

# **Project Term 2024**

**MS Catalog 6-8**

## 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

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

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

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

# MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT TERM COURSES

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**A Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      **3 V 3 BASKETBALL**                      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Rowe, Brent & Steve Gray**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Do you like to play basketball? Do you like to play 3 v 3 basketball and other games? Join this fun class where we play games and have fun learning new skills! Beginners and advanced players welcome! Everyone will improve their skills and teamwork.

**A Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      **BLACK RIVER'S SCHOOL OF WITCHCRAFT AND WIZARDRY**                      **Fee: \$25.00**

**Teacher: Rice, Toni**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Congratulations! You have been accepted into Black River's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, the sister school to Hogwarts. Can you pass your O.W.L.S. and earn a glass of homemade butterbeer on your last day? Your time at school will begin with a chemistry-based sorting ceremony to sort you into your houses. Each day you can earn points for your "house" and the winning house will receive the house trophy. Submit your wand, golden snitch, and quidditch broom into the final Wizards Tournament. Classes may include: Potions, Defense Against the Dark Arts, Divination, Wand Making, Arithmancy, Herbology, Quidditch, Charms, The Marauders Map and Invisible Ink, and Golden Snitch making! Crafts, chemistry, physics, exercise and yummy treats await us in this Harry Potter inspired project term class! All supplies will be provided with the \$25 fee.

**A Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      **CAD & 3D 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 also 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 basics of some simple engineering skills.

**A Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      **CROCHETING FOR BEGINNERS**                      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Millis, Rachel**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Have you ever wanted to learn how to crochet? Join this beginner course to get started! In this course we will learn how to crochet from the very beginning, no previous skills needed!

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

**Teacher: Gaffney, Sarah**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

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 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!

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**A Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      *FLIGHT PATH*                      **Fee: \$25.00**

**Teacher: Wimbush, Karsten**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Interested in AVIATION? Want to know what it takes to be a pilot? Curious about how to start a career in the field of aviation, but not sure where to start? This is the perfect place to start! This two week course will give students the opportunity to learn in a real airplane hanger many of the skills pilots need to navigate, plan, and execute missions. The history of aviation, its modern advancements, and the behind-the-scenes of commercial, charter, and private aircraft will all be at your fingertips!

**A Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      *FRISBEE AND FROLF*                      **Fee: \$40.00**

**Teacher: Harlow, Caleb**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Do you enjoy throwing plastic around? Who doesn't? Come throw discs as we learn how to play both Ultimate Frisbee and disc golf! We will be exploring the best disc golf courses that West Michigan has to offer while also taking time to learn the basics of throwing. Whether you are a beginner or an expert, you will have an opportunity to grow in your game!

**A Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      *NATURE ART*                      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Kalis, Haley**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Get crafty with nature! In this class we will journey outside the classroom to gather natural materials that will help us create unique works of art. From collages to paint to prints and more, we will explore the many ways that we can make something beautiful out of outdoor items. Along the way, we will also learn about several professional artists who work with natural materials and watch videos to understand how projects similar to ours can be accomplished on a larger scale.

**A Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      *NEEDLE FELTING*                      **Fee: \$25.00**

**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 sculpting are all possibilities. Your goal is to create four fiber artworks for the final Project Term open house.

**A Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      *SCRAPBOOKING 101*                      **Fee: \$20.00**

**Teacher: Nykerk, Kaylee**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Do you have pictures of yourself with friends and family that you don't know what to do with? Do you enjoy being creative? Then this could be the class for you! In this course, you can expect to take pictures and turn them into creative works of art. We will enjoy sharing memories from pictures as we put them together in a scrapbook.

**A Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      *STAR WARS EPISODE X*                      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Danckaert, Dustin**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Congratulations! You have been selected as a force-sensitive individual who may have a promising future as a Jedi. As you begin your Jedi training, there are some things you must learn about the history of the galaxy as you will be entrusted with its protection. Join us in the class as we explore the events of Star Wars and learn the values of the Jedi. May the force be with you in your decision.

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**A Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      *STEP UP TO THE PLATE*                      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Schreuder, Joel**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

America's favorite past time is explored, played, analyzed, and appreciated. For this A-block class, students will participate in a study of baseball. We will watch highlights, play baseball-related games, read and take notes on stories, watch historic games, analyze statistics, and much more.

