

PROJECT TERM 2020



Grades 4-12

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Project Term is a four-week term (for grades 4-12) that begins May 12, 2020, and ends June 5, 2020. Project Term is a valuable opportunity for Black River students and faculty, alike. It provides hands on, experiential learning to each student, while adhering to Black River's academic requirements. Before viewing the course selections, please be aware of our project term policy and mark important dates on your calendar.

The priority registration deadline is **Monday, November 25, 2019** by 4:00 p.m. Students who register by this date will have *priority registration* over students who turn in their registration form after this date. The final deadline to register is Friday, December 6, 2019. Any student not registered by December 6 will be assigned to classes with available space.

TIME SLOTS FOR PROJECT TERM CLASSES

The four time slots are as follows:

8:00 – 11:00 from May 12 – May 22 (Block A)
11:40 – 2:40 from May 12 – May 22 (Block B)
8:00 – 11:00 from May 26 – June 5 (Block C)
11:40 – 2:40 from May 26 – June 5 (Block D)

Keep in mind that some classes and trips require more than one block. This is denoted in the first column before each class description.

PROJECT TERM OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020
6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Each year, we have a night to showcase our students' projects and display the fruits of their labor during the four-week term. *Attendance is mandatory for all students registered in a Project Term course.* Please keep this date in mind as students who do not participate at the Project Term open house may lose credit for the course, at the discretion of the Dean of Students and teacher of the course.

HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT PROJECT TERM REGISTRATION

1. During scheduling, course choices will be prioritized first by application date and second by grade seniority. Turn your registration in by **Monday, November 25** to receive priority scheduling.
2. Fill out the **entire** schedule request. Do not repeat any classes.
3. Sign up for a variety of different kinds of courses. Students should not sign up for a course they have already taken unless approved by the teacher.
Students may be limited to one physical education class per two week term, depending on course availability.
4. Treat your teachers and classmates with respect during the year and act responsibly in the classroom. Students who behave responsibly and respectfully will be given first priority in off-campus courses and courses taught by guest teachers. *Students who have been on behavior contracts during the year will not be considered for off-campus trips.*
5. Be flexible. Many faculty members have listed several course possibilities for one time slot in order to provide a variety of choices. Be aware that due to a lack of interest, some courses will not run.
6. Make sure you sign up for a second, third, and fourth choice for each block in case your first choice isn't available. If you don't, please be advised that Mrs. Wise will pick your classes for you after all other students have been scheduled.

PROJECT TERM POLICIES

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. All students must attend Project Term. Project Term is part of our school year and the attendance policy does not change from the regular school year. Unexcused absences will be regarded as truancy. Students who miss more than two days of a Project Term course may fail the course at the discretion of the teacher.
2. The dates for Project Term are May 12, 2020, to June 5, 2020. The school day for on-campus courses will be from 8:00-2:40 p.m. The elementary and main offices close at 3:30 p.m. during Project Term.
3. Students are expected to participate 100%. Every class has an academic component and students are required to meet all guidelines established by the teacher.
4. Parents are responsible for transportation to and/or from their project during this term. Keep this in mind if registering for an independent study project.

FEES

While most projects do not have fees, some may include one. Projects that involve incidental personal expenses such as travel, food and accommodations or those where students keep the projects they create may have a fee. Fees are due by **Monday, March 23, 2020**. Keep in mind that off campus trips may have different deadlines and deposit requirements.

There may be some opportunities for students to acquire financial assistance. Students requesting financial aid must fill out a financial aid form by **Monday, March 2, 2020**. Scholarship request forms are available on the school's website or from Mrs. Wise. Students will receive written notification of scholarship awards by **Monday, March 9, 2020**.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Individuals who would like to sponsor the personal expenses of a Black River student during Project Term are encouraged to contribute to the Project Term Student Support Fund. Faculty members cannot be responsible for raising money.

PROJECT TERM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Project Term is an integral part of the BRPS curriculum. Students in grades 9-12 need to pass three years (1.20 credits) of Project Term in order to graduate.

Seniors who have successfully completed three years of Project Term have completed their Project Term requirement for graduation. ***Seniors who have received either a grade of "incomplete" or "F" must make up the credit in order to graduate.*** They must make up this course by taking a project term class during their senior year.

A failing grade in a project term class for students in grades 6-8, in combination with other failing grades, may result in that student being held back.

Since many Project Term classes involve hands-on activities and a greater responsibility for the individual student, it is important that for the safety of all the students in the classroom, discipline problems are dealt with swiftly and effectively. Students who have a number of discipline related referrals will be withheld from Project Term classes. The Dean of Students will notify the applicable students in writing and will assign the student specific projects to complete and submit for review.

Students who are removed from Project Term classes due to discipline problems will receive an "F" for the project and will be suspended for the remainder of Project Term. If a senior or an 8th grade student is removed from Project Term, he/she may not be allowed to participate in graduation, and it may jeopardize completion of graduation requirements.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students are encouraged to participate in Black River courses. However, high school students may elect to do an independent study with approval if they seek an opportunity that the school is unable to offer. There will be informational meeting during HS CAP Flex on **Tuesday, November 19** where students will receive an **Interest Application**. Students who miss the meeting must see Mrs. Wezeman for the application. The interest application is due by **Friday, December 6, 2019**. Once the project is approved, a more formal proposal will be due on **Friday, March 20, 2020**. Students who are interested in pursuing an independent study during project term should read the course description in the catalog and see Mrs. Wezeman with any questions.

PROJECT TERM DATES AND DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

Priority Registration Deadline	Monday, November 25, 2019
Last Chance to Register	Friday, December 6, 2019
Scholarship Requests Due	Monday, March 2, 2020
Project Term Fees Due	Monday, March 23, 2020
Project Term Begins	Tuesday, May 12, 2020
Project Term Open House	Thursday, June 4, 2020
Last Day of School	Friday, June 5, 2020

The entire 2020 Project Term Catalog for grades 4-12 can be found on the website at:

<http://www.blackriverpublicschool.org/Content2/project-term>

ELEMENTARY PROJECT TERM COURSES

STUDENTS MUST PICK ONE COURSE FOR EACH BLOCK (A, B, C, & D)

A Block **Grade: ES** *BEYOND ART CLASS!* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Gorris, Tara

Special Requirements: N/A

Are you the student who gets really excited when you get to work with clay or paper mache in art class? Then this class would be the perfect fit for you! This class goes beyond what we can accomplish in the regular art class period. You will create works of art using paper mache, clay, plaster, and fabric. This class is for students who are willing to get a little messy and who are interested in creating art that is three-dimensional. You will have more time than ever to make your works the best that you can!

A Block **Grade: ES** *BOARDGAMES* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Sliva, Kristin

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you enjoy board games? Do you like to compete with your friends? If so, this is the class for you! In this course, we will play board games, learn about the history of many games, and create our own final projects. This class involves a lot of writing and creativity!

A Block **Grade: ES** *BOOK MOUNTAIN* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Kane, Jeanne

Special Requirements: N/A

Climb Book Mountain! On your reading adventure you will be meeting with a Travel Agent who will guide you to the top of Book Mountain. You will travel on a journey through four-eight literary genres. With Book Mountain Expeditions, you will have the opportunity to explore Mystery, Biography, Animal Stories, or Realistic Fiction. You will also be able to experience Fantasy, General Nonfiction, Poetry, or Sports Fiction. With each genre, you will be exploring different projects to gain understanding, and with each project, you will move along the trail to the top! Pack your bags with books and the love of reading!

A Block **Grade: ES** *BOOK TO FILM* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Johnson, Gina

Special Requirements: N/A

In this class, we will examine differences and similarities between our imaginations when we read and Hollywood's interpretations of our favorite stories. Along the way, we will hold book talks, analyze story elements, and create projects based on the books we read.

A Block **Grade: ES** *CINDERELLA AROUND THE WORLD* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Schreiber, Christy

Special Requirements: N/A

Cinderella is not only a Disney character! We will study all elements of Cinderella stories around the world, through music, art, theater, writing and reading. Come learn more about this fairy tale and how it has been changed from culture to culture throughout time.

A Block **Grade: ES** *COOKING AROUND THE WORLD* **Fee: \$30.00**

Teacher: Ames, Carrie

Special Requirements: N/A

Come along on a culinary adventure as we cook our way around the world! In this class, you will learn about several unique cultures as you prepare traditional food from different countries. You will also learn basic cooking and baking techniques and create a recipe book so you can recreate these delicious foods again at home. Cooking beginners or students with experience in the kitchen are welcome!

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A Block Grade: **ES** *FARMING 101* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Johnson, Carly

Special Requirements: N/A

Cows, pigs, vegetables, chickens, and so much more! Do you love animals? Do you want to see where your food comes from? This is the class for you! We will visit some farms, and the farmers market. Animals will even come into the classroom. See what farmers go through on a daily basis.

A Block Grade: **ES** *JEWELRY MAKING!* Fee: **\$15.00**

Teacher: VanSluyters, Beth

Special Requirements: N/A

Look cool with wearing unique, one of a kind jewelry, created by YOU! Learn to make different, cool necklaces and bracelets to rock out and wear for yourself or give to your friends!

B Block Grade: **ES** *ACROBATIC ARTS AND MOVEMENT* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Johnson, Gina

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you love to move? In this course, we will explore many different types of movement. From modern dance to acrobatics, yoga to hip hop, you can sample many different styles of movement! Put all your skills together to create a show for your parents and friends!

B Block Grade: **ES** *BEGINNING SAILING* Fee: **\$95.00**

Teacher: Rowe, Karen

Special Requirements: A personal life jacket is required to participate.

Do you enjoy the beauty of the lake and the feeling of wind rushing against your face? Then Beginning Sailing is the class for you! You will learn the basic skills of sailing, including how to rig and de-rig a sailboat, tack into the wind, and tie sailors' knots. These skills will prepare you to sail an Optimist sailboat on Lake Macatawa. Please come to class prepared to go out on the water each day.

B Block Grade: **ES** *BRINGING CULTURES TO BR* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Johnson, Carly

Special Requirements: N/A

Is there a culture that has always sparked your interest? Do you like to experiencing new food, music or countries? You will discover the food, holidays, and much more information of several cultures in our world. Then study a culture of your choosing and put together a project for a Cultural Festival.

B Block Grade: **ES** *HIKES AND OUTDOOR SKILLS* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Ames, Carrie

Special Requirements: N/A

If you love the outdoors and being active, come experience Michigan's peaceful forests, breathtaking dunes, and beautiful lakes as we walk on local hiking trails. While we hike, we will learn important safety skills. We will learn how to be prepared for a hike, practice reading maps, identify helpful and harmful plants and animals, and more!

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B Block Grade: **ES** *IT'S A MUSICAL* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Andrews, Rachel
Special Requirements: N/A

Broadway, here we come! Calling all students who enjoy singing, acting and dancing: the three ingredients that create a musical! In this course, students will learn about the history of American Musical Theatre, as well as rehearse and perform in a Musical Theatre Showcase at the end of the course. We will sing, dance and act our way through classic shows as well as newer favorites.

