

Homeschool Connections Monday Classes 2011-2012

Ages refer to students' age on 9/1/11.

Children under age 7 may enroll in shaded sibling classes ONLY IF they have an older sibling enrolled in a Monday class.

ROOM TIME	Sanctuary	118	119	127	128	201	204	218	227	228	229	230	231
9:00 - 10:00	Int Band 9:40 Start 10 & up Stangland	More Artists 5 - 7 George	Life Science 11 - 13 Delaney	Drama B 9 - 11 Groves	Playroom	X	Writing Club 2 10 - 13 Morrison	Open Study Hall	Missionary Travel 8 - 10 Billing	X	Research Report 13 & up Wescott	Spanish 1B 13 & up Cairns	Art 1 8 & up Roeder
10:10 - 11:10	Int Band con't 9:40 Start 10 & up Stangland	Am History Art 8 - 10 George	Raven Science 8 - 11 Raven	Drama C 10 - 13 Groves	Playroom	Spanish 3 15 & up Cairns	World History 14 & up Renkema	Open Study Hall	My Country 9 - 12 Brenna	Bible Marathon 6 - 9 Brotman	SAT Prep 15 & up Wescott	Algebra 1 14 & up Czech	Art 3/Forum 10 & up Roeder
11:20 - 12:20	Beg Band 2 Days 10 & up Stangland	Anatomy Physiology 14 & up Brannock	Raven Science 8 - 11 Raven	Drama A 7 - 9 Groves	Playroom	X	Writing Club 1 11 - 13 Morrison	Open Study Hall	Step into 6 Traits 10 - 12 Campos	Latin I 11 & up Sutton	Essay Writing 14 & up Wescott	Pre Algebra 13 - 14 Czech	Five in a Row 5 - 7 Nelson
12:20 - 1:00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:05 - 2:05	Adv Jazz 12 & up Hall	Five in a Row 7 - 9 Nelson	Electronics 11 - 13 Raven	PE 5 - 7 Delaney	Playroom	Tutor Room	Sing Move Praise 9 - 11 Menziez	Open Study Hall	Knowing God 14 & up Campos	Latin II 12 & up Sutton	Intro Essay 12 & up Wescott	Health & Fitness 10 - 13 Duguay	Algebra 2/Trig 16 & up Marteeny
2:15 - 3:15	Adv Band 3:45 End 11 & up Stangland	Warfare for Boys 11 - 13 Callender	Earth Science 3:45 End 14 & up Raven	HS Drama 3:35 End 15 & up Groves	Playroom	Latin IV 14 & up Sutton	Sing Move Wrship 6 - 8 Menziez	Open Study Hall	Lit Celebr 12 - 14 Campos	Espanol 1 9 - 11 Gray	Writing Club 1 9 - 11 Morrison	Sewing 3:30 End 12 & up Grace	Dance w/ Decimals 3:35 End 10 - 13 Marteeny

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Homeschool Connections Wednesday Classes 2011-2012

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Children under age 11 may enroll in shaded sibling classes ONLY IF they have an older sibling enrolled in a Wednesday class.

ROOM TIME	L114	L115	L116	L118	L119	L120/123	L124	L126	L128/129	139	141	Student Center	210
9:00 - 10:00	Gov't Civics 15 & up McIntosh	X	Speech 13 & up Larson	Open Study Hall	Quiet Study Hall	Art 1 8 & up Roeder	Underst Lit 12-16 Dugan	Life Science 11 - 13 Delaney	New Testament 12 & up Menzies	French 1A 13 & up Tucker	Algebra 1 14 & up Czech	X	Biology 8:30 Start 15 & up Adler
10:10 - 11:10	Newbery Classics 9 - 11 Ramsey	JrH Drama Tech 12 - 14 Groves	Watercolor 6 - 14 Therrien	Open Study Hall	Quiet Study Hall	Art 2 9 & up Roeder	Study Skills 13 & up Pearson	World Issues 15 & up Curnutt	Lit of Dickens 13 - 16 Brotman	Digital Photo 14 & up Varela	Geometry 15 & up Czech	Int Jazz Band 11 & up Stangland	World Geography 11 - 13 Adler
11:20 - 12:20	Spanish 2 14 & up Cairns	X	Watercolor 10 & up Therrien	Open Study Hall	Quiet Study Hall	Pre-Calc 16 & up Schindler	World History 14 & up Pearson	Latin III 13 & up Sutton	Health 14 & up Brannock	French 1B 14 & up Tucker	Praise Choir 12 & up Menzies	Beg Band 2 Days 10 & up Stangland	Science Explorations 9 - 12 Renkema
12:20 - 1:00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Lunch	Lunch	X
1:05 - 2:05	Spanish 1A 12 & up Cairns	X	Learning Games 6 - 10 Boon	Open Study Hall	Quiet Study Hall	Algebra 2/Trig 16 & up Schindler	Lit & Poetry 10 -13 LaMarche	Latin II 12 & up Sutton	Tutor Room	Roadside Rocks 11 - 13 Raven	C.S. Lewis 13 & up Lund	A Cappella 14 & up Menzies	American Lit 15 & up Dugan
2:15 - 3:15	X	HS Drama 3:35 End 15 & up Groves	X	Open Study Hall	Quiet Study Hall	X	X	Daring Girls 10 - 13 Curnutt	Modern History 11 - 13 Renkema	Chemistry 3:45 End 14 & up Raven	Logic 14 & up Lund	How Things Work 3:30 End 13 & up Albert	Yearbook 3:30 End 14 & up Hutchinson

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Homeschool Connections Class Descriptions 2011-2012

Monday, Throughout the Day

Private Piano Lessons

Teacher: Robert Campbell

Description: Begin your musical adventure! Robert Campbell, piano instructor, professional pianist, and homeschool Dad, is offering piano lessons at Monday and Wednesday Connections. Robert has been teaching and performing in the Puget Sound area for eighteen years. Robert's desire is to make piano lessons fun and meaningful for all his students. Beginning through advanced students are invited to take lessons with Robert. For a free consultation, please see Robert on Monday or Wednesday or call him to schedule an appointment at 425-489-0595. Most lessons are one-half hour. If this is the only Connections' lesson/class you sign up for, you will still need to register with Homeschool Connections by submitting a Family Registration Contract and by paying the registration fee.

Monday, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Drama B

Teacher: Marianni Groves

Age: 9 - 11

Cost: \$24 per month;
\$25 per semester copy/supply
fee

Description: This high-energy class will act as a springboard for students who know they love the theater! Throughout the year we will focus on becoming an ensemble through theater games and exercises. Simultaneously, we will be in rehearsal for a play (title to be determined), which will be presented to family and friends toward the end of the year. Memorization is mandatory. There will be about 1 hour of work outside of class each week. Parents will be asked to provide 5 hours of production work throughout the year in costumes, props, makeup, ticket work, house management, etc. Titles under consideration for 2011-2012: The Emperor's New Clothes, Peter Pan, and Aladdin. Titles subject to change.

Fundamentals of Art 1

Teacher: Debra Roeder

Age: 8 & up

Cost: \$20 per month;
\$15 per year copy/supply fee

Text: Students build their own
book with binder provided

Description: This class is designed for any person wanting to learn skill in art. Come learn basic fundamentals, which apply to most art forms. Fundamentals taught are: line & shape, perspective & proportion, shading, negative & positive space, grid work, scaling, still life & composition, and faces. Final project is a self-portrait. These basic skills, taught in a casual but structured environment, prepare anyone to move on to advanced media (watercolor,

colored pencils, pen & ink, etc). Questions: Call Debra Roeder at 425-337-0579.

Intermediate Band Starts at 9:40, Ends at 11:10

Teacher: Robin Stangland

Age: 10 & up

Prerequisite: Beginning Band or permission of instructor

Cost: \$32 per month for first child; \$16 for any siblings.

Parents play for free;

No copy fee this year

Text: Will let you know later

Description: Intermediate Band is geared toward instrumentalists who have played their instrument one to three years and have finished any band method book. Students must be able to read music. This is a concert band, which includes all traditional woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. There are no strings, guitar, or piano. We will have two concerts per year and one band festival in March. Attendance is required at all performances. Students are expected to practice 20-30 minutes a day, 5 times a week. Sheet music will be on loan to the student and must be turned in when done. Students can play in any number of bands, excluding Jazz band, for one price. If you have any questions, email Robin at stangla@comcast.net.

Life Science

Teacher: Pam Delaney

Age: 11 - 13

Cost: \$30 per month

Text: (1) Science: Order and Reality (second edition) by A Beka Book and (2) Life Science (second edition) by BJU Press. Used copies of these textbooks are readily available.

Homeschool Potpourri (in Kirkland) will give a 15% discount on these books if you buy both textbooks and mention this class. With this discount the total for both books should be less than \$30.

Description: A creation-based life science course designed to prepare middle school students for high school science. We will study scientific method, plants, microscopy, classification, animals, the human body, insects, and principles of physical science. Class lab time will include work with microscopes, dissections and more. Students should expect two hours per week of homework with both reading assignments and science activities. Two textbooks are used in this class so that I can select the best material for each subject from the two books. The students will not be required to read all of the material in either textbook. I believe that science should be fun, easy to understand, and interesting. By the end of the year, I hope the students will be amazed with God's creation and will feel capable of and interested in tackling more advanced science coursework.

Missionary Travel

Teacher: Lisa Billing

Age: 8 - 10

Cost: \$20 per month; \$25 fall copy/supply fee, \$10 spring copy/supply fee

Text: Window on the World, ISBN 1-85078-358-6; Bible; 1-2 other possible books required

Description: This class will help us grasp God's heart for the world and fuel a passion for Jesus as we travel around the world with past and present missionaries. This will be a hands-on class that will inspire each of us as we read and explore the geography, culture, history and various careers while focusing on the impact of sharing Jesus with the world around us. An emphasis will also be placed on prayer and interacting with current missionary families. Ideas will be provided to help your family participate in this class with your child. Homework will be 1-2 hours a week depending on how much you choose to invest. There will be some outside reading and presentations or projects. A reading list will be provided in the summer and books can

be chosen from your home library or purchased for extra enrichment.

More Great Artists

Teacher: Adele George
Age: 5 - 7
Cost: \$20 per month;
\$25 per year copy/supply fee

Description: This class will be a very similar format as the original Great Artists, and will introduce students to a new set of great artists throughout history and different art styles. Each week, students will learn about a new artist, view some prints of their work and create a piece of work based on what they've learned. Many projects the students create will be seasonal and functional art pieces. We'll work with a variety of mediums such as collage, oil and chalk pastels, tempera, acrylics, colored pencil, watercolor and possibly clay. Students will learn many facets of art expression, gaining confidence in their own growth as artists.

Open Study Hall

Teacher: No Teacher

Description: This is the only study hall available on Mondays. If a student is not enrolled in a class, they need to be in this room or in their car with their parent. This room is intended for visiting, games, or group activities. Neither parents nor students should expect a noise-free environment. Quiet studying may be done in your car. A parent rotation may be set up to assist with supervision. Students under age 6 are expected to be in the playroom. Students between the ages of 6 and 8 must have an adult, who is directly responsible for them, in the room at all times. Respectful behavior is expected.

