

Mini-term Course Catalog

Listed below are classes that are being offered for the mini-term session, **March 12-16, 2018**. Please read the details of the courses as you make selections on your online registration form sent to parents.

1. Look over the mini-term course catalog. Select the classes that interest you.
2. Understand that you/your family are responsible for the course fee(s) and transportation to and from the class site. (Some classes meet off campus; however, carpools can often be arranged.)
3. Parents will receive a link to the online registration at 6:00 PM on the following dates:
 - Seniors – Wednesday, November 15
 - Juniors – Sunday, November 19
 - Sophomores – Wednesday, November 29
 - Freshmen – Monday, December 4
4. Register online for **six half-day courses or the equivalent**. (Include **AM & PM** choices.) List them in order of preference. If first choices are full, you will be enrolled in subsequent choices.
5. **Do NOT sign up for a class you have already taken**. Also note other restrictions on course enrollment.

▪ **Attendance** at your mini-term class is required and will be included as a grading criterion for **any** mini-term class.

AM / PM	<i>Adobe Photoshop</i>	Instructor	Mr. Schlich
This introduction to Adobe Photoshop will familiarize users with the editing capabilities of Adobe Photoshop software. Foundational instruction will be given to familiarize the user with the basic functions and capabilities of Photoshop. Students also will learn how to use the Adobe Photoshop interface and access its expansive set of features to create/design/edit/enhance/manipulate digital images and illustrations for print and Web publication using some of Photoshop's advanced features.		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$5
		Grading	participation and projects

PM	<i>Advanced Board Games: Tiers of Complexity in Simulations</i> *	Instructor	Mr. Baker
Designed for Upperclassmen, this mini-term will examine how board games use different levels of complexity and how those differences serve a variety of goals within game design. Instruction will consist of studying design philosophies and then applying that knowledge to <i>Star Wars: Armada</i> , <i>X-Wing</i> , and <i>Warhammer 40,000</i> . * This class is limited to students who have participated in the Board Game Club, or have taken a board game class during mini-term in the past.		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$50
		Grading	Written explanation of core concepts

AM	<i>America's Founding Documents</i>	Instructor	Mr. Steve Small
The course includes discussions of the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, Constitution and the Bill of Rights. In addition, historic background will be provided for appropriate transition between documents.		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$0
		Grading	Participation, notes

AM	<i>Anatomy – Made in His Image</i> *	Instructor	Mrs. McGinnis
This class is for you if you love exploring the complexities of the human body. We will take a close look, through dissection, at the intricacies of a cow's brain, eye, kidney, heart, and various other structures. We will also spend some time learning about possible vocations in the medical field. * Students who took Anatomy during the 2016-2017 school year may NOT take this course.		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$75
		Grading	Completion of lab assignments: dissection, questions answered, labeling of diagrams

AM	<i>Automobile Maintenance and Repair</i>	Instructor	Mr. Brett Beachler
<p>Want to learn “how to’s” on your vehicle? What can you inspect on your vehicle? How to save \$100,000 over the life of vehicles?</p> <p>Try hands-on experience in small engine maintenance and repair.</p>		Location	3623 N University St, Peoria, IL 61604
		Cost	\$0
		Grading	Participation; understanding of terms, concepts & procedures.

Full Day	<i>Backpacking & Camping *</i>	Instructor	Mr. Sanderson & Miss Sheaffer
<p>Learn basic backpacking & camping skills; including navigation, wilderness first aid, and camp setup. We will learn how to plan and execute a backpacking trip while staying safe & enjoying God's beautiful creation. The class will consist of morning instruction followed by afternoon hands-on experience. We will practice hiking, navigation, & water filtration in various local parks.</p> <p>* Students going on the Colorado trip in the summer must take this class. Others may take the trip if there is room.</p>		Location	PCS; Detweiller Park, & Wildlife Prairie Park
		Cost	\$10
		Grading	Safe & active participation; final exam

