

Project Term 2024

ES Catalog 4-5

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 was an informational meeting during HS CAP Flex on **Tuesday, November 14, 2023**, where students received an **Interest Application**. Students who missed the meeting must see Ms. Clark for the application. The interest application is due by **Friday, December 1, 2023**. Once the project is approved, a more formal proposal will be due on **Friday, March 15, 2024**. Students who are interested in pursuing an independent study during project term should read the course description in the catalog and see Ms. Clark with any questions.

PROJECT TERM DATES AND DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

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| Priority Registration Deadline | Monday, December 4, 2023 |
| Last Chance to Register | Friday, December 22, 2023 |
| Scholarship Requests Due | Friday, March 1, 2024 |
| Project Term Fees Due | Monday, March 18, 2024 |
| Project Term Begins | Tuesday, May 14, 2024 |
| Project Term Open House | Thursday, June 6, 2024 |
| Last Day of School | Friday, June 7, 2024 |

The entire 2024 Project Term Catalog for grades 4-12 can be found on the website at:

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

ELEMENTARY (4/5) PROJECT TERM COURSES

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

A Block **Grade: ES** **CLIMB ON!** **Fee: \$125.00**

Teacher: Johnson, Gina

Special Requirements: N/A

Are you an adventurous learner who is NOT afraid of heights? In this class we will visit Scrapyard Climbing Collective and challenge ourselves to step out of our comfort zone (and climb up the walls!). At Scrapyard, we will get to practice free climbing, auto belays, and top-rope climbing. We will play games and grow stronger each day. Sign-up for this class if you are excited to learn and experience the art of rock climbing!

A Block **Grade: ES** **FARM-TASTIC LEARNING** **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** **HANDS ON PASTA MAKING** **Fee: \$25.00**

Teacher: Ames, Carrie

Special Requirements: N/A

Spaghetti, ravioli, farfalle, orecchiette! Is there anything more delicious than fresh pasta? Learn how to make it yourself, from scratch! In this class, you will learn how to make a different kind of pasta each day. Best of all, you will get to eat the delicious noodles you prepare! This class is great for complete beginners or students with experience in the kitchen.

A Block **Grade: ES** **HARRY POTTER PROJECT TERM** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Sliva, Kristin

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you like reading? Do you like writing and working on projects? In this class, we will be entering the world of Harry Potter. We will create projects based on the books and movies and learn about the creatures and magic in this world. Be prepared to have fun but also work hard!

A Block **Grade: ES** **HIKING ADVENTURES** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Herr, Brooke

Special Requirements: *Students need shoes for hiking and a water bottle.*

Come hike, smell the flowers, feel the dirt and sand, and learn about nature in the great outdoors. Experience the outdoor wonders of West Michigan as we explore the lakes, dunes, forests, and trails. Learn about hiking and outdoor safety skills. Each student will need to bring appropriate shoes for hiking, dress for the weather, and a water bottle.

A Block **Grade: ES** **LET'S TRAVEL THE WORLD** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Dorland, Misha

Special Requirements: N/A

Have you ever wanted to live in another country? I lived in Kenya for two years and am so excited to share everything I learned about this country and their amazing people during my time there. While I share about my time in Kenya, you will have the chance to research a country you would like to live in someday. We'll experience food from your countries and make crafts, too. Let's travel the world together! *This course requires lots of research and writing.

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A Block

Grade: **ES**

SCRAPBOOKING

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: **Schreiber, Christy**

Special Requirements: *N/A*

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! Students will need their own pictures (about 80), a scrapbook, and a creative mind.

A Block

Grade: **ES**

**YOUNG AUTHORS: WRITTEN AND
ILLUSTRATED BY...ME!**

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: **Sinclair, Nicole**

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Do you have a story in your mind that you keep coming back to again and again? Does your creative mind feel like it is overflowing with story ideas? Let's set them free! In this class you will get to explore just the kinds of books you love and create a story of your own featuring your own original characters and adventures. How fun is that?! We'll look to the books you love for inspiration and then you'll set off on your own writing adventure and bring your own awesome story to life on pages of your very own published book!

B Block

Grade: **ES**

BEGINNING SAILING

Fee: **\$125.00**

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. A personal life jacket is required to participate.

