

Project Term 2022

HS Catalog 9-12

PROJECT TERM 2022

Project Term is a four-week term (for grades 4-12) that begins May 17, 2022, and ends June 10, 2022. 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, December 6, 2021** 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 17, 2021. Any student not registered by December 17 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 17 – May 27 (Block A)
11:40 – 2:40 from May 17 – May 27 (Block B)
8:00 – 11:00 from May 31 – June 10 (Block C)
11:40 – 2:40 from May 31 – June 10 (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 9, 2022
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, December 6** 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 17, 2022, to June 10, 2022. 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 21, 2022**. 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 **Friday, March 4, 2022**. 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 14, 2022**.

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. *For the Class of 2022, .8 Project Term credits are required due to Covid closures in 2020.

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 was an informational meeting during HS CAP Flex on **Tuesday, November 16** 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 3, 2021**. Once the project is approved, a more formal proposal will be due on **Friday, March 18, 2022**. 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

Priority Registration Deadline	Monday, December 6, 2021
Last Chance to Register	Friday, December 17, 2021
Scholarship Requests Due	Friday, March 4, 2022
Project Term Fees Due	Monday, March 21, 2022
Project Term Begins	Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Project Term Open House	Thursday, June 9, 2022
Last Day of School	Friday, June 10, 2022

The entire 2022 Project Term Catalog for grades 4-12 can be found on the website at:

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

HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT TERM COURSES

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

A Block **Grade: HS** **1960S: RESISTANCE, REBELLION, REVOLUTION** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Dykhouse, Gregory

Special Requirements: N/A

Some students may find interest in ideas of resistance, rebellion, or revolution. We consider these ideas and more as we explore Mark Kurlansky's best-selling book 1968. The Year that Rocked the World: "To some, 1968 was the year of sex, drugs, and rock and roll. Yet it was also the year of the Martin Luther King, Jr., and Bobby Kennedy assassinations; the riots at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago; Prague Spring; the antiwar movement and the Tet Offensive; Black Power; the generation gap; avant-garde theater; the upsurge of the women's movement; and the beginning of the end for the Soviet Union.

"In this monumental book, Mark Kurlansky brings to teeming life the cultural and political history of that pivotal year, when television's influence on global events first became apparent, and spontaneous uprisings occurred simultaneously around the world. Encompassing the diverse realms of youth and music, politics and war, economics and the media, 1968 shows how twelve volatile months transformed who we were as a people—and led us to where we are today." (<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/96265/1968-by-mark-kurlansky/>)

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

Teacher: Middleton, Peter

Special Requirements: N/A

At its heart, this watercolor painting class introduces the basics of watercolor and includes demonstrations of various application methods and techniques. Use of color and color mixing are key parts of the material covered in this class. Each student is required to complete a finished watercolor painting by the end of the project term class for the Project Term Open House class exhibition.

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** **BRUNCH HUNTERS** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Wright, Cessie Tim Ewald

Special Requirements: Students will be responsible for bringing enough money to purchase a meal each day that we are in the field (approximately 7-8 days).

Do you love to write, have an eye for detail, and enjoy eating new cuisine? Do you find yourself reading or writing reviews on sites like Yelp and Trip Advisor? Have you ever considered the career path of becoming a restaurant critic? Professional critics review the food, service, and atmosphere of the establishments that they visit. In this class, we will test and improve our skills as critics by visiting a variety of breakfast and brunch restaurants in West Michigan. After each visit, we will write, edit, and peer review our critiques. At the end of the course, we will publish our reviews on Yelp and other food critique websites.

A Block **Grade: HS** **DEL LIBRO A PANTALLA** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Gaffney, Sarah

Special Requirements: N/A

Which is better- the book or the movie? You will explore matching texts—novels and the movies adapted from them—written by Spanish speaking authors. Take a journal to a new culture while you analyze the differences between the two versions and explore the cultural elements of the stories.

HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT TERM COURSES

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

A Block **Grade: HS** **DRIVER'S EDUCATION** **Fee: \$430.00**

Teacher: Stid, Jake

Special Requirements: *\$40 deposit (payable to Macatawa Driving School) is due with the application.*

Registration is first come/first serve.

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

Cost: \$430.00 that includes all drives, classroom training, and a Level One permit after successful completion of the course.

Dates: May 12 – 27 (Monday – Saturday)

Thursday, May 12 (Class only: 11:30 – 1:30 pm)

Friday, May 13 (Class only: 11:30 – 1:30 pm)

Saturday, May 14 (No class; range drives only)

May 16 - 20 (Class and drives: 7:10 – 11:10 am)

Saturday, May 21 (No class, range drives only)

May 23 – 27 (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.

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

Teacher: Aumaugher, Angela

Special Requirements: *N/A*

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 or recording at the open house.

A Block **Grade: HS** **FASHION WORKSHOP/UPCYCLING** **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 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.

A Block **Grade: HS** **GAME, SET, MATCH: TENNIS!** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Snay, Abby

Special Requirements: *Students will need to provide their own tennis racket and athletic footwear/clothing.*

When is love worth nothing? In tennis!! Do you enjoy playing or want to learn how to play tennis? Game, Set, Match is the exploration, challenge, and experience of the games of tennis for the high school crowd. Grab a racket, and meet us on the court for games, drills, training, and match play.

HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT TERM COURSES

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

Teacher: Bierma, Becky

Special Requirements: N/A

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: Clark, Tammy

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** *KNITTING FOR BEGINNERS* **Fee: \$15.00**

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka

Special Requirements: N/A

Knitting has been scientifically proven to reduce stress and increase feelings of well-being. What a great time to learn a new hobby! Learn to cast on, knit, purl, and cast off so you can start creating your own knit squares, washcloths, and scarves. All supplies are provided for you.

A Block **Grade: HS** *MIYAZAKI AND JAPANESE ANIMATION* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Collins, Rebecca

Special Requirements: N/A

Interested in learning more about Japanese animation? We will be doing an in-depth study of Hayao Miyazaki's works! We will watch multiple movies made by the company Studio Ghibli including *My Neighbor Totoro*, *Spirited Away*, *Howl's Moving Castle*, and many more. We will also be studying Japanese animation elements, Japanese culture, and trying some Japanese snacks along the way. Our final project will be to create our own Hayao Miyazaki inspired worlds through many different media: art, writing, models, etc.

A Block **Grade: HS** *RANKING THE PRESIDENTS* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Morse, Keely

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you enjoy learning about presidential history? Do you enjoy learning about and debating the success 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 (if open due to Covid) to see our local president. Additionally, we will do an election simulation, view a couple presidential movies, and read interesting opinion pieces on presidents.

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

Teacher: Duquette, Nicole

Special Requirements: *Students will need a Smartphone daily to participate in this class.*

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: HS** *TAKE A MAGIC CARPET RIDE!* **Fee: \$60.00**

Teacher: Bishop, Kim

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Before you take that ride you will need to make your carpet! Students will learn about the history of rug making and research traditional designs. They will make a rug from a kit before they make their own. Each student will display their colorful work during Open House.

A 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 challenging adventure of working on the same artwork for almost two weeks straight! As you progress in your work, you will document your daily progress. 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!

A Block **Grade: HS** *THE TOUGH AMERICAN - MEETING THE
KENNEDY CHALLENGE* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Witvoet, Tim and Brent Rowe

Special Requirements: *N/A*

President John Kennedy had a challenge for the average American. He believed the nation was becoming soft as modern technology replaced many avenues of physical fitness. Therefore, his challenge was for Americans to be able to walk 50 miles in one day. This class will learn the history of the Kennedy Challenge, and walk throughout Holland exploring it's pathways and natural areas. Students will walk at least 8 miles every day on pathways throughout Holland and surrounding areas. Do you want to prove you are not a soft American? Do you want to prove your physical fitness? Then join Mr. Witvoet and Mr. Rowe as we prove that we are TOUGH Americans!

