



## **Jterm 2027**

**Trip, Local, On-Campus,  
and Team Experiences**

Welcome to January Term 2027!

Our January term sessions increase opportunities for learning and exploration that challenge our students in areas of interest and encourage deeper faculty-student relationships through enrichment electives, educational travel, service, mission trips, and Career Experience Opportunities (CEO). Jterm is January 4-8, 2027.

### High School:

Jterm is a required CVCA experience for all students. High school students must enroll in **one** of the following options:

- All-day class
- Morning (AM) **and** afternoon (PM) class session - creating a full day experience
- Career Experience Opportunity (grades 9-12)
- Trip or Mission Trip Exemption
- Student Independent Study (parent proposal required)

\*Students who are not registered for Jterm should not report to school and will receive unexcused absences for the week.

**Winter Athletes and Trips:** Winter **athletes** are expected to select a local Jterm opportunity, unless their team is participating in a specific Jterm-related experience, so they can participate in practices and games as outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook. Any questions or concerns regarding this policy should be directed to the athletic department.

This preview of January term trip offerings is provided for those interested in traveling during Jterm 2027. This year, we included local offerings in this initial catalog as well. **Please note that all JTerm offerings are subject to change.**

### Registration Dates:

**Jterm TRIP registration begins Wednesday, July 8th, 2026.**

**Local and All day Jterm registration begins Wednesday, October 7th, 2026.**

- To allow for a more enriching travel experience, international trips may extend into Christmas break.
- A **non-refundable deposit** is required at the time of registration. CVCA reserves the right to cancel any trip that does not meet the minimum number of participants. In the event of a cancellation, deposits may be transferred to another trip or Jterm class.
- Deposits for CVCA-arranged trips will be applied to the total trip cost, with the remaining balance billed through the family's FACTS account.
- Sign-up deposits for trips through our partner travel companies will be applied to additional trip expenses (such as tips, luggage, etc.).
- Trips coordinated through our partner travel companies, EF Tours, Joshua Expeditions, and Grand Classroom require separate online registration through their respective websites. An additional deposit and trip insurance are required at the time of registration. The deposit will be applied to the total cost of the trip.

**\*Please note that prices for flights are currently volatile. In the event that the pricing of a trip needs adjusted, we will notify families and issue an updated catalog.**

### Family Involvement & Planning

*We encourage you to take time as a family to carefully review the course offerings and discuss which options will be most beneficial and financially feasible for your student. Full details, including associated costs, are outlined in this document.*

### Important Reminders

- Class Availability: CVCA reserves the right to cancel any class that does not meet minimum enrollment requirements.
- Final Selections: Please make Jterm selections thoughtfully. **Registrations are final and may not be changed.**
- Registration Timing: Student **registrations submitted before their assigned time will be canceled.**

## Jterm Trip Overview – January 4-8, 2027

*Please note that the information in this preview is subject to change.*

### TRIPS – Local/Domestic/International

A **non-refundable deposit** is required at the time of trip registration. In addition, partner organizations (such as EF Tours, Grand Classroom, or Joshua Expeditions) require a separate deposit, which will be applied to the total cost of the trip.

Registration for Jterm trips: **July 8 & 9, 2026** - an email with registration instructions and details will be sent to families

**Please Note:**

- All travel, outside the contiguous U.S., is limited to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 unless otherwise noted. Trips within the contiguous United States are open to all students in grades 9-12.
- To allow for a more enriching travel experience, international trips may extend into Christmas break.