**A Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      *THE PLAY'S THE THING*                      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Andrews, Rachel**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

If you enjoy theatre, acting and exploring a wide variety of theatrical works- then this course is for you! Throughout the two weeks, we will be reading, watching, acting out, and listening to a wide variety of plays from Shakespeare adaptations to newer modern playwrights. For the final project, students will perform a staged reading of one of their favorite studied plays.

**A Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      *VEGAN BAKING*                      **Fee: \$30.00**

**Teacher: DeHaan, Annemieke**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

No eggs, no butter, no milk, no animal products! In this class we will bake a variety of Vegan Recipes that are surprisingly very tasty. You don't have to be a vegan to take this class, nor do you have to be an expert baker. Join us as we bake together and try new foods!

**A 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.

**A Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      *YOU, THE STORY*                      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Kane, Jeanne**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

You are a story. You are a storyteller. Writing can open up a world of memories and creativity. The author Ruta Septys wrote, "Life is story in motion. Each day, you add to your story, revise it, and view it from a different angle. You erase things. Tear pages out. And sometimes, in hindsight, wish you could put them back. A day is a story. A year is a story. A life is a story. You are a story."

In this class, you will be exploring basic elements of story construction and discover how memory can fuel creativity and connection. Your personal narrative can make fiction more creative and authentic.

**AB Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      *ALL ABOUT ANIMALS!*                      **Fee: \$30.00**

**Teacher: Kalis, Haley & Colin Murphy**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! In this course we will learn about animals through a variety of hands-on field trips, classroom activities and volunteer opportunities. Potential topics include wildlife conservation, animal care, birds of prey, farm animals, wetland sampling, invasive species and more. If you love anything to do with animals,

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visiting the zoo or local farms and nature centers, watching nature documentaries, playing games and making cool projects, this wild class is for you!

**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 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**      *ARTS AND CRAFTS*      **Fee: \$25.00**

**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**      *CROCHET YOUR HEART OUT*      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Donoghue, Elizabeth**

**Special Requirements:** *N/A*

Now you can learn how to make your own hat and scarf for the Fall and Winter months! Learn the basics of crocheting and soon you will have that soft cozy hat that you made with your own hands. We will learn a variety of stitches to make a hat, scarf, blankets, and more! Once we get the basics down we can enjoy crocheting in the warm weather outside!

**B Block**      **Grade: MS**      *EAT MY WAKE!*      **Fee: \$180.00**

**Teacher: Bittrick, Brett**

**Special Requirements:** *Swimsuit and towel. You will get wet everyday! (Wet suits optional)*

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: MS**      *FRIENDSHIP BRACELET MAKING*      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Gaffney, Sarah**

**Special Requirements:** *N/A*

Learn to make a variety of macramé Friendship Bracelets that you can trade with friends or wear yourself. Whether you are a beginner artisan or have already been making bracelets on your own, you will learn a handful of knots and cool designs while creating fun and personalized bracelet/string jewelry creations. You will have the opportunity to bring your own projects to work on and start new projects in class.

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**B Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***FROM THE GROUND UP***      **Fee: \$100.00**

**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 four times, where you can practice and grow your climbing skills!

**B Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***HEALTH & WELLNESS***      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Millis, Rachel**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

In this class, we will take a deep dive into everything health and wellness. We will learn about keeping our bodies healthy and different ways we can control things like stress and anxiety. We will learn different tips and tricks to keep up with our hygiene, mental health and overall happiness.

**B Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***HELPING HANDS IN HOLLAND***      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: DeHaan, Annemieke**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Do you like to help people? Do you like to make people smile? Do you enjoy being outdoors? Most importantly, would you like to make this world a better place? Then this is the class for you! This project term we are going to go all over Holland and volunteer in the community. Whether that is visiting the elderly, serving a meal at the local mission, doing yard work, picking up trash at a local park, it is all considered helping people, serving the Holland community and we are going to do it! Come experience Holland, Michigan in a new way and learn how you can help people right here in your own hometown.

**B Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***JOURNEY TO GAMELAND***      **Fee: \$20.00**

**Teacher: Nykerk, Kaylee**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

If you enjoy playing board games, being creative, and reading books, this is a great class for you! Students will explore the book Journey to Gameland as they learn and play a variety of board games. By the end of the two weeks, students will have created their own board game based off of their favorite book.

**B Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***LAVISH LATCH HOOK LAND***      **Fee: \$20.00**

**Teacher: Harrity, Noelle**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Come join us as we make beautiful latch hook creations, colorful strands of yarn threaded onto canvas to make a stunning image that can then be turned into an awesome rug, pillow, or wall hanging! Students will choose which latch hook design they would like to create from a variety of landscape and animal options, learn how to use a latch hook to thread yarn onto canvas, and follow a latch hook pattern to make a beautiful work of art!

