ability so long as they listen and pay attention in class. I am just about always available, within reason, via text or phone call for any help they might need.
- Projects: bookmark, pillowcase, stuffed animal, coaster, holiday/seasonal items.

Ballroom/Line Dancing

Class Fee Per Semester: \$0

Teacher: Alyssa Waite

Grade: 6th – 12th

Class Prerequisites: N/A

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 4-100

Class Description:

- Students will learn the basics of several ballroom, partner, and line dances
- Students will learn basic dance etiquette

Required Textbook(s): N/A

Possible Required Assignments:

- Students will not have required assignments outside of class

Pickleball

Class Fee Per Semester: \$5.00

Teacher: Christine Davis

Grade: 6th – 12th

Class Prerequisites: none

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 2-12

Class Description:

- We will play pickleball at the Pollard Park courts. If a student doesn't have experience, they will be taught. If a student has experience, they will be able to open play.

Required Textbook(s):

- No textbooks required. All paddles and balls supplied.

Possible Required Assignments:

- Watching Pickleball videos of matches and drills in a classroom setting on bad weather days.
- Participate in an end of the year tournament.

Studio Art II

Class Fee Per Semester: \$30

Teacher: Kara Brown

Grade: 6th – 12th

Class Prerequisites: No prerequisites necessary

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 4 - 18

Class Description:

- This course will lead students to explore various mediums of art including but not limited to watercolor, acrylic painting, drawing, collage, and design.
- Each week we will begin class with an overview of the day's art assignment and spend the majority of class working on our art project. Each project typically requires a few consecutive class periods to complete. The last five minutes of class, students are expected to assist in cleanup.

Required Textbook(s):

- There are no required textbooks.
- All supplies will be provided in class.

Possible Required Assignments:

- There are no homework assignments, though students are encouraged to draw/sketch at home in their spare time to advance their artistic abilities.
- In some cases, a student may be permitted to take a project home to complete if they have had an absence and need to catch up on an assignment.

ARTistic Challenge 1

Class Fee Per Semester: \$35

Teacher: Lisa White

Grade: 6th – 12th

Class Prerequisites: N/A

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 4-16

Class Description:

- Fundamentals of color theory
- Multiple mediums and techniques
- Art History and Appreciation
- Art Masters (Renaissance to Realism)
- Impressionists
- Composition in abstract, realistic works, landscape, still life, and portraits.
- Various mediums will be introduced as well as the ability to use the appropriate tools.

Required Supplies:

- Mixed Media 9x12 Sketchbook (Master's Touch brand preferred)
- All other materials will be supplied.

Possible Required Assignments: N/A

ARTistic Challenge 2 (Advanced Art)

Class Fee Per Semester: \$35

Teacher: Lisa White

Grade: 6th – 12th

Class Prerequisites: Must have completed at least one JH/HS Art Class

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 4-16

Class Description:

- Advanced study using multiple techniques/mediums.
- Composition, abstract, realistic works, landscape, still life, and portraits.
- Critical analysis of artwork will be stressed in the application of the creative process.
- Continuation of the study of Great Masters and their works and techniques.
- Art appreciation and Art history of European masters using techniques.

Required Textbook(s):

- Mixed Media 9x12 Sketchbook (Master's Touch brand preferred)

Possible Required Assignments:

- N/A

Knitting for All Skill Levels

Class Fee Per Semester: \$35

Teacher: Tracy Coffey

Grade: 6th – 12th

Class Prerequisites: none

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 2-10 new

Class Description:

- Students will learn to knit and practice their new skill in class and at home.

- Learn to read patterns and know abbreviations.
- Make several small projects.
- Practice and learn from mistakes...and not give up!
- Bring supplies to class each week.
- Work at own pace.
- HAVE FUN!!
- Year 2+ students will focus on more advanced projects and patterns.

Required Textbook(s):

- All supplies provided.

Possible Required Assignments:

- Practice. Practice. Practice.

Co-Ed Team Sports**Class Fee Per Semester:** \$5**Teacher:** Brown/Davis**Grade:** 6th – 12th**Class Prerequisites:** No prerequisites necessary**Minimum to Maximum Enrollment:** 5 - 40**Class Description:**

- This course will consist of friendly competition in a variety of sports including but not limited to: Pickleball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Kickball, Wiffleball and Dodgeball.
- Depending on weather conditions, we will split the class into groups to play the designated sports of the day.

Required Textbook(s):

- There are no required textbooks.
- All equipment will be provided in class.

Possible Required Assignments:

- There will be no at home assignments.
- Please wear appropriate footwear to class to help avoid injuries.