AM	<i>The Beauty Culture Industry</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Jenny Schwartz
<p>The student will be introduced to two leading beauty schools in the Peoria area.</p> <p>The students will learn about the variety of services the beauty industry provides and have a "hands on" experience in almost every class led by Salon Professionals.</p> <p>The student will learn nail care, manicures and acrylics, hair care and braiding, and have instruction on proper skin care and makeup application. Other services, such as facials and waxing will be presented.</p> <p>This class will help students in deciding if a career in the Beauty Culture Industry would be a possible future plan for them.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$40
		Grading	Cooperative participation & accomplishment of techniques

PM	<i>Beginning Knitting</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Pasteris
<p>This class is designed to explain and demonstrate fundamental stitches of knitting. We will discuss the basic tools of knitting along with the history of knitting and how to understand patterns</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$30
		Grading	Quiz and active participation

AM	<i>Board Games for Beginners: Scaling of Popular Games *</i>	Instructor	Mr. Baker
<p>Focusing on <i>Diplomacy</i>, <i>Risk</i>, <i>Warhammer</i>, and <i>X-Wing</i>, this mini-term is designed for underclassmen interested in learning about the different levels and stratification of scope within table-top gaming. Participants will study and learn about the differences between Grand Strategy, Global Warfare, Company based, and Skirmish based games and try their hand at the various game types.</p> <p>* This class is limited to students who have NOT participated in the Board Game Club, and have NOT taken a board game class during mini-term in the past.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$40
		Grading	Summary of game stratification

PM	<i>Bonjour! Conversational French</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Rosie Furston
<p>This course will allow students to learn some basic conversational skills of beginning French. These would include introductions and greetings, ordering food, asking for directions and learning something about the French people and their culture. We will also learn some stories and songs that will make learning French fun!</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$20
		Grading	Ability to understand and use vocabulary; effort; progress

PM	<i>Book Club for Girls</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Ulrich
<p>Francine River's book study on <i>Lineage to Grace</i> about five women who lead the lineage to Christ including Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$35
		Grading	Participation & journal entries

AM	<i>Candy Making</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Pasteris
<p>Learn how to make candy and some of the science behind it! We will be making caramels, turtles, peanut butter meltaways and more. We'll have a sweet time!!</p>		Location	Riverside Community Church
		Cost	\$35
		Grading	Participation and quizzes

PM	<i>Ceramic Projects: Fired Up! *</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Langan
<p>Our week at Fired Up will include a tour of the building including the kiln room and storage area. The staff at Fired Up will instruct painters in pottery painting techniques such as carbon transfer lettering, lettering tips, shaving cream techniques and rubbing alcohol. Students will learn about the history of Fired Up, the production of pottery, clear glazing and loading kilns. They will also learn the ins and outs of this business. Students will paint a platter with a Bible scene and a Bible verse. We will also experiment with canvas painting if time allows. After completing these projects, students will be given a \$40 allowance to use as they wish on their next project. Any money left over from the \$40 will be given to the student in a gift card to use at a later date.</p> <p>*Students may NOT take both Ceramic Projects & Pottery Projects, so list preferences carefully.</p>		Location	Fired Up 4532 N Prospect Rd. Peoria Heights
		Cost	\$130
		Grading	Participation, following procedure, & completion of projects

PM	<i>Christian Service in Action!</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Smith, & Mrs. Kay Price
<p>God calls us to serve others. In Galatians 5:13b, it says "Serve one another humbly in love." We will seek to do just that by completing several fun service activities together! We will be making homemade fleece blankets for seriously ill and traumatized children through Project Linus, "tying" baby quilts that are sent overseas to babies in need, shopping for and packing Operation Christmas Child boxes, and helping one afternoon at the Midwest Food Bank. The cost of the class will mainly cover materials to make the blankets, one to give away and also one for each participant to take home or to give as a gift.</p>		Location	PCS, Wal-Mart, Midwest Food Bank
		Cost	\$62
		Grading	Participation

AM	<i>Civil Rights Movement</i>	Instructor	Mr. Schoon
<p>This landmark series, documents the history of the civil rights movement in America. Segments include the Montgomery bus boycott of 1954, school desegregation in 1957 Arkansas, the right-to-vote battle within Mississippi, the march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The series has been honored with a George Foster Peabody Award, Television Critics Association Award and numerous Emmy Awards.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$0
		Grading	video notes and class discussion

