



EAGLE'S NEST
American Christian Academy

2020-2021

Community Day

Class Descriptions

Our Community Day mission is to serve the homeschool community by offering courses that are best conducted in group settings. With a focus on fellowship, Community Day provides an opportunity for homeschool students to take academically enriching classes in the context of a warm community.

Instruction is often conducted in a Socratic manner, with an emphasis on Biblical worldview, discussion, oral presentation, and practical application.

Elementary

Elementary Spanish- Nina Chera

A language class for young learners that will focus on basic vocabulary and concepts such as numbers and conversational phrases, as well as an introduction to the customs and culture of Spanish speaking countries.

Fine Art Adventures- Amy Semans

Classic masterpieces are bold, fascinating and sometimes shocking- in other words perfect for creative children who love to be inspired. Fine Art Adventures introduces young artists to key masterpieces and interesting techniques as well as the stories and meanings behind well known classic masterpieces from art history.

Plant Science: Botany & Gardening- Alexandra Kiseded

Text: Exploring Creation with Botany, 1st Edition - Apologia

Students will learn about seeds, pollination, fruits, leaves, roots, taxonomy, and stems, and most importantly, why botany matters. Plus, students will build and use their own light hut to help them study the life cycle of different types of plants throughout the year!

In addition to classroom studies students will be involved in cultivating and maintaining a community garden.

**In addition to the text book, students will also need the Apologia Botany Student Notebooking Journal. 1st-3rd order Junior Journal, 4th-6th Regular Journal; Kindergarten will be assembling a journal with in class resources.

Secondary

Life Skills 2020 (6th-12th)- Taught by various instructors; Coordinator: Marla Swoffer

This fun and practical class for middle and high schoolers will offer instruction in a variety of essential life skills. Included will be sessions on Study Skills, Auto Maintenance, First Aid, Computer Literacy; and Nutrition with cooking. Types of skills that will be taught include:

Study Skills- time management, note taking, how to keep a learning journal and more!

Auto Clinic- how to change a tire & check tire pressure, how to change oil and check fluid levels, maintenance needed to keep a car functioning well, etc.

Computer Literacy- Introduction to Word, Excel and Power Point plus an introduction to Coding- “the new language of literacy”

First Aid- focus on the skills needed to recognize the signs that someone needs help and administer the right type of care as well as being prepared to help others during times of crisis.

Nutrition with cooking- covering the basics of both macronutrients and micronutrients, including the importance of exercise and proper diet, meal planning including some in-class cooking sessions.

Government & Economics Senior High (9th-12th) - Kate Chera

Fall: Government- Civics and the Constitution; An American View of Law, Liberty and Government

Learn about the Founding Father's intent for government, the ways our government has circumvented the Constitution, and how to approach politics through a biblical worldview. Delve into the history, meaning, and daily functions of the U.S. Constitution in your life and your nation. From its original meaning to the controversies that arise from re-interpretations of it, you will understand how and why the Founding Fathers fashioned a document of God-given rights that have stood the test of time and political tinkering.

For info see here: <https://www.masterbooks.com/civics-and-the-constitution-curriculum-pack>

Spring: Economics- Basic Economics: A Natural Law Approach to Economics

Basic Economics: A Natural Law Approach to Economics is great for students (as well as adults) who want to understand economics at a deeper level and from a Christian perspective. This textbook covers the economics topics that you find in most high school texts such as markets, supply and demand, scarcity, monopoly and competition, and the stock market. It also teaches more personally-applicable topics such as rent, wages, savings, investments, interest, and home-based businesses that are sometimes not covered in economics textbooks.

Where this textbook goes deeper is in the amount of attention given to the history of economics, the different economic schools of thought, government actions and their effects, the morality of economics, and international economics. An entire chapter addresses "Society and Morality," examining the Judeo-Christian roots of free markets, moral absolutes versus moral positivism, and utilitarianism. The last third of the book studies the "Politico-Economic Systems": the manorial feudal system, mercantilism, free enterprise, corporatism, welfarism, and communism. Capitalism is covered within the section on corporatism, and the treatment of capitalism is a good example of the nuanced approach the authors take throughout the textbook. For example, they make the distinction that capitalism does not always go hand in hand with free enterprise but is sometimes manipulated by the government at the expense of other competitors within the market.

The text reflects a Christian worldview as well as viewpoints of the Austrian school of economics that lean toward free enterprise and limited government.

Elections & Geography Middle School (6th-9th)

Fall: U. S. Elections from Homeschool in the Woods takes students through the election process with reading material and hands-on projects that will reinforce lessons. Students will learn about the establishment of the country's government, various aspects of a presidential campaign and how a U.S. president is chosen through lap booking projects that incorporate creative writing, coloring and drawing, research, and more!

Spring: World Geography- Curriculum being researched

Bible- Christian History & Worldview (6th- 12th)

The first part of the year will be an investigation into Christian History- see description below. The second part of the year will be dedicated to studies in Christian Worldview and Apologetics.

Curriculum: Christian History Made Easy

***Christian History Made Easy* clearly lays out the most important events in the history of the church, from the time of Jesus to modern day.** *Christian History Made Easy* explains early church history, the Church Councils, the Great Schism, the Crusades, Francis of Assisi, John Wycliffe, Martin Luther, the Protestant Reformation, and more. This incredible handbook presents key church history events and great Christian leaders everyone should know, along with full-color church history timelines, photos, pictures, and maps. The study guide and worksheets in the back makes this book an excellent Bible Study, adults Sunday school topics, or homeschool curriculum. Author Timothy Paul Jones makes Christian history refreshingly fun while at the same time informing Christians about the history of the Christian faith.

For more information see here:

<https://www.christianbook.com/christian-history-made-easy-based-study/9781596365261/pd/365261#CBD-PD-Description>

Theater Arts ** (6th-12th) Beth See

Being part of a stage production offers students the opportunity to grow in various life skills including: self confidence, problem solving, cooperation/teamwork, development of talents, perseverance and the ability to receive constructive criticism-- to name a few. We love theater because it's so much fun as well. We open this class to the wider community of homeschooled students (for a \$550 fee) and welcome them on campus on Friday afternoons. **Students in 4th grade and up are welcome to audition for younger roles in the Von Trapp family but need to be of a maturity level to handle practices. Please let Mrs. See know if you have a student interested.

Theater Arts Class offers students 2 different tracks to choose from:

Theatrical track will expose students to the art of acting

Production track students will be involved in all aspects of stagecraft including: set design & construction, costuming, sound/lighting, marketing, etc.

Planned Production: Sound of Music in March 2021

Heads Up: There is significant commitment during the month of March because of Technical Week, leading up to the performances. Your student will be asked to sign an attendance contract at the beginning of the class. Each student also agrees to sell 15 tickets to the show.