**B Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***NATURE WALKS & JOURNALING***      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Kalis, Haley**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Want to learn more about the natural world around you by spending time hiking in it? This is the class for you! We will explore some of the awesome natural areas and parks around west Michigan and maybe even learn some ecology along the way. Be ready to hike (1-2 miles per day) and learn in this class, no matter the weather. By the end of our time together, you will have a journal to remember your personal nature reflections, not to mention a list of new parks you've explored!

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**B Block**      **Grade: MS**      *OTTAWA COUNTY PARKS EXPLORER*      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Wimbush, Karsten**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Like the outdoors? Want to know what the best parks are? Cover both in this class - we'll be touring most of Ottawa County's parks, exploring what makes for a great park, create reviews for the public, and learn a bit about how parks are managed.

**B Block**      **Grade: MS**      *PARKS & REC HIKING ADVENTURES*      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Esmeier, Kerrie**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Do you enjoy visiting the numerous parks we have in the Holland area? Some have beaches, some have playgrounds, some have hiking and mountain bike trails, and a few even have Nature Centers. Come explore the parks in and around Holland as we hike a variety of trails along the lakeshore and learn about each park and what makes it unique. Be ready to walk... a lot! Then think about your perfect park, where would it be located? What amenities would you want? Hear from professional park planners and playground architects and then you'll get to design your perfect park.

**B Block**      **Grade: MS**      *RED CROSS FIRST AID AND CPR*      **Fee: \$10.00**

**Teacher: Shirk, Joy**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Get Red Cross Certification in Pediatric and Adult First Aid, CPR, and AED. Learn how to save lives in times of emergency.

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

**Teacher: Chester, Katie & Tara Gorris**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

What do the movies, Coraline, Nightmare Before Christmas, and Kubo and the Two Strings 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 story-board for your movie and creating your own characters out of modeling clay and then using photographs and the program, Adobe Premier, to help edit your movie!

**B Block**      **Grade: MS**      *THE GREAT SKATE ESCAPE*      **Fee: \$100.00**

**Teacher: Sinclair, Nicole**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Ever wonder how those dance skaters on TikTok can move so seamlessly? Sign up for this skate class! This awesome course will take place at the RollXScape in Holland. This course will be led by a trained instructor in all things roller skating and rollerblading. You will learn the beginnings of roller skating/blading: skating forwards, skating backwards, stopping, crossovers, shoot the duck and more! In addition to learning and building new and fun skating skills, you'll also get some time to free skate and jam out with the music and energy cranked up to maximum levels of fun! Let's gooooo!



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**B Block**      Grade: **MS**      ***THE WONDERS OF MICHIGAN (HISTORY AND CULTURE)***      Fee: \$0.00

**Teacher:** Dykhouse, Greg

**Special Requirements:** *N/A*

When did Michigan become "Michigan"? Michigan became a state in 1837, but was there a "Michigan" before 1837? Michigan is the home of many wonderful resources, resourceful people, and spectacular events. Explore topics of interest and consider together why Michigan may be regarded as a very special place.

**C Block**      Grade: **MS**      ***#WEAREBR***      Fee: \$0.00

**Teacher:** Esmeier, Kerrie

**Special Requirements:** *Students will need a camera or phone to take photos and video. They will also need a chrome book or laptop.*

Do you enjoy photography, graphic design, and social media? Put your interests and talents to work for Black River! Students will learn design theory, color theory, and the best practices for social media marketing. They will get to take pictures and video of other classes, create promotional flyers, and "take over" BR's social media accounts for a day with their own post. #wearebr

**C Block**      Grade: **MS**      ***3 V 3 BASKETBALL***      Fee: \$0.00

**Teacher:** Rowe, Brent & Steve Gray

**Special Requirements:** *N/A*

Do you like to play basketball? Do you like to play 3 v 3 basketball and other games? Join this fun class where we play games and have fun learning new skills! Beginners and advanced players welcome! Everyone will improve their skills and teamwork.

**C Block**      Grade: **MS**      ***ANYONE FOR GOLF? FORE!***      Fee: \$50.00

**Teacher:** Stid, Jake

**Special Requirements:** *Students must provide their own golf clubs and balls and be able to depart BRPS by 7:40am each morning. Pull carts are optional or available for rent daily.*

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: **MS**      ***BEACH VOLLEYBALL***      Fee: \$0.00

**Teacher:** Murphy, Colin

**Special Requirements:** *N/A*

Want to play like Misty May or ditch the biology lab and play like Crabb? Then come play beach volleyball! In this course you will learn the basics of beach volleyball through gameplay.