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

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!"

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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 if 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!

AB Block

Grade: **HS**

OPEN FLAMES: COOKING WITH FIRE!

Fee: **\$75.00**

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 \$75.00, which will include many of the grocery items and fuel for our fires, stoves and grills. 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!

B Block

Grade: **HS**

BIKING AND HAVING A WHEELIE GOOD TIME!

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Wimbush, Karsten

Special Requirements: A working geared bike, bike helmet, athletic shoes (no flipflops!)

Bike for a more "WELL-ROUNDED" life! In this course, we will learn how to condition for long bike trips, learn basic bike repair skills, trip planning, how to read maps and prepare trip routes, use bike riding to help mental health, and check out local coffee/pastry/smoothie shops and bike shops along the way!

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!

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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** *CRIMINAL HISTORY* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Morse, Keely

Special Requirements: N/A

Come look at criminal history. Learn about presidential assassins, their motives, and attempted escapes. What are the conspiracies surrounding presidential assassins? Who was H.H. Holmes? We will study various serial killers, their motives and how they were caught and found guilty. What was organized crime like during prohibition? What were the law enforcement officials like that pushed back against alcohol during this era? Who were Bonnie and Clyde? Who was J. Edgar Hoover? Who was John Dillinger? Come and find out in Criminal History.

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

Teacher: Gray, Steve

Special Requirements: Swimsuit and towel. You will get wet everyday!

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** *ELEMENTARY TEACHING PRACTICUM
PROJECT TERM CLASS* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Witvoet, Tim and 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.

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

Teacher: Pyle, Bridget

Special Requirements: N/A

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** *HELPING HOLLAND* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Laarman, Sarah

Special Requirements: N/A

Participating in community service and volunteer work is a graduation requirement, and allows you to improve the world we live in. 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. Earn community service hours while helping Holland.

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B Block **Grade: HS** *HISTORY OF OPERA, MUSICALS AND
"MUSICAL-FILMS"* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Dykhouse, Gregory
Special Requirements: N/A

Suitably hosting a course entitled "History of Opera," in nine days is, if anything, ambitious. The inception of modern opera can justify itself in the performances of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Italian intermezzi, the French ballet of Jean-Baptiste Lully, and English court masques. Numerous composers and actors, as well as other artists, have contributed to the opera stage, which makes this field of study rich and fertile.

As introduction to the world of opera and musical performance, students explore the following works: Bergman's production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* (1791); Bizet's *Carmen* (1875); Puccini's *Madame Butterfly* (1904); the French film *The Umbrellas of Cherbourg* (1963); *Oklahoma!* (1945); Sondheim's *Into the Woods* and *Sunday in the Park with George*; and excerpts from *Einstein on the Beach*, by Phillip Glass and Robert Wilson. Other works may be considered, too.

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

Teacher: Clark, Tammy
Special Requirements: N/A

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B Block **Grade: HS** *KNITTING FOR PROS* **Fee: \$15.00**

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka
Special Requirements: N/A

If you already know how to cast on, knit, and cast off, this is a great place to learn some more advanced knitting skills. You will learn to follow knitting patterns, and get individual instruction on new skills such as purling, cabling, and knitting in the round at whatever pace works for you. All supplies are provided for you. Knitting has been scientifically proven to reduce stress and increase feelings of well-being. This is a great way to relax and improve your hobby!