LOCAL/DOMESTIC	INTERNATIONAL
Art Journaling Retreat	A Tour of Italy
ASL in Texas	Costa Rican Adventure
Broadway New York & MORE	Land of the Rising Sun (Okinawa)
Designing Wonder: Where Faith Meets Engineering and Storytelling	Rwanda Jterm - SOBE, SOMP, SOM
Florida Everglades & Keys Adventure	Serving in Quillota, Chile
Hiking the Smoky Mountains	STEP Norway
Unwind and Recharge - Salt Fork	
Utah Adventure	
Athletics	Spring Break 2026 Trip - meets Jterm requirement
Girls Basketball Getaway	Golf Architecture & Experience in America (Mterm)
Wrestling North Florida Training Camp	STEP Brazil - EIPG (Mterm)
Swim Team Training Camp Florida	School of Classics - A Week in Florence (Mterm)

## **TRIPS ~ \$3000+**

### **Costa Rican Adventure— TRIP (Joshua Expeditions)**

**Leader:** Mr. D Kamp, Mrs. C Kamp, Mrs. K Holbert, Mr. W Rasper

**Cost:** \$3005 + travel insurance \$189.50

**Dates:** December 31 - January 6

**Grades:** 11, 12

Trade your textbooks for the rainforest! You absolutely do not want to miss out on this 7-day, Costa Rican Adventure, a trip that perfectly blends epic thrills, exotic wildlife, and pure relaxation. Kick off the journey by sipping a fresh cup of world-class coffee right at a local plantation before getting your adrenaline pumping with white water rafting and soaring through the jungle canopy on a thrilling zip-line tour. When you are ready to cool off, you can swim underneath a cascading waterfall, dive into crystal-clear waters to snorkel among vibrant fish, paddle along the coast in a kayak, or hold on tight for a wild ride on a banana boat. Nature lovers will be amazed by a dark night hike to find the iconic red-eyed tree frog, the Arenal volcano and a special visit to a wildlife preserve for an up-close sloth tour. Finally, wind down your days by melting your stress away in natural volcanic hot springs, shopping for colorful keepsakes at a traditional oxcart factory, soaking up the sun on a relaxing catamaran cruise, and spending devotional time with your peers. Space is limited for this trip of a lifetime, so grab your friends, pack your swimsuit, and get ready to experience the Pura Vida lifestyle! (Tentative dates: 12/31/26-1/6/27)

### **Florida Everglades & Keys Adventure – TRIP (Grand Classroom)**

**Leader:** Mrs. J Hager, Mrs. L Bailey

**Cost:** \$3,010 (Includes travel insurance)

**Dates:** January 4-8

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Inspired by Seeing God in America: Devotions from 100 Favorite Places, this five-day Florida Everglades and Keys Adventure invites students to experience travel as more than sightseeing—it becomes sacred seeing. As we journey through Everglades National Park by airboat, tram, and trail, and continue into the Florida Keys to snorkel along a coral reef, participate in hands-on research, visit the Turtle Hospital, swim with dolphins, feed tarpon, and gather for a sunset in Key West, we will pause to recognize God's artistry woven into wetlands, reefs, and shorelines. By slowing down, reflecting on Scripture, and responding with gratitude, students will see that His beauty is not confined to church walls but displayed across the landscape of creation. This thoughtfully planned trip blends experiential learning, community, and spiritual reflection—creating space for both discovery and worship.

## **Land of the Rising Sun (Okinawa)– TRIP (CVCA)**

**Leader: Mr. R Lyons**

**Cost: \$4510 (Includes Insurance)**

**Dates: December 31- January 9**

**Grades: 11, 12**

This trip will be a natural, historical and cultural exploration of Okinawa, Japan (the large island off of the southern coast of mainland Japan). During this trip we will have opportunity for (to name a few highlights) wilderness hikes, some simple cave exploration, snorkeling, kayaking, sight-seeing, touring OIST (Okinawa International Science and Technology), partner with the local Christian School Okinawa Christian School International (OCSI) and, of course, eat some amazing Japanese foods! We have 4 CVCA alumni that will help coordinate our time in Okinawa who currently work with OCSI! January is a prime time to visit Okinawa, Japan, since it is at approximately the same latitude as the Southern Florida Keys. If you're interested in some amazing international travel, marine biology, island life and wildly different cultural experiences, then this could be the trip for you! NOTE: Due to current airline fuel price fluctuation, if airfare goes above the budget, we will have to increase the cost of the trip by the equivalent amount.