B Block

Grade: **ES**

BIKE 'N' BOOK

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: **Dorland, Misha**

Special Requirements: *Students will need to have a bike, bike lock, and helmet every day and we will not have storage available for bikes to be left overnight.*

Come and exercise both body and mind! Students will bike around to the various parks Holland has to offer. Once there, we will take time to enjoy many types of literature in our serene setting. There will be some required reading and some time to read books of their choosing. Students will also have time to journal about the reading they have been enjoying. All students need is a love of reading and a desire to keep fit!

B 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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B Block **Grade: ES** **COLLEGE 101 - WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE?** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Schreiber, Christy

Special Requirements: N/A

Have you ever heard that question? Many kids your age don't know what they may want to be, or where they can go to college to achieve their dreams. In this class we will be learning about different jobs that you could have when you get older and meeting people who have those jobs! We also will be learning about different colleges that have classes that could help you get the job you have always hoped for. Through this class you will be able to learn more about different jobs and colleges around the US, learn more about yourself and what types of jobs might be great for you, and figure out what your future could hold!

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

Teacher: Andrews, Rachel

Special Requirements: N/A

If you love singing, acting and dancing- sign up! We will work together to put together a performance of 4-5 songs from various musicals. Aside from working on performance skills, we will also play theatre games and learn how to create characters.

B Block **Grade: ES** **LET'S DANCE!** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Johnson, Gina

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you love dance? Maybe you've always wanted to try! Well, now is your chance to try different dance forms! In this class, we will explore many different types of movement: acro-dance, jazz, ballet, modern, and more! We will learn about the history of various dance forms, along with a few techniques. Then we will create dances of our own to share!

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

Teacher: Sliva, Kristin

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you enjoy sewing or want to learn how? Do you like crafts? Are you interested in making a blanket or stuffed animal? If so, you would enjoy this class! We will be learning how to sew, use boondoggle, make sun catchers, and more! You will also research and create a finished project and paper to share at Open House!

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

Teacher: Herr, Brooke

Special Requirements: *Students will need a digital camera daily and will need to get prints of some of the photos that are taken.*

Do you have a creative mind and enjoy taking pictures? During this project term, you will learn the basics of photography and composition. Each day, you will learn a new skill and participate in a photography challenge to practice that skill. We will be visiting different places around and off campus to put our creativity to use.

C Block **Grade: ES** **A TASTE OF CULTURE** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Johnson, Carly

Special Requirements: N/A

Is there a culture that has always sparked your interest? Do you like experiencing new food? We will become cultural chefs and try our hand at making some new foods. 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.

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C Block **Grade: ES** *ADVANCED STRING ART* **Fee: \$20.00**

Teacher: Herr, Brooke

Special Requirements: *Students will need their own hammer and needle nose pliers.*

Wood, hammer, nails, string. That's all we will need to make wonderful works of art. Come trace out an intriguing design on wood, hammer nails into the outline, and then connect all of those nails together with lots of string. And watch as your design comes to life! This is an advanced course for those looking to add more detail and difficulty to their creations.

C Block **Grade: ES** *CARDBOARD KINGDOM* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Donoghue, Elizabeth

Special Requirements: *N/A*

What would a city of cardboard look like? Can you image a whole town made out of cardboard? This project allows you to explore the wonders of cardboard construction with Katie Chester's high school art mentor's and other 4th and 5th graders. Together, you will design, plan, and construct a cardboard building to be part of a BIG cardboard kingdom! This Cardboard Kingdom will be big enough to walk through the buildings!

C Block **Grade: ES** *CARTOONING WITH GOOGENIUS* **Fee: \$40.00**

Teacher: Dorland, Misha

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Come draw something awesome! We are going to learn multiple aspects of the cartooning and comics trade. Starting with developing characters, we'll walk through how to create expression, action, environments, light and dark contrast, depth, comic strips, comic book page layouts and even a full four-page graphic story. You have to come ready to concentrate and draw hard every day for this course, but It will be really rewarding...it's the most comprehensive two week crash course in cartooning you'll ever take. Think you can't draw? Think again. Simple daily exercises will help you learn everything you need to know begin building your own characters, strips and visual stories in such a way that you can continue to develop on your own. Thinking visually helps your brain make connections, so let's exercise our visual brain muscles and tap into a fun and effective means of communication...cartoons! This class is taught by Wade Gugino from GooGenius: The Cartoon Company.