B Block Grade: **ES** *NEEDLEWORK* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Sliva, Kristin
Special Requirements: N/A

Do you enjoy sewing or would you like to learn how? Do you like crafts? Have you ever wondered how to make a pillow or stuffed animal or bead animal? If so, this is the class for you. In this course, we will research a needlework project, write a report on it, create it, and present it. We will also complete many fun mini-projects throughout the two weeks.

B Block Grade: **ES** *RED CROSS FIRST AID AND CPR* Fee: **\$15.00**

Teacher: Shirk, Joy
Special Requirements: N/A

This class will teach you the proper response as a caregiver for people who are injured or have a sudden illness. When the course is complete, you will be certified by the Red Cross in CPR (cardio-pulmonary-resuscitation), AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), and First Aid for infants through adults as well as Epi-Pen Use. This course is especially a good choice if you take care of children on a regular basis or if you have family members who are ill.

B Block Grade: **ES** *ROCK ON!* Fee: **\$90.00**

Teacher: VanSluyters, Beth
Special Requirements: N/A

Hopefully you are not scared of heights for this project term class! Visit the Scrapyard Climbing Collective to get your rock climbing on! Learn the basics of rock climbing and get to practice your skills!

B Block Grade: **ES** *SCRAPBOOKING* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Schreiber, Christy

Special Requirements: Students will need to bring in pictures (about 80) and a blank scrapbook with at least 20 pages.

What makes scrapbooking so fun? The photos? The memories? This course allows students to take life-long memories and put them into one place, their scrapbook! We will spend time working with color schemes, shapes and textures to create pages that are not only colorful, but also aesthetically pleasing. We will also look at various ways to lay out pages to make them flow well and emphasize one particular theme. If you are ready to use your imagination to develop a fun and creative scrapbook for your pictures, then this is the class for you!

C Block Grade: **ES** *BOOKS ALIVE* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Johnson, Carly
Special Requirements: N/A

Do you love to read? Can you envision books in your head? Then this is the project term class for you. You get to pick a book to read. Then when you finish that book, make it come to life how you imagined it. But how will you make a project for it? If you love games then make a book themed board game. If you love art, make a sculpture of a character. If you can read it and imagine it? You will do it!

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C Block **Grade: ES** *BOXING CLUB* **Fee: \$60.00**

Teacher: VanSluyters, Beth

Special Requirements: N/A

Wrap your hands and get ready to work! This class will be physically demanding as we go to Sakwamdo Boxing Club facility each day to learn the basics and get some movement in!

C Block **Grade: ES** *CROCHETING* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Schreiber, Christy

Special Requirements: N/A

This class will give you the time to crochet! Make a scarf, start a blanket, or create a stuffed animal. All of this and more is possible once you learn the basics!

C Block **Grade: ES** *FOR THE LOVE OF LEGOS* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Johnson, Gina

Special Requirements: N/A

Calling all master builders! If you love Legos, this class is for you! Each day we will research a new place and time in history. Then we will recreate iconic buildings and landmarks from around the world (using Legos, obviously!). Put your creativity to work, and join us on this learning adventure!

C Block **Grade: ES** *FRESH COOKING* **Fee: \$30.00**

Teacher: Ames, Carrie

Special Requirements: N/A

There is nothing tastier than fresh food! In this class you will learn basic techniques to make food that is fresh, (mostly) healthy, and, of course, delicious! You will visit the farmers' market, learn about nutrition, and participate in food challenges. Best of all, you will get to eat all the yummy food you make!

C Block **Grade: ES** *LACROSSE AND LIFE LESSONS* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Bittrick, Brett & Keely Morse

Special Requirements: N/A

Come on out and learn the basics of lacrosse and the essentials of life. Students will practice lacrosse every day, so please plan to have water and a healthy snack along each day.

C Block **Grade: ES** *MYSTERIOUS MYSTERIES* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Sliva, Kristin

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you like mysteries? What about solving crimes? Are you an avid reader? Do you like watching old-timey television shows or movies? If so, this is the class for you. In this class, we will solve written mysteries, learn about crime scenes, take fingerprints, create spy ids, and more.

C Block **Grade: ES** *STOMP!* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Clark, Tammy

Special Requirements: N/A

In this course, we will create music using brooms, pots and pans, and other found objects. We will explore some innovative and invigorating performances by the groups Stomp and Blue Man Group. Students will choreograph their own Stomp routines which they will perform at Project Term Open House night.

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D Block Grade: **ES** *BEGINNING SAILING* Fee: \$95.00

Teacher: Rowe, Karen

Special Requirements: *A personal life jacket is required to participate.*

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D Block Grade: **ES** *CRITTER CAREERS* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Ames, Carrie

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Do you like animals? Have you ever thought you might want a career in the animal field? In this class, you will take a look at different jobs that work with animals and explore what those jobs entail by visiting local workplaces, interviewing professionals, and conducting research. This class is not recommended for students with animal allergies.

D Block Grade: **ES** *HORSEBACK RIDING* Fee: \$150.00

Teacher: Johnson, Carly

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Do you love horses, but have never had a chance to ride one? Do you want to know everything these beautiful animals have to offer. Well here is your chance to have that experience. For two weeks you will be able to learn the proper ways to take care of a horse from brushing it to putting on its saddle. On top of that you will have the opportunity to learn how to ride that horse and experience the joy of working with these gentle giants!

D Block Grade: **ES** *LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Johnson, Gina

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Who likes to put on a show? This class is all about shining on the stage as an actor and entertainer. We will learn to read a script, create props and scenery, and perform an entertaining show for others! If you love to read and perform, this class is for you!

D Block Grade: **ES** *PICTURE BOOK MANIA* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: VanSluyters, Beth

Special Requirements: *N/A*

If you love reading and doing activities with picture books, this class is for you! We will study a number of picture books and you will share some of your favorite picture books with the class too!

D Block Grade: **ES** *TEE-RIFIC PUTT PUTT* Fee: \$25.00

Teacher: Gaffney, Sarah

Special Requirements: *N/A*

America's favorite past time, the sport of miniature golf is the short game aspect of golf that focuses on the skill/technique of putting. Along with the history and fun facts about mini golf, you will visit local putt putt courses to practice a variety of skills and techniques associated with putting. You will also design your own mini putt putt course and obstacles to be played by guests at the Project Term Open House.

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D Block

Grade: **ES**

TREEOLOGY

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Schreiber, Christy

Special Requirements: N/A

There are trees all around us here in Michigan. We can climb them, build forts in them or even eat fruit that grows on them... but how much do we know about them? In this class we will be walking all around Holland and finding trees that we have never seen before. While finding these trees, we will collect samples and create a leaf collection to keep. So, if you like learning about nature and spending lots of time in it, this class is for you!

D Block

Grade: **ES**

WRITING WORKSHOP

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Sliva, Kristin

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you like to write? Do you find yourself imagining creative stories in your head? Would you like to create a final, finished piece of writing and put it in a book? If so, this is the class for you. In this course, we will brainstorm, research, handwrite, and type a long, final copy of a book. We will create a cover and include many other story elements in it.

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STUDENTS MUST PICK ONE COURSE FOR EACH BLOCK (A, B, C, & D)

A Block Grade: **MS** *3D CAD & CARS* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Fisher, Caleb & Todd Schwartz

Special Requirements: N/A

Come learn and explore the introduction to CAD design as we build “pinewood” derby cars for race and show. Students will be learning some of the basics of SketchUp as they explore CAD design and theory while ultimately building their masterpiece racer. Not into the speed? Students will have the opportunity to be creative and artistic while they compete in design competitions as well. So come out and see what CAD design is like and explore the roots of some simple engineering skills.

A Block Grade: **MS** *BOXING DIARIES* Fee: **\$50.00**

Teacher: Bittrick, Brett

Special Requirements: N/A

Middle school boxing training. Come get fit and strong while learning the art of boxing. This class is not intended to develop fighters but is intended to develop boxers.

A Block Grade: **MS** *BROADWAY SHOWCASE* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Andrews, Rachel

Special Requirements: N/A

For all Broadway and Musical Theatre lovers! Throughout this course, we will be working to put together a Broadway Musical showcase. Students will perform in a variety of settings including large groups, small groups and some solos. We will select songs from a wide variety of musicals to learn to sing and act out on stage and perform at the end of the term.

A Block Grade: **MS** *CROCHETING AND CREATING* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Stephens, Marguerite

Special Requirements: N/A

Here is something that you can do on car trips or during the summer! Crocheting is a wonderful way to show what you can do with yarn, a hook, and patience. You will have the opportunity to choose a project to work on after you have proven you can do the basic stitches. A hat, scarf, or a box are a few ideas that are able to be made using crochet stitches.

A Block Grade: **MS** *DIGITAL MUSIC PRODUCTION* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Montgomery, Jon

Special Requirements: N/A

Students at the middle school level learn basic music theory and composition techniques in a digital setting. Current software platforms are used to produce musical scores and recordings for a variety of ensembles. Sample projects include composition for commercials or music for a digital performance. Students' musical aptitudes and proficiencies are considered by the instructor before admission to the course is granted. Class size is limited to sixteen.

A Block Grade: **MS** *EVERY GIRL FITNESS* Fee: **\$20.00**

Teacher: Gaffney, Sarah

Special Requirements: *Females only

Taught by girls, for girls, this class offers a variety of fitness, nutrition, and overall healthy living styles. If you're somebody that is wanting to learn how to become more active, healthy, and positive about yourself, this is the class for you! Whether you've never experienced a fitness class or if you are already living an active lifestyle, this class can offer a variety of opportunities for staying healthy and body positive. We will experience cardio through hiking, walking and interval training. We will explore yoga, Pilates, stretching, and other exercises to strengthen

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the core. Weight lifting will also be essential in living a stronger, healthier life. Each workout is adapted to your body and level of fitness. Join us for comfortable, and judgement free young women's guide to health! *Students must be willing to participate fully and have a positive attitude about trying new things.

A Block **Grade: MS** **FRISBEE FEST** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Bierma, Becky

Special Requirements: N/A

Did you know that there are dozens of games that can be played with frisbees? In this class, you will learn about and play several frisbee games including the popular frisbee golf (also known as disc golf). Have a great time learning new outdoor frisbee games that you can teach your friends and family!

A Block **Grade: MS** **FROM THE GROUND UP** **Fee: \$75.00**

Teacher: Schreuder, Joel

Special Requirements: N/A

Experience the freedom and exhilaration of bouldering and wall climbing at the only climbing gym on the lakeshore! In class, we will research past and present rock climbing techniques as well as become familiar with the equipment involved in this sport. Outside of class, we will travel to Scrapyard Climbing Collective where you can practice and grow your climbing skills!

A Block **Grade: MS** **MAMBA MENTALITY** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Van Wingen, Emily

Special Requirements: *Students should have basketball or gym shoes*

The best know what it takes to be the best. Over and over, people talked about Kobe's unrivaled passion and hard work to improve day after day. In the Mamba Mentality, students will work to develop their own winner's mindset. Through drills targeting all areas of basketball, students will work to improve their own skills while also learning more about the game. We will also have a chance to meet with the Hope College basketball coaches to hear their perspective on what it takes to succeed. A combination of individual skill training, one-on-one to full scrimmages, conditioning, and weight training will help turn you into a champion.