## **School of Classics - A Week in Florence (Mterm) – TRIP (EF Tours)**

**Leader: Miss M Prentis, Mr. I Smaglinski**

**Cost: \$4009 + Travel Insurance**

**Dates: Spring Break March 22-26**

**Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12**

This week in Florence, Italy, invites SoC students to explore the "Cradle of the Renaissance," a city where art, philosophy, and history converge in every piazza. Guided by expert local historians, students move beyond mere observation to engage in high-level analysis of how the 15th-century "rebirth" of classical ideals reshaped Western civilization.

## **TRIPS ~ \$2500-3000**

### **A Tour of Italy – TRIP (CVCA)**

**Leader: Mr. J Samsonas, Mrs. L Samsonas, Mr. M Riordan, Mrs. M Riordan**

**Dates: January 2-9**

**Cost: \$3000 (includes travel insurance)**

**Grades: 10-12**

Spend eight unforgettable days walking in the footsteps of gladiators in Rome, marveling at the Renaissance in Florence, and navigating the enchanting canals of Venice. Join Mr. Sam and the Riordans for an epic Italian adventure. We've got the itinerary; you just need to bring the curiosity. Are you ready for the trip of a lifetime? NOTES: Due to current airline fuel price fluctuation, if airfare goes above the budget, we will have to increase the cost of the trip by the equivalent amount. Students must be able to walk several miles/day in an urban environment. This is a culture and history tour, not a shopping trip. There will be some free time, but most time will be spent touring.

## **Rwanda Jterm - SOBE, SOMP, SOM – TRIP (CVCA)**

**Leader:** Miss M O'Keefe, Mr. T Schofield

**Cost:** \$2510 (Includes Insurance)

**Dates:** December 31- January 9

**Grades:** 11, 12 (by invitation only)

Selected students have been invited for a trip to Rwanda to bear witness to the incredible work the Lord is doing in Kigali and Boneza through Arise Rwanda Ministries. On this trip, students will meet the women who create the bags sold by Shya Designs and hear their survival stories, visit the Kivu Hills Academy school that has provided high school education to students in that area for the first time in the region's history. SOMP students will have the opportunity to serve in the brand new hospital that is providing life-saving emergency and basic care for thousands who had to travel up to 80 miles on foot for care previously. In addition, the students will get to enjoy a full-day safari as well as visit the genocide museum, which represents an incredible story of forgiveness.

## **Serving in Quillota, Chile – TRIP (CVCA)**

**Leader:** Mrs. G Hutt, Mrs. H Bartel

**Cost:** \$2910 (Includes Insurance)

**Dates:** December 31- January 9

**Grades:** 10, 11, 12

Your student has an extraordinary opportunity ahead-a journey that blends service, learning, and cultural discovery in the heart of Chile. In January 2027, we'll embark on a school trip to Quillota, where students will serve through the local Baptist church, lead a vibrant VBS and sports camp, and connect with Chilean youth in meaningful ways. Beyond service, this experience nurtures both intellect and heart. Students will stay on an avocado farm to explore the agricultural business firsthand, visit the majestic Andes and Pacific coast, and engage in an educational tour of Santiago that brings classroom learning to life. Each day promises new friendships, language growth, and the joy of experiencing faith and culture beyond borders.

## **STEP Brazil - EIPG (Mterm) – TRIP (CVCA)**

**Leader:** Mrs. B Worth, Mr. D Mathena

**Cost:** \$2610 (Includes Insurance)

**Dates:** March 19-27

**Grades:** 10, 11, 12

Come with us to Brazil to visit our sister school EIPG in beautiful Atibaia during Spring Break M-term! We will visit the school and the surrounding area. Stay with Brazilian host families. We will have the opportunity to help with community projects near the school. EIPG will be having a high school ""Summer Camp"" that we will join. Yes, it will be summer time in Brazil! EIPG will visit CVCA for STEP (Short Term Exchange Program) in September 2026 for 10 days. We are asking anyone who would like to go with us on this trip to prayerfully consider hosting one of the STEP students from Brazil in the fall (for a true exchange), if possible. You would then stay with their family in Brazil for the M-term trip.