Sewing (Advanced)**Class Fee Per Semester:** \$40**Teacher:** Lacey Lowry**Grade:** 6th – 12th**Class Prerequisites:** Beginner Sewing Class, repeat Advanced students are welcome**Minimum to Maximum Enrollment:** 1-12**Class Description:**

- Students will be doing more intricate work and projects now they have learned how to sew. They will be doing more of their own cutting and all as time allows. This is where I see sewing students flourish. They have taken the beginner class, and now they are more confident in their skills.

Required Supplies:

- Sewing machine
- Fabric Scissors
- White thread (cotton preferred)
- Pincushion
- Straight pins
- Hand-sewing needles (size 10 or close to that size)
- Bobbins to fit their machine
- Container for their machine if they like (NOT mandatory)
- Small container equivalent to what would hold 12x12 scrapbook paper projects

Possible Required Assignments:

- There will be weeks where students may be asked to do some steps of their project at home. It is always within their ability so long as they listen and pay attention in class. I am just about always available, within reason, via text or phone call for any help they might need.
- Possible Projects: apron, bag, hot pad, throw pillow, travel pillow, maybe a table runner, possibly a class project, etc. Each year our list changes. Sometimes it evolves by students asking to make something I had never considered. We do mostly new projects each year since there are repeat Advanced Sewing students in there.

Beginning Leather Craft

Class Fee Per Semester: \$100

Teacher: Garrett

Grade: 6th – 12th

Class Prerequisites: None

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 5-10

Class Description:

- Students will learn proper leather craft cutting and stamping basic skills that will help create decorative leather products.
- They will also learn about other aspects of leather craft that will inspire them to develop their creative talents.
- The cost of the class includes stamping and cutting tools (which I will purchase and the student will keep), leather for projects and appropriate supplies.

Required Textbook(s): N/A

Possible Required Assignments: N/A

Intermediate Leather Class

Class Fee Per Semester: \$50

Teacher: Garrett

Grade: 9th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: Completed Beginning Leather Class (or have had previous leather training...must be approved by instructor)

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 5-10

Class Description:

- Students will further their leather craft skills and venture into projects while developing new skills.
- The cost of the class includes leather for projects and appropriate supplies.

Required Textbook(s): N/A

Possible Required Assignments: N/A

JH/HS Theater

Class Fee Per Semester: \$15

Teacher/Email: Leech

Grade: 6th - 12th

Skill Level Needed: Basic reading memorization skills

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 6-13

Class Description:

- We will be fine tuning our ability to perform and tell a story. Cementing our understanding of the vocabulary and vernacular of theater. Exploring the ability to use quick on the spot thinking, character development and working as a team on stage.

Possible Required Assignments:

- Rehearsals outside of actual Cottage Garden are a possibility depending on performance circumstances and will be discussed beforehand. Also there is an expectation for lines to be memorized before performance to be performed in front of an audience.

Home Arts and Hand Crafts for Girls

Class Fee Per Semester: \$35

Teacher: Jennifer Flanders

Grade: 6th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: n/a

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 2-12 students

Class Description:

- An enrichment class designed to teach middle school and high school girls a variety of useful skills that can be used in gift making or home decorating and management, including needlework and embroidery, calligraphy, card making, cut paper, napkin folding, hand sewing and mending, crochet, cross stitch, trapunto, quilting, decoupage, painting, upcycling, and more

Required Textbook(s): N/A

Possible Required Assignments:

- Students should be able to complete most of the work during class time
- The only homework for this class will be finishing any projects at home that weren't completed in class

HS Sign Language 1

Class Fee Per Semester: \$10

Teacher: Meg Wingard

Grade: 9th - 12th

Class Prerequisites: none

Minimum to Maximum Enrollment: 2-10

Class Description:

- This class focuses on learning sign language vocabulary, body language, and facial grammar.
- Students will learn basic grammar, vocabulary, fingerspelling, numbers, and cultural information related to the Deaf Community.

Required Textbook(s):

- DSJC! Student Guides (all 4 books) - required [Start ASL - Don't Just Sign... Communicate!](#)
- Gallaudet Dictionary of American Sign Language by Ed. Valli., Clayton - optional
- Internet Access is required for online practice and weekly quizzes.

Possible Required Assignments:

- Weekly Online Graded Quizzes
- Reading Assignments with follow-up quizzes
- Practicing daily ~15 min
- Receptive Unit and Final Tests graded
- Paper over Deaf History/ Culture - graded on content
- Zoom review sessions are optional but helpful

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