A Block **Grade: MS** **NATIONAL PARKS FROM HOME** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Aumaugher, Angela

Special Requirements: N/A

Explore our greatest natural resources in this tour of our National Parks. You will learn about the beauty, ecology, and history of our National Parks, all from the comfort of our own school. We will watch videos about some of the parks and talk about the importance of each of the parks. You will choose one park to research in great detail and create a travel booklet about your park to be presented during the open house.

A Block **Grade: MS** **SIGN LANGUAGE 101** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Tracy, Liz

Special Requirements: N/A

Have you ever been curious about sign language and how it works? Have you ever wanted to communicate in a new way? In this class we will learn the history of sign language and learn how to sign common phrases and words!

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A Block Grade: **MS** *SMARTPHONE NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Duquette, Nicole

Special Requirements: *Smartphone required for students (their own)*

Did you know that you can take and edit beautiful photographs of nature with just a smartphone and a few apps? This class will explore how to do that while visiting various Holland parks and nature areas, photographing anything that catches the eye and editing images in creative ways. Projects will include an art gallery style of our work based on nature scenes.

A Block Grade: **MS** *STOMP!* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Clark, Tammy

Special Requirements: *N/A*

In this course, we will create music using brooms, pots and pans, and other found objects. We will explore some innovative and invigorating performances by the groups Stomp and Blue Man Group. Students will choreograph their own Stomp routines which they will perform at Project Term Open House night.

A Block Grade: **MS** *THE HISTORY OF WAR THROUGH MOVIES* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Gray, Stephen

Special Requirements: *N/A*

The class will watch 8-10 movies/documentaries about war. This class will utilize guest speakers. The class will begin in ancient times and conclude with present day terrorism. Some of these movies will be rated PG or PG-13 for violence. (Movies rated R will NOT be shown.) Each day students will journal about the movies they watch, noting the technology of warfare, why the war occurred, if the war was necessary, and how it could have been avoided if it could have been avoided. Projects will include discussion, presentations, and a project board.

AB Block Grade: **MS** *BACKPACKING ADVENTURE ON THE MRT* Fee: **\$100.00**

Teacher: Ornee, Necia

Special Requirements: *Participants on this trip will be expected to provide their own backpack, 1- or 2-person tent (shared), sleeping bag, and other personal items. Renting or borrowing are great options for this essential gear.*

Experience 3 days of adventure on Lower Michigan's best backpacking trail. An introduction to overnighing in the wild, they don't get much better than the Manistee River Trail Loop (linked to the North Country Trail). Hard-wood forests, reedy wetlands, streams and waterfalls are among the beauty we will enjoy on this 3-day journey in nature.

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AC Block Grade: **MS** *INTEGRATED MATH IV* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Laarman, Sarah

Special Requirements: *Interested students, currently taking 8th grade math, must get permission from their math teacher and have a quiz/test average of around 95%.*

9th grade math covers many of the same concepts covered in 8th grade, but takes those concepts to a much deeper level. Additionally, there are concepts that are covered in 9th grade math that are not addressed in 8th grade math. Students in this class will cover concepts from the 9th grade class (IM IV) in hopes of advancing from 8th grade

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math into 10th. In order to advance, students must successfully pass both final exams for IM IV, which will be taken in class. Students who meet the eligibility requirements to move from 8th to 10th, but choosing not to take this course, will still be given the opportunity to review the material independently and take the exams.

B Block **Grade: MS** *AROUND THE WORLD IN TWO WEEKS* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Van Wingen, Emily

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you dream of traveling the world? Learn more about all of the places out there for you to explore as you also learn how to plan and book a trip. We will virtually travel to each of the different continents and explore major travel destinations. In addition, students will learn tips for travel as well as how to book places to stay and plane tickets as well as find things to visit and do in different places. In the end, you'll have a chance to plan out your own dream vacation.

B Block **Grade: MS** *ARTS AND CRAFTS* **Fee: \$20.00**

Teacher: Kane, Jeanne

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you like to be creative? Come join us and put your creativity to use. In this project term, you will use your artistic talent to make various crafts. Some of the crafts, which will be presented, include needlepoint, decoupage, clay creations, tie-dying, and quilling. You will end this term with many great gifts, along with presents for yourself!

B Block **Grade: MS** *BLACK RIVER ECO CHALLENGE* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Grinzinger, Ginny

Special Requirements: N/A

If you enjoy nature and like to get your hands dirty, then join me in working to restore Black River's "pool property" back into a native Michigan ecosystem. You will become familiar with the property and learn more about ecological succession. We will be at the property almost every class period working on projects like weeding invasive species, making trails, identifying species and making keys for native species.

B Block **Grade: MS** *BR OLYMPICS* **Fee: \$35.00**

Teacher: Laarman, Sarah

Special Requirements: N/A

The 2020 Olympic Games are right around the corner. In order to get ready for them, we will be hosting our own Black River Olympics. Students will select a country and compete against other countries to win medals. Some of events include: swimming, ice skating, tennis and trampoline.

B Block **Grade: MS** *EAT MY WAKE* **Fee: \$150.00**

Teacher: Schreuder, Joel

Special Requirements: N/A

Test the waters in this action packed adventure class! You will be learning and expanding your wakeboarding skills each day at Action Wake Park. Whether you're a novice or have been wakeboarding for years this class is for you! There will be certified instructors providing instruction each day along with cable passes, wakeboards, helmets, and life vests. Join us at the first full-size cable park in Michigan!

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B Block Grade: **MS** *FIDDLING AROUND* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Clark, Tammy

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Do you enjoy playing a string instrument? This fiddle group is for you! We will practice and perform a variety of fiddle tunes, compose fiddle tunes, and learn about different styles of fiddling. Community service opportunities will include performing at Holland Hospital as well as an area nursing home.

B Block Grade: **MS** *JUST STRINGING AROUND: STRING ART* Fee: **\$15.00**

Teacher: Gaffney, Sarah

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Always wanted to learn how to be crafty with string? Learn to create fun DIY projects with string art! Students will learn a handful of fun craft ideas and personalize their creations. They will also have the opportunity to bring their own projects to work on and teach others those skills. Express your creativity with simple string crafts by creating wall décor, gifts, fidgets, jewelry, clothing, and endless possibilities.

B Block Grade: **MS** *LEVERS, PULLEYS, DOMINOES – SIMPLE MACHINES* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Reinartz, Jessica & Todd Schwartz

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Are you interested in doing things the complicated way? Do you think simple is boring? If so, welcome to the Rube Goldberg machine class! We will complete simple tasks in complicated ways – why just pop a balloon when you can send a marble down a tube, to knock over some dominoes, to drop a golf ball, to turn on a fan, and to blow the balloon into a bed of pins? We will engineer a variety of machines to complete such tasks while following competition rules. You will be required to work with a group every day in class and will need some patience as you troubleshoot the machines!

B Block Grade: **MS** *MIDDLE SCHOOL COOKING* Fee: **\$25.00**

Teacher: Mousseau, Rebecca

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Are you tired of eating the same boring meals night after night? Are you interested in making and tasting fabulous food? Sign up for Middle School Cooking, where you will learn the basics of cooking as well as some creative tips on making your meals memorable and nutritious! Plan to go grocery shopping, work with other students, and participate in creating yummy meals and snacks with group members! Bon appetit!

B Block Grade: **MS** *SCAVENGER HUNT ADVENTURES* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Bierma, Becky

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Do you like adventure, exercise, the thrill of competition? Then this is the class for you! There's a good amount of creativity and planning that goes into creating the perfect scavenger hunt. In this class, you will experience and compete in a variety of scavenger hunts as you learn how to create your own. Be prepared to do a good amount of walking and to work in teams.

B Block Grade: **MS** *STOP-MOTION ANIMATION* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Gorris, Tara & Katie Chester

Special Requirements: *N/A*

What do the movies, Wallace and Gromit, Nightmare Before Christmas, and Chicken Run have in common? They are all created with the use of stop-motion animation! Stop-motion means that all movements are created from a series of separate images. Objects are set in place and moved by hand to create the illusion that they are actually moving. In this class, you will learn about the process of stop-motion animation, which includes creating a

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thaumatrope, story-boards for your movie and creating your own characters out of modeling clay and then using photographs and the computer soft-ware program, Serif-Movie, to help edit your movie!

B Block **Grade: MS** **TRAMPOLINE CAMP** **Fee: \$50.00**

Teacher: Bittrick, Brett

Special Requirements: N/A

Get fit while having fun exploring a number of local and regional bounce parks. Each day we will bounce til you tire. "Get up, get up and get down...jump around" - House of Pain

B Block **Grade: MS** **WHO'S HIDING BEHIND THAT MASK?** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Stephens, Marguerite

Special Requirements: N/A

Did you know you can hide in plain sight? A mask can do that for you. In this class you will discover all the ways masks are used in different countries, in religious ceremonies and plays. You will make several masks and use them in various ways in class to show their meanings.

C Block **Grade: MS** **DOUBLE-HANDED SAILING** **Fee: \$95.00**

Teacher: Rowe, Karen

Special Requirements: *Students need to supply their own life jackets and should come to class prepared to sail every day. Ideally, students should have at least two years of previous sailing experience, but students with less experience who are comfortable on the water or with*

This course introduces students to the sport of sailing in a double-handed (two person) sailboat. Students will learn the basic rules of sailing, practice rigging and de-rigging a sailboat, gain confidence in managing both skipper and crew roles, and spend time on the water at Lake Macatawa each day.

C Block **Grade: MS** **ENTER THE TWILIGHT ZONE** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Aumaugher, Angela

Special Requirements: *For 8th -12th grade students only*

From the original Twilight Zone episodes opening narration "There is a fifth dimension beyond that which is known to man. It is a dimension as vast as space and as timeless as infinity. It is the middle ground between light and shadow, between science and superstition, and it lies between the pit of man's fears and the summit of his knowledge. This is the dimension of imagination. It is an area which we call the Twilight Zone." Through our exploration of this dimension, we will discuss the use of irony, fear, suspense, science, and psychology to bring an audience on an emotional journey. We will also work collaboratively to write our own 'Twilight Zone' episode screenplay that will be shared through a dramatic reading at the open house.

C Block **Grade: MS** **FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Kane, Jeanne

Special Requirements: N/A

Welcome to the Land of OZ! Did you know the author of the famed novel lived right here in Holland, Michigan for a brief time in his life? During this project term, we will be experiencing all things OZ by reading the original novel and a few of the sequels, watching different film adaptations, creating art with different mediums, and exploring the history found within the pages of the novel, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Come join the munchkins on a journey through OZ!

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C Block Grade: **MS** *GOLF* Fee: **\$50.00**

Teacher: Witvoet, Tim

Special Requirements: *Students must each have his/her own clubs & equipment (golf balls, tees, glove, etc.) and be able to depart BRPS by 7:40a.m. each morning. **Class is limited to 7th & 8th grade students.***

Do you enjoy golf? Would you like to learn? If yes, then this is the course for you! We will spend time learning about this great game and practicing our own shots at the golf course. We will spend time on the driving range, practice greens, and the course itself. Learn how to take the frustration out of your own game by learning fundamentals and essential etiquette. Students will spend every class period at the golf course. Each student must have his or her own clubs and equipment (golf balls, tees, glove, etc.). Fore!

