

6-8 Grade Class Descriptions

Teacher	Class/ Time	Description
Sheri James	Tues 9:00-10:00	<p><u>Writing I</u> <u>Grades:</u> 6-8 <u>Class Description:</u> Writing techniques covered are: Note-taking and writing from Key Word Outlines, the six Dress-up techniques & five Sentence Openers, Story Sequence, Titles, Topic-clincher paragraph rule, Dress-up & Opener review, Writing from Pictures. Decorations, Editing, Topics for Essay, Multiple Ref. Decorations, Essay, Advanced Dress-ups/Openers, Symbols in Note-Taking, Creative Writing, 5-Paragraph Letter, Analyzing & Imitating Authors' Styles, Critiques, Triple Extensions, Final Exam. Student will write and bind a book. <u>Homework:</u> 3-4hrs/wk <u>Curriculum:</u> IEW, Fix-It, Easy Grammar Plus Workbook & Test booklet <u>Supply Fee:</u> \$25.00 <u>Class Fee:</u> \$210.00</p>
Sheri James	Tues - 10:00 – 11:00	<p><u>History Makers I</u> <u>Grades:</u> 6-8 <u>Class Description:</u> (3000BC to 1830AD) This is an integrated study where all subjects focus on a point in time. By studying the Scientists, Inventions, and Explorers, the student gains skills in Reading, Vocabulary, Language Arts, Science, History, and Geography. History Makers develops research skills and critical thinking while developing a chronological and geographical progression through time: the big picture. Hands-on projects, book discussions and timeline creation serve to bring history to life. Cycle 1 – History Makers I – 2010/2011 Cycle 2 – History Makers II – 2011/2012 <u>Homework:</u> 2-3 hrs/wk <u>Curriculum:</u> Trisms History Makers Student Pack <u>Class Fee:</u> \$210.00</p>
Susan Grimm	Tues - 12:00-1:00	<p><u>Destination Imagination</u> <u>Grades:</u> 6-8 <u>Class Description:</u> The Destination ImagiNation® (or DI™) program is a process-based program grounded in sound creative problem solving theory that helps young people build lifelong skills in creative and critical thinking, teamwork, time management, and problem solving. Up to seven participants work together as a team to create their solution to a <i>Team Challenge</i>, which can have a focus that is theatrical, structural, improvisational, scientific, or technical. Teams also learn and</p>

		<p>practice creative quick-thinking skills for the <i>Instant Challenge</i> portion of the program. Destination ImagiNation helps young people learn in a fun and supportive environment, and the valuable skills they have acquired will be with them for a lifetime. There are Regional, State and Global Competitions.</p> <p><u>Fees:</u> Tuition free Registration fees, t-shirts, travel costs for competitions required. Fundraising required <u>Registration:</u> Fall & Spring Semesters <u>Requirement:</u> No member age 15 by 6/15/11</p>
Julie Zammit	Thurs – 10:00-11:00	<p><u>Latin 1A</u> <u>Grades:</u> 5-8 (highschool if interested) <u>High School Credit:</u> 0.5 <u>Class Description:</u> Cambridge Latin Course is an introductory program organized into four well-integrated units. Cambridge's proven approach includes a stimulating continuous story line, interwoven grammatical development and cultural information, supportive illustrations and photographs, and a complete Language Information section. Reading is the heart of the Cambridge Latin Course, and all the elements of the program - illustrations, vocabulary, grammar and syntax, cultural contexts and references, activities - are carefully introduced and arranged to provide students with the skills they need to read with comprehension and enjoyment from the very first page <u>Homework:</u> 2-3 hrs/wk <u>Curriculum:</u> Cambridge Latin Course Unit 1 Student's Text North American edition and workbook <u>Registration:</u>Fall & Spring Semester <u>Copy Fee:</u> \$15.00 <u>Class Fee:</u> \$190.00</p>
Michele LaMachio	Tues – 2:15-3:30	<p><u>Pre Biology, Pre-Chemistry</u> <u>Grades:</u> 7-8 <u>Class Description:</u> Experience a fully integrated introduction to Life science and the next generation in pre-chemistry through Interactive Science. <u>Homework:</u> 3-5 hrs/wk <u>Curriculum:</u> Science Explorer Life Science & Interactive Science Introduction to Chemistry. <u>Registration:</u>Fall & Spring Semester <u>Supply Fee:</u> \$55.00 <u>Class Fee:</u> \$210.00</p>
Whitney Stone	Tues – 1:00-2:00	<p><u>Pre-Algebra Class</u> <u>Grades:</u> 7-12 <u>High School Credit:</u> 1 <u>Class Description:</u> Pre-Algebra concepts will be reviewed. Students will work with teacher on concept problems, test taking skills, extra word problems including homework review and in class . <u>Homework:</u> 3-5 hrs/week <u>Curriculum:</u>Teaching Textbooks <u>Registration:</u>Fall & Spring Semester <u>Class Fee:</u> \$210.00</p>
Whitney Stone	Tues – 12:00-1:00	<p><u>Algebra 1</u> <u>Grades:</u> 7-12</p>

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David Hirschfeld	Thurs – 9:00 – 10:00	<p>Computer I – see description at Class Description webpage</p> <p><u>Class Fee:</u> \$320.00</p>
David Hirschfeld	Thurs – 10:00 – 11:00	<p>Computer II – see description at Class Description webpage</p> <p><u>Class Fee:</u> \$320.00</p>
Angela Gotera	Tues – 1:00-2:00 Thurs – 10:00-11:00	<p><u>Spanish I</u></p> <p><u>Grades:</u> 7-12</p> <p><u>High School Credit:</u> 1</p> <p><u>Class Description:</u> <i>REALIDADES</i> is a standards-based Spanish curriculum that balances grammar and communication. The program offers technology designed to integrate language and culture to teach and motivate all students.</p> <p><u>Homework:</u> 3-5 hrs/week</p> <p><u>Curriculum:</u> REALIDADES Level 1 text and Practice Workbook</p> <p><u>Registration:</u>Fall & Spring Semester</p> <p><u>Class Fee:</u> \$400.00</p>
Ed Morse	Tues & Thurs – 2:30-3:30	Beginning Band – see description under Extension programs
Ed Morse	Tues & Thurs – 3:30-4:30	Intermediate Band – see description under Extension programs
Michele LaMachio	Wed – 10:00 – 11:30	Ballet II – see see description under Extension programs
Patti Doole	Tues – 2:30-3:30	Sewing - see see description under Extension programs
Newsletter Committee	Meet the 3 rd Thurs/month 4:30-5:30	Newsletter Committee is responsible for planning, writing, layout of a monthly newsletter.
Science Fair Projects Timeline Meeting	Meet 2 nd Thurs/month 4:30-5:30 until March	Students will brainstorm Science Fair Projects and then have project deadlines toward completing their projects. They will be guided through the paperwork process, abstracts etc.. to prepare for the LIFE Science Fair, and MS Regional Science Fair. If they place they can continue to State then International.