



EAGLE'S NEST
American Christian Academy

2021-2022

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: K-6th grades

Globetrotters Social Science- 1st & 2nd period

Occasional home projects may be assigned, no regular homework

This will be an extended class (2 class periods)- unit study of Geography and Culture. Covered in the class will be map skills and world geography, followed by a tour of the globe. The students will "visit" every continent learning about various countries & peoples around the world. This will be a fun and engaging class that will involve literature, art, games, language, flora & fauna, food, missionary stories and more.

The way we intend to teach this class is with a team-teaching model. Two teachers will teach one level for one semester (that is 2 hours/week), but will then have the next semester off while 2 other teachers instruct the next semester. This means we will need 8 teachers in all to staff this class for primary (K-1) and elementary (2-6th). Curriculum, lesson plans and full support will be provided.

No text needed, however teachers will make recommendations for home read-alouds and enrichment activities. Older students will complete a country report as a final project at the end of the year.

Science in the Beginning- 3rd period

2nd-6th: Ashley Cacs

K-1: Alexandra Kisded

1-2 hours homework/wk. for older students

Introducing scientific concepts in the context of history, the days of creation are used as a structure through which a wide variety of scientific topics are introduced, including: light, energy conservation, air & water, botany, the solar system, zoology, and some aspects of human anatomy and physiology.

Class time will focus on projects and experiments.

2nd-6th grade students will need a copy of the textbook: Science in the Beginning, more information can be found here:

<https://www.christianbook.com/science-in-the-beginning/jay-wile/9780989042406/pd/042406?event=CPOF#CBD-PD-Description>

2nd-3rd grade students will need a copy of the student notebook for "Older Students" found here:

<https://www.christianbook.com/older-student-notebook-science-the-beginning/9781733316804/pd/316804?event=CPOF>

4th-6th grade students will need a copy of the student notebook for "Oldest Students" found here:

<https://www.christianbook.com/oldest-student-notebook-science-the-beginning/9781733316811/pd/316815?event=CPOF>

Secondary: 7th-12th

First period 9AM- 10:20

Art/Personal Finance/PE Amy Semans

Enrichment class: 0-2 hours of homework/wk.

10/10/10- Ten weeks of each

Art curriculum: Various guest teachers

Personal Finance: The *Foundations in Personal Finance for Homeschool* course is a complete, dynamic, high school curriculum that teaches students about saving, investing, credit, debt, money management, and more from a biblical perspective.

Required text: Foundations in Personal Finance: High School Edition for Homeschool Student Text; more details will be provided

PE: Fall: Tennis at Howarth Park, Spring: TBD

Second period 10:40- 11:50

Bible- Called to be the Light (7th- 12th) Corey Thomas

2-3 hours of homework/wk.

This class will focus on various aspects of living the Christian life including: Calling & Vocation, Apologetics, Bible Mentor Project, and Christianity around the World.

Lunch 11:50-12:30

Third Period 12:30- 1:50

Modern World/US History with Geography Karen Gorin

Full credit high school level class, 4-5 hours of homework/wk for High School, 3-4 hours of homework for Jr. High (8th graders may take this class at High school level for High school credit, speak with instructor and Jo-Ann in the ACA office to make arrangements).

This course will focus on modern history, from 1750 A.D. to present day and include world geography. Students may choose to take the course for U.S. history or World history credit. We will be studying world history from the perspective of both the United States and other countries from around the globe. The class will include oral presentations, a research project, discussion groups and map work.

Text: Mystery of History, Volume 4.

Fourth Period 2:00-3:30

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

Beauty and the Beast

Full credit High School level Fine Arts class: 0-3 hours of homework/wk.

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 Singing & acting

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

Heads Up: Each family will be asked to sign up for a job to help with the theater production- this is in addition to the volunteer commitment required for Eagle's Nest. There is significant commitment during the month of the production 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.