C Block Grade: **MS** *HIKING AND SELF CARE* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Van Wingen, Emily

Special Requirements: *N/A*

The outdoors are good for the soul. It's proven that simply being outside can improve your mood. Getting at least 30 minutes of exercise each day has numerous benefits including increased productivity, better mood, and better health. In this project term class students will have the chance to visit and hike different places around Holland. They will also learn ways to spend some time on their own - whether journaling or reading, for example - and have a chance to spend time exercising and just enjoying nature.

C Block Grade: **MS** *JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Duquette, Nicole

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Using the Junior Master Gardener curriculum along with the school garden, you will be immersed in hands-on activities, service learning opportunities, and fun experiments to deepen your knowledge of plants, gardening, and science. If you love the outdoors, and want to learn more about how we can use gardens for decoration, eating, and for conservation you will enjoy this class!

C Block Grade: **MS** *RACQUET SPORTS* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Grinzinger, Ginny

Special Requirements: *Students should have their own tennis racket.*

In this beginning racquet sports class, students will develop the fundamental skills of tennis and pickle ball. We will spend one week playing tennis and the following week learning pickle ball. Students will learn the history of each game, rules, and scoring. We will practice our skills through drills, singles play, and doubles play. Students will also research famous tennis players and watch some classic matches.

C Block Grade: **MS** *RED CROSS FIRST AID AND CPR* Fee: **\$15.00**

Teacher: Shirk, Joy

Special Requirements: *N/A*

This class will teach you the proper response as a caregiver for people who are injured or have a sudden illness. When the course is complete, you will be certified by the Red Cross in CPR (cardio-pulmonary-resuscitation), AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), and First Aid for infants through adults as well as Epi-Pen Use. This course is especially a good choice if you take care of children on a regular basis or if you have family members who are ill.

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C Block

Grade: **MS**

WATERCOLOR METHODS

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Gorris, Tara

Special Requirements: N/A

Are you interested in using watercolor or have some experiences in working with it? In this class, you will be learning about watercolor methods that are more in depth and extensive. The techniques that you learn in here will help you expand your horizon of what watercolor can do and how you can control the medium. You will learn a little about color theory, techniques, and we will spend a few times outdoors to try our hand at quick plein-air paintings, painting that is done in the moment and in a short amount of time.

CD Block

Grade: **MS**

BACKPACKING ADVENTURE ON THE MRT

Fee: **\$100.00**

Teacher: Ornee, Necia

Special Requirements: *Participants on this trip will be expected to provide their own backpack, 1- or 2-person tent (shared), sleeping bag, and other personal items. Renting or borrowing are great options for this essential gear.*

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CD Block

Grade: **MS**

STEP UP TO THE PLATE

Fee: **\$50.00**

Teacher: Schreuder, Joel

Special Requirements: N/A

America's favorite past time is explored, played, analyzed, and appreciated. For two weeks students will participate in a study of baseball. We will read stories, watch historic games, analyze statistics, play wiffle ball, and much more. In addition, we will travel to Detroit to watch a Tiger's game in person!

CD Block

Grade: **MS**

WEST MICHIGANS BEST!

Fee: **\$150.00**

Teacher: Gray, Stephen & Brent Rowe

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you want to camp out in a museum? Do you love eating donuts? How about ice cream? We will eat our way to and from the best museums in West Michigan and spend the night on a WW II submarine. Come join us for an educational journey with presidents, airplanes, ships, art, cars, and nature, and rank the tastiest treats in West Michigan.

D Block

Grade: **MS**

ASIAN STORIES...OR WHERE IS THE BIG BAD WOLF?

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Stephens, Marguerite

Special Requirements: N/A

Asian stories and plays will require you to participate, no sitting back and watching! We will read many plays and stories that have originated in Asia. You will create new and different ways to share the stories. There will be some games, songs, and other Asian-centered material to give you a wide perspective on the Asian focus. Come ready to read, ready to listen and ready to share!

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D Block Grade: **MS** *BAKING BREAD AROUND THE WORLD* Fee: \$15.00

Teacher: Mousseau, Rebecca

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Who doesn't love fresh-baked bread? Students will learn to mix, knead and bake a variety of breads from around the world. We will also do some research into the history of bread and its role in civilization, and will explore how different cultures have incorporated bread into their diets. We will do some preparation at school, but some days we will walk to a nearby kitchen to bake the bread. In addition to making bread, students will learn to make some toppings to go with some of the breads.

D Block Grade: **MS** *BR PROBLEM SOLVERS* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Aumaugher, Angela

Special Requirements: *For 8th -12th grade students only*

Do you wish you could solve the problems of the world? Are you curious and inquisitive? In this 8th grade through high school class you will choose a current global issue to delve into, become the expert, and develop a solution or plan to minimize the problem. We will utilize strategies in the Creative Sequence to help you through this process; researching, brainstorming, developing appropriate solutions, and using peer feedback to make adjustments along the way.

D Block Grade: **MS** *CHEMISTRY OF CRIME* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Grinzinger, Ginny

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Do you enjoy suspense and mystery? Would you like to know what techniques are used to solve crimes and mysterious occurrences? Are you hooked on CSI-type television shows? If you answered "yes" to any of these, you will not want to miss Chemistry of Crime! In this class, you will identify handwriting samples to detect forgery, test ink and lipstick stains and solve numerous other mysterious crimes! All students with curious and investigative minds are encouraged to join Chemistry of Crime!

D Block Grade: **MS** *DISNEY - TO ANIMATE OR NOT TO ANIMATE? THAT IS THE QUESTION.* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Tracy, Liz

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Disney has begun a series of live movies to follow up on classics like The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast and The Lion King. Now it's up to you to decide which is better - the live version or the animated version?

D Block Grade: **MS** *FISH ON!* Fee: \$10.00

Teacher: Bittrick, Brett & Jeanne Kane

Special Requirements: *Fishing Pole (if you'd like to use your own).*

Learn to fish by going fishing! Each day we will fish at different locations within the greater Macatawa water shed.

D Block Grade: **MS** *HIKING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Clark, Tammy

Special Requirements: *Comfortable shoes for hiking*

Do you like the outdoors? Do you like to exercise? In this class, we will hike the trails of West Michigan. We will discover the natural beauty of parks and trails in our area and clean up the environment along the way!

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D Block Grade: **MS** *NOVEL WRITING* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Van Wingen, Emily

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Every author started with an idea. In this class, we'll explore all the elements of writing a novel. Students will have a chance to learn about and improve their skills in areas such as novel planning, character creation, and writing. We will also look at what the experts have to say about all areas of creating a best seller. In the end, students will start to develop and write their own book.

D Block Grade: **MS** *SCHOOL OF ROCK MS* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Johns, Danny

Special Requirements: *Each student must have his or her own instrument and be able to play at a level higher than beginner. You must be able to play guitar, bass, drums, or another instrument (vocals are a great bonus!) to take this class. Auditions are required. Please see Mr. Witvoet if you are interested. Class is offered for 7th-12th grade students.*

Have you ever dreamed of playing in a rock band? Do you have the beginnings of a rock band, but just need the time and space to develop your talents? If so, then School of Rock is the class for you! Over the course of four weeks, you will: form a band with your classmates, learn different songs, perform and practice in front of a live audience, and put on a rock show at the Project Term Open House.

D Block Grade: **MS** *SURFS UP!* Fee: **\$190.00**

Teacher: Laarman, Sarah

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Ever dream of hanging ten on the North Shore of Hawaii? Well you can try your hand at surfing a little closer to home. During Surfs Up! project term students will have the opportunity to surf Lake Michigan. Working with Third Coast Surf Shop students will learn proper technique, about different surfing equipment, and exercises to strengthen muscles used in surfing. Additionally, students will research the top surfers, and help clean local beaches.

D Block Grade: **MS** *VOLUNTEERING FOR THE ANIMALS* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Duquette, Nicole

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Do you love spending time working with animals? Well, put on your boots, and come help out at farms, humane societies, dog parks, and animal rescue centers. You can make great connections with people who love animals, create posters of your hard work, and enjoy being outdoors while promoting Black River's pride in helping out the community. You may even get to interact with a variety of animals!

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STUDENTS MUST PICK ONE COURSE FOR EACH BLOCK (A, B, C, & D)

A Block **Grade: HS** *THE VIENNA COFFEE HOUSE EXPERIENCE* **Fee: \$0.00**
– *STUDIES IN CREATIVE WRITING*

Teacher: Rowe, Karen

Special Requirements: N/A

Does ambiance inspire creativity? Of course! Experience the cultural coffee house effect as we meander to local coffee shops like Ferris Coffee, Lemonjello's, Good Earth, and 205 Coffee in search of the perfect writing environment. As a class, we will work on individual creative writing projects focused on fiction, memoir, and poetry, hold class workshops and readings, and ultimately publish individual chapbooks of class work to be displayed on open house night. As Shel Silverstein says, "If you are a dreamer...come in, come in!"

A Block **Grade: HS** *AMERICA'S GAME: FOOTBALL AND ITS* **Fee: \$0.00**
PLACE IN AMERICAN CULTURE

Teacher: Stid, Jake

Special Requirements: N/A

In this class, we will explore how football became "America's Game" and its lasting impact on our society. We will also learn the fundamentals of the game through hands-on practice and play. Through reading portions of H.G. Bissinger's best-selling Friday Night Lights and other sources, students will learn about the role of high school football in a small Texas town, learn about the history of football from its inception as a collegiate sport, and examine what it means to be a student-athlete. Students will spend some class time reading and viewing documentaries and some class time practicing skills and playing flag football. For open house, students will demonstrate skills they learned, and, depending on enrollment, may play an exhibition game.

A Block **Grade: HS** *BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE DRAWING* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Middleton, Peter

Special Requirements: N/A

Learn to draw three-dimensional, photo realistically rendered artworks. Each student will complete a finished drawing for exhibition at the Project Term Open House. In addition to some more advanced methods, fundamentals will be taught through demonstrations.

A Block **Grade: HS** *BIOART* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Grinzinger, Ginny

Special Requirements: N/A

In this class, we will be exploring the relationship between science and art. We will use tools like photography and microscopy to inspire our creations. The goal will be a thorough scientific understand of the subject matter and then to transition this knowledge from the field and laboratory to the studio.

A Block **Grade: HS** *BOTANY 101; ALL ABOUT PLANTS* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Hulst, Janet

Special Requirements: N/A

Why do plant stems always grow up and roots down? Why can some plants grow to be as tall as trees or not tall at all? If you are interested in knowing the answers to these questions, learning best gardening practices or just like plants then sign up for Botany 101. We will complete many experiments that go way beyond the basics and take a few field trips, Meijer Gardens, Calvin College Interpretive Center, and Saul Lake Bog Nature Preserve, to experience plant variety in our own area.

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A Block **Grade: HS** **BOXING DIARIES** **Fee: \$50.00**

Teacher: Bittrick, Brett

Special Requirements: N/A

High school boxing training. Come get fit and strong while learning the art of boxing. This class is not intended to develop fighters but is intended to develop boxers.

A Block **Grade: HS** **BROADWAY SHOWCASE** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Andrews, Rachel

Special Requirements: N/A

For all Broadway and Musical Theatre lovers! Throughout this course, we will be working to put together a Broadway Musical showcase. Students will perform in a variety of settings including large groups, small groups and some solos. We will select songs from a wide variety of musicals to learn to sing and act out on stage and perform at the end of the term.