Playroom

Teacher: No Teacher
Cost: \$14 per year supply fee for 1-5 hours, per family, payable to Elizabeth Grace. This fee covers name tags, crayons, paper, first aid materials, napkins, cups, etc.

Description: The playroom is designed to give toddlers to seven-year-olds a safe environment to play while their siblings attend classes. On a rotating basis, parents will supervise, bring activities, or provide snacks. The activities rotate to add variety to the hours and should be simple in order to appeal to the wide age span. Snacks are served during the 2nd and 5th hours. All participating parents must complete Washington State Patrol forms, which will remain confidential.

Research & Report Writing

Teacher: Alice Wescott
Age: 13 & up
Prerequisite: May NOT be taken concurrently with Essay Writing
Cost: \$30 per month;
\$25 per year copy/supply fee

Description: First semester, students will be "walked through" the steps to writing a research paper as they write two reports. Second semester, they will use these skills to produce a major research paper. Supporting skills, such as summarizing and note taking, will also be taught. Students should plan on 1½-2 hours of homework per week, but this will vary depending on what phase of the

Text: MLA Handbook - 7th edition will be ordered during the summer so we can get a group discount

paper we are in. Additionally, time will need to be spent in the library for this class.

Spanish 1B

Teacher: Janet Cairns

Age: 13 & up

Prerequisite: Spanish 1-A or instructor's permission

Cost: \$22 per month; \$30 per year copy/supply fee which includes a class notebook, flash cards, worksheets, binder inserts, and a bimonthly Spanish magazine.

Text: Same texts as for Spanish 1A

1 - Spanish is Fun: Book 1, Third Edition, by Heywood Wald - ISBN 978-1-56765-464-6 (softbound)

2 - Spanish is Fun: Book 1, Cuaderno de ejercicios, by Heywood Wald -

ISBN 978-1-56765-468-4

3 - Also required: A good paperback Spanish/English Dictionary. I recommend The New World Spanish/English, English/Spanish Dictionary, published by Signet, ISBN 0-451-18168-9, or something similar. These books are available at the University Book Store or through Amazon.com.

Description: Join us as we continue to explore the world of written and oral Spanish. This class builds upon what was learned in Spanish 1A. Students will continue studying Spanish vocabulary and grammar as they work to improve their conversation skills. This class will cover possessive and demonstrative adjectives, prepositions, numbers to 1,000, stem-changing verbs, irregular verbs and the preterite tense. We will supplement the text with projects, games, quizzes, and Bible verses. We will go to a nearby Mexican restaurant where the students will order their food in Spanish. This is a non-Connections sponsored activity. This class is the second half of Spanish 1. When you complete this class, you will have finished the first year of High School Spanish. There are 2 - 3 hours of homework per week.

Writing Club 2

Teacher: Laurie Morrison

Age: 10 - 13

Prerequisite: Students must have completed Writing Club 1 or be schooled in using dress-ups and openers according to Andrew Pudewa's Excellence in Writing program

Cost: \$25 per month; \$10 per year copy/supply fee

Text: Write Source 2000

Description: This second-in-a-series writing skills class will continue developing the style and structure curriculum used in the Excellence in Writing program, teaching students how to write paragraphs which are varied in sentence beginnings, vocabulary, phrases, and clauses. A variety of writing projects are assigned, including a process essay, a family history interview report, a career report, a narrative, and a five-paragraph critique. Parent involvement greatly increases student success. Weekly homework assigned.

ISBN 0-669-46773-1
or 0-669-46774-X from
www.greatsource.com using
"Advanced Search" link and
entering number; Pocket
dictionary and thesaurus

Monday, 10:10 AM to 11:10 AM

Algebra 1

Teacher: Kelly Czech

Age: 14 & up

Prerequisite: Completion of Pre-Algebra. If no Pre-Algebra class taken, please discuss with instructor.

Cost: \$30 per month;
\$10 per year copy/supply fee
for handouts and quizzes

Text: Addison Wesley Algebra,
ISBN 0-201-81248-7

Description: Algebra - a great discipline for mind and body! This class will be a traditional Algebra course. The course material demands consistent, daily homework. You should budget 1 to 1½ hours daily (four days a week) for completion of assignments. For most students, this is their first "serious" math class. Connections Algebra is designed for the college-bound student, most likely preparing for studies in science or math. Parents will be responsible to ensure that their student is completing and correcting each daily assignment. Tests are taken at home. Homework is assigned that is due the first day of classes, so please have your books by mid-August. Also, one parent should plan on attending the first class of the school year as I will be going over homework and testing guidelines. Thank you!

American History Art

Teacher: Adele George

Age: 8 - 10

Cost: \$20 per month;
\$25 per year copy/supply fee

Description: This art class will introduce students to American art and artists from a historical perspective. We will study famous American artists, the techniques they used, and create our own works of art based on what was learned. Students will also learn about the events happening in our nation's history at the time of each artist's work. Class time will involve discussion, an art project, and keeping a timeline of historical events. Several different mediums will be used for projects and students will grow in confidence as they create their own works of art.

Bible Marathon I

Teacher: Ellen Brotman

Age: 6 - 9

Cost: \$20 per month;
\$25 per semester copy/supply
fee, includes notebook

Text: Provided in class.

Description: Ready to go the distance? This course gives you the chance to do just that in a marathon of 30 Bible studies from the Old Testament which reveal various facets of God's supernatural character. Each class will present a Bible story in a format which includes acting out the story, completing worksheets, engaging in activities that bring the story to life, and making a new entry on a timeline that tracks each event chronologically. Mile Marker parties throughout the year give the students the opportunity to celebrate how far they have come. The Bible Marathon notebook will be completed as the year progresses, giving

evidence to the fact that the student will have "gone the distance" through the Old Testament. Beautiful medals will be awarded at the end of the year.

Drama C

Teacher: Marianni Groves
Age: 10 - 13
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\$25 per semester copy/supply
fee

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English 10/11/12 (with SAT Prep)

Teacher: Alice Wescott
Age: 15 & up
Cost: \$30 per month;
\$30 per year copy/supply fee
Text: There will be 2 textbook
(s), which will NOT be ordered
until summer. I will order the
books so we can get a group
discount.

Description: Don't miss out on admission to a college or to a scholarship opportunity because your SAT scores were too low! Students who take this class significantly improve their test scores, and in the past, several students each year typically receive full-tuition scholarships. This class will help the student fully understand the SAT's reading, writing, and math sections. In addition, we will work on vocabulary, comprehension of literary pieces, and writing skills. Students will be assigned sections of the book to complete each week and then will critically discuss these in class. Test taking strategies will also be worked on. About an hour of outside work will be required each week, but will vary. Class attendance is MANDATORY. If you are homeschooling under a school, this class will be listed as English 10, 11, or 12. NOTE: Running Start students need to take the SAT when transferring to a 4-year college.

Fundamentals of Art 3/Art Forum

Teacher: Debra Roeder
Age: 10 & up
Prerequisite: Art 1 & 2 for Art
3; self motivated & basic art
skills for Art Forum
Cost: \$20 per month;
\$20 per year copy/supply fee

Description: In Art 3, you will be developing original ideas, creating designs on paper & turning them into 2 & 3 "D" art. You will 1) design and use block and mono print 2) design, make and use stamps 3) design personal stickers 4) design and print silk screens/painting 5) metal working 6) scratch board 7) Chinese paper cutting 8) Sume' art. Must have already taken Fundamentals of Art, parts 1 & 2. Questions, call Debra Roeder at 425-337-0579. Art Forum will be combined with Art 3. I would like the children to have the opportunity to create individual art. If your child is self motivated, this is the art class for them. They will work on their own original art with assistance.

Intermediate Band con't Starts at 9:40, Ends at 11:10

Teacher: Robin Stangland

Age: 10 & up

Prerequisite: Beginning Band or permission of instructor

Text: Will let you know later

Description: See description under 9:00 am classes.

Open Study Hall

Teacher: No Teacher

Description: This is the only study hall available on Mondays. If a student is not enrolled in a class, they need to be in this room or in their car with their parent. This room is intended for visiting, games, or group activities. Neither parents nor students should expect a noise-free environment. Quiet studying may be done in your car. A parent rotation may be set up to assist with supervision. Students under age 6 are expected to be in the playroom. Students between the ages of 6 and 8 must have an adult, who is directly responsible for them, in the room at all times. Respectful behavior is expected.

Playroom

Teacher: No Teacher

Cost: \$14 per year supply fee for 1-5 hours, per family, payable to Elizabeth Grace. This fee covers name tags, crayons, paper, first aid materials, napkins, cups, etc.

Description: The playroom is designed to give toddlers to seven-year-olds a safe environment to play while their siblings attend classes. On a rotating basis, parents will supervise, bring activities, or provide snacks. The activities rotate to add variety to the hours and should be simple in order to appeal to the wide age span. Snacks are served during the 2nd and 5th hours. All participating parents must complete Washington State Patrol forms, which will remain confidential.

Raven Science

Teacher: Brian Raven

Age: 8 - 11

Cost: \$25 per month

Description: This class is dedicated to increasing the scientific competency of our children. Brian believes that this can best be accomplished by providing today's students with basic background information and a hands-on learning environment. This view of science includes much wonder and exploration combined with the concept of critical thinking. There is a three year rotation with the topics of study for this class. Each student should have a simple science notebook to take some basic notes and organize class handouts.

Spanish 3

Teacher: Janet Cairns

Age: 15 & up

Prerequisite: Spanish 2 or the

Description: Take your Spanish to a whole new level! Spanish 3 will cover year three of high school Spanish. We will learn new grammatical structures, verb tenses and

teacher's permission

Cost: \$30 per month;
\$30 per year copy/supply fee
includes a binder, worksheets,
binder inserts and a bimonthly
Spanish magazine

Text: 1 - Spanish for Mastery
3: Situaciones -
ISBN 0-669-31365-3 (Answer
Key is also needed. May be
purchased from Seton books or
from the teacher)

2 - Spanish for Mastery 3:
Situaciones - Workbook -
ISBN 0-669-31378-5

3 - Spanish/English Dictionary
(Use the one that you have
from Spanish 2)

4 - 501 Spanish Verbs by
Christopher Kendris
ISBN 978-0-7641-7984-6 (Any
edition is fine.) (Use the one
that you have from Spanish 2)
These books are available
through www.amazon.com,
www.alibris.com and
www.setonbooks.com .

vocabulary as we build on what you have learned in Spanish 1 and 2. This class will cover the subjunctive, imperative, preterite, future, conditional and perfect tenses. Increased Spanish conversation is emphasized as the students expand their knowledge of grammar. We will go to a nearby Mexican restaurant where the students will order in Spanish. This is a non-Connections sponsored activity. Like Spanish 2, this is an intense, fast moving class. In class you will read, write and speak Spanish as you have more opportunity to use what you have learned. Plan on 3 - 4 hours of homework per week.

This is My Country

Teacher: Terry Brenna

Age: 9 - 12

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$20 per month;
\$32 per year copy/supply fee

Text: Provided by instructor

Description: Junior Geographers will have fun discovering America as we "travel" through the United States, singing songs and collecting souvenirs as we go. We'll begin with our national capital and symbols and then visit several states each week. Colorful maps and fact pages help us learn each state's capital, major cities, attractions, bird, tree, flower, flag, and motto. Each student will also have the opportunity to give an oral report on a state of their choosing. Other than preparation for this oral report and several optional activities, there is no homework outside of class required.