B Block **Grade: HS** *LET THE MUSIC MOVE YOU: WRITING
MUSIC-INSPIRED STORIES* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Ewald, Tim
Special Requirements: N/A

Have you ever heard a song with lyrics so compelling you can picture in your mind the scenes being described and emotions being felt? Have you ever listened to an instrumental that touched you so much that ideas and possibilities for creativity just unfurled before you? Have you ever wanted to take a song and create a story from it? In this class, I would like to give you an opportunity to take those scenes and emotions rattling around in your head and give creative outlet to them. I have spun a few songs into short stories and I really enjoy taking a set of lyrics and expanding on the template that has been given to me. I have also created stories from instrumental pieces, almost like I have been given the soundtrack to a movie first and then I get to create the movie's scenes and script. Enjoy the opportunity to take something that might already be really important to you – the music you listen to – and let it be the inspiration for some worthwhile writing endeavors.

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B Block Grade: **HS** *MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE ART MAKING* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Middleton, Peter
Special Requirements: N/A

Mixed-media and collage art-making is concerned with combining art materials together to create an artwork. This course will offer opportunities for students to explore various art materials and work to combine them together to create compelling and dynamic artworks that aim to engage the viewer, but most importantly, inspire the student. Various application methods, materials, and techniques will be demonstrated in class. Each student is required to complete a finished mixed media artwork by the end of the Project Term class for the Project Term Open House class exhibition.

B Block Grade: **HS** *P.Y.O.P.* Fee: **\$100.00**

Teacher: Sinclair, Nicole
Special Requirements: N/A

Paint Your Own Pottery! Would you love to create awesome art that you can use every day? If so, this is the class for you! In this class, you will learn to create cool pieces of art and use paint to decorate several pieces of ceramic pottery. Although you will learn a variety of painting techniques, your finished pieces of pottery will reflect your own unique personal sense of style and design. Your finished items will all be microwave, dishwasher, and oven safe so you will be able to enjoy them every day! Keep the finished pieces of functional art for yourself, or give it to family and friends! Note: Course fee includes cost of approximately 8 pieces of ceramic pottery, paint, painting tools, and finishing/firing for all projects completed during class. You will be able to take your projects home at the PT Open House!

B Block Grade: **HS** *READ AND DRAW* Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Chester, Katie
Special Requirements: N/A

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. 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 the Art department. Students will be required to display three of their sketches that they have finalized in ink or color for the Project Term Open House.

B Block Grade: **HS** *RED CROSS CERTIFICATION* Fee: **\$15.00**

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: **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.

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B Block Grade: **HS** *SKATE POSITIVE REISSUED!* Fee: \$20.00

Teacher: Bittrick, Brett

Special Requirements: *Skateboard and Helmet*

If you like to skateboard, or are interested in learning how, this is the class for you! Each day, we will be going to a local or regional skate park to skate. I will be evaluating you on day one, and then you will be setting a few goals to achieve over the two-week period. I will be instructing and helping you to achieve those goals. No experience necessary, all skill-levels welcome!

B Block Grade: **HS** *SPANISH CAFÉ Y CONVERSACIÓN* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Gaffney, Sarah

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Practice your Spanish speaking and listening skills outside of the classroom through intercambio and service-learning opportunities. Being immersed within the culture is the best way to practice and develop confidence in your speaking skills! You will use your Spanish skills developed through Black River Spanish courses to interact with native-Spanish speakers and organizations and experience Latino culture throughout the community.

B Block Grade: **HS** *THIRD SHOT DROP* Fee: \$20.00

Teacher: Schreuder, Joel

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the world. This fast pace game requires a balance of quick reflexes and well placed shots. In this class you will learn the basics of pickleball as well as some advanced skills. Weather permitting, we will do skills training and/or play games each class. No experience required.

B Block Grade: **HS** *WELLNESS FOR ALL* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Mousseau, Rebecca

Special Requirements: *N/A*

In this class, we will explore ways to improve our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness. Drawing from the principles of positive psychology, we will look at human needs (food, sleep, exercise, stress-reduction, social connection, and spiritual fulfillment) and how we can best meet those needs, according to the research. An emphasis will be on ways to reduce and address stress! We will spend time each day engaging in some kind of physical activity, so students will need comfortable clothes. Students will explore the concepts of self and personality to discover the unique traits that make us an individual. Using the knowledge and insight gained from class activities, each student will develop a Wellness Plan for themselves as a final project.