A Block **Grade: HS** **CLIMATE CHANGE IN WEST MICHIGAN:
SCIENCE FACT OR SCIENCE FICTION?** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Sinclair, Nicole

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you have a passion for environmental science? Are you a skilled rhetorician or someone who aspires to be one? Is it possible that YOU are the next Greta Thunberg? If you feel inspired to take action by combining your skills in science, research, and rhetoric, this is the Project Term course you've been waiting for! This dynamic new course will offer you the unique opportunity to work with Black River teachers and Hope College teacher candidates majoring in science and English. We will challenge you throughout the course to convince yourself—and others who may not be quite so keen on the concept of climate change—that a) climate change is real, and b) there is evidence to support this claim right here in West Michigan! This new and exciting collaboration between Black River and Hope College is ideal for a wide variety of high school students, particularly those interested or engaged in We The People, YIG, AP Lang, AP Sem, and HS Green Team, as well as those looking to learn more about environmental science while sharpening some of their research and argumentation skills heading into next year. Our community and climate need your help—are you up for the challenge?

A Block **Grade: HS** **DRIVER'S EDUCATION** **Fee: \$350.00**

Teacher: Wright, Cessie

Special Requirements: Class Size is limited. A \$40 deposit and application will be required when student is enrolled with the remainder due at the first class.

Students must be 14 years & 8 months old by the first day of class.

Macatawa Driving School is proud to offer a Level One Driver Education course to Black River teens for Project Term Credit.

Cost: \$350 that includes all drives, classroom training, and a Level One permit after successful completion of the course.

Dates: May 7 – 22 (Thursday – Friday)

Times:

Thursday, May 7 (Class only: 11:30 – 1:30 pm)

Friday, May 8 (Class only: 11:30 – 1:30 pm)

Saturday, May 9 (No class; range drives only)

May 11 – 15 (Class and drives: 7:10 – 11:10 am)

Saturday, May 16 (No class, range drives only)

May 18 – 22 (Class and drives: 7:10 – 11:10 am)

Note: The State of Michigan requires students to be in class the number of hours that are scheduled. If there are any schedule conflicts that you know of prior to the start of class (Dutch Dancing, etc.), please contact Macatawa Driving School for possible arranged make-up times at info@drivemacatawa.com or 748-6948.

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A Block **Grade: HS** *EXPERIMENTS IN PSYCHOLOGY* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Mousseau, Rebecca
Special Requirements: N/A

Is it true that facial symmetry is an essential component of how people perceive beauty? Can the color of a soft drink affect its flavor? Does stress affect performance on a task? If you are interested in how scientists study questions like these, and in studying human behavior from a scientific perspective, this class is a great start! We will examine some famous studies in the history of psychology, and learn the basic ethical principles of research in the social sciences. Additionally, we will learn and practice the steps of the scientific method as students complete an original study, analyze the results and write a lab report following APA guidelines.

A Block **Grade: HS** *FIBER ARTS* **Fee: \$20.00**

Teacher: Chester, Katie
Special Requirements: N/A

Come join Mrs. Chester and explore and stumble your way through fiber arts and fiber art techniques. It is a messy process with lots of fun material options! Needle felting, wet felting, sewing, weaving, and fabric dying are all possibilities. Your goal is to create 4 fiber artworks for the final Project Term open house.

A Block **Grade: HS** *HIKE AND HAMMOCK* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Bierma, Becky & Alex Constantelos
Special Requirements: Students can supply their own hammock (or a blanket to sit on) that they will carry with them during each hike.

A class for the nature lovers out there! We will hike a variety of trails in Holland and along the lakeshore, learn about native plants, animals, and other natural occurrences we encounter along the way, and soak in the beauty around us! Be ready to walk... a lot! For your project, you will have several options to choose from that will allow for creativity.

A Block **Grade: HS** *INDEPENDENT STUDY* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Wezeman, Jen
Special Requirements: N/A

Are you passionate about a subject that isn't offered at school? Would you like to get a taste of a certain job or career before you decide to pursue it in college? Do you want to create something on a large scale but just don't have the time? Consider pursuing an Independent Study! With Independent Study, you design your own learning experience, set your own goals, and carry out your own activities off-campus during one or two blocks. Students are first required to fill out a brief Interest Application and later, pending approval, will submit a formal application containing all details of the study. Study projects may not be similar to a class that is already offered during Project Term. Since students work off-campus, adult supervision is required. Students who travel for Independent Study may have an additional academic component to fulfill. The students who are most successful in this course are highly motivated, self-disciplined, organized and have a thirst for knowledge. Independent Study is a wonderful opportunity for you to be creative, take charge of your own learning and share your knowledge with others! You must attend a meeting in November and fill out an Interest Application before signing up for this class!

A Block **Grade: HS** *NERD BOARD GAMES* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Newman, John
Special Requirements: N/A

Role-Playing Games give us the opportunity to pretend to be someone else for a while. In this class, we will play Role-Playing board games that allow us to assume a variety of roles, ranging from fighting Lovecraftian monsters to magical mice that must fight through the depths of a castle. The goal of these games is, of course, to have fun, but to band together with a group of classmates to defeat a common enemy.

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A Block **Grade: HS** **RANK OUR PRESIDENTS** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Morse, Keely

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you enjoy learning about presidential history? Do you enjoy discussing and debating the successes and failures of presidents? Take this class as we rank the presidents and learn about American history. We will take a field trip to the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids to see our president from West Michigan. Additionally, we will do an election simulation, view a couple presidential movies, and read interesting opinion pieces on presidents.

A Block **Grade: HS** **RED CROSS FIRST AND CPR** **Fee: \$15.00**

Teacher: Shirk, Joy

Special Requirements: N/A

This class will teach you the proper response as a caregiver for people who are injured or have a sudden illness. When the course is complete, you will be certified by the Red Cross in CPR (cardio-pulmonary-resuscitation), AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), and First Aid for infants through adults as well as Epi-Pen Use. This course is especially a good choice if you take care of children on a regular basis or if you have family members who are ill.

A Block **Grade: HS** **ROLLER COASTER PHYSICS** **Fee: \$20.00**

Teacher: Miskelley, Jill

Special Requirements: N/A

In this course, students will learn about the physics behind roller coasters and amusement park rides. Each small team will be constructing a paper roller coaster and completing several in class activities. On Wednesday, May 20, 2020 we will be going to Michigan's Adventure for their annual Physics Day. All students must pay the course fee that covers the admission ticket into the amusement park.

A Block **Grade: HS** **SACAJAWEA TO SALLY RIDE** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Bishop, Kim

Special Requirements: N/A

Founding mothers, Native Guides, Pioneer Women, Suffragettes, Astronauts all these women helped shape our country and the world. Students will learn about them through videos, artifacts, short readings and discussion. Their project will be to explore one woman and create a display for Open House.

A Block **Grade: HS** **SPECIAL TOPICS IN PERFORMANCE:
HISTORY OF OPERA** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Dykhouse, Gregory

Special Requirements: N/A

“The day with its cares and perplexities is ended and the night is now upon us. The night should be a time of peace and tranquility, a time to relax and be calm. We have need of a soothing story to banish the disturbing thoughts of the day, to set at rest our troubled minds, and put at ease our ruffled spirits.”

How does this lyric excerpt connect to some of the great works of dramatic performance? Opera is a rich performance tradition. In this course, students explore several operatic works (Mozart, The Magic Flute; Puccini, Madame Butterfly; Jacques Demy, The Umbrellas of Cherbourg; Sondheim, Into the Woods, Sweeney Todd, or Sunday in the Park with George; Wilson, Einstein on the Beach). Students meet an opera singer and learn about the craft. Students design displays to share understanding of the works. Together we explore the contexts of such works, how the works compare and contrast with each other, how the works suggest change or continuity over time, and how the works may remain relevant today.

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A Block **Grade: HS** **TEACHING PRACTICUM** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Witvoet, Tim & Mr. Brent Rowe

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you have a desire to learn more about being an elementary teacher? Are you passionate about working with early grade students at Black River Public School? Do any of these words describe you: innovative, creative, hard working, or organized? Turn your skills and passion into teaching the youngest Black River Rats during Project Term. Each day you will have a chance to plan, interact, and implement lessons with Mr. Rowe and Mr. Witvoet in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Get a jump start on a future career choice or build skills that will help you be a professional in the future.

A Block **Grade: HS** **THE BOOK WAS BETTER** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Pierson, Emily

Special Requirements: N/A

“Yeah, but the book was better...” Have you ever felt this way after seeing a highly-anticipated film that is based on a book? From superhero blockbusters to Oscar-winning films, so many movies that hit theatres today have been based on literature! As a class, we will explore several book-to-film combos, comparing and contrasting the movie to the work it’s based on and deciding which medium is better! For your Final Project, you will be choosing a literature/film pair to read and watch in order to compare and contrast the two works. In the end, you’ll be able to say with confidence if the book IS truly better!

A Block **Grade: HS** **THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT AND MORE:
WHEN SPORT AND THE WORLD COLLIDE** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Ewald, Tim

Special Requirements: N/A

Every four years, one city puts on a global exhibition in the name of sportsmanship, most recently awarded to Tokyo for the 2020 Summer Olympics. What we see in whatever television or Internet coverage we choose to watch usually involves competition with bits of history or athlete profiles sprinkled in, but events like The Olympics and any sport’s World Cup or World Championships are more than just a bunch of physical activity being contested over a tournament period. Actions that occur at spectacles like the Olympics have had widespread impact on history, medicine, gender, the environment...pretty much society in general. In this class, we will study sports as more than just games people play.

A Block **Grade: HS** **WORD PLAY** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Pyle, Bridget

Special Requirements: N/A

Are you a Scrabble chump or a Scrabble champ? Does Taboo Boggle your mind? Join this class for two weeks of intense word play as you challenge your classmates, and yourself, to become master of the games. Throughout this course, you will participate in a variety of word games and challenge yourself to utilize strategy, vocabulary, and your own brilliance to dazzle the competition. Some games will be played in teams, but most of the course will leave each player alone with their thoughts as they take on each opponent and learn daily tips and tricks to mastering the games we play. While we will certainly learn and review the rules of each game, we will also take liberty to bend and break them as necessary to enhance the gaming experience in true Black River fashion. Games will include Scrabble, Scrabble Flash, Upwords, Boggle, Taboo, Apples to Apples, Mad Libs and more! You will also have the opportunity to create your own word game and challenge your classmates to see if they can literally beat you at your own game! So, have you got game? Take this course to find out and prove whether you are a master linguist or a mere abecedarian! Note: This class is open to word game masters and rookies alike! We will go over the rules of each game before we start, and also establish procedures for word challenges and other obstacles we may face in our gaming glory. While there is a competitive element to the games, all game play will be in good fun as part of this very interactive course. Come on, you know you want to play!