World History

Teacher: Kari Renkema

Age: 14 & up

Prerequisite: none

Cost: \$25 per month;
\$20 per year copy fee

Text: Bob Jones World History,
3rd Edition. Also recommended:
the coordinating student
workbook and answer guide.

Description: The history of the world is the unfolding of God's providence. This course will cover the history of the world from ancient times to the present. We will study various cultures, their history, geography and faiths from a Christian world view. While this course covers both eastern and western history, we will emphasize the history of western civilization. Of special interest to us will be the church's interaction with the events and philosophies of history. Students will complete assignments from the text, tests, and maps. There will be around 2 hours of

homework per week.

Monday, 11:20 AM to 12:20 PM

Anatomy and Physiology

Teacher: Jill Brannock

Age: 14 & up

Cost: \$25 per month;
\$30 per year supply fee covers
the purchase of lab materials
including dissecting kits and
specimens

Text: Essentials of Human
Anatomy & Physiology 9th ed.
and Anatomy & Physiology
Coloring Workbook 8th ed. both
by Elaine Marieb. These are
expensive new, but can
generally be found used. Above
are the preferred editions, but
other close editions can be
used. You do NOT need the lab
manual or the CD. Call me for
clarifications or questions 425-
220-8912

Description: This is a high school level lab science class which will include several dissections. It will be a fairly fast paced class as we try to cover all the human body systems and how they function. There will be 3-4 hours of homework each week. Students will come away with a good understanding of the intricate design and amazing capabilities of the human body and also with a good working knowledge of medical terminology.

Beginning Band Meets both days

Teacher: Robin Stangland

Age: 10 & up

Prerequisite: No prerequisite
or musical experience necessary

Cost: \$32 per month for first
child; \$16 for any siblings.

Parents play for free;

No copy fee this year

Text: Will let you know later

Description: The goal of Beginning Band is to teach a band instrument to someone who may or may not have had any prior musical experience. The student may begin on flute, clarinet, trumpet, or trombone. Later in the year they may switch to other instruments of the band such as saxophone, percussion, horn, etc. I will demonstrate all of the instruments the first day of class. I will also check lips, hands, and teeth to make sure they choose an instrument that they can be successful playing. I will also give you information on renting or buying an instrument. Please do not choose an instrument until after the first class meeting. We will have two concerts per year and possibly a band festival in March. Attendance is required at all performances. Students are expected to practice 20-30 minutes a day, 5 times a week. There will be playing tests once or twice a month. It is very helpful for the student to have a means of recording their playing tests at home and turning them in. Sheet music will be on loan to the student and must be turned in when done. Students from Intermediate, Advanced, and Wind Ensemble who want to learn a second instrument will be put on a waiting list for Beginning Band until September, then if there is still room in the class they will be able to join. If you have any questions, email Robin at stangla@comcast.net.

Drama A

Teacher: Marianni Groves

Age: 7 - 9

Cost: \$23 per month;
\$25 per semester copy/supply
fee

Description: This class will tackle the world of Storytelling. We will introduce the concept of the conflict, resolution, character, beginning, middle, and end, but above all Creativity. We will use different themes (a few examples – Under the Sea, World Travel, Planets and Stars, Rainbows) under whose umbrella we will explore the vast world of storytelling and adventure through drama, art, teamwork, and music.

Essay Writing

Teacher: Alice Wescott

Age: 14 & up

Prerequisite: May NOT be taken concurrently with Research Writing. Intro to Essay Writing is recommended.

Cost: \$30 per month;
\$25 per year copy/supply fee

Description: This class will focus on the writing skills necessary to be successful in high school and college classes. First semester, it will emphasize the basics of essay writing. Second semester we will study specific types of essays: comparison / contrast essays, persuasive essays, writing critiques, and other types of essays. This class will meet the requirements for one-half to one English credit, which will be determined by the parent teacher. There will be 1½ to 2 hours of homework each week. Class will be filled with oldest students first.

Five in a Row

Teacher: Kim Nelson

Age: 5 - 7

Cost: \$20 per month;
\$20 per year copy/supply fee

Description: In this class students explore exceptional children's literature through the popular "Five in a Row" curriculum (new titles for 2011-12). A unit study approach includes investigation into geography, writing, art, and science topics. Every two weeks a well-written and illustrated picture book takes center stage. Students hear the book read aloud, indicate on a map the location of the story, and experience hands-on projects. This year our books focus on animals and their characteristics. Possible titles include: Night of the Moonjellies, The Salamander Room, The Bee Tree, Three Names, Owl Moon, and Make Way for Duckings. Creation of a "Book Friends" binder encourages a life-long interest in reading. Take home information provides additional ideas for extended learning and discovery.

Latin I

Teacher: Mary Sutton

Age: 11 & up

Prerequisite: Must have basic knowledge of English grammar. Student should be able to recognize a subject, verb, direct object and preposition.

Description: Because Latin is a "pure" language with minimal exceptions to the rule, it is an excellent vehicle for learning English grammar as well as how language as a whole is put together. In this class, students will learn five functions of nouns and how to form three tenses of verbs. They will learn the terminology of language and be able to logically determine the function of words in a sentence.

Cost: \$20 per month for 1st in family; \$15 each additional sibling;

\$10 per year copy/supply fee

Text: Preparatory Latin.

Instructor will provide text for cost of copying, approximately \$15. Fee for book to be paid after class begins.

Students must be able to memorize, as Latin is an inflective language requiring the memorization of noun and verb endings. In addition, students will be expected to memorize about 250 Latin words. For those students desiring a full language credit, a project will be assigned each semester. Access to e-mail and the internet is required. Students typically spend 3 hours per week completing assignments outside of class for a full credit.

Open Study Hall

Teacher: No Teacher

Description: This is the only study hall available on Mondays. If a student is not enrolled in a class, they need to be in this room or in their car with their parent. This room is intended for visiting, games, or group activities. Neither parents nor students should expect a noise-free environment. Quiet studying may be done in your car. A parent rotation may be set up to assist with supervision. Students under age 6 are expected to be in the playroom. Students between the ages of 6 and 8 must have an adult, who is directly responsible for them, in the room at all times. Respectful behavior is expected.

Playroom

Teacher: No Teacher

Cost: \$14 per year supply fee for 1-5 hours, per family, payable to Elizabeth Grace. This fee covers name tags, crayons, paper, first aid materials, napkins, cups, etc.

Description: The playroom is designed to give toddlers to seven-year-olds a safe environment to play while their siblings attend classes. On a rotating basis, parents will supervise, bring activities, or provide snacks. The activities rotate to add variety to the hours and should be simple in order to appeal to the wide age span. Snacks are served during the 2nd and 5th hours. All participating parents must complete Washington State Patrol forms, which will remain confidential.

Pre-Algebra

Teacher: Kelly Czech

Age: 13 - 14

Cost: \$25 per month; \$15 per year copy/supply fee

Text: Transition Mathematics (pub: Scott Foresman), ISBN 0-673-45745-1

Description: Welcome to the world of Algebra! It is a fascinating, perplexing, exciting and often bewildering subject for the new Algebra student. A pre-Algebra class can go far to instill confidence and improve skill level, making the Algebra I class more enjoyable. This class will prepare the student for their future in advanced mathematics, by introducing them to the key concepts, vocabulary, and simple applications of Algebra. Homework will be assigned, and tests will be taken at home. Students should plan at least 1/2- 3/4 hour daily doing pre-Algebra homework (4 times a week). This practice of daily work will also prepare the student for their more advanced classes. Summer work should consist of reviewing multiplication tables to the point of facility, as well as a good review of fractions.

Raven Science

Teacher: Brian Raven

Age: 8 - 11

Cost: \$25 per month

Description: This class is dedicated to increasing the scientific competency of our children. Brian believes that this can best be accomplished by providing today's students with basic background information and a hands-on learning environment. This view of science includes much wonder and exploration combined with the concept of critical thinking. There is a three year rotation with the topics of study for this class. Each student should have a simple science notebook to take some basic notes and organize class handouts.

Step Into Six Traits Writing

Teacher: Glenda Campos

Age: 10 - 12

Cost: \$28 per month;
\$30 per year copy/supply fee

Text: A new textbook will be selected for this class. The facilitator will notify the class this summer with the name of the text.

Description: Step into the Six Traits of writing in this beginning writing class. Become familiar with all six traits as you write recounts, paragraphs, simple essays, biographies, summaries, realistic narratives, historical narratives, and poetry. Creative Arts will be incorporated into various class assignments. Create an accordion book, design a shape book, produce a colorful poster; these are just a few of the creative arts we will weave into our writing lessons. Approximately 1-2 hours of homework a week.

Writing Club 1

Teacher: Laurie Morrison

Age: 11 - 13

Cost: \$25 per month;
\$10 per year copy/supply fee

Text: Write Source 2000
ISBN 0-669-46773-1
or 0-669-46774-X from
www.greatsource.com using
"Advanced Search" link and
entering number; Pocket
dictionary and thesaurus

Description: This writing skills class will introduce the student to writing keyword outlines, then transforming that outline into the writing of a paragraph. Style elements that make the writing more varied and interesting will be modeled and taught. Writing materials from the Excellence in Writing program by Andrew Pudewa will be provided and used, as well as materials from Great Source. Basic punctuation, grammar, and proofreading practice included. A three-paragraph report will be an assignment during the second semester, as well as writing new stories from old fables and from pictures. Parent involvement greatly increases student success. Weekly homework assigned, 1-2 hours, with the goal of keeping writing fun! It works!

Monday, 1:05 PM to 2:05 PM

Advanced Jazz Ensemble

Teacher: Kevin Hall

Age: 12 & up

Prerequisite: Intermediate
Homeschool Jazz band last year,
and/or audition

Cost: \$35 per month;

Description: Advanced Jazz Ensemble is for instrumentalists who want to perform and learn about jazz at the highest level. The ensemble combines advanced musicians for a unique learning experience, while emphasizing big band swing and contemporary jazz music. A minimum of three performances are scheduled. Regular,

\$35 per year copy/supply fee

individual practice is expected and private lessons are suggested. Instrumentation is as follows: 2-4: piano/guitar/bass/drum sets, 2-5 trumpets, 2-5 trombones, 2-6 saxes. Students must be able to read music and commit to the entire year (September – May).

Algebra 2/Trig

Teacher: Marna Marteeny

Age: 16 & up

Prerequisite: Completion of Algebra 1 and Geometry with a B or better

Cost: \$25 per month;
\$10 per year copy fee

Text: ALGEBRA 2 - An Integrated Approach; by Larson, Kanold, Stiff; Published by HEATH c1995
ISBN 0669383171;
TI-83 plus graphing calculator required

Description: This course is designed for strong math students who are college/university bound. The first two-thirds of the year will focus on algebra skills providing all the algebra needed to continue on in high school and college math. The last one-third of the year will be an extensive study of trigonometry including triangle and circle trigonometry. 6-7 hours of work outside of class will be required each week. Parents will be responsible to ensure that their student is completing and correcting each daily assignment.

