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Animal Crossing	Lopez, Melissa	\$75.00	\$45.00	This is a hands-on animal dissection class where each student will have dissection tools and a specimen. Students will dissect 8-9 animals. We will look at kingdom animalia, discuss various types of animals, and focus on a specific body system for each animal. Ages 12+ due to sharp objects!	Maturity to handle dissection tools.	1-2 hours	Provided by teacher.
App Inventors	Rose, Karen	\$55.00	\$45.00	In this class students will design and program fully functional apps, which can be downloaded and run on any Android device. The App Inventors curriculum develops computational thinking skills so students learn to think like a computer! Students learn to decompose problems, organize and group common logic, reuse and remix existing code, and to test their code fully to arrive at a working solution. Students will use MIT App Inventor, a blocks-based programming language that runs in a browser. Through this class, students build their digital confidence and become empowered to create, rather than just use technology in their lives.	Must be able to read, write and work independently.	0-1 hours	Laptops will be provided by the teacher. Students are encouraged to also bring an Android phone or tablet to class to test their apps as they work, but this is NOT a requirement.
Confident Communication	Black, Stephanie	\$55.00	\$45.00	The art of public speaking is often a daunting, overwhelming endeavor for inexperienced middle school students. Yet, it is an invaluable tool for the rising High Schooler. Students learn to speak clearly and comfortably in front of peers and gain the confidence and knowledge to present themselves and their ideas in many types of situations, from informal to formal. Confident communication focuses on building the valuable life skill of public speaking during this course. Activities such as writing a radio commercial, presenting a biography, developing an about me narrative to use in a job interview situation, correctly using a visual aid, and the mechanics of body language, eye contact, and tone, to name a few. In the age of social media, learning to speak confidently in a public arena is a valuable competence that serves students well. Contact Stephanie Black to review the syllabus or ask a question.	Read and write on a sixth grade level.	1to1-1/2 hours	Students choose one teacher approved biography to read during the year, pen, notebook paper, and access to a computer is helpful but not required. All other course materials provided. The biography may be checked out from a local city or church library.
General Science	Koehl, Teresa	\$50.00	\$45.00	This class is well-suited for 7th and 8th graders and advanced 6th graders. In General Science, we will discuss the history of science, analyze and interpret experiments and study an array of topics including: physics, archaeology, geology, paleontology, human anatomy and the body systems. Students should plan on 2-3 hours per week of study outside of class. Class time will focus on reinforcing concepts and encouraging critical thinking through discussion and participation in hands-on experiments.	None.	2-3 hours	General Science 3rd Edition Student Textbook 978-1-946506-27-6; Recommended 3rd Edition MP3 Audio CD
Get Cooking!	Tibboel, Audra	\$55.00/semester	\$45.00	We are taking cooking and baking to the next level. In Get Cooking, we will make simple, fun and, creative recipes that the students will be able to share with their families. Students will learn advanced kitchen terminology and math, measuring skills, how to read and follow a recipe, and to try new foods. However, as the third level class, the students will be learning how to plan balanced meals using recipes learned in class or family favorites. With this skill and the cooking lessons learned in class, they will have a mid year project where they independently make a full meal for their family. At the end of the year, they will develop a meal plan for an entire week. In addition, they will begin the basics of budgeting and other higher level cooking skills such as halving and doubling recipe, and sauce preparations. Every week, the student will add a new recipe to a 3-ring binder. At the end of the year, they will submit family recipes and have a keepsake cookbook to add to as they grow and develop a joy of cooking!	Reading and writing.	3-4 hours	apron, flexible cutting board, and notebook

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Middle School American History	Avila, Michelle	\$10.00	\$45.00	History comes alive in this class which combines the study of history with historical fiction. We will cover colonial America to modern times, learning the events which have shaped our nation. Students will learn through fun activities, first-hand accounts, historical documents, and class discussions. We will read historical fiction for the major time periods we study to open a window into what life was like during different points in American history.	Reading and some writing.	1-2 hours	Toliver's Secret by Esther Wood Brady, Freedom Crossing by Margaret Goff, East Side Story by Bonnie Bader, and A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt by C. Coco De Young
Middle School Art Lab	Waller, Julie	\$35.00	\$45.00	Take your natural creativity and artistic skills deeper this year. Practice old techniques and learn some new ones too. We will do a variety of projects using acrylic paint, watercolor, paint markers, colored pencils, paper, pen & ink, charcoal, pastels, and wire. Explore some new techniques like screen printing, monotype printing, op art, and mixed media while ramping up your drawing and painting skills too. We will explore some new materials also like vellum, transparencies, maps, text pages, photos, and found objects. Cool projects and lots of fun!	none (any high school student welcome also to accommodate scheduling issues)	occasionally 1-2 hours a week	None.