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AB Block Grade: **HS** *OPEN FLAMES: COOKING WITH FIRE!* Fee: \$50.00

Teacher: Meyer, Nathan

Special Requirements: N/A

Spit roasted, flame broiled, grilled, iron pressed, charred, seared, if you can prepare it over a flame, you will learn about it in this ultimate cooking class. To quote Smokey the Bear: "Only you can prevent wildfires" so let's learn to prevent them from going wild, by making, them, shaping them, and utilizing them for the preparation of delicious culinary creations. You will learn to cook on a fire pit, on a grill, and other camp stoves and devices. You will be challenged to create themed meals such as tasty tailgaters, complete campfire meals, grilled pizzas and much more. You do not need prior experience in cooking to take this course. You will go from beginner to grill master by learning to cook over open flames, prepare a variety of foods, use a knife as a tool for cooking, properly clean up for health safety, and maintain a fire. You will also learn logistics to food preparation including acquiring and storing ingredients; recipe preparation for individuals, small groups and crowds; and hear tips from local restaurateurs and butchers. You will be outside every day, and we will cook rain or shine. This is a full day class, giving us the opportunity to utilize longer cook times and to learn more of logistics that go into the course. The fee for this class is \$50.00, which will include many of the grocery items and fuel for our fires. Please note that there will be opportunities for you to try cooking something of your choosing, in which you may need to bring in a grocery item from home at an extra cost. Provided you don't turn your food into charcoal, you eat it for lunch!

AC Block Grade: **HS** *AP CALCULUS PREP* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Reinartz, Jessica & Alex Constantelos

Special Requirements: *If you wish to take AP Calculus Prep you need to see Mrs. Reinartz for a sign-up sheet in addition to adding this class to your schedule. Students who have not filled out a sign-up sheet will not be allowed into AP Calculus Prep.*

AP Calculus Prep is for students who have successfully completed Advanced Algebra/Geometry. Students will study units involving function composition, vectors, parametric equations, complex numbers, polynomials, rational functions, radical functions, three-dimensional geometry, trigonometric graphs, trigonometric identities, trigonometric equations, conic sections, exponential and logarithmic functions, and derivatives. This class is needed for current Advanced Algebra/Geometry students who would like to take AP Calculus next fall.

AC Block Grade: **HS** *COUCH TO 5K* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Johns, Danny

Special Requirements: N/A

Put down your cell phone, turn off the Xbox, and get up off the couch! Designed for runners who want to take the first step (literally) towards running a real 5k race. Join us for daily running, stretching, core work, and education about the physiology of running as we get out and about in the city of Holland.

B Block Grade: **HS** *BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE WATERCOLOR* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Middleton, Peter

Special Requirements: N/A

Students will learn the foundation practices and techniques of watercolor painting through demonstration and application. Some advanced techniques will be covered, but the aim of the course is to have each student exhibit a finished painting at the Project Term Open House.

B Block Grade: **HS** *BLACK RIVER ECO CHALLENGE* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Hulst, Janet

Special Requirements: N/A

A few years ago Black River was given a piece of property once used as a private swimming pool. The pool has been removed and now it is time to make this area a beautiful natural area where everyone can enjoy a native Michigan ecosystem. You will have the opportunity to create and complete a restoration project of your choosing.

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We will be out at the property almost every day so sign up if you enjoy working outdoors. Some projects you may wish to tackle are weeding invasive species, creating paths, building gardens, stream data collection etc. Come help restore a little piece of Michigan's wildlife!

B Block **Grade: HS** **BUMP, SET, SPIKE! HS VOLLEYBALL** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Wright, Cessie

Special Requirements: N/A

Love to play volleyball? Or wish you could learn how? Join up to get 'kill'-er skills and be able to 'ace' the competition!

The purpose of this class is to develop and improve fundamental volleyball skills including passing, setting, digging, serving, hitting, and blocking. Students will practice offensive and defensive strategies and utilize these skills and strategies during game play. The course will include drills, light conditioning, game play, and competitions, all culminating with a tournament to see who rules the court!

B Block **Grade: HS** **C'MON ROGER!!! H.S. TENNIS** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Johns, Danny

Special Requirements: Student should provide their own tennis racquet and athletic footwear.

When is love worth nothing? In tennis!! Living in a time with the greatest tennis player in history, Roger Federer, inspires one to seek a conquest of the court! C'mon ROGER is the exploration, challenge, and experience of the games of tennis and Pickle ball for the high school crowd. Grab a racquet, pull on a sweatband, and meet us on the court for drills, training, and match play.

B Block **Grade: HS** **CINEMA TIME MACHINE** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Pierson, Emily

Special Requirements: Students will need to procure their own copy of their selected film for their final individual project by renting, borrowing, streaming, or purchasing.

There will be popcorn. From Coppola to Cameron, take a journey through the twists and turns of film. Starting with silent film and working our way to the groundbreaking movies of today, we will look at the advances, shifts, and throwbacks that have occurred during the history of cinema. For your final projects, you will work with a team through the creative processes of making a film, and you will individually watch and research a film that left a mark on the timeline of cinema and brought about its own shift for the movie industry. Join us as we travel through film to infinity and beyond!

B Block **Grade: HS** **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Constantelos, Alex

Special Requirements: Parental approval required. Some class materials are R-rated.

Every day, we hear about criminal justice controversies: the War on Drugs, Black Lives Matter, prison overcrowding, and more. This is a public-speaking oriented class where we learn about and discuss the most important topics affecting police, courtrooms, and prisons. Activities may include: debates; simulated courtroom trials; meeting police officers or prosecutors in our community; taking a trip to watch a live criminal trial; following criminal cases currently before the Supreme Court; watching episodes of police/courtroom shows.

B Block **Grade: HS** **DID THAT SCIENCE FICTION ACTUALLY BECOME SCIENCE FACT?** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Ewald, Tim

Special Requirements: N/A

There are authors whose greatest writing achievements involve crafting short stories and novels that either attempt to predict the near-future or create a plot line around an alternate reality but set in present time. Also, many filmmakers, who may or may not get taken away with CGI dreams, have the opportunity to put to screen their

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interpretation of what the world might look like in 2020 or 2050, a time period when many of us will still be alive to actually see those years occur. This class, inspired by the movie *Back To The Future II* (written in 1988 with the first part of the movie set in 2015), will be a chance to analyze a number of written and film works through the focus of “did they get it right?” When an author writes a novel in 1995 and sets it “in the near future”, it can be quite amusing to read how much the author got wrong and, at the same time, can be quite revelatory when the author gets it right and somehow manages to predict a piece of technology or a political movement that is eerily similar to things we work with or read about every day. This class is not about “a long time ago in a galaxy far far away” and it is not about “the five year mission to explore strange new worlds (2265-2270).” Did past authors and filmmakers get their idea of the near future correct? The answer will probably not be as straightforward yes or no—and that is what makes reading these works, watching these works, and maybe even taking a creative crack at constructing our own works a worthwhile venture.

B Block **Grade: HS** *EAT MY WAKE!* **Fee: \$150.00**

Teacher: Gray, Stephen

Special Requirements: N/A

Test the waters in this action packed adventure class! You will be learning and expanding your wakeboarding skills each day at Action Wake Park. Whether you’re a novice or have been wakeboarding for years this class is for you! There will be certified instructors providing instruction each day along with cable passes, wakeboards, helmets, and life vests. Join us at the first and only full-size cable park in Michigan!

B Block **Grade: HS** *ESPRESSO YOURSELF* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Pyle, Bridget

Special Requirements: Students will need money to purchase coffee or treats at places we visit

Do you have an undying love for all things coffee? Would you love spending your mornings enjoying the rich smells and flavors of local coffee shops? This is the class for you. This year we will be visiting several local coffee shops and trying many different types of coffee. You will learn more about coffee and business than you ever knew existed. The end project will be a mini business plan including all of your own ideas and coffee dreams.

B Block **Grade: HS** *GREASE PAINT ADVENTURES* **Fee: \$20.00**

Teacher: Bishop, Kim

Special Requirements: N/A

Have you ever wondered what you would look like as an old person? Or a cat? Then this is the class for you! We will be looking at stage makeup as an art and designing new faces for ourselves. We will be learning a variety of techniques on how to apply stage makeup. We will begin with basic pancake and progress through old age and clown makeup. You will also learn some special effects such as bruising and wounds. Stage makeup is a work of art on a human canvas so you will need to bring a shirt to protect your clothes! Come ready to put on a new face!

B Block **Grade: HS** *INDEPENDENT STUDY* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Wezeman, Jen

Special Requirements: N/A

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others! You must attend a meeting in November and fill out an Interest Application before signing up for this class!

B Block **Grade: HS** **INFECTIOUS DISEASES** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Aumaugher, Angela

Special Requirements: N/A

In this class we will delve into the science and history of diseases and treatments. Where do diseases come from? What do they look like? How do we treat them? What will be the next epidemic or pandemic? Through books, movies, and other sources, we will explore what we know about the diseases that affect us and what we can do to prevent them or keep them from spreading. We will look at how our ideas about illness and treatment have changed throughout history and how they may continue to change with modern day advances in medicine. Come along on this fascinating journey of infections, discoveries, treatments, epidemics, and vaccinations.

B Block **Grade: HS** **PHYSICS OF MARVEL** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Miskelley, Jill

Special Requirements: N/A

Ever wonder if superhero powers defy the laws of physics? In this class, you will be studying those laws and determining the good and bad physics of Marvel Universe characters. We will also be watching several of the movies from the Marvel Cinematic Universe. We will be attending the movie Black Widow at a local cinema. The final project will consist of a presentation on a character of your choice.

B Block **Grade: HS** **SCARY MOVIES TO WATCH AT SCHOOL** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Newman, John

Special Requirements: *This class requires a note from parents, as we will watch movies that are rated R.*

Scary movies are things that impact people differently; some people don't get scared; some people are scared of everything. In this class, we will look at various things that frighten us. Let's have some fun and watch some good (or terrible) movies with the goal of learning about ourselves and each other.

B Block **Grade: HS** **SPECIAL TOPICS IN LITERATURE: HORROR** **Fee: \$0.00**
IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Teacher: Dykhouse, Gregory

Special Requirements: N/A

“As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams he found himself transformed in his bed into a gigantic insect.”

How does this passage connect to “horror”? This course explores images of horror during the past century. Works may include H.G. Wells, The Island of Dr. Moreau; Franz Kafka, The Metamorphosis; Karel Capek, R.U.R.; F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button; among others. Students read and discuss works, then design displays to share understanding of the works. Together we explore the contexts of such works, how the works compare and contrast with each other, how the works suggest change or continuity over time, and how the works may remain relevant today.

B Block **Grade: HS** **SPORTS AND THE AMERICAN IDENTITY** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Stid, Jake

Special Requirements: N/A

Sports are a major part of our identity as Americans. Many American's schedules and lives revolve around sports whether they are watching them or if they are playing in them. Sports are a major part of everyday life here in the United States and it becomes ingrained into who we are as a nation. As Americans though what is our national identity? Do Jewish Americans have a similar identity to Irish Americans? Is the sense of identity shift within our country? How big of a role do sports play in shaping that identity? In this class we will investigate the idea of the American Identity through race, ethnicity, gender, and sports and look back through our history at figures like

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Jackie Robinson, Hank Greenberg, Muhammad Ali, Jim Thorpe, Simone Biles, and several other individuals. We will discuss modern day events in class searching for answers as well as creating your very own spots blog to talk about issues dealing with sports and race. We will also take time to analyze how different sports appeal to people and how sports can be used to heal and guide a nation. Come join us in Sports and the American Identity!