Electronics & Physical Science

Teacher: Brian Raven

Age: 11 - 13

Cost: \$25 per month

Description: Explore the world of electronics utilizing numerous circuit components (such as cells, batteries, lamps, switches, LED's, resistors, capacitors, and operational amplifiers) and component plug-in breadboards to build a multitude of electrical circuits. We will also study some basic concepts in: Physics (including energy, forces, and motion); Chemistry (including atoms and molecules and chemical reactions); Astronomy (including astronomical tools and star structure). Each student should have a simple science notebook to take some basic notes and organize class handouts.

Five in a Row

Teacher: Kim Nelson

Age: 7 - 9

Cost: \$20 per month;
\$20 per year copy/supply fee

Description: In this class students explore exceptional children's literature through the popular "Five in a Row" curriculum (new titles for 2011-12). A unit study approach includes investigation into geography, writing, art, and science topics. Every two weeks a well-written and illustrated picture book takes center stage. Students hear the book read aloud, indicate on a map the location of the story, and experience hands-on projects. This year our books focus on animals and their characteristics. Possible titles include: Night of the Moonjellies, The Salamander Room, The Bee Tree, Three Names, Owl Moon, and Make Way for Duckings. Creation of a "Book Friends" binder encourages a life-long interest in reading. Take home information provides additional ideas for extended learning

and discovery.

Health and Fitness

Teacher: Sharon Duguay

Age: 10 - 13

Cost: \$20 per month;
\$25 per year copy/supply fee
covers take-home fitness
equipment, copies, handouts,
and other materials for
classroom use

Text: Teacher will provide
articles

Description: Fun and fellowship are powerful tools in the learning experience. This class is all about building friendships while developing healthy habits in the areas of fitness, nutrition, hygiene, and safety. Class time will be spent doing a variety of activities as we address healthy habits in the areas of injury prevention, bicycle safety, water safety, sports participation, daily routines, healthy snacks, family activities, and so forth. Activities during class will include outdoor games and activities. Students should come prepared, wearing appropriate shoes and clothing. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the President's Challenge sponsored by the President's Council on Physical Fitness. As for homework, students will set up their own weekly exercise/activity plans and keep a fitness record and journal. There will also be reading assignments in the form of journal articles and handouts as well as activities relevant to the weekly topic. Students should plan on 20 minutes per day 5 days a week for implementing their exercise program and another 30-60 minutes per week for other homework assignments.

Introduction to Essay Writing

Teacher: Alice Wescott

Age: 12 & up

Cost: \$25 per month;
\$25 per year copy/supply fee

Description: This class will prepare the student to be successful in high school writing classes. Thus, it will cover a variety of topics, all of which will prepare the student for Essay Writing, Report Writing, and the type of writing necessary to be successful in high school content subjects. Parent involvement is encouraged as it greatly increases student success. This class will require about 1 hour of outside work each week.

Knowing God

Teacher: Glenda Campos

Age: 14 & up

Cost: \$30 per month;
\$30 per year copy/supply fee

Text: A list of required books
will be sent out this summer.

Description: Knowing God and who we are in relationship to God is what we were made for. But where do we begin our journey? Delve into great Christian classics such as A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 by Phillip Keller, The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey, Connecting with God - a Renovare Resource and Discovering God's Will by Jerry Sittser, to name a few. Immerse yourself in the gospels to know Christ more fully and the book of Acts to know the Holy Spirit. At the end of the year you'll understand, love and appreciate God's attributes, his nature and his character. "This is eternal life, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent." John 17:3 Approximately 1 1/2 hours of homework a week.

Latin II

Teacher: Mary Sutton

Age: 12 & up

Prerequisite: Latin I or by permission of the instructor

Cost: \$20 per month for 1st in family, \$15 each additional sibling;

\$10 per year copy/supply fee

Text: Continuation of Preparatory Latin, provided by instructor

Description: Continuation of Latin I. Students will learn the perfect tenses, active and passive voice; 3rd declension nouns and adjectives; 3rd and 4th conjugation of verbs; and introduction to participles. In addition, students desiring a full language credit will be assigned a project each semester. Access to e-mail and the internet is required.

Open Study Hall

Teacher: No Teacher

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PE

Teacher: Pam Delaney

Age: 5 - 7

Cost: \$20 per month; \$5 per year supply fee to help purchase new sports equipment

Description: This will be a combination indoor/outdoor class. When weather permits, we will go outside and do a variety of sports, activities, and games. When cold or rainy weather prohibits going outdoors, we will do indoor games and activities. Students should wear tennis shoes, comfortable clothes, have a jacket when it is cool, and bring a water bottle, if desired, especially when it is warm. There will be no outside homework. Parents will be requested to help on a rotating basis, approximately 2-3 times during the year.

Playroom

Teacher: No Teacher

Cost: \$14 per year supply fee for 1-5 hours, per family, payable to Elizabeth Grace. This fee covers name tags, crayons, paper, first aid materials, napkins, cups, etc.

Description: The playroom is designed to give toddlers to seven-year-olds a safe environment to play while their siblings attend classes. On a rotating basis, parents will supervise, bring activities, or provide snacks. The activities rotate to add variety to the hours and should be simple in order to appeal to the wide age span. Snacks are served during the 2nd and 5th hours. All participating parents must complete Washington State Patrol forms, which will remain confidential.

Sing, Move, & Praise!

Teacher: Debbie Menzies
Age: 9 - 11
Cost: \$20 per month;
\$40 per year copy/supply fee
Text: Teacher provides music books, practice CD, homework sheets, and other manipulatives as needed

Description: This energetic class will teach vocal techniques and warm-ups to help strengthen and develop your voice. We will learn Christian music and worship songs. Our focus will be on singing group songs, working on harmony skills, learning performance techniques and, as needed, music theory. We may incorporate rhythm exercises, instruments and we will learn choreography, sign and/or dance to perform with our songs. Worship has never been so fun! You will have the opportunity to perform in two recitals throughout the year, which includes a mass choir experience. Practice time: 2 - 4 hours a week.

Tutor Room

Description: This classroom is available for one- on-one tutoring by Connections' teachers for Connections' students. Contact teacher directly regarding their availability and tutoring costs. There must be two adults in this room at all times. If only one teacher is present, the student's parent must remain in the room.

Monday, 2:15 PM to 3:15 PM

Advanced Band **Ends at 3:45**

Teacher: Robin Stangland
Age: 11 & up
Prerequisite: Permission of instructor and audition if you are new to this band program
Cost: \$32 per month for first child; \$16 for any additional siblings; adults play for free; No copy fee this year

Description: Advanced band is a concert band for students who have played for 3+ years. We will be playing high school level music. We will have two concerts per year and one band festival in the Spring. Attendance is required at all performances. Students are expected to practice 20-30 minutes a day, 5 times a week. Sheet music will be on loan to the student and must be turned in when done. Students can play in any number of bands, excluding Jazz band, for one price. If you have any questions, e-mail Robin at stangla@comcast.net.

Dancing with Decimals **Ends at 3:35**

Teacher: Marna Marteeny
Age: 10 - 13
Prerequisite: Mastery of basic math functions (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) as well as Fraction concepts. Passing with 80% or above on this test is sufficient: <http://www.mathusee.com/pdfs/placement/epsilonexam.pdf>
Cost: \$32 per month;

Description: Learn to love math with Decimals and Percents. Previous math concepts will be reviewed as well to ensure a solid foundation for continued math inquiry. We will develop strategies for answering word problems fearlessly! Class will include reviewing representative Chapter/Test Problems, discussing new material, and working out example problems for current week's homework. Additionally, we will learn to run our own Pet Store business in class using applied decimals and percents to do our bookkeeping. Please note that this class has a longer session time allowing us to do both

\$35 per year copy/supply fee curriculums.
Text: Math U See Zeta
(Decimals and Percents)
Student Pack (You provide)
Charlotte Mason, Your Pet Store
(I provide)

Earth Science **Ends at 3:45**

Teacher: Brian Raven
Age: 14 & up
Cost: \$35 per month
Text: Earth Science: Geology,
the Environment, and the
Universe; Glencoe; 2002
edition; ISBN 0-07-821591-9

Description: This is a College Prep course that will introduce the students to the fundamental principles of Geology. Evaluation will be via weekly homework from the text, a final project, and three exams. I will also be offering one or two optional (extra credit) Saturday field courses. These field courses are targeted at the high school students, but family members are welcome to attend. There is no fee for the field courses and they are not sponsored by Homeschool Connections. Topics of study will include: geochemistry, minerals, igneous rocks, sedimentary rocks, metamorphic rocks, volcanoes, plutonic bodies, earthquakes, plate tectonics, weathering, erosion, streams, glaciers, and soil. This class will focus on Pacific Northwest Geology. Each student should have a science notebook. This course qualifies as a High School Lab Science credit.

Español 1

Teacher: Maria Gray
Age: 9 - 11
Cost: \$22 per month;
\$25 per year copy/supply fee
Text: Risas y Sonrisas by
Spanish for Kids
ISBN: 9-780976-014720
A bulk order will be placed over
the summer to receive a bulk
discount or parents can
purchase their own separately
from www.spanishforkids.com.
Cost is ~\$45 plus S&H. Book
includes a CD and a DVD to
listen to at home for
reinforcement.

Description: Ven con nosotros (come with us) as we learn the second most spoken language in the United States! This class will develop basic speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in Spanish along with studying the cultures of Spanish-speaking people. Students will learn through games, role-playing and singing. Student participation to develop conversational skills will be encouraged. Homework is approximately one hour per week.

High School Drama **Ends at 3:35**

Teacher: Marianni Groves
Age: 15 & up
Cost: \$26 per month;
\$25 per year copy/supply fee

Description: Serious drama, serious commitment, serious fun. This class is for those who know they love theater and are ready to stretch themselves. Expect line memorization, fundraising, production work including sets, costumes, choreography and much more. This class requires preparation time of 1 to 5 hours a week outside of class. Because drama is a team activity, all rehearsals are

mandatory. Early in the year, there will also be a schedule handed out of mandatory outside-of-class-time rehearsals, most of which will be close to the production date. Each family must agree to have their student at all of these rehearsals before the student accepts his/her part. Regular attendance in class is also expected. The parents in each family will be expected to attend several meetings throughout the year (probably during lunch hour) and to take on a production job. Expect your production job to call for 20-50 hours throughout the year culminating toward production dates. Each family will need to sign a contract agreeing to all of the above to confirm their enrollment in the class. Our tech week dates are end of April to early May - definite dates TBD. We are doing a traditional show this next year. There will be a \$150-\$175 (payments are accepted and fees are not due until Jan. 2011) production fee per student. We encourage the students to earn this money during the summer and will speak about personal plans at the drama meeting at the end of the year. Students will have the opportunity to TOTALLY earn this fee through fundraising opportunities IF they choose to participate.