## **STEP Norway – TRIP (CVCA)**

**Non-Refundable Deposit: \$200 (applied to trip balance)**

**Leader: Mr. S Kasiguran**

**Cost: \$2410 (Includes Insurance)**

**Dates: January 1 - 10**

**Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12**

Norway is a beautiful country! Bergen, the second largest city, sits on the western coast and is considered the gateway to the fjords. A highlight of the trip is the "Norway in a Nutshell" tour by train, bus, and boat through the mountains and fjords. The Norway Short Term Exchange Program (STEP) provides the opportunity for home-to-home exchanges between students from Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy and the Danielsen Videregaende School in Bergen, Norway. Students from both schools learn about the customs and culture of the exchange country "from the inside," as they live with a host family. Our students experience first-hand the commonality of faith we enjoy in Christ as we typically attend church and youth group services while we are in Bergen. They also develop a measure of independence as they learn how to deal with a different currency and with people whose native language is not English. Although not a strict requirement, students interested in STEP-Norway should expect to host a Norwegian student from Danielsen School for nine or ten days in the fall. During the trip to Norway, the CVCA students typically stay with the family of the Danielsen student they host in the fall.

## **Utah Adventure – TRIP (Grand Classroom)**

**Leader: Mrs. B Hartman, Miss M Smith**

**Cost: \$2,930 (Includes Insurance)**

**Dates: January 4 - 8**

**Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12**

Trade the ordinary for the extraordinary in Utah's desert playground. Explore Arches National Park and hike to Delicate Arch, where the iconic formation glows against the desert sunset. Take on Moab's rugged trails with an unforgettable mountain biking adventure, surrounded by towering cliffs and sweeping red rock views. After the thrill, unwind in natural hot springs beneath open desert skies. It's the perfect blend of stunning scenery, adventure, and relaxation.

# TRIPS ~ \$1000-\$2499

## ASL in Texas – TRIP (CVCA)

Leader: Mrs. A Scott

Dates: January 2-6

Cost: \$1510

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Get ready for an unforgettable five-day adventure where you won't just visit Texas—you'll truly become Texans for the week! This Texas adventure is a high-energy immersion into the vibrant "Deaf Hub" of Austin, designed to grow students' language skills while deepening their understanding of Deaf ministry and fellowship. This high-energy trip is the ultimate deep-dive into Austin's vibrant Deaf Hub and community, starting the very second they land with a massive BBQ feast and some boot-scootin' line dancing to kick things off right. From the historic halls of the Texas School for the Deaf, to a beautiful & delicious Deaf-owned Crepe restaurant, to the powerful visual worship at a Deaf Church in San Antonio, students will see the Gospel and the ASL language come alive in ways a classroom just can't capture. There's plenty of time for exploring Austin's culture, including Texas BBQ, line dancing, water springs, hiking, and a sunset cruise to cap off the experience. It's a journey designed to stretch their hands and their hearts, fostering deep fellowship while getting to serve and sign. All meals and excursions are included in the price. And the best part for everyone? We'll be getting back on a Wednesday, giving the whole crew a few days to relax and recuperate so they're fully recharged and ready before school begins!

## Broadway New York & MORE – TRIP

Leader: Mrs. J Moore

Cost: \$1687

Dates: January 4th-7th

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Experience the energy of New York City this January in a getaway you won't forget! On Monday, January 4th, we'll hop on a comfortable bus and head straight into the heart of Manhattan for an unforgettable three night adventure. From the dazzling lights of Times Square to world-class shopping and dining, NYC has it all; touring the Empire State Building, the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and TWO live Broadway shows! All meals are included, so all you have to do is show up hungry and ready to explore. We'll stay overnight in a hotel before heading home, giving you a true New York City experience. The all-inclusive cost \$1687— covers ALL attractions, admissions, meals and private nighttime security. Spots are limited, so don't miss your chance to spend January in the city that never sleeps!