B Block Grade: **HS** *WORLDBUILDING AND CHARACTER
DEVELOPMENT IN AVATAR: THE LAST
AIRBENDER* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Collins, Rebecca

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Do you love *Avatar: The Last Airbender*? Then what could be better than watching through Avatar, eating snacks, and focusing on world building and character development? Experience this story from a t.v. show writer's perspective; at the end of project term, we will be creating character analyses based on a character of your choice.

B Block Grade: **HS** *YOU MAKE THE CALL! BECOME A SPORTS
OFFICIAL* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Stid, Jake

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Do you have a sport that you just love to play or watch? Think you know the rules pretty well? Have you thought that you could make a better call if only you had been the referee? Do you want to potentially have a fun gig that keeps you close to the game with a ton of opportunities? Well now is your chance! In this course we will look be

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taking a look at the rules and mechanics of what an official needs to do in football, soccer, basketball, and volleyball and train you up! We will then take what we learn in the classroom by putting it to use in the situations we create to help you make the right call. By the end of this course you will be prepared to be the person who gets to have the final say and help others play the game just like you!

C Block **Grade: HS** **BACKYARD GARDENING** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Snay, Abby

Special Requirements: N/A

In this course, you will be immersed in hands-on activities, exploring greenhouses and the farmer's market 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: HS** **BIKING AND STATISTICAL DONUTS** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Ewald, Tim and Todd Schwartz

Special Requirements: Proper working 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.

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. 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 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** **BOXING DIARIES** **Fee: \$75.00**

Teacher: Bittrick, Brett and Krista Ekdahl

Special Requirements: Students are welcome to bring their own wraps and gloves if preferred.

Learn to box under the guidance and expertise of professional boxing coach Sakwam at Sakwamdo Boxing Gym of Holland. Students will train in the "Sweet Science" of boxing, learn valuable life lessons, and increase their fitness. You will be evaluated before and after the two-week training session. Your evaluation as well as a fundraising project will serve as your course evaluation. It just may be the hardest fun you'll ever have!

C Block **Grade: HS** **CARD GAMES FOR LIFE!** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Aumaugher, Angela

Special Requirements: N/A

How many card games do you know how to play with standard decks of cards? In this class for 8th through 12th graders, we will learn how to play some of the more complicated ones that you can play with a group of friends for the rest of your life. We will learn games like Euchre (a requirement for any Michigander), Hand and Foot, Liar's Poker, and more. We will NOT, however, be playing card games requiring anything other than standard decks of playing cards (i.e. we will not be playing Magic: The Gathering, Cards Against Humanity, or other games requiring special cards). Throughout the course you will develop a booklet of the requirements, rules, scoring, and tips and tricks to all of the card games we learn how to play so that you can display it at the open house and keep it as a reference for when you need it.

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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** *EXPLORING 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 perceived 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.

C Block Grade: **HS** *FARM TO RESTAURANT TO TABLE TO STOMACH* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Schuler, Joe

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 about 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 our food and how it gets to us. You are not expected to purchase any food but you will have the opportunity to.

C Block Grade: **HS** *GOLF* Fee: \$40.00

Teacher: Witvoet, Tim and Caleb Fisher

Special Requirements: *Students must have their own set of golf clubs and be able to depart BRPS by 7:40a.m. each morning.*

Bus leaves at 7:40 a.m. from the school each day, returning between 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m

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 during the 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. Fore!

C 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. There will also be training in special effects such as bruising and wounds. You will need to bring a shirt to protect your clothes. If you have an interest in theatre this class is a must. Come ready to put on a new face!

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C Block **Grade: HS** *HIKE AND HAMMOCK IN HOLLAND* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Bierma, Becky

Special Requirements: N/A

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.