Middle School ASL	Tutt, Dava	\$15.00	\$45.00	The student will learn the basic American Sign Language in sentence structures, nouns, pronouns, verb, etc; dialogue, classifiers and facial expressions. We will learn more about the deaf culture and history of Deaf and their language ASL.	Passion to learn a new language.	up to 1 hour	No books required. Access to computer or laptop and internet at home.
Middle School English - History!	Garrett, Cindi	\$50.00	\$45.00	This class alternates between a different set of powerful books each year, adventure and history, to allow middle school students to take this class twice during middle school. This year, we will delve into historical, classical, Christian literature. As students read and interact with these timeless books, they will enhance skills in reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, dictation, writing, and literary analysis. We will discuss elements of literature and literary devices and how authors use these devices strategically to bring literature to life. In addition, we will use scripture to discuss the character and plot development.	Basic reading and writing.	2-4 hours	The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare; Amos Fortune a Free Man by Elizabeth Yates; The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare; The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom. Teacher will provide a Progeny Press study guides for each book.
Middle School Math	May, Laura	\$20.00	\$45.00	Middle School Math is an engaging and rigorous course intended for 7th and 8th grade students. This course will cover math concepts from working with fractions to solving equations to performing operations with negative numbers. The curriculum is comprehensive and assumes a solid foundation in basic math facts, interested students should be fluent in conventional math operations. During class we will cover 3-4 lesson from the text. Students will then complete weekly homework assignments to practice throughout the week. Included with the course are comprehensive recorded lessons on each topic which can be easily accessible on any device or laptop.	Completion of a 6th grade math curriculum	3-5 hours	Fundamentals of Math Student Text (2nd ed.; copyright update)
Photography	Harrigan, Sarah	\$40.00	\$45.00	In Photography students learn to shoot their camera in semi-manual and manual modes. We learn to see more creatively and compose shots the way the student sees the world, and in completely new ways too. We'll explore the exposure triangle, use of light, composition, perspective, color theory, experimental portraits, and draw inspiration from master photographers.	None.	1 hour.	Dslr (camera that can change lenses or shoot in Manual modes)

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Physical Science	Brock, Jennifer	\$50.00	\$45.00	This course is geared toward 8th grade, but students with a good math foundation should be fine. Physical Science using Apologia's middle school curriculum. See Apologia's website for a detailed course description. Class time will focus on concept reinforcement and labs/demos.	Competent in 7th grade math skills. Use of Calculator, Basic Computer Skills	2-3 hours	Apologia Physical Science Textbook, Spiral Notebook and calculator
PreAlgebra	May, Laura	\$30.00	\$45.00	Students will strengthen arithmetic skills, critical thinking and number sense in this 8th grade based math course. Students will reinforce their knowledge of operations with integers, expressions, rational numbers, and geometry to prepare for high school level math. We will also explore, functions, radicals and statistics in this comprehensive course.	Strong skills in basic operations as well as a good understanding of fractions and decimals. Some experience with negative integers.	4-6 hours	BJU Press PreAlgebra, 2nd Edition student text. 2 spiral notebooks (at least), graph paper
Private Violin Lessons	Glaess, Makenna	\$10.00	\$90.00	The goal of Private Violin Lessons is to help the student grow through music. Class is designed to teach the techniques, music theory, tone, and posture which lead to beautiful music, at the student's pace. While primarily learning by ear, the student will also be learning to read sheet music. Because parents are so vital in their child's progress, I require that one parent sits in during lessons and takes notes. This way, the parent is comfortable helping their child during practice at home. The parent is not required to be musical in any way and is always welcome to ask questions.	None, anyone can learn violin	15 mins per day for beginners, 1 hour for advanced	Beginners will need to purchase the book: Suzuki Violin School Volume 1 with CD. (Revised Edition) Also required items include pencil, note book, and Violin* with a shoulder rest. *I would love to help you order the correct size violin, because a size too big could cause injury. Feel free to contact me before the first lesson or even orientation. *I highly recommend renting first, because they are better quality than the bargain violins for sale. *Do not purchase violins from Amazon, Walmart, or eBay. These are very cheap, break easily, and generally sound like tin.