**C Block**      Grade: **MS**      ***CAKE DECORATING***      Fee: \$40.00

**Teacher:** Spisak, Elizabeth

**Special Requirements:** *N/A*

Want to make a cute tray of cupcakes or create a stunning birthday cake? Come learn the basics of cake decorating using icing and fondant! The skills you will learn in this course can be applied to nearly any dessert, so the possibilities are endless! We will cover basic and advanced piping techniques, filling cakes and pastries, and rolling and shaping fondant icing. We will decorate a variety of desserts throughout the course, and for the final project, you will be tasked with decorating your own cake, which will be put on display at the Project Term Open House, and afterwards, you can take it home and enjoy it with your family!

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**C** Block

Grade: **MS**

**COFFEE SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP**

Fee: \$0.00

**Teacher: Harrity, Noelle**

**Special Requirements:** *Students will need to bring their own money to make purchases at coffee shops each day.*

Do you love going to coffee shops? In this class we will visit local coffee shops such as Lemonjello's, Ferris Coffee, The 205, and Simpático and enjoy the delicious foods and drinks that they have to offer. Students will write reviews considering each of the coffee shops' menus, atmospheres, and service. For the final project, students will design their own coffee shops and create a corresponding menu, sketch, and playlist. Students who enroll in this class should plan on bringing \$5 per class period to buy their own food or drink (a total of \$45 for the length of the class).

**C** Block

Grade: **MS**

**COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD**

Fee: \$0.00

**Teacher: DeHaan, Annemieke**

**Special Requirements:** *N/A*

Have you ever wondered what life is like in other parts of the world? Join us as we take a world wide tour and learn about different countries and their cultures! We will try new foods, learn new dances, hear new languages, "see" new places and much more as we learn about the culture of many different countries.

**C** Block

Grade: **MS**

**DOUBLE-HANDED SAILING**

Fee: \$125.00

**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**

**FISH ON!**

Fee: \$20.00

**Teacher: Bittrick, Brett & Jeanne Kane**

**Special Requirements:** *Students can use their own fishing equipment if desired. They will be individually responsible for any lost or missing equipment.*

Give a human a fish, they'll eat for a day, teach a human to fish, they'll eat for a lifetime! Come learn to fish and explore the greater Macatawa Watershed. In this class, you will learn several techniques necessary to catch a variety of fish species. You will fish each day, and develop a project based on your interests in fishing and the great outdoors. No experience necessary, if you have your own equipment, you are welcome to use it. If not, poles and tackle will be provided for you.

**C** Block

Grade: **MS**

**JOURNALING 101**

Fee: \$0.00

**Teacher: Millis, Rachel**

**Special Requirements:** *N/A*

Have you ever wanted to start journaling but don't know where to start? This is the class for you! Bullet journaling has become extremely popular through multiple social media platforms and is a great way to decompress. But where do you start? In this class, we will design our own 12 month bullet journal with different themes and page designs!

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**C Block**

Grade: **MS**

**PLANT PROPAGATION 101**

Fee: **\$0.00**

**Teacher: Bivins-Fink, Eliza**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Interested in greening your thumb? Curious about houseplant care? Excited to get your hands dirty? If you answered yes to any of these, or dress up as Professor Sprout for Book Character Day each year, you should sign up for The Care and Cultivation of Houseplants! In this project term course we will be learning all about common houseplants and how best to care for them. While learning about their care, we will also be splitting and propagating houseplants to share with BR classrooms! Along the way we may learn about the rise of popularity in houseplants since 2020, meet some houseplant experts, and see how homeowners and teachers creatively display their houseplants in their living and working environments.

**C Block**

Grade: **MS**

**SECRETS OF WORLD ORGANIZATION**

Fee: **\$0.00**

**Teacher: Danckaert, Dustin**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Have you ever wondered how in movies, books or other media, characters can walk into a library or a store and find exactly what they are looking for with seemingly no effort? Do you enjoy creating different ways to arrange items and sort things just the way you like them? If you answered yes to either of these questions, this is the class for you! In this class, you will unlock the secrets of how restaurants, stores, libraries, and more places keep track of their materials. This is a great way to see for your-self which ways work best for you to arrange and find your possessions. Next time you try to find a snack to eat after this class, you may have a better relation-ship with your pantry or the grocery store.