Latin IV

Teacher: Mary Sutton

Age: 14 & up

Prerequisite: Latin III or by permission of the instructor

Cost: \$20 per month for 1st in family; \$15 each additional sibling

Text: Wheelock's Latin Grammar by Frederic Wheelock, 6th edition, revised; Latin-English dictionary

Description: Continuation of Latin III. The text will be Wheelock's Latin Grammar. Students will continue learning participles and infinitives, ablative absolutes, indirect statements, and the subjunctive mood. The goal is to finish the text, which would be equivalent to one college year of Latin. Students should plan on spending approximately 3 hours outside of class to complete assignments. Access to e-mail and the internet is required.

Literature Celebrations

Teacher: Glenda Campos

Age: 12 - 14

Cost: \$32 per month; \$30 per year copy/supply fee

Text: A Reader's Handbook: A Student Guide for Reading and Learning Grades 9-12 (049006) \$17.75; call 1-800-289-4490 to order from Great Source. Some novels needed for the year are: The Giver, Maniac Magee, Animal Farm, The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and To Kill a Mockingbird.

Description: Does your child love to read? Or are they a reluctant reader? This class will provide an opportunity for your young adult to read and discuss a variety of literature with their peers. Together we will read Newberys, classics, biographies, memoirs, historical fiction, mysteries, fantasy, realistic fiction and science fiction. At times we will read and discuss a piece as an entire class. Students will also be able to select a book of their choice within a specific genre, which will then be discussed in Literature Circles. "Celebrations" (projects and responses to the reading) of novels will occur both in groups and individually. Vocabulary development and recording of famous and favorite quotes will be emphasized. Our overall emphasis will be a love of literature, which we will share with each other! Approximately 2-3 hours of homework a week.

(Dependent on your child's reading pace.) This class is available for High School credit.

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Playroom

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Sewing and Creative Arts **Ends at 3:30**

Teacher: Elizabeth Grace

Age: 12 & up

Prerequisite: Familiarity with basic sewing terms helpful but not required. Student must have a sewing machine that can be brought to class most weeks.

Cost: \$20 per month; \$15 per semester copy/supply fee covers sewing patterns and information provided by teacher

Text: Not yet determined; will be a basic sewing manual useful for the rest of your life. Sewing supplies and fabric will need to be purchased by student during school year; depends on projects chosen.

Description: We will start with a chosen project and develop basic skills, including mending and alterations, and as the year progresses students will have opportunities to create garments, fashion accessories and home accessories. Class time will focus on in-class sewing with instruction. Some at-home sewing homework will be necessary. Our goal is to learn to use sewing as a creative outlet as well as a cost-saving skill to benefit you for the rest of your life.

Sing, Move & Worship!

Teacher: Debbie Menzies

Description: This energetic class will teach vocal

Age: 6 - 8
Cost: \$20 per month;
\$40 per year copy/supply fee
Text: Teacher provides music books, practice CD, homework sheets, and other manipulatives as needed

techniques and warm-ups to help strengthen and develop your voice. We will sing group songs with movement, learn performance techniques and, if needed, music theory. We will incorporate rhythm instruments/exercises and dance, too. Worship has never been so much fun! You will have the opportunity to perform in two recitals during the year, which includes a mass choir experience. Practice time per week: 1-2 hours.

Western Warfare for Boys

Teacher: Mark Callender
Age: 11 - 13
Prerequisite: The ability to think, reason and read at age level. The ability to listen to a good story. The ability to take a blow.
Cost: \$20 per month;
\$25 per year copy/supply fee covers the cost of lumber, nails, rubber balls, duct tape (Oh sweet duct tape), paint, more wood and other building materials

Description: I am purposing that this class should be considered "enrichment." While the philosophy of western warfare will be expounded upon, there will be a great many activities, which will consume a great deal of the time. This of course does not mean that the boys enrolling will find it unnecessary to generate a coherent thought or read one. Rather the coherent thoughts will be sprinkled with a good bash to the head by myself or a classmate. Thus, we will observe ancient and medieval weapons, their usage and evolution. We will observe the tactics and strategies of the great generals while listening to their biographies. We will reenact great battles using miniatures or ourselves. We will construct weapons and use them on one another or a suitable target. " 'My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage and my courage and skill to him that can get it. My works and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me that I have fought His battles who now will be my rewarder.' So he passed over and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side." Pilgrims Progress

Writing Club 1

Teacher: Laurie Morrison
Age: 9 - 11
Cost: \$25 per month;
\$10 per year copy/supply fee
Text: Write Source 2000 ISBN 0-669-46773-1 or 0-669-46774-X from www.greatsource.com, using "Advanced Search" link and entering number; Pocket dictionary and thesaurus

Description: This writing skills class will introduce the student to writing keyword outlines, then transforming that outline into the writing of a paragraph. Style elements that make the writing more varied and interesting will be modeled and taught. Writing materials from the Excellence in Writing program by Andrew Pudewa will be provided and used, as well as materials from Great Source. Basic punctuation, grammar, and proofreading practice included. A three-paragraph report will be an assignment during the second semester, as well as writing new stories from old fables and from pictures. Parent involvement greatly increases student success. Weekly homework assigned, 1-2 hours, with the goal of keeping writing fun! It works!

Homeschool Connections Class Descriptions 2011-2012

Wednesday, Throughout the Day

Private Piano Lessons

Teacher: Robert Campbell

Description: Begin your musical adventure! Robert Campbell, piano instructor, professional pianist, and homeschool Dad, is offering piano lessons at Monday and Wednesday Connections. Robert has been teaching and performing in the Puget Sound area for eighteen years. Robert's desire is to make piano lessons fun and meaningful for all his students. Beginning through advanced students are invited to take lessons with Robert. For a free consultation, please see Robert on Monday or Wednesday or call him to schedule an appointment at 425-489-0595. Most lessons are one-half hour. If this is the only Connections' lesson/class you sign up for, you will still need to register with Homeschool Connections by submitting a Family Registration Contract and by paying the registration fee.

Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Algebra 1

Teacher: Kelly Czech

Age: 14 & up

Prerequisite: Completion of Pre-Algebra. If no Pre-Algebra class taken, please discuss with instructor

Cost: \$30 per month;
\$10 per year copy/supply fee

Text: Addison Wesley
Algebra,
ISBN 0-201-81248-7

Description: Algebra - a great discipline for mind and body! This class will be a traditional Algebra course. The course material demands consistent, daily homework. You should budget 1 to 1½ hours daily (four days a week) for completion of assignments. For many students, this is their first "serious" math class. Connections Algebra is designed for the college-bound student most likely preparing for studies in the fields of science or math. Parents will be responsible to ensure that their student is completing and correcting each daily assignment. Tests are taken at home. Homework is assigned that is due the first day of classes, so be sure you have your books early. I would also like a parent to plan on attending the first class of the year, as I will be going over homework and testing guidelines. Thank you!

American Government/Civics

Teacher: Alex McIntosh

Age: 15 & up

Prerequisite: One year of high school level U.S. History is recommended

Cost: \$25 per month;
\$25 per year copy/supply fee includes a copy of "The Federalist Papers" purchased

Description: The Judeo-Christian worldview is predominantly responsible for the form of government we enjoy in the United States. Being an informed participant in our country's political system is not only a requirement for good citizenship but should also help the student to uphold Biblical standards in and for our country. We will study the U.S. political system and government emphasizing the U.S. Constitution and its application to modern political issues. Particular attention will be placed on the presidential election

by instructor

Text: "American Government" 2nd Edition, by Tim Keese; Bob Jones University Press ISBN 1-57924-685-0; "The Federalist Papers", Signet Classic paperback. Student should acquire textbook; instructor will purchase "The Federalist Papers" for the class.

process as the candidate nomination process will be taking place this school year. The Washington State Constitution and government will be compared and contrasted with our federal constitution and government. This course is designed as a full year's class to meet both U.S. Government and "senior issues" graduation requirements. Each student will have at least 3-4 hours of homework per week. Although this course is not an AP course as defined by the College Board, the subject matter of the course will follow the College Board's U. S. Government and Politics AP test outline in order to assist students who desire to take that AP test. Verbal participation in class is included in class assignments in order to enrich the class and improve the student's ability to express him/herself with clarity and in a respectful manner. Grading will be based on this classroom participation as well as weekly written assignments, tests, and a detailed essay each semester. Homework will consist primarily of reading and writing assignments but verbal reports or speeches about contemporary issues facing our government will also be included, as will specific civics assignments. Ages 16 & up will have initial priority.

Biology Starts at 8:30

Teacher: Cyd Adler

Age: 15 & up

Prerequisite: General Science and Physical Science preferred but not required. The ability to read, write, and comprehend information at the 9th grade level.

Cost: \$35 per month; \$65 per year supply fee covers a bound laboratory notebook specimens, and lab supplies

Text: "Exploring Creation with Biology" 2nd Edition, by Jay Wile; ISBN 1932012575. The Key (Tests and Solutions Guide) is optional. Do not get the 1st Edition.

www.Homesciencetools.com has this textbook at a lower price than others as does Nest Learning. A web search can find the best prices. Also, former students may be willing to sell their books.

Description: This course emphasizes God's creative design that is so evident in living things. We will study the science of biology and the classification of living things. In separate modules we will learn about chemistry, cells, cellular reproduction, genetics, ecosystems, and creation vs. evolution. The five major kingdoms are studied individually with one module each for Monera, Protista, and Fungi, four modules devoted to animals and one to plants. There are many hands-on experiments which will include the use of microscopes and dissections of prepared specimens. This is an intensive study which will prepare students for college level classes. Students will be expected to read 20-25 pages of text, complete study guides, quizzes and lab notebook entries for each module (chapter). Two weeks will be allotted to each module. This class fulfills the requirement for a high school lab science.

French 1A

Teacher: Susie Tucker

Description: Everyone can learn French! Plan a future trip

Age: 13 & up

Prerequisite: Strongly recommend students have at least a "B" average in English.

Cost: \$25 per month; \$75 per year copy/supply fee for printed lessons and vocabulary CD

Text: Teacher authored worksheets and CDs are provided by teacher

and start learning! The basics of French grammar, conversation, and pronunciation will be taught using drills, songs, skits, and culture lessons. Students learn with teacher-authored lessons, including written exercises and a CD for at-home pronunciation practice. Students will need to record vocabulary words for a pronunciation grade and so should obtain a means to create a recording to bring to class or email to teacher. Students must have a French-English dictionary to use to complete homework. Homework will require 3-4 hours per week outside of class. Grade is based on written homework, spelling tests, oral pronunciation, and class participation. Parental involvement is very helpful for students learning a foreign language! This class is the equivalent of one-half of high school French 1.

Fundamentals of Art 1

Teacher: Debra Roeder

Age: 8 & up

Cost: \$20 per month; \$15 per year copy/supply fee

Text: Students build their own book with binder provided

Description: This class is designed for any person wanting to learn skills in art. Come learn basic fundamentals, which apply to most art forms. Fundamentals taught are: line & shape, perspective & proportion, shading, negative & positive space, grid work, scaling, still life & composition, and faces. Final project is a self-portrait. These basic skills, taught in a casual but structured environment, prepare anyone to move on to advanced media (watercolor, colored pencils, pen & ink, etc). Questions: Call Debra Roeder at 425-337-0579.