C 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 from a German WWII POW camp, march with MLK in the movie Selma, and others. We will look at where the movies are accurate and the various reasons why movies have inaccuracies and how that influences the public's perception. We will research the topics presented in the movies and will take suggestions for some of the movie selections.

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

Teacher: Clark, Tammy

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!

C Block **Grade: HS** *PROJECT GETAWAY* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Collins, Rebecca

Special Requirements: N/A

This class is designed to give you time to work on a chosen genre of art, writing, or music. By the end of project term, you may have made a collection of poetry, short stories, a selection of paintings, or even an album of songs. Throughout our work time, we will gain inspiration from various destinations in Holland: the beach, downtown, hiking trails, etc. Make sure to bring money for the absurd amounts of coffee that will be available to us.

C Block **Grade: HS** *RED CROSS CERTIFICATION* **Fee: \$15.00**

Teacher: Shirk, Joy

Special Requirements: N/A

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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** **TABOO** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka

Special Requirements: N/A

Living in the United States, you may have friends and relatives who have distorted their bodies through tattooing and piercings, but do you know people who have sharpened all of their teeth in order to attract a mate or broken the bones in their legs in order to grow taller? If you are interested in learning about how different cultures define beauty, mark adulthood, and even determine what is edible and what is not, this class is for you! Taboos are social prohibitions or bans that relate to human behavior or customs. This class will take you on a journey outside of your comfort zone and across cultural borders to explore rituals that are acceptable in some cultures but are forbidden, illegal, or reviled in others.

C Block **Grade: HS** **THE MATH DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Murphy, Colin

Special Requirements: N/A

Maybe Lewis Carroll was onto something when he wrote of the madness and absurdity that is Wonderland? In this course you will dive into the mathematics in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and other stories. In addition to this we will study the history of mathematics at the time and how that influenced Carroll's writing.

C Block **Grade: HS** **TRADITIONAL AND NON-TRADITIONAL
WATERCOLOR** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Middleton, Peter

Special Requirements: N/A

At its heart, this watercolor painting class introduces the basics of watercolor and includes demonstrations of various application methods and techniques, but this class adds non-traditional approaches and techniques to the painting process. How about adding collage, or using drawing in combination with watercolor? Each student is required to complete a finished watercolor painting by the end of the project term class for the Project Term Open House class exhibition.

CD Block **Grade: HS** **STRATFORD FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE** **Fee: \$400.00**

Teacher: Andrews, Rachel

Special Requirements: Travel to Canada requires a Passport/Enhanced License or Passport Card. At the time of this publication, all travelers must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19, as well as get a negative Covid test within 72 hours of travel.

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 theatre 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!

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CD Block **Grade: HS** **WEST MICHIGAN BIKE AND HIKE** **Fee: \$50.00**

Teacher: Meyer, Nathan

Special Requirements: *The fee for the class is only \$50 and will cover the cost transportation of equipment to necessary trail heads. 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 off campus 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 and get fit. You'll also learn about bicycle gearing, as well as basic dietary/caloric fitness for active outdoor living. We will identify trees, and learn to look at forest ecology. You will be home every weeknight and won't need to miss all the events after school on campus.

D Block **Grade: HS** **#GIRLSWHOLIFT** **Fee: \$20.00**

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 yourself! 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 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.

D Block **Grade: HS** **ADVENTURE THROUGH ITALY AND FRANCE** **Fee: ****

Teacher: Pyle, Bridget

Special Requirements: ***See Mrs. Pyle for current enrollment fees.*

It's a city's unique characteristics that give it its personality. Venice is known for its canals. The Florence Duomo and Pisa's Leaning Tower show that architectural icons come in many shapes and sizes. The Principality of Monaco is all about glitz, with its palace and casino, while Paris reveals itself in many ways, from the Tuileries gardens to the cafés on the Champs-Élysées. During Project Term 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. Join us on a life changing adventure through Italy and France this June!

D Block **Grade: HS** **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 daily movie prompts and then released to create their own ending to the story.