**C Block**

Grade: **MS**

**SOCCER WORLDVIEW**

Fee: **\$0.00**

**Teacher: Harlow, Caleb**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Calling everyone who agrees that soccer (better known as football) is the greatest sport in the world. We will be diving into what makes soccer the beautiful game and watching both current and historic games while learning how to analyze the tactics behind different teams. We also will pull back the layers of how soccer influences politics on the world stage, and of course we will spend time playing soccer.

**C Block**

Grade: **MS**

**THE WONDERS OF WORLDBUILDING**

Fee: **\$0.00**

**Teacher: Benoot, Chelsea**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Interested in creating your own world? Love writing stories and watching movies with rich cultures? Then this is a class for you. We will be taking a deep dive into various fantasy and sci-fi cultures in books and movies to learn how to create your own language and alphabet, adaptability for the environment you create, and the complex pieces of that go into a society, much like our own. As a final project, you will share the world you created through a research journal that details everything about your world.

**CD Block**

Grade: **MS**

**HISTORICAL BOSTON**

Fee: **\$2140.00**

**Teacher: Dawson, Dulcy & Bridget Pyle**

**Special Requirements: Limited to 7th & 8th grade students**

Discover the legacies of Pilgrims, revolutionaries, academics and literary greats as you travel through the brownstone lined streets of Boston. Explore the sites of the American Revolution and stroll the vibrant streets of one of the oldest cities in America. The trip to Boston will take up 5 of the 9 days (May 29 - June 1 and one travel day) of the second two weeks of Project Term. When we return from the trip we will create our final project together for the remainder of Project Term.

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For the trip portion we are partnering with EF Tours. It is not too late to join. You can learn more about this by going to [efexploreamerica.com/2648147WJ](http://efexploreamerica.com/2648147WJ) and we will be having a meeting soon. You can also email [dawsond@brpsk12.org](mailto:dawsond@brpsk12.org).

**CD Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***NATIONAL PARK ADVENTURE: NEW RIVER GORGE***      **Fee: \$400.00**

**Teacher: Schreuder, Joel & Haley Kalis & Nate Meyer**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Adventurers needed! On this trip, you will travel with your friends to West Virginia for 6 days and 5 nights of hiking, camping and whitewater rafting on one of America's most iconic rivers. We will start our adventure at Hocking Hills State Park before continuing to New River Gorge National Park. On the journey, you will get to enjoy diverse nature, fascinating history and get to witness America's newest National Park first hand. You will be a naturalist in training; dressing for the weather, sleeping in tents, preparing food, and having fun with friends in a camping setting. You will be physically active each day with hikes ranging from 1-8 miles. No experience necessary, but enthusiasm required (and an appreciation for "Take Me Home, Country Roads" encouraged!)

**D Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***ALTERNATE ENDING***      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Laarman, Sarah**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Have you ever watched a movie and thought what a terrible ending, I could have done better than that? Well here is your chance! Students will be given a daily movie prompt and then released to create their own ending to the story. Students will be expected to write for about 45 minutes to an hour daily. Students will also be peer editing classmate's stories for the final project.

**D Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***ART FUN***      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Kane, Jeanne**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Like art? During this project term, you will be able to explore different types of art utilizing the basics: lines, shapes, contouring, perspectives, colors, etc. Each day will present a new technique and an art project. No previous experience is necessary. Just come to class each day to learn all about art.

**D Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***BOOK & FILM***      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Bivins-Fink, Eliza**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

For those of you who love to read and watch movies. . . READ ON. In this class, you will look at the differences and similarities between our own imaginations when we read, and Hollywood's interpretations of our favorite stories. Along the way, we will hold book talks, analyze story elements, and make book projects, to name a few.

**D Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR BEGINNERS***      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Spisak, Elizabeth**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Are you interested in fantasy and adventure storytelling, with a side of puzzle solving and combat? Then learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons, the iconic tabletop role-playing game that inspired popular media such as Stranger Things, Onward, and more! First, you will learn what Dungeons & Dragons is, its history, and presence in popular culture today. You will create your own character, take part in a large-scale campaign story, and learn how to lead your own campaign as a Dungeon Master. As a final project, you will create a detailed personal narrative backstory for your character that details the adventures they went on during your classroom campaign.