Life Science

Teacher: Pam Delaney

Age: 11 - 13

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$30 per month

Text: (1) Science: Order and Reality (second edition) by A Beka Book and (2) Life Science (second edition) by BJU Press. Used copies of these textbooks are readily available. Homeschool Potpourri (in Kirkland) will give a 15% discount on these books if you buy both textbooks and mention this class. With this discount the total for both books should be less than \$30.

Description: A creation-based life science course designed to prepare middle school students for high school science. We will study scientific method, plants, microscopy, classification, animals, the human body, insects, and principles of physical science. Class lab time will include work with microscopes, dissections and more. Students should expect two hours per week of homework with both reading assignments and science activities. Two textbooks are used in this class so that I can select the best material for each subject from the two books. The students will not be required to read all of the material in either textbook. I believe that science should be fun, easy to understand, and interesting. By the end of the year, I hope the students will be amazed with God's creation and will feel capable of and interested in tackling more advanced science coursework.

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Speech

Teacher: Melodee Larson

Age: 13 & up

Cost: \$20 per month;
\$20 per year copy/supply fee covers rental of the text book and various handouts

Text: Text book provided by teacher; 1.5 inch binder with dividers to be purchased by students.

Description: Whether it is a job interview, a presentation for our boss or a speech in a college class, the ability to express ourselves effectively is a skill we all need and will use for the rest of our life. In this high school course, the students will learn, through brief lectures and modeling, the basic elements of effective public speaking. But the best way to become a better communicator is to practice, so the majority of class time will be devoted to giving the students the opportunity to practice their speaking and evaluate speeches. By regular practice of impromptu, devotional, informative, persuasive, and interpretive speeches, the students will develop confidence in their abilities. If time permits, we will also discuss some helpful tools for interpersonal communication. Please plan on approximately 2 hours of work outside of class each week.

Understanding Literature

Teacher: Wanda Dugan

Age: 12-16

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$35 per month;
\$35 per year copy/supply fee

Text: A reading list will be provided before fall.

Description: This class will be co-taught with Fay Brawner. In today's fast-paced world, we can read, hear, or see literature. Because a film often telescopes all the elements of good storytelling into a short time frame, it can be a good device for studying story elements like character, plot, theme, mood, symbolism, and point of view. Using thoughtfully chosen movies, then, as a jumping-off point, this class will study how stories are constructed, using novels and short stories to expand the analysis. Students will write about their insights to literature, morality, and worldview, as well as attempt some fiction writing of their own.

Walking Thru the New Testament

Teacher: Debbie Menzies

Age: 12 & up

Cost: \$20 per month;
\$30 per year copy/supply fee

Text: Teacher will purchase all text and materials needed

Description: By the end of the year we are going to know and have read through the whole New Testament! This class is divided into two sections: The Flame, where we learn the major themes, lessons, and applications from each of the books in the New Testament; and The Fuel, which is an exciting multimedia presentation focusing on the Gospels and

for class.

what we can learn from the Life of Jesus and his disciples. Your homework is reading your Bible and can be incorporated into your personal devotional times. The class is interactive, exciting, and educational. It will not only be a year of learning but also a year of personal growth!

Wednesday, 10:10 AM to 11:10 AM

Current World Issues

Teacher: Brian Curnutt

Age: 15 & up

Cost: \$25 per month;

\$20 per year copy/supply fee

Text: How Now Shall We Live? Chuck Colson and Nancy Pearcey, ISBN 0-8423-1808-9

Description: Interpreting the events that occur in our world can be difficult, and our goal is exposure to the issues that are important to us while understanding other worldviews such as animism, humanism, new age, etc. and how they compare to a Christian worldview. Students will be reading magazines, newspapers, internet, and watching TV news and will be encouraged to interpret these events in a Christian Worldview context. They will learn to take information from a variety of sources and compare it to an absolute standard, the Bible. Students will also participate in class discussions and write opinion pieces, essays, and research papers on selected topics or, as an alternative to some papers, write a 15 page research paper comparing the Biblical worldview to other worldviews. World geography will be included as we look at global issues. Approximate outside work 1-4 hours per week.

Fundamentals of Art 2

Teacher: Debra Roeder

Age: 9 & up

Prerequisite: Fundamentals of Art, part 1, or teacher permission

Cost: \$20 per month;

\$20 per year copy/supply fee

Text: #2 pencil and micron permanent #3 pigma pen

Description: For those of you who have taken Fundamentals of Art, part 1 (exceptions with permission), and would like to apply your new skills, this class offers: watercolor (all sorts of techniques), colored pencils, pen & ink, charcoal, pastels, pointillism, and tessellations. You will need a #2 pencil, a micron permanent #3 pigma pen and enthusiasm! Call Debra for more information at 425-337-0579.

Geometry

Teacher: Kelly Czech

Age: 15 & up

Prerequisite: Completion of Connections Algebra 1 with a minimum grade of a "B". If you are a new to Connections student, a pre-entrance test will be requested of the student before entering the class.

Cost: \$30 per month;

\$15 per year copy/supply fee

Description: This class will cover all areas of a traditional Geometry course including formal proofs. It will meet once a week to explore new topics in a group cooperative learning environment. Homework and tests are assigned to be completed outside of class. 6-7 hours per week of work outside of class will be required. This class moves quickly and is intended for the serious student. Class web site will have assignments listed and tests given, so internet access is important. Parents will be responsible to ensure their student is completing and correcting each daily assignment. Parents, please plan on attending the first class of the school year with your student to go over homework and test guidelines.

Text: To Be Announced

Thank you!

Intermediate Jazz Band

Teacher: Robin Stangland

Age: 11 & up

Prerequisite: Must have played a band instrument for two years or with permission of instructor. Also must be enrolled in a concert band class, unless they have played for more than 3 years. Need permission of instructor to join, unless they were in this class last year.

Cost: \$26 per month for first child; \$12 for any additional siblings. Adults play for free; No copy fee this year

Description: This is a continuation of last year's Intermediate Jazz Band. New students with no prior jazz experience will be allowed to join by permission of the instructor. We will continue to learn to play by ear, learn to improvise, and learn to play in rock, swing, and Latin styles. We will have two concerts per year and one band festival in March. We also may play at a swing dance. Attendance is required at all performances. Students are expected to practice 20-30 minutes a day, 5 times a week. Sheet music will be on loan to the student and must be turned in when done. If you have any questions, email Robin at stangla@comcast.net.

Introduction to Digital Photography

Teacher: Lorraine Varela

Age: 14 & up

Prerequisite: Students must have a digital SLR camera with manual controls. Information on how to obtain access to a digital SLR will be provided for students if they don't currently have this equipment.

Cost: \$25 per month; \$20 per year copy/supply fee

Description: This course will be an introduction to digital photography, with an emphasis on portraiture. The main goal of the class will be to learn the photography basics: knowledge of camera controls (shutter speed, aperture, ISO); the relationship of focal length, lenses, and depth of field; lighting and light modifiers, including natural light, studio strobes and off-camera flash; composition, perspective and point of view. An introduction to digital processing techniques will be covered. Creativity will be encouraged as students work through a series of assignments throughout the year, culminating in a portfolio of work by year's end. Parental chaperoned trips will be offered as a means to put into practice the techniques learned in class.

Jr High Drama Technique

Teacher: Marianni Groves

Age: 12 - 14

Cost: \$24 per month; \$25 per semester copy/supply fee

Description: Drama Technique is a class for those who are ready to apply themselves in the world of theater. We will audition at the beginning of the year. Using the text as our tool, we will explore what it means to be honest, to listen, to create character, and to risk. Topics covered will include ensemble theater, giving and taking as actors, improvisation, subtext, and more. This class will perform a Teen One Act at the end of the year. This is a Text based class and memorization is required. One and a half hours outside of class a week study time required. Parents will be asked to provide 5 hours of production work throughout the year either in costumes, props, makeup, ticket work, house management, etc. Titles under consideration for 2011-2012: Charlie Brown, Voices from High School, Peter Pan, and I

Never Saw Another Butterfly. Titles subject to change.

Literature of Dickens

Teacher: Ellen Brotman

Age: 13 - 16

Cost: \$25 per month;
\$10 per semester copy/supply
fee

Text: You are required to
secure unabridged copies of
Oliver Twist, The Old Curiosity
Shop, and Great Expectations
before the first class.

Description: This class will introduce the student to the world and literature of Charles Dickens, a world of wonder, intrigue and humor. The student will explore, among other things, the age old question of who will win, the "good guy" or the "bad guy". (This is especially interesting to ask when the main character is both the "good guy" and the "bad guy".) The student will read three novels, Oliver Twist, The Old Curiosity Shop, and Great Expectations, and two short stories, The Long Voyage and The Signal-Man. Homework will include reading, essay writing, and 2-3 projects. Class discussion will involve historical context, societal significance and characterization. Some highlights will include listening to Patrick Stewart's narration of The Christmas Carol in class, writing a serial novel as a class in Dickensian style, and a Dicken's Day at the end of the year with 1800's replicas, costumes, and games! Dickens Movie Nights will be offered outside of class for those interested.

Newbery Classics and More

Teacher: Judi Ramsey

Age: 9 - 11

Cost: \$20 per month;
\$25 per year copy/supply fee
includes binder

Text: Book list will be sent
out in early July and will
contain many Newbery Award
and Honor books plus other
great books.

Description: We will be reading through classics for the young in many different genres. We will touch on most or all of the following: Mystery, Sci Fi, Historical, Fantasy/"Fantastical," Animal, Fantasy Animal World, Adventure, Realistic, Magical and Folk/Fairy Tale. We will use art, writing, games, reading journals and worksheets to get the most out of every book. The goal: explore, enjoy, learn and maybe discover an author or genre that they will want to read more of. The expectation: being able to read at 4th grade level or above, reading 20 pages (about 30 minutes a day) for a total of approximately 120 pages a week. There will be a small amount of written homework due with every book read and two full book reports due in the year, as well as two other writing projects. Students will be expected to complete their own reading, or complete by following along in book while listening to audio book. Families will need to acquire most of the books for their students by purchasing or borrowing from library.

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Study Skills

Teacher: Shelly Pearson

Age: 13 & up

Cost: \$20 per month;
\$25 per year copy/supply fee

Text: Study Power -
ISBN 1-57129-046-X

Description: "School success is not directly related to intelligence, quickness, ambition, or any other such characteristics. Primarily, it comes from the ability and desire to manage your work and your time effectively." (Study Power) This class gives students the tools to manage their work and time and thus manage their learning. Topics covered include listening skills, note taking, study reading, time management, memorization, preparing for tests, test anxiety, organizing information, and writing reports. Students will be assigned weekly reading, chapter questions, and activities designed to practice the skills presented. Students will be writing and presenting a research report at the end of the year. Quizzes and tests will cover the text and class lectures.

Watercolor Multi Mediums and More

Teacher: Rene Therrien

Age: 6 - 14

Cost: \$30 per month;
\$45 per semester copy/supply fee. Includes: weekly paper supplies, paint, tape, matting materials, pastels, pens, acrylic paint, brushes, frames, easels, art portfolios and pages, art pencils (Prismacolor and drawing), erasers, glue, materials for the spring art show at the end of the year, copies and examples to learn by.