AM	Classic Films Study	Instructor	Mrs. Ulrich
Each day we will view a movie and follow up with questions. Movies shown are: <i>My Fair Lady</i> , <i>Rio Bravo</i> , <i>Rear Window</i> , <i>Casablanca</i> , <i>An Affair to Remember</i>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$10
		Grading	attentive viewing of films; participation in discussion

PM	A Clue to Solving Mysteries	Instructor	Mrs. Elliott
Intriguing mysteries sharpen our wits and drive us to discover the truth! We will read some classic mystery stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Edgar Alan Poe, and other modern mystery writers as well as watch classic videos like <i>Rear Window</i> to engage our detective skills. Then we'll combine our skills to create our own mystery story. Join the class to become an amateur sleuth!		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$15
		Grading	reading, participation in discussions, and in-class written responses and mystery story

AM	College Planning and Visits	Instructor	Mrs. Downing & Dr. Joel Eckert
Does thinking about college or what you want to do after high school put you in panic mode? Are you looking forward to college but have no idea what you want to do or what to expect as you start to look at colleges? In this mini-term we will cover a variety of topics related to college preparation and looking at potential careers. We will spend 2 days in the classroom doing activities such as taking an interest/skills inventory, researching different career options, planning college visits, virtual tours and learning to what to look for and what questions to ask when talking to admissions representatives. We will spend the final 3 days of class touring various colleges close to Peoria, to get a feel the admissions process, campus life and what it is like to be a college student!		Location	PCS & college campus visits
		Cost	\$68
		Grading	participation; reflection paper

PM	Creation Science	Instructor	Mr. Gerber
We will do some digging into the science of creationism and the Biblical account in Genesis, and we will contrast this with the claims of naturalism and evolution. Could the universe really follow this account? What is the evidence for this? We will narrow this down to examining the fossil record, radioactivity and radiometric dating, plate tectonics, dinosaurs, comets and stars, genetics and gene drift, and design in some specific animals.		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$0
		Grading	Participation in activities and discussion

PM	Creative Writing	Instructor	Mr. Boggs
This class will imitate a college creative writing workshop. We will all write short stories and then edit them together. If you have ever been interested in writing a fiction or creative nonfiction story, then this may be the class for you!		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$0
		Grading	Participation; quality of writing

AM	<i>Did You Hear That?</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Ramsey & Jay Claudin
<p>Join Jay and Mrs. Ramsey as you learn about routine route, setup, and teardown of Tech Events. Discover how to properly mix and EQ various types of voices and instruments. Lighting basics will also be covered. Please bring headphones.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$0
		Grading	over/under coiling practice; assignment; participation

AM	<i>Digital Photography</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Eversole and Mrs. Peterson
<p>Description This course will help the students become familiar with the fundamentals of digital photography. We will cover camera settings, composition and lighting. Students will receive instruction, demonstrations, and see samples of the desired outcomes at the beginning of each period. We will then go outside to practice the lessons taught. There will be daily review of photos students have shot the previous day(s). They will see what makes a successful photo and what does not.</p> <p>Weather depending, we will go to Luthy Botanical Gardens, Forest Park and other photo shooting locations.</p> <p>Students are required to have a digital camera. They may not use a cell phone.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$10
		Grading	participation during discussions and demonstrations; taking photos that meet the daily goals; turning photos in on time

AM	<i>Discerning Disney!</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Smith
<p>We all have our favorite Disney movies, from <i>Snow White</i> to <i>Pirates of the Caribbean</i> to <i>Frozen</i>. Do you ever think about the powerful lessons in the movies or the worldview that is being portrayed in them? Movies can have a great impact on us, and we need to have discerning minds when it comes to our movie-watching. In this class, we will watch and discuss five Disney movies. Using Bible verses, movie review guides, and thought-provoking questions, we will investigate some of the ideas/lessons/themes in the movies and seek to develop and strengthen our Christian worldview.</p> <p>Materials needed: Pencils, folder, Bible.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$10
		Grading	Written responses to homework questions, participation in class discussions, preparation for class (bringing materials)