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Science: MacGyver Style 2	Brock, Jennifer	\$70.00	\$45.00	In this project-based class, we are going to do Science MacGyver style! We will learn about the scientific concepts/principles necessary to understand how and why a project works. Then we will build it with common objects! We will complete about 8 projects over the course of the year covering concepts such as covering concepts such as pressure, light, and more! Toward the end of the school year, students will choose their favorite project and make a project board that will showcase the project and the science behind it. All materials required for this class will be provided and homework is minimal. NOTE: This is a very hands on class. Students must be mature enough to exhibit self control and personal responsibility utilizing tools, such as hot glue guns, x-acto knives, etc.	Following directions.	Minimal	None.
Texas History	Swaringen, Christy	\$35.00	\$45.00	This core class takes students through the engaging and unique history of Texas from Spanish exploration to present day. Students will experience hands-on projects and activities such as: presenting reports, salt maps, bullet-point time lines, biographies, battlefields and games to help with learning. Great hands-on class for middle school students to learn Texas History and prepare for high school social studies courses.	None.	3 hours	Text provided by teacher, basic supplies provided by student (binder, paper, etc.)
The Fallacy Detective: Introduction to Logic	Strew, Alison	\$30.00	\$45.00	You probably already know that logic has something to do with thinking clearly. But why does clear thinking matter? Because truth matters! In this course students will be DETECTIVES solving the CASE of what is true, learning tools that will help them discern between true and false, accurate and inaccurate, sound and unsound, in a wide variety of situations where getting it right matters! Students will learn to impart the skills needed to craft accurate statements and identify the flawed arguments found so frequently in everyday life.	None.	1 hour.	The Fallacy Detective Workbook Edition ISBN-10: 097453157X
The Playbill	Green, Jodi	\$60.00	\$56.25	"All the world's a stage," or at least in this class it is. Your student will learn the ins and outs of the theater, while gaining confidence with public performance. It will be a class for beginners, experienced actors, and everyone in between. Each semester, the students will be introduced to a new play. These plays will be performed at an outside venue. Play choices for each semester will be determined after receiving final enrollment numbers. The plays chosen will either be one-act or full-length plays.	None.	2-3 hours a week for line memorization	Scripts provided by director.
Worship Piano	Farr, Mylinda	\$20.00	\$90.00	This class focuses on chord-based worship. Beginning music theory will be instructed and learning to read music and sight reading will be reinforced. Two-finger chords, moving on to three-finger chords with right hand accompaniment will be taught, depending on each student's readiness. An emphasis on singing while playing is encouraged, as Jesus loves for us to sing to Him. Students will learn folk songs, spirituals, classical arrangements and hymns. Songwriting skills will be taught based on student abilities.	Desire to play and practice piano	1-2 hours	Teacher will provide.
Writers Guild	Black, Stephanie	\$65.00	\$45.00	Writers Guild is a middle school level comprehensive, integrated grammar and composition course. Learning to write well takes time, and the progression comes in small steps. Often students arrive in class with a negative preconception of their ability to write. Students become proficient using the writing process, which has distinct steps in prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. Essays progress from a paragraph, three-paragraph essay, to a five-paragraph essay throughout the year. The course focuses on the personal narrative, various forms of expository writing, and persuasive writing. Students utilize the Writers Guild google classroom and Google docs for the mid-week draft and final essay submissions. Contact Stephanie Black to review the syllabus or ask a question.	It is helpful if students have had a previous middle school English course. Keyboarding, use of a computer and strong middle school reading skills.	1-2 hours	Pen, pencil, notebook paper, and a computer. All other materials are provided.