Description: Water Color Multi Mediums and More is a class designed to encourage anyone who wants to be an artist. The atmosphere is meant to invite the student in to create. As God is the master artist, we will imitate His grand works through drawing and painting. A series of thirty two art projects will be completed over the course of the year and be collected in the student's personal art portfolios. These projects will include drawing techniques, graphic design, layout, matting and framing, landscapes, still life, pen and ink and painting. Not to mention the "And More" of the class, this is truly left up to the Lord and any student requests. In the spring there will be an art show where each artist will be able to share and show their work to our community. A certificate of completion will be rewarded for participating in this event. (High school credit can be given for this course as the instructor is a continuing education certified Washington State instructor.) This course is meant to awaken the artist within so that they can use the many talents the Lord has given them!

World Geography

Teacher: Cyd Adler

Age: 11 - 13

Cost: \$20 per month;

Description: In World Geography we will use elements of the popular "Mapping the World by Heart" curriculum to learn about where places are and the Geography Coloring Book to

\$35 per year copy/supply fee covers a teacher prepared notebook and handouts, mapmaking supplies, and hands-on activities supplies
Text: Geography Coloring Book by Wynn Kapit (ISBN 10 0131014722 or ISBN 13 978-0131014725) 3rd edition. 2nd edition also OK. Students will also need a good set of 24 colored pencils.

learn more about them. We will also learn about the science of geography and physical systems, the uses of geography, why people live where they do and the impact of people on their environments. This class is very hands-on. We will learn to use a graticule to draw our own world map and will be using blank maps to explore physical and political features of all the continents. Homework will consist of reading and coloring plates in the Geography Coloring Book, answering Study Guide questions and correcting "Quick Quizzes" which will take 1.5 - 3.5 hours per week. Map making will be done in class.

Wednesday, 11:20 AM to 12:20 PM

Beginning Band - Day 2 Meets both days

Teacher: Robin Stangland
Age: 10 & up
Prerequisite: No prerequisite or musical experience necessary
Text: Will let you know later

Description: This is the second day of band class per week. Please look at the full class description from Monday. Starting in January we will use Wednesday for sectionals and only have full band on Wednesday twice a month.

French 1B

Teacher: Susie Tucker
Age: 14 & up
Prerequisite: French 1A
Cost: \$25 per month; \$75 per year copy/supply fee for printed lessons and vocabulary CD
Text: Teacher-supplied lessons

Description: You have started to master French and now you continue to follow the plan to travel, work, or do missions in France! French 1B will continue using teacher authored lesson packets. French language will be learned through written homework and conversation practice. Students will also learn about French culture and history. Proficiency will be measured by homework, spelling and dictation quizzes, and oral recordings. Songs and stories in French will add flavor and fun to French 1B.

Health

Teacher: Jill Brannock
Age: 14 & up
Cost: \$25 per month; \$20 per year copy/supply fee covers homework sheets and other handouts
Text: Total Health: Choices for a Winning Lifestyle by Susan Boe ISBN 0-9646843-0-6 (paperback) or ISBN 0-9646843-4-9 (hardback); you do NOT need the test and quiz book

Description: This is a high school level health class using the Total Health text. Emphasis is placed on all areas of health - physical, mental, social, and spiritual - and how each is necessary for good health. There will be approximately 2-3 hours of homework each week. Class time will be spent doing a variety of activities relating to topics such as fitness, nutrition, sleep habits, peer pressure, time management, stress, personality assessments, relationships, and character development. The topic of purity will be discussed, but the class will not include comprehensive sex education.

Students need to purchase this before the first class. There are other editions of this text with different numbers. As long as you have the "high school" edition with the correct subtitle, the number doesn't matter.

Latin III

Teacher: Mary Sutton

Age: 13 & up

Prerequisite: Latin I and II or equivalent

Cost: \$20 per month for 1st in family, \$15 each additional sibling;

\$10 per year copy/supply fee

Text: Handouts provided by instructor; Latin-English dictionary required

Description: This class is a continuation of Latin II, completing Preparatory Latin and moving on to Latin for Americans. Students will learn: 4th and 5th declension of nouns; relative, demonstrative, intensive, and personal pronouns; interrogative pronouns and adjectives; infinitives used as nouns; participial clauses; 3 tenses of participles and infinitives. In addition, students will be assigned stories to translate. Access to e-mail and the internet is required.

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Praise Choir

Teacher: Debbie Menzies

Age: 12 & up

Cost: \$20 per month; \$40 per year copy/supply fee

Text: Teacher provides music books, practice CD, homework sheets, and other manipulatives as needed

Description: This class will use a variety of energetic contemporary Christian music, some a cappella and traditional music, vocal techniques and warm-ups to develop and strengthen your voice and harmony skills. We will learn performance techniques and will include choreography, dance, media and instruments when we can for added fun and learning! We will perform in two recitals per year, which includes a mass choir experience. Practice time at home: 2-3 hours per week.

Pre-Calculus

Teacher: Betty Lou Schindler

Age: 16 & up

Prerequisite: Completion of Algebra 2/Trig and Geometry with a "B" or better.

Description: This course will expand on topics previously covered in Algebra 2/Trig and will finish laying the foundation necessary for being successful in college level Calculus. 5-6 hours of homework will be required each week. Students in this class must be strong independent workers.

Cost: \$30 per month;
\$10 per year copy/supply fee
Text: Precalculus with Limits
A Graphing Approach; 4th
edition by Larson, Hostetler,
Edwards,
ISBN 0-618-39480-X
Houghton Mifflin Publisher

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Science Explorations

Teacher: Kari Renkema
Age: 9 - 12
Cost: \$20 per month;
\$35 per year copy/supply fee
covers notebooks, copies and
project materials

Description: Come with us on a journey of discovery as we explore God's beautiful creation. The world around us declares the glory of God. I hope to inspire a passion for studying science as we explore various aspects of the world around us. Topics may include living things, bacteria, types of animals, plants, the solar system, phases of the moon, gravity, magnets, atoms and molecules, rocks and minerals, crystals, clouds, the weather and all the questions your student brings to class. We will explore these subjects while recording our notes and observations in a science journal. For many lessons, we will have a hands-on project.

Spanish 2

Teacher: Janet Cairns
Age: 14 & up
Prerequisite: Spanish 1-B
or instructor's permission
Cost: \$30 per month;
\$30 per year copy/supply fee
Text: 1 - Spanish for
Mastery 2: Entre nosotros -
ISBN 0-669-31341-6
2 - Spanish for Mastery 2:
Entre nosotros; Expanded
Workbook -
ISBN 0-669-31363-7
3 - Spanish/English Dictionary
4 - Highly Recommended:
501 Spanish Verbs by
Christopher Kendris
ISBN 978-0-7641-7984-6
(Any edition is fine.) These

Description: The students in Spanish 2 will learn oral and written Spanish at a more advanced level. Students will study Spanish grammar as they learn to converse in this wonderful language. They will study direct and indirect object pronouns, reflexive verbs, commands, preterite tense, imperfect tense, and an introduction to the subjunctive. Increased Spanish conversation is emphasized as the students expand their knowledge of grammar. We will go to a nearby Mexican restaurant where the students will order in Spanish. This is a non-Connections sponsored activity. Supply fee includes a binder, worksheets, binder inserts and a bi-monthly Spanish magazine. Spanish 2 covers the entire second year of High School Spanish. It is a very intense class, as it goes twice as fast as either Spanish 1-A or 1-B, and the material is very advanced. Plan on 3 - 4 hours of homework a week.

books are available through Amazon.com.

Watercolor Multi Mediums and More

Teacher: Rene Therrien
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World History

Teacher: Shelly Pearson
Age: 14 & up
Cost: \$20 per month; \$25 per year copy/supply fee
Text: To be determined. Book list to be mailed in August.

Description: This class will attempt to cover the entire history of the world in one school year! Actually we will focus on the major civilizations, their cultures, development, religion, and government. We will be using a textbook as our foundation and will also be reading materials written by those who lived in these civilizations. The goal of this course is to give students a better understanding of world civilizations and how the beliefs/faith held by a culture influences its development. Students will be assigned weekly reading and will complete a variety of assignments including questions, maps, reports, and projects. These assignments as well as tests will determine grades.

Wednesday, 1:05 PM to 2:05 PM

Algebra 2/Trig

Teacher: Betty Lou Schindler
Age: 16 & up
Prerequisite: Completion of Algebra 1 and Geometry with a "B" or better.
Cost: \$25 per month; \$10 per year copy/supply fee
Text: ALGEBRA 2 - An

Description: This course is designed for strong math students who are college/university bound. The first part of the year focuses on algebra skills needed to continue in high school and college math. Topics include matrices, exponential and logarithmic functions, polynomial and rational functions and conic sections. The last two months of the year will be extensive study of trigonometry including right triangle trig, inverse trig functions, trig identities, and graphing trig functions. Graphing calculators are required and emphasis is

Integrated Approach, by
Larson, Kanold, Stiff;
Published by HEATH c1995
ISBN 0669383171;
TI-83 Plus graphing calculator
required (TI-84 Plus is OK).

placed on proficiency in the use of the calculator to graph functions, work with matrices and perform some statistical analysis. Six to seven hours of work outside of class will be required each week. Parents ensure that their student is completing and correcting each daily assignment.

American Literature

Teacher: Wanda Dugan
Age: 15 & up
Prerequisite: Basic proficiency in composition writing
Cost: \$35 per month; \$35 per year copy supply fee
Text: A reading list will be sent out before the fall.

Description: American literature has been the dominant cultural force in the world since the mid-1800's, so it's an important field for high school students to study. We will look at the roots of American writing from Early Theism (1607-1820); Romanticism (1820-1865); Realism (1865-1914); and Existentialism (1914-present). Our purpose is to understand the development of thought through American writers, as well as practice our own fiction writing skills based on our reading. This is an advanced English class for students who have already mastered their basic high school level English skills. Homework will need 3-5 hours per week.

C.S. Lewis

Teacher: Norman Lund
Age: 13 & up
Cost: \$35 per month; \$25 per semester copy/supply fee
Text: The Chronicles of Narnia (all 7); The Screwtape Letters; The Great Divorce; The Space Trilogy (all 3). Used copies readily available.

Description: This is a full-year study of C.S. Lewis. The course will include an introduction and commentary and a detailed study of some of the author's most popular and important works of fiction: The Chronicles of Narnia; the Screwtape Letters; The Great Divorce; and the Space Trilogy: Out of the Silent Planet; Perelandra; and That Hideous Strength. The course will include two additional "college-prep" features: (1) weekly lists and quizzes on SAT vocabulary; (2) weekly lists and quizzes on AP Literary Terms and Authors. Estimated study time: 3 hours/week.

Games for Learning

Teacher: Vicki Boon
Age: 6 - 10
Cost: \$10 per month; No copy fee. Games for class will come out of the tuition payment.

Description: Many different things can be learned by playing games, including math, geography, spelling, science, thinking skills, and problem solving. Concepts can be learned effortlessly while having fun playing a game. In this class for siblings, we will spend the entire hour playing games. Co-taught by Adele George and Vicki Boon.

Latin II

Teacher: Mary Sutton
Age: 12 & up
Prerequisite: Latin I or by permission of the instructor
Cost: \$20 per month for 1st in family, \$15 each additional sibling; \$10 per year copy/supply fee

Description: Continuation of Latin I. Students will learn the perfect tenses, active and passive voice; 3rd declension nouns and adjectives; 3rd and 4th conjugation of verbs; and introduction to participles. In addition, students desiring a full language credit will be assigned a project each semester. Access to e-mail and the internet is required.