B Block **Grade: HS** *STREET BUSKING* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Witvoet, Tim & Brent Rowe

Special Requirements: N/A

Have you ever wanted to participate in Street Performers? Do you have a talent to show off? Consider street busking! Street performers take their own special talents and show them off to people on the street! And you can even take this talent and make some money from it during the summer! Music, dance, magic, singing, or other talents are all you need to be a street performer. Do you have what it takes to perform on the street? Come find out in Street Busking!

B Block **Grade: HS** *UFOS, AND OTHER CONSPIRACIES* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Montgomery, Jon

Special Requirements: N/A

According to the political scientist Michael Barkun, conspiracy theories rely on the view that the universe is governed by design, and embody three principles: nothing happens by accident, nothing is as it seems, and everything is connected. Have you ever wondered how and why the Pyramids of ancient Egypt were built or how megaton blocks of granite were moved to build ancient sites in Peru? How about the huge monolith statues on Easter Island or the building of Stonehenge in England? 911, JFK, and Secret Space Programs are just a few of the topics covered. We will do our own research to come up with possible answers to these and other mysteries. Question everything!

B Block **Grade: HS** *WWII MODELS AND TRIPS* **Fee: \$35.00**

Teacher: Morse, Keely

Special Requirements: N/A

Come learn about WWII history. We will take a field trip to the USS Silversides in Muskegon Michigan. The Silversides is the most successful surviving submarine of WWII and has been kept in great shape. We will also take a second trip to Muskegon to see the LST 393 that transported troops into action at many locations including Normandy. In addition, we will read many firsthand accounts of the war and write letters to veterans of all US wars. Finally we will put together and assemble a model of a WWII vehicle for display during the open house that you will be able to bring home.

C Block **Grade: HS** *BEST WORST MOVIES* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Newman, John

Special Requirements: *This class requires a note from parents, as we will watch movies that are rated R.*

Some movies are good. Some movies are bad. Some movies fall into the magical realm of good and bad. If you are NOT into this type of movie, run far away from this class. The types of films this class is based on are ones like Troll 2, The Room, and many other films that tried too hard to be awesome. Let's have some fun and watch some of the best worst movies around!

C Block **Grade: HS** *BIKING AND STATISTICAL DONUTS* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Ewald, Tim & Todd Schwartz

Special Requirements: *Proper working geared bike, approved bike safety helmet, money daily to purchase a minimum of two donuts per class period, the ability to ride a bike and follow safety regulations, an open mind, and a good attitude.*

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As Homer said... "Mmmmm, donuts". Is there anything more beautiful than a perfectly earned donut? The smoothness of drizzled chocolate, the healthiness of raspberry filling, the crunch of protein packed peanuts, and of course sprinkles are for the winners. As Bill Gates said... "Mmmm, spreadsheets"... Equally wonderful is the scientific recording of data, the manipulation of variables, the organizing of values, and the joy of spreadsheets. We will ride our bikes to various local donut establishments (please make sure you bring enough money to buy at two donuts each day) to do the hard work of mathematically determining the best donut in town and then create presentations to boldly proclaim our decision.

C Block Grade: **HS** *CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE OR
KOWTOW TO ME!* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Stephens, Marguerite

Special Requirements: N/A

We can't travel to China during Project Term, but we can learn more about it!

A teacher of Chinese language, Mrs. Rynsburger, will lead you through learning basic Chinese language and culture. You'll try Chinese calligraphy, make Chinese dumplings, create Chinese art projects and much more. You will also research something from China that you're interested in. Come and enjoy exploring China!

C Block Grade: **HS** *DESIGN YOUR DREAM HOME* Fee: **\$20.00**

Teacher: Reinartz, Jessica

Special Requirements: N/A

Plain homes can be boring - how about creating a house with a trampoline room, basketball court, giant pool, bowling alley, indoor garden, giant garage, or movie theatre? In this class you will be designing various aspects of your dream home. You will create a floor plan and possibly draw exterior views and landscaping. Then, you will make a model of one room, complete with interior design aspects such as wallpaper, paint, and flooring, and furniture. Dream big!!

C Block Grade: **HS** *DISSECTIONS, DISSECTIONS, DISSECTIONS* Fee: **\$20.00**

Teacher: Hulst, Janet

Special Requirements: N/A

Did you enjoy dissections in Biology? Do you wish you could have examined different animals or spent more time on the animals you did dissect? In this course you will have the opportunity to compare the anatomy of a variety of organisms from the animal kingdom. Examples of possible animals are, a shark, a squid, a crayfish and others. You will make drawings or label your own pictures of the animals dissected and create a zoo information card for a different animal in an attempt to compare the anatomy of our diverse animal kingdom.

C Block Grade: **HS** *DOUBLE-HANDED SAILING* Fee: **\$95.00**

Teacher: Rowe, Karen

Special Requirements: *Students need to supply their own life jackets and should come to class prepared to sail every day. Ideally, students should have at least two years of previous sailing experience, but students with less experience who are comfortable on the water or with*

This course introduces students to the sport of sailing in a double-handed (two person) sailboat. Students will learn the basic rules of sailing, practice rigging and de-rigging a sailboat, gain confidence in managing both skipper and crew roles, and spend time on the water at Lake Macatawa each day.

C Block Grade: **HS** *ENGINEER IT!* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Miskelley, Jill

Special Requirements: N/A

In this course, we will visit several local companies and interview engineers in order to gain an understanding of this specific career path. We will also attend a workshop at a local college to learn about basic engineering curriculum. Students will work on daily engineering challenges as well.

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C Block Grade: **HS** *ENTER THE TWILIGHT ZONE* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Aumaugher, Angela

Special Requirements: *For 8th -12th grade students only*

From the original Twilight Zone episodes opening narration “There is a fifth dimension beyond that which is known to man. It is a dimension as vast as space and as timeless as infinity. It is the middle ground between light and shadow, between science and superstition, and it lies between the pit of man's fears and the summit of his knowledge. This is the dimension of imagination. It is an area which we call the Twilight Zone.” Through our exploration of this dimension, we will discuss the use of irony, fear, suspense, science, and psychology to bring an audience on an emotional journey. We will also work collaboratively to write our own ‘Twilight Zone’ episode screenplay that will be shared through a dramatic reading at the open house.

C Block Grade: **HS** *FAMILY HISTORY* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Bishop, Kim

Special Requirements: *Students will need to establish an account with ancestry.com and have it active prior to the first day of class. The cost will be between \$40 and \$50. They will need to maintain the account for the duration of the class.*

Where did your family come from? Why did they leave their homes to go someplace new? In this class students will research their family and develop a family tree. They will use online resources and interview family members.

C Block Grade: **HS** *FASHION WORKSHOP* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Mousseau, Rebecca

Special Requirements: *N/A*

This class will provide a “maker space” for students to work on creating fashion. We will learn about “upcycling” clothing items as well as learn some basic sewing techniques. Each student will have some time each day to work on their own project. Additionally, students will work in teams to compete in a few fashion challenges throughout the course. For example, you may be asked to create a garment using three specific elements, or create a costume that incorporates certain materials. As a final project, each student will create an individual piece and will contribute to a final team challenge to display at Open House. Students who need access to a sewing machine will be responsible for bringing their own working machine or for borrowing one to use. There is no charge for the course, but each student will be responsible for purchasing their own supplies, including fabric and patterns if needed.

C Block Grade: **HS** *HS GOLF* Fee: **\$50.00**

Teacher: Fisher, Caleb

Special Requirements: *Students must each have his/her own clubs & equipment (golf balls, tees, glove, etc.) and be able to depart BRPS by 7:40a.m. each morning.*

Do you enjoy golf? Would you like to learn? If yes, then this is the course for you! We will spend time learning about this great game and practicing our own shots at the golf course. We will spend time on the driving range, practice greens, and the course itself. Learn how to take the frustration out of your own game by learning fundamentals and essential etiquette. Students will spend every class period at the golf course. Fore!

C Block Grade: **HS** *INDEPENDENT STUDY* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Wezeman, Jen

Special Requirements: *N/A*

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C Block **Grade: HS** *INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED DRAWING* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Middleton, Peter

Special Requirements: N/A

This class is designed to approach drawing at a more advanced level--to demonstrate how to use drawing in innovative ways. Through presentation, demonstration and experiential learning, students will learn collage, stenciling and many tricks to make art engaging for the viewer.

C Block **Grade: HS** *LO MEJOR DE NETFLIX EN ESPAÑOL* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Gaffney, Sarah

Special Requirements: N/A

Experience the Spanish language and culture through T.V.! Netflix makes it easy to view popular "telenovelas" from anywhere in the world. You will become addicted to series from Spain, Mexico, or other Spanish speaking countries while gaining a deeper understanding of the language and culture. Experience new stories, new locations, new cultures, and new perspectives. Each episode will leave you binge watching until the last (project term) block. *It is recommended that students have successfully completed Spanish III or above

C Block **Grade: HS** *SET 'EM UP, KNOCK 'EM DOWN: BOWLING FOR BLACK RIVER* **Fee: \$60.00**

Teacher: Stid, Jake

Special Requirements: N/A

You have probably gone bowling for a birthday party or a friendly, Friday night social gathering; did you know that bowling is actually considered a competitive sport? Or even a professional sport? In this class you will learn about the history of bowling as a sport, and you will learn to bowl, or become a better bowler. Daily challenges, learning how to score without the use of the computer, and improving your basic techniques will be the focus of the class. The class will conclude with an individual tournament.

C Block **Grade: HS** *THE "LONGEST" ARTWORK* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Chester, Katie

Special Requirements: N/A

The challenge is simple: Pick your art medium, pick your visual topic and get started. Don't stop until the final day of class! How will your work turn out? Come along on a difficult challenging adventure of working on the same artwork for almost two weeks straight! As you progress in your work, each artist will be documenting each day and the progress they have made. For the Project Term open house you need a written reflection, your video/slideshow of your daily progress, and finally your completed two week artwork. What will you create and how will your work evolve... or devolve? Put yourself, your art skills, and your patience to the test!

C Block **Grade: HS** *THUD! BETTER LIVING THROUGH BOOMWHACKERS* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Montgomery, Jon

Special Requirements: N/A

Harvard University has an extra-curricular group on campus that explores Boomwhackers in an advanced environment so why not Black River?

Students will choose popular music to learn and perform on simple instruments.

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CD Block **Grade: HS** **DISCOVER VIETNAM** **Fee: \$4165.00**

Teacher: Pyle, Bridget

Special Requirements: N/A

Join us on a life changing trip to Vietnam - an immersive journey through culture, history, and the natural world. From the scents of lemongrass and cinnamon that cascade from Hô Chi Minh market stalls to the sweeping views of Ha Long Bay's lush limestone cliffs, this Southeast Asian country will dazzle your senses and introduce you to a world unlike so many other places on Earth. You'll also explore Đà Nang's massive caves, paddle in bamboo-basket boats in Hôi An, and slurp on the country's famous noodle soup in Hanoi. Students will learn the basics on safe international travel, design a personal budget for our upcoming trip, and complete an individual research project based on their personal interests and reasons for traveling. Please contact Bridget Pyle for further information, registration material, and payment details. Vietnam is more than just a section in a history book!