C Block **Grade: ES** *CROCHETING 101* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Schreiber, Christy

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Do you love warm sweaters, beanie hats, and stuffies? Well this may be the class for you! Crocheting is a skill that can be used in so many ways to make lots of different fun projects. Scarves, blankets, toys, and socks; many crafts can be stitched in our class. We will learn the basic stitches of crocheting, make a 4" by 4" square that will be put together into a quilt, and each student will make a final project of their choice. Join us while we all learn a new skill!

C Block **Grade: ES** *RELAXING WITH READING* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Johnson, Gina

Special Requirements: *N/A*

If you love books, then this class is for you! We will begin each day, relaxing with a good book. We will practice relaxation techniques and read silently and together, making connections, and sharing our learning with each other through creative projects. We will read indoors, outdoors, in forts, and in hammocks... in lofts, on playgrounds, in

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tents, on other planets!? Well, maybe we won't go quite that far, but you get the point. We will read A LOT! Take this class if you LOVE to be peaceful, and you LOVE READING!!!

C Block **Grade: ES** *SPACE AND HISTORY: DR. WHO* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Sliva, Kristin

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you like learning about space? What about events in history? Do you like Dr. Who? In this class, we will be learning about many events in history and real galaxies the Doctor has visited! We will even watch some clips from Dr. Who to give us inspiration! We will be researching events and people he visited! You will also create a final project of your choosing on space or a historical event to share at the Project Term Open House!

C Block **Grade: ES** *SPANISH CLUB* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Gaffney, Sarah

Special Requirements: N/A

Explore the diverse cultures, traditions, and customs from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America through crafts, cooking, movies, dance, songs and games. Experience the Hispanic culture in our own school and local community!

D Block **Grade: ES** *ART IS EVERYWHERE* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Johnson, Gina

Special Requirements: N/A

Art is all around us! In this class, we will take walking field trips to explore art in nature, as well as human-made art in our community. We will create our own art and reflect on how we make the world a more beautiful place! Take this class if you are ready to take STEPS toward becoming the best artist you can be!

D Block **Grade: ES** *BEGINNING SAILING* **Fee: \$125.00**

Teacher: Rowe, Karen

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

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D Block **Grade: ES** *BR'S GREEN THUMB* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Dorland, Misha

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you have a green thumb? Do you enjoy working outside in the yard and getting your hands dirty? If yes, then this is the class for you! We're going to learn about plants and flowers as we work together to make the grounds at Black River beautiful. We will spend time weeding and cleaning up BR's campus, and each student will get to plant their own pot of flowers. These pots will be placed around campus for everyone to enjoy at the Project Term Open House. Students will also research the plants in his/her pot and create a project. Let's make BR beautiful!

D Block **Grade: ES** *COMMUNITY SERVICE* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Herr, Brooke

Special Requirements: N/A

This class is designed to empower upper elementary students with the knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on their community. Through a combination of interactive lessons and hands-on experiences, students will learn about the importance of community service, teamwork, and civic responsibility.

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D Block

Grade: ES

MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU

Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Schreiber, Christy

Special Requirements: N/A

How many of you have climbed a tree? Ate an apple? Have furniture? 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 travelling 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

THE SWEET SCIENCE OF BOXING

Fee: \$65.00

Teacher: Johnson, Carly

Special Requirements: N/A

Ever wanted to try a new sport? Come get fit and strong while learning the sweet science of boxing. This class is not intended to develop fighters but is intended to develop boxers.

D Block

Grade: ES

THE TWEEN'S GAMBIT

Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Lozano, Sarah

Special Requirements: N/A

Pawns, bishops, and rooks - oh my! Whether you are a chess aficionado, or have never held a chess piece before, this course is for you! Two players, 32 pieces, 64 squares and a mind-boggling number of moves (no, really - look it up!), this game has been studied and played around the world for hundreds of years. We will take two weeks to learn, practice, play and understand the game of kings. New players are highly encouraged - we will be starting at the basics and learning along the way.

D Block

Grade: ES

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Sliva, Kristin

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you enjoy writing? Do you like to type? In this class, we will be typing and creating our own writing pieces. You will work to create a long piece of writing for your final open house project. We will be adding many details and sharing our stories with each other.