Text: Continuation of Preparatory Latin, provided by instructor

Literature and Poetry

Teacher: Lisa LaMarche

Age: 10 -13

Prerequisite: N/A

Cost: \$20 per month; \$10 per semester copy/supply fee

Text: N/A

Description: There are few things more important than equipping a child to have a deep love for stories and poetry. To go one step further is to teach them to critically analyze what they read and understand in a deeper way the beautiful tapestry of storytelling. Using Adam Andrew's excellent curriculum, Teaching the Classics, this course will cover the beginnings of literary analysis by use of story elements such as: setting, characters, conflict, plot, and theme. Literary devices such as: metaphor, simile, imagery and symbolism (among others) are taught and mastered by the course completion. This class also includes a study of poetry including poetry memorization and recitation. Most importantly, within the study of literature, we will examine how all stories point to the "greatest story" of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mostly A Cappella Vocal

Teacher: Debbie Menzies

Age: 14 & up

Prerequisite: Short and simple audition with teacher (can be done on phone!); choir experience and harmony skills preferred and helpful but not necessary

Cost: \$25 per month; \$40 per year copy/supply fee

Text: Materials fee covers all music books and copies, practice CD, and homework sheets

Description: This class will focus on learning advanced vocal techniques to expand your vocal skills, flexibility, range, and tonality. We will sing mostly a cappella music. Our music will vary and may include traditional, contemporary, barber shop, and even songs in other languages. Worship will be a focus, too. There may be opportunities for ensemble and solo work depending on the class size from year to year. You will perform in two recitals per year including a mass choir experience at each recital. Practice time: 3-4 hours per week. Note: to be in this class, you will need to sing a simple song to show your musical ability. Choir experience and harmony skills are preferred but not necessary.

Open Study Hall

Teacher: No Teacher

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Roadside Rocks

Teacher: Brian Raven
Age: 11 - 13
Cost: \$25 per month
Text: Roadside Geology of Washington, Alt, Hyndman; ISBN 0878421602

Description: Utilizing the Roadside Geology of Washington State text, we will be studying geologic maps, minerals, igneous rocks, sedimentary rocks, metamorphic rocks, volcanoes (including Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Rainier, and the Columbia Plateau), plutonic bodies, earthquakes, plate tectonics, weathering, erosion, streams, glaciers, and soil. This class will be focused on the geologic aspects of the Pacific Northwest. Students will be utilizing their artistic talents to draw several cross-sections of areas of geologic interest in our state. I will also be offering one or two optional Saturday field courses. These field courses are targeted at the students, but family members are welcome to attend. There is no fee for the field courses and they are not sponsored by Homeschool Connections.

Spanish 1A

Teacher: Janet Cairns
Age: 12 & up
Cost: \$22 per month; \$30 per year copy/supply fee that includes a binder, flash cards, worksheets, binder inserts and bimonthly Spanish magazine.
Text: Spanish is Fun Book 1, 4th edition by Heywood Wald - ISBN 978-1-56765-815-6 (softbound).
Spanish is Fun Book 1, Cuaderno de ejercicios, 4th edition by Heywood Wald ISBN TBD
These books are available at the University Book Store through the publisher (amscopub.com)

Description: Join us on an adventure as we learn to read, write, and speak Spanish. Spanish vocabulary, grammar, and conversation will be emphasized. The class will cover numbers, telling time, definite and indefinite articles, adjectives, dates, the three types of Spanish verbs: -AR, -ER, -IR and irregular verbs. We will supplement our Spanish text with games, quizzes, and Bible verses in Spanish. This class covers the first semester of High School Spanish. Most students take this class for High School credit, so all students must be prepared to keep up. There are 1 - 2 hours of homework per week.

Tutor Room

Description: This classroom is available for one- on-one tutoring by Connections' teachers for Connections' students. Contact teacher directly regarding their availability and tutoring costs. There must be two adults in this room at all times. If only one teacher is present, the student's parent must remain in the room.

Wednesday, 2:15 PM to 3:15 PM

Chemistry **Ends at 3:45**

Teacher: Brian Raven

Age: 14 & up

Prerequisite: Completion of Algebra 1

Cost: \$35 per month

Text: Introduction to Chemistry, 8th ed., by T.R. Dickson. ISBN 0-471-18042-4

Description: This is a College Prep course that will introduce the students to the fundamental principles of Chemistry. Evaluation will be via weekly homework from the text, a final project, and three exams. Topics of study will include: System International, scientific notation, atomic structure, chemical bonds, electron configuration, combustion, oxidation, reduction, pH, nuclear radiation, and stoichiometry. Each student should have a science notebook and a scientific calculator (TI 30 or equivalent.) This course qualifies as a High School Lab Science Credit.

Daring Girls

Teacher: Heidi Curnutt

Age: 10 - 13

Cost: \$25 per month;
\$25 per semester copy/supply fee

Text: "The Daring Book for Girls" by Andrea Buchanan \$17.79 on Amazon.

Description: "The world is bigger than you can imagine and it is yours for the exploring - if you dare." Some things are fun to learn along with girlfriends. We will spend time traveling to other lands, learning about great women of history, essential life skills every girl should know, and more. We will read a wide variety of books for enjoyment, (no purchase necessary - just a library card). We will make some fun projects and cover a bit of health and beauty. This will be a unit study class. Subjects covered will be: Science, Crafts, History, Geography, Life Skills, Writing, Literature, and more. This class can be treated as a core class covering the above subjects with 1-4 hours of homework per week (including reading and projects) or it can be just an enrichment class with little or no homework.

Early Modern History

Teacher: Kari Renkema

Age: 11 - 13

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$25 per month;
\$30 per year copy/supply fee covers notebooks and tabs, copies and project supplies

Text: Story of the World: History for the Classical Child by Susan Wise Bauer - volumes 3 and 4 (Early Modern Times and The Modern Age)

Description: This course will begin exploring the history following the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. We will be studying the explorers of the New World, European interaction with the Eastern world, the Enlightenment, American and French Revolutions, Europe and the development of nations, America, Victorian England, the industrial revolution and the 20th Century. This era of time lays the philosophical groundwork for modern attacks on faith and the historicity of the Bible. We will learn how to address these issues as Christians. There will be mapwork and studying how geography affects history. The students will complete timelines, projects and readings. There will be around 2 hours of homework a week including readings, quizzes and small papers.

High School Drama **Ends at 3:35**

Teacher: Marianni Groves
Age: 15 & up
Cost: \$26 per month;
\$25 per year copy/supply fee

Description: Serious drama, serious commitment, serious fun. This class is for those who know they love theater and are ready to stretch themselves. Expect line memorization, fundraising, production work including sets, costumes, choreography and much more. This class requires preparation time of 1 to 5 hours a week outside of class. Because drama is a team activity, all rehearsals are mandatory. Early in the year, there will also be a schedule handed out of mandatory outside-of-class-time rehearsals, most of which will be close to the production date. Each family must agree to have their student at all of these rehearsals before the student accepts his/her part. Regular attendance in class is also expected. The parents in each family will be expected to attend several meetings throughout the year (probably during lunch hour) and to take on a production job. Expect your production job to call for 20-50 hours throughout the year culminating toward production dates. Each family will need to sign a contract agreeing to all of the above to confirm their enrollment in the class. Our tech week dates are end of April to early May- definite dates TBD. We are doing a traditional show this next year. There will be a \$150-\$175 (payments are accepted and fees are not due until Jan. 2011) production fee per student. We encourage the students to earn this money during the summer and will speak about personal plans at the drama meeting at the end of the year. Students will have the opportunity to TOTALLY earn this fee through fundraising opportunities IF they choose to participate.

How Things Work **Ends at 3:30**

Teacher: Jim Albert
Age: 13 & up
Prerequisite: Must have access to the internet and have parental consent for a gmail account.
Cost: \$25 per month;
\$40 per year copy/supply fee includes safety gear
Text: NO TEXTBOOK, there will be required reading mostly posted as a Google Document

Description: Discover the basic principles behind electricity, magnetism, light, electronics and mechanics that are found in the common items around the home and car. This class is a hands-on class. The student will learn to use the proper tools as we disassemble various appliances, lamps, electric motors and other mechanical devices. By examining these non-operational items they will develop a basic diagnostic strategy. Identifying the problem we will be able to evaluate the cost/effectiveness of the repair and understand how to make the repair. The class discussions and lab activities will provide the fundamental knowledge and experience in repair. Students will be expected to participate in class and follow ALL SAFETY procedures. Students NOT following safety procedures will be sent to study hall.

Open Study Hall

Teacher: No Teacher

Description: This study hall is intended for visiting, quiet games, or group activities. Food and beverages are allowed. A parent rotation may be set up to assist with supervision. ALL students under 8 must have an adult, who is directly responsible for them, in the room at all times. Respectful

behavior expected. A quiet study hall is available if you want a quiet atmosphere in which to work.

Propositional Logic

Teacher: Norman Lund

Age: 14 & up

Cost: \$35 per month;
\$25 per semester copy/supply
fee

Text: Introductory Logic,
James Nance & Douglas
Wilson,
4th ed Cannon Press (2006);
Intermediate Logic, James
Nance, 2nd ed. Cannon Press
(2006)

Description: This is a one-year study of propositional logic utilizing the Canon Press series by James Nance and Douglas Wilson. The first semester covers Introductory Logic (4th ed; 2006). It focuses on definitions, statements, and arguments, syllogisms, validity, and fallacies. The second semester covers Intermediate Logic (2nd ed.; 2006). It focuses on truth tables, formal proofs, and truth trees. Estimated study time: (1) 1st Semester: 2 - 3 hours/week; (2) 2nd Semester: 3 - 4 hours/week.

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Yearbook **Ends at 3:30**

Teacher: Debbie Hutchinson

Age: 14 & up

Cost: \$27 per month;
\$30 per year copy/supply fee
includes yearbook staff shirt

Description: The Connections' Yearbook is student-developed, with parental involvement, using a Yearbook Publisher and web based design service. Therefore, a wireless enabled laptop is required for each student for in-class instruction. Homework during the week can be done on any internet enabled computer from home. The students will plan, photograph, and layout the entire Connections' Yearbook. They will receive instruction in layout and design, web-based publishing, and some digital photography techniques. Prior experience with any of these is helpful. Approximately 2-5 hours of outside classroom time per week will be required to photograph classes and activities, conduct interviews, and complete online projects. Additional training or work-parties outside of class may be required and scheduled, especially as we approach deadlines. Students will learn to work as a team, set goals, work within a budget, produce, and market the yearbook. Fundraising will be a required part of this class. Students will be expected to secure advertisements and participate in any other class-determined fundraisers. Students will be graded based on attendance, fund-raising participation, creativity as well as projects, and deadlines met. This class is open to both girls and boys. Students and parents must sign a contract making a strong commitment to remain in the class for the entire year, and participate in the success of the yearbook,

anticipated by all of Connections. Email the teacher to discuss this class further at connectyearbook@aol.com.

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