CD Block **Grade: HS** **STRATFORD FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE** **Fee: \$375.00**

Teacher: Andrews, Rachel & Emily Pierson

Special Requirements: N/A

The highlight of this course is a two-night, three-day trip to the Stratford Festival of Ontario. Students will have the opportunity to see FOUR of the following theatre productions: Much Ado About Nothing, Chicago, The Miser, Spamalot, Richard III, Wendy & Peter Pan, All's Well That Ends Well, or Three Tall Women. In addition to seeing four professional productions, students will also be able to take a tour of the costume and props warehouse of the festival. The in-class project involves selecting an aspect of the theatre (acting, directing, set, costumes, makeup, props, choreography, etc.) and completing a design or acting project for one of the productions that we will see. We will also read and discuss each show that we will see. So, if you love theatre- this is a great opportunity for you!

CD Block **Grade: HS** **WEST MICHIGAN BIKE AND HIKE** **Fee: \$100.00**

Teacher: Meyer, Nathan

Special Requirements: *You must have a working bike that can be ridden on unpaved trails, and a bike helmet for the course.*

West Michigan Bike and Hike offers you the opportunity to take a trip this project term without sacrificing your bed, missing an AP exam, or leaving your sports team absent a key player. On this all-outdoors adventure you will hike the best scenic trails, tear up the turf on your bike, and be awed by the nature abundant in West Michigan. We will be alternating between all day hiking trips or all day biking trails as we explore nature, get fit, and go camping. Between the two weeks of great adventures, starting Saturday morning and returning by end of the school day on Tuesday we will be camping in Ludington State Park or Sleeping Bear Dune National Park. We will be camping in tents, cooking over a fire, and gaining practical knowledge about outdoor living. You'll also learn about bicycle gearing, as well as basic dietary/caloric fitness for active outdoor living. You will be home every weeknight and won't need to miss all the events after school on campus. The fee for the class is only \$100 and will cover the cost of camping, food supplies, and transportation of equipment to necessary trail heads.

D Block **Grade: HS** **#GIRLSWHOLIFT** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Gorris, Tara

Special Requirements: N/A

There are many stereotypes and misconceptions when it comes to women who weight lift, when in fact, it is one of the greatest workouts you can do for your body! In this class, you will be taught the basics of how to use weight lifting equipment, proper form, etiquette, as well as better ways to live a healthy lifestyle. The class will also incorporate a variety of cardio exercises such, as running or walking, to get our bodies and minds ready to work. This class will, hopefully, build your confidence as an athlete, gain strength, and, hopefully, defy the stereotypes that women can and should be weightlifting. You do not have to be an athlete to join this class as the program will be adapted to each person's individual fitness level.

****Note: if you have taken this class before, similar concepts and workouts will be discussed.**

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D Block **Grade: HS** **BR PROBLEM SOLVERS** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Aumaugher, Angela

Special Requirements: *For 8th -12th grade students only*

Do you wish you could solve the problems of the world? Are you curious and inquisitive? In this 8th grade through high school class you will choose a current global issue to delve into, become the expert, and develop a solution or plan to minimize the problem. We will utilize strategies in the Creative Sequence to help you through this process; researching, brainstorming, developing appropriate solutions, and using peer feedback to make adjustments along the way.

D Block **Grade: HS** **ECOSYSTEM ART** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Hulst, Janet

Special Requirements: *N/A*

If you like art and the great outdoors this is your class. We will visit 4 different ecosystems in the Holland area. While there we will learn about different plants and animals that make them unique. We will then gather something specific to that ecosystem and bring it back to school where we will create special art that will remind us of that ecosystem. For example, we will create sand art from the dunes, water color paintings of flowers from a grassland or a sculpture for woodland sticks. We will also be creating a poster that displays information about each ecosystem we visit.

D Block **Grade: HS** **FLEA MARKET FLIP** **Fee: \$40.00**

Teacher: Bierma, Becky

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Have you ever dreamed of being an interior designer? Do you like to create on a budget? Are you just obsessed with HGTV and design shows? Or maybe you just love a good thrift store bargain! Well, this is the class for you! We will visit local thrift stores, flea markets, second-hand stores and find items that can be repurposed. From there we will head back to school and work in teams to create treasure from "trash!" At the open house, some items will be auctioned off & the proceeds will go to a charity chosen by the class.

D Block **Grade: HS** **FORENSICS! THE COMPETITIVE SPEAKING CLASS** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Stid, Jake

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Did you know that the term forensics is also used to describe competitive speaking? That there this an NFL for it? The National Forensics League is a competition that takes place every year! There is also local competitions that happen every year during the month of March here in West Michigan through the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics League. The great thing about this class is that it can prepare you to do these competitions, but more importantly it will make you a better public speaker. There is a variety of categories in forensics that you can do from broadcast journalism, poetry, sales, informational, oratory, impromptu and extemporaneous speeches about public policy, and even humorous or dramatic interpretation of different books or plays in 1, 2, or more people. There is something for everyone. In class we would be looking at all the different kinds of speeches people can do and which one you would like to practice even more. e will learn the rules and styles from the official rule book and look at past champions and their pieces. For the open house you will perform your piece in front of those gathered.

D Block **Grade: HS** **HISTORICAL MOVIES** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Morse, Keely

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Are you interested in history and movies? Are you curious where historical movies are accurate and where they are not? Take this class and we will explore history through movies like the Great Escape, Selma, and others. We

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will look at why movies are made inaccurately and how that influences the public's perception. We may have some brief lectures, research, and short written assignments to help us delve into these issues.

D Block **Grade: HS** *INDEPENDENT STUDY* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Wezeman, Jen

Special Requirements: N/A

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D Block **Grade: HS** *INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED
EXPERIMENTAL WATERCOLOR* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Middleton, Peter

Special Requirements: N/A

The aim of this course is to take watercolor painting to the next step; many techniques beyond introductory watercolor will be demonstrated. The aim is to create original watercolor paintings using collage, mixed media and other experimental practices.

D Block **Grade: HS** *LET'S BIKE AND DISCOVER HOLLAND* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Schwartz, Todd & Tim Ewald

Special Requirements: Proper working bike, approved bike safety helmet, money daily to purchase a mid-bike ice cream snack, the ability to ride a bike and follow safety regulations, an open mind, and a good attitude.

I have lived in Holland for almost 30 years. Holland is really not that large of a town. Still, it really surprises me when I am asked to go somewhere in Holland that I have never been before and I actually have to look up how to get there on my phone. Or when a relative describes a place in Holland they walked through recently that a website recommended that I didn't even know existed. This class is meant for those who like to bike and be inquisitive. Let's learn about the city of Holland with a bike, a group of curious travelers, and a journal. One day, we might take a tour of a factory. Another day, we might spend a day focused on architecture and drawing. Every day, we will be journaling our insights. Every day, we will be biking. And most days, there will be a stop for ice cream. Almost all of us reading this description live in Holland, but do we really know our city? Let's find out.

D Block **Grade: HS** *NERD BOARD GAMES* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Newman, John

Special Requirements: N/A

Role-Playing Games give us the opportunity to pretend to be someone else for a while. In this class, we will play Role-Playing board games that allow us to assume a variety of roles, ranging from fighting Lovecraftian monsters to magical mice that must fight through the depths of a castle. The goal of these games is, of course, to have fun, but to band together with a group of classmates to defeat a common enemy.

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D Block Grade: **HS** *ROCKIN' SOUND SYSTEM* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Montgomery, Jon
Special Requirements: *N/A*

Get ready to go on tour with a Rock Band as the most important person at the concert- The Sound Technician! Without you nobody hears anything! Learn how to set up microphones, direct boxes, mixing boards and speakers and amplifiers for a live Rock show. Students will provide live sound reinforcement during open house for the School of Rock course.

D Block Grade: **HS** *SCHOOL OF ROCK* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Witvoet, Tim
Special Requirements: *Each student must provide his or her own equipment. You must be able to play guitar, bass, drums, or another instrument (vocals are a great bonus!) to take this class. Auditions are required. Please see Mr. Witvoet if you are interested.*

Have you ever dreamed of playing in a rock band? Do you have the beginnings of a rock band, but just need the time and space to develop your talents? If so, then School of Rock is the class for you! Over the course of four weeks, you will: form a band with your classmates, learn different songs, perform and practice in front of a live audience, and put on a rock show at the Project Term Open House. Each student must have his or her own instrument and be able to play at a level higher than beginner.

D Block Grade: **HS** *SCIENCE OF HARRY POTTER* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Miskelley, Jill
Special Requirements: *N/A*

In this course, students will be watching many of the movies from the original Harry Potter series as well as reading parts of the Cursed Child and watching both Fantastic Beasts movies. Students will also be looking at how real science explains many things that some would consider magic.

D Block Grade: **HS** *SERVICE BONANZA* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Reinartz, Jessica
Special Requirements: *N/A*

Participating in community service and volunteer work is a graduation requirement, allows you to improve the world we live in, and can even increase your health! Sometimes, the hard part of community service is knowing where to begin. In this class, we will volunteer at a variety of locations over the course of two weeks so that you can find your community service passion. Earn service hours while finding your niche. This class is targeted towards freshman and sophomore students.

D Block Grade: **HS** *SKETCHING AND READING* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Chester, Katie
Special Requirements: *Students will need to provide their own reading materials and sketchbooks that have a minimum of 25 pages.*

Love to draw? Love to read? This is a course for you! Go on short walks and bus trips to outdoor and indoor locations to draw, and read. Students will spend half their project term class time drawing and the other half, reading. All of your drawings will be inspired by what you are reading and where you are sitting when you start drawing. Work from observation or from imagination. As long as your work ties into your books or where you are located. Some of the places we visit will have food and drink options. Students must bring their own money for these trips if they wish to purchase food. All drawing supplies will be provided by Mrs. Chester. Students will be required to display three of their sketches that they have finalized in ink or color for the Project Term open house.

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D Block **Grade: HS** *STRATEGY GAMES* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Constantelos, Alex

Special Requirements: N/A

Strategy Games are games that involve a plan, scheme, or plot in order to win. In this class, students will learn how to best play games that involve strategy and how to apply this knowledge in order to improve their chances of winning. Students will explore strategic card, board, and outdoor games such as Capture the Flag, Phase 10, Risk, Settlers of Catan, and many more. The final project will consist of students making their own strategy game and challenging their peers. Students with all levels of experience are invited!

D Block **Grade: HS** *TAKE A MAGIC CARPET RIDE!* **Fee: \$50.00**

Teacher: Bishop, Kim

Special Requirements: N/A

Learn to make your own carpet in this latch hook rug class. Students will learn about the history of rug making and they will create their own. They will make the rugs from kits. They will then have the option of designing their own carpet / wall hanging. Each student will display their colorful work during Open House.

D Block **Grade: HS** *YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHY AND DESIGN* **Fee: \$20.00**

Teacher: Shirk, Joy

Special Requirements: *You will need either a phone with a camera, or a good camera to use for class. You will also need to provide electronic copies in jpeg form of all the photos you intend to use in your project.*

This class will explore the skills and knowledge needed in order to design and publish a yearbook including photography, graphic design, and theme selection. When the class is completed, you will have a personal yearbook (printed and bound here at school) that will be your final project and will be a great memory of your year at Black River in 2019-2020.