D Block **Grade: HS** **CRICUT CRAFTING 101** **Fee: \$40.00**

Teacher: Merkison, Andrea

Special Requirements: *N/A*

In Cricut Crafting 101 we will design SVG files using Design Space and will use those files to create projects using the Cricut cutting machine. We will use the machine to cut paper and different kinds of vinyl to make paper projects, cards, flowers, t-shirts, mugs, cups, bulletin boards around the school, and more. We will get into the entrepreneurial spirit by designing some items to sell at the Project Term Open House.

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D Block **Grade: HS** *DISSECTIONS!! DISSECTIONS!!* **Fee: \$25.00**
DISSECTIONS!!

Teacher: Schuler, Joe

Special Requirements: N/A

Did you enjoy animal dissections in science class? Do you wish you could have done different animals, or more animals? In this course you will perform multiple dissections and compare the anatomy of a variety of organisms. Possible animals are: a crayfish, a squid, a Black River Rat, and a shark! You will make drawings of each animal and create an informational card that provides details about each animals anatomy, and lifespan.

D Block **Grade: HS** *DYSTOPIC STUDIES* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka

Special Requirements: N/A

Can society change individuals, and can individuals change their society? What are the possibilities for identity, ethical behavior, and courage under totalitarian systems? How do computer and robot technology lead us to a new set of questions about the nature of reality? What are the ethical issues surrounding bioengineering and mechanization? We will discuss these and other related questions throughout this exciting course. Dystopias are genres of literature, film, and other media that analyze social constructions and political structures. While utopias focus on an ideal world as the setting for the novel, dystopias focus on a world in which these perfect ideals have been undermined. In this class, we will read, watch, discuss, and analyze dystopic fiction in a variety of forms and its philosophical implications for today's world.

D Block **Grade: HS** *EVERYTHING DUNE* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Collins, Rebecca

Special Requirements: N/A

"Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration. I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me," might be one of the most famous quotes from Frank Herbert's *Dune*. Through this class, we will be reading through one of the most influential sci-fi novels of all time that inspired your favorite stories such as *Star Wars*, *Lord of the Rings*, and *1984*. We will also be comparing and contrasting the 1984 and 2021 films (come on, it's Timothee Chalamet) and playing the *Dune* board game.

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

Teacher: Bishop, Kim

Special Requirements: Students will need to have their parents establish an account with [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) and have it active prior to the first day of class. The cost will be between \$25 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 come someplace completely new and full of challenges? In this class students will research their family and develop a family tree. They will use online resources and interview family members to start their research.

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.

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

Teacher: Clark, Tammy

Special Requirements: N/A

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D Block **Grade: HS** *JUST KEEP SWIMMING, SWIMMING, SWIMMING!* **Fee: \$100.00**

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 piece for women), swim cap (latex, silicone, usually for people with lo*

Learn how to move through the water like the greats: Michael Phelps. . . Katie Ledecky. . . Bruce. "Hello Bruce." In this course you will learn the 4 competitive swim strokes, dryland (out of water) exercises, and how to make a swim workout. You will implement commonly used drills, watch video, and possibly watch live demonstrations of how to swim the stroke. Students in this class should be able to swim 25 yards without stopping-it is not a learn to swim class.

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

Teacher: Ewald, Tim and Todd Schwartz

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** *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

HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT TERM COURSES

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

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

Teacher: Witvoet, Tim and Brett Bittrick

Special Requirements: *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** *SO YOU WANT TO BE A REFEREE!?* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Gray, Steve

Special Requirements: *Students will need to wear athletic apparel. Soccer shoes and shin guards would be helpful but are not required. 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*

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.

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

Teacher: Stid, Jake

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, Ticket to Ride, 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** *WWII TRIPS AND MODELS* Fee: \$40.00

Teacher: Morse, Keely

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Come learn about WWII history. We will take a field trip to board the USS Silversides in Muskegon. 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. 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.