AM	<i>Dr. Seuss Turned Loose</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Elliott
<p>We will explore the familiar Seuss stories and movies as we investigate the man behind the myth. He presents his response to family issues, the environment, values, and even American involvement in WWII through advertising, cartooning and, children's literature. We'll even visit Seussville.com to attempt to continue his legacy with our own best rhythms and rhymes.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$0
		Grading	reading; participation in discussions; in-class written responses; "Suessian" story

AM	<i>Drumline</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Retz
<p>This course will introduce students to the basics of drumline. Each student will learn stick technique, rhythm, and percussive music reading. Some musical experience is helpful but not required. By the end of the week, students will be able to perform basic drumline cadences.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$10
		Grading	Participation and performance

AM	<i>Fit for Life *</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Noelle Haverhals
<p>This class includes calisthenics, cardio, body-weight training, and strength training. You will be challenged – and encouraged – as you work out under the supervision of a personal trainer. Learn about lifetime fitness through the disciplines of well-balanced exercise, nutrition and lifestyle.</p> <p>*Students may NOT take Tennis, Weightlifting, or Wrestling 101 if you take this course. So list preferences carefully.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$10
		Grading	participation, following directions and safety protocols

AM	<i>Food Science for the Home</i>	Instructor	Ms. Rebecca Wuebben
<p>Have you ever wondered why your grandma’s mashed potatoes are perfectly smooth? Or why vegetables have so many different colors? Find out the scientific answers behind food quality and eat some yummy dishes in Food Science for the Home. We will spend one day each studying Vegetables/Fruits, Grains, Starches/Sauces, Meats, and Pastries, as well as practicing basic cooking and safety principles.</p> <p>Instructor: Rebecca Wuebben, Senior Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics major</p>		Location	Bethany Community Church, Washington, IL
		Cost	\$45
		Grading	Participation; demonstration of cooking and safety principles

PM	<i>Inspirational Stories in African American History</i>	Instructor	Mr. Schoon
<p>There is so much more to African-American History than slavery. We will watch and discuss African-American success stories such as Jackie Robinson, Michael Jordan, Rosa Parks, Ben Carson and the ladies of <i>Hidden Figures</i>.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$5
		Grading	video notes and class discussion

FULL DAY	<i>Internship (juniors and seniors only) – additional paperwork required*)</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Bennington
<p>In addition to registering online, ALL STUDENTS APPLYING FOR AN INTERNSHIP MUST SEE MRS. BENNINGTON BY NOVEMBER 29 TO PICK UP ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK*.</p> <p>An internship allows a student to learn about practical aspects of the work place by observing and/or assisting a professional in a field that interests the student. Those participating in an internship will need to find a supervising employer by Monday, January 8, 2018. Classroom times will be scheduled prior to mini-term and must be attended by all students in addition to their 20 hours of job shadowing. Instruction will include various workplace topics. (Students may only take internship class for a second year if it is a DIFFERENT internship.)</p> <p>*Due dates must be followed as laid out by Mrs. Bennington to qualify for internship.</p>		Location	PCS & Intern site
		Cost	\$0
		Grading	Meeting deadlines prior to mini-term; completing 20 hours of job shadowing; evaluation by employer; class assignments and final paper

AM	<i>PAWS (Peoria County Animal Protection Services)</i>	Instructor	Mrs. Kitty Yanko
<p>Love animals? Think you would like to work with animals? Spend your mini-term mornings with four footed friends and get a behind the scenes look at animal shelter life. Taking care of animals is hard work, but very rewarding! Time will be spent cleaning and caring for dogs, cats and other small animals.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to donate a small bag of Science Diet dog food or cat food, Science Diet canned kitten food, or scoop-able cat litter to the shelter, or to make a recommended cash donation of \$10.</p>		Location	2600 NE Perry Ave., Peoria, IL 61603
		Cost	\$0
		Grading	Participation