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**D Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR BEGINNERS***      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Benoot, Chelsea**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

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**D Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***FARM TO TABLE TO STOMACH***      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Kalis, Haley**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Ever wonder how your delicious food gets created? Turns out getting your food comes with a lot of logistical and environmental challenges. Come learn how food gets all the way from the farm to our bellies. We will explore various farms, restaurants, grocery stores and Holland's Farmers Market in order to better understand this process. You are not expected to purchase any food but you will have plenty of opportunity to do so!

**D Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***FUNGUS AMONG US!***      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Donoghue, Elizabeth**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Did you know that there is a mushroom that you can find in the woods that tastes like chicken? It's true! Learn all about wild mushrooms, how to identify them, how to cook mushrooms, how to create a spore print, and how to create interesting mushroom art with real mushrooms! Join professional mushroom hunter, Andrew Flezar of Michigan Mushroom Hunters, as we venture into the woods to hunt for mushrooms. We will be exploring the woods near Holland so you can learn how to be mushroom hunters and find mushrooms of your own right in your hometown.

**D Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***GREASE PAINT ADVENTURES***      **Fee: \$20.00**

**Teacher: Bishop, Kim**

**Special Requirements: *Students will need to bring a shirt to protect their clothes.***

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. There will also be training in special effects such as bruising and wounds. If you have an interest in theatre this class is a must. Come ready to have someone put a new face on you!

**D Block**      **Grade: MS**      ***JUST KEEP SWIMMING***      **Fee: \$75.00**

**Teacher: Murphy, Colin**

**Special Requirements: *Students in this class should be able to swim 25 yards without stopping-it is not a learn to swim class. Students will need a swim suit (preferably jammers or speedos for men, and one pieces for women), swim cap (latex, silicone, usually for people with long hair)***

Learn how to move through the water like the greats: Michael Phelps. . . Katie Ledecky. . . Bruce. "Hello Bruce." In this course you will learn the four competitive swim strokes and dryland (out of water) exercises. You will implement commonly used drills, watch video, and possibly watch live demonstrations of how to swim the stroke.

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**D Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      ***OUTDOOR ADVENTURES***                      **Fee: \$100.00**

**Teacher: Esmeier, Kerrie Kaylee Nykerk**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Kayaks, Paddleboards, Archery, Hiking, Oh my! In this class students will have a chance to try out kayaking in Holland, paddle boarding on Lake Macatawa, archery at the Outdoor Discovery Center, and hiking our local trails. Students will use rented kayaks, lifejackets, paddleboards, and archery equipment.

**D Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      ***RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS***                      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: DeHaan, Annemieke**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Calling all students who want to make the world a better place! In this class, we will participate in a variety of activities to help brighten others' days and show that little things really can make a big difference. Bring your creative skills, desire to help others and ideas of what we can accomplish around the school and community. At the end of this class, you will walk away with goals of how to keep the random acts of kindness going through the summer and beyond, as well as some community service hours.

**D Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      ***SO YOU WANT TO BE A REFEREE***                      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Rowe, Brent**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Do you have genuine interest in soccer? Would you like to earn money while surrounded by people who share your passion for the sport? Join this class to learn the skills necessary to become a soccer referee and you'll have the training you need to become a soccer referee and become a better player. Soccer referees can earn \$250-\$500 in a weekend, and by becoming a referee you will be able to: interpret and apply the rules of the game, develop leadership skills, be trained in conflict resolution, and improve your decision-making skills. You will also be able to earn an hourly wage that is extremely high for a teenager! As a bonus, we will also have the opportunity to attend a professional soccer game as a class.

Students will need to pay to receive their referee certification, but do not need to pay anything to participate in, pass, or join the class.

**D Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      ***STREET FOOD LATIN AMERICA***                      **Fee: \$25.00**

**Teacher: Gaffney, Sarah**

**Special Requirements: N/A**

Travel through different Latin American countries to discover different street food. This class will follow the Netflix original documentary series "Street Food: Latin America", which focuses on six cities from across the Americas, each with unique influences and passionate people keeping their hometown culinary traditions alive. Learn to make traditional and authentic street food from across the continent and discover the delicious histories within our own diverse community.

**D Block**                      **Grade: MS**                      ***TENNIS & PICKLEBALL***                      **Fee: \$0.00**

**Teacher: Millis, Rachel & Kaylee Nykerk**

**Special Requirements: *Students will need to bring their own tennis/pickleball gear and rackets!***

Have you ever wanted to try out Tennis or Pickleball? Well this class is for you! No experience needed, just a can-do attitude and be ready to have some fun!