AM	Pottery Projects *	Instructor	Mr. Jacob Grant
<p>Students will learn about and work on a variety of pottery projects. All supplies and equipment are provided by the studio.</p> <p>Day 1: Collaborative Project Day 2: Pinch pots and beginning wheel throwing Day 3: Wheel throwing Day 4: Trimming, throwing and/or hand building Day 5: Under glaze to finish pots</p> <p>All work will be finished in 3-4 weeks and ready for pickup.</p> <p>*Students may NOT take both Ceramic Projects & Pottery Projects, so list preferences carefully.</p>		Location	Wheel Art Pottery Studios, 1101 SW Washington St., Peoria, IL 61602
		Cost	\$90
		Grading	Following directions; completion of projects

PM	Psychology	Instructor	Miss Anderson
<p>Why am I different? Or is it everyone else that is different? Why did she do that? How does he know that? How can we possibly get along?</p> <p>Learn some of the basics about personality types, family systems, moral development, cognitive development, and group dynamics.</p> <p>Observe, test and analyze what people do and why?</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$10
		Grading	Participation in discussion, reading & journaling

AM	Quiet Time 101	Instructor	Mrs. Nicole Pepper
<p>Come and explore small group prayer and personal quiet time with the Lord with this class! We will integrate the 4 steps of prayer, Bible art journaling (includes new ESV journal Bible), & creating an attributes of God canvas (no art expertise needed!) to create a "prayer closet" for you to take with you. Each day we will start with coffee & breakfast. No human lofty words needed - God's Word is best!</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$40
		Grading	Participation in activities

PM	Repurposing Furniture	Instructor	Mrs. McGinnis
<p>Do you have funky ideas for upcycling old furniture? If you like turning old junk into new treasures then this class is for you! We will spend the week painting, staining, sanding, and putting your creative touches on furniture projects.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$75
		Grading	Completion of projects; class participation

AM	Rocketry	Instructor	Mr. Gerber
<p>We will cover the history and the science of rocketry. We will design and build rockets using 2-liter bottles, and we will launch using water pressure. Students will keep a lab record of launch flight times, then will vary the amount of water (fuel/weight) in the rocket and potentially launch angle at launch to see how this affects the flight time.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$5
		Grading	Completion of projects and reports

AM	Simple Living	Instructor	Miss Sheaffer
<p>Is less really more? This class will focus on why possessions don't add happiness to our lives and can actually create more stress. Students will explore the minimalism movement, be challenged to combat consumerism culture, create a simple budget, and declutter both physically and mentally; all while exploring how these areas tie into Christian living.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$0
		Grading	Assignments and journal entries.

PM	Stage Make up	Instructor	Ms. Kasi Sheaffer
<p>In this class, we will learn basic stage makeup as well as experiment with things such as old age, fantasy and wound makeup. We will also go over the procedure of putting on wigs.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$70
		Grading	Participation, improvement of skills

PM	Tennis for Beginners	Instructor	Mrs. Cox
<p>Introduction to Tennis is designed to give students an opportunity to learn the basic skills of tennis. We will be learning how to play a game, the rules of the game, how to hit groundstrokes, serving, and net play. Each day the students will have an opportunity to play tennis and have instruction from Mrs. Cox and Mario Palmieri. We will be playing indoors at the Racquet of Peoria. The last day we will have a round robin doubles tournament.</p> <p>Students must provide their own tennis racket.</p> <p>This class is for beginners, student who have been on the Tennis team may NOT take this course.</p>		Location	Racquet Club of Peoria 1527 W. Altorfer 61615
		Cost	\$65
		Grading	Participation; improvement in skills

PM	Weightlifting	Instructor	Mr. Hynek
<p>This class will focus on weight room safety, proper technique, study of supplements to enhance performance, and how to develop your own workout plan for your specific needs. Our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit so we want to make sure we take care of it!</p>		Location	Fitness Center
		Cost	\$50
		Grading	Workout plan; safe participation

PM	Wrestling 101	Instructor	Mr. Sterken
<p>Welcome to a basic introduction to folk style wrestling. This class will cover the basic rules of wrestling, as well as form, take downs, defense, and matches. This class is offered to all men who seek to learn the discipline of competitive wrestling.</p>		Location	PCS
		Cost	\$0
		Grading	Participation, improvement, following safety procedures