## **Designing Wonder: Where Faith Meets Engineering and Storytelling– TRIP (CVCA)**

**Leader:** Mr. J Fairfax, Mr. D Ramey, Mr. L Newland

**Cost:** \$1685

**Dates:** December 30 - January 7

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Step into a world where imagination takes shape and faith fuels innovation! Join us at Walt Disney World's Imagineering Campus for a one-of-a-kind journey that explores how creativity, storytelling, and engineering come together to build the magic we all love. Through hands-on workshops and behind-the-scenes experiences, students will uncover the science and artistry behind Disney's world-class attractions — from robotics and design to narrative architecture and themed engineering. Along the way, we'll pause to celebrate the ultimate Creator — the One who designed every spark of inspiration and the greatest story ever told. Through devotionals, group reflection, and time in the parks, we'll see how faith and innovation intertwine, reminding us that all creativity begins with God Himself. \* We will be on our feet 6am-10pm during park days. There is also a meal ticket included that will cover most food.

## **Golf Architecture & Experience in America (Mterm)– TRIP (CVCA)**

**Leader:** Mr. A Armstrong, Mr. M Brower, Mr. M Belden, Mr. D Fairchild

**Cost:** \$2,485

**Dates:** March 21-25

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

This trip allows our students to play some fantastic golf courses, to learn about the history of the game in America, to learn about golf architecture and to think about how the principles of golf also apply to living a wise and godly life.

## **Swim Team Training Camp Florida– TRIP (CVCA Athletics)**

**Leader:** Mrs. K Suplit

**Cost:** \$1,085

**Dates:** January 4-8

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

This training trip is designed for high school swim team members to grow both in and out of the pool. The experience will include swim practices and dryland training along with intentional team bonding activities that strengthen relationships and team culture. Beyond training, there will be time for fun and enjoying Florida in the winter.

# TRIPS ~ \$999 and Under

## **Art Journaling Retreat – TRIP (CVCA)**

**Leader:** Mrs. K McSparran, Miss S Slovinsky

**Dates:** January 6-8th

**Cost:** \$350

**Grades:** 10, 11, 12

A week of creativity, relaxation, and fun with friends! First, we'll handcraft our own journals then fill them with art, inspiration, and personal expression.. After gathering ideas and experimenting with mixed media, we'll wrap up the week with a cozy Airbnb stay, where we'll make art, unwind, and enjoy all the best parts of a girls' getaway—late-night creativity, good music, snacks, and plenty of laughter. Art journaling is the perfect mix of self-expression and stress relief, giving students a chance to explore their thoughts, try new techniques, and grow as artists. If you know girls who love art, reflection, or just a fun and meaningful escape, this retreat is for them!

## **Girls Basketball Getaway – TRIP (CVCA Athletics)**

**Leader:** Mrs. B Tepley, Miss K Quigley

**Dates:** January 3-6

**Cost:** \$360

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Experience the ultimate getaway designed for the girls' JV/Varsity teams who seek to strengthen their faith. This unique cabin retreat combines basketball activities with meaningful chapel services and impactful service projects, fostering both athletic skills and spiritual growth. Enjoy engaging movie nights, cooking, baking, and activities that promote fellowship and camaraderie among teammates. Join us for an unforgettable journey of friendship, faith, and fun that will leave lasting memories and inspire personal growth.

## **Hiking the Smoky Mountains– TRIP (CVCA)**

**Leader:** Mr. A Armstrong, Mr. D Gifford

**Cost:** \$660 (Insurance Included)

**Dates:** January 4-8

**Grades:** 9-12

Ditch the screens and hit the trails. Join Mr. Armstrong for an unforgettable hiking expedition through the heart of the Smoky Mountains. Whether we're summiting peaks, chasing waterfalls, or spotting wildlife in the mist, this trip is all about fresh air, great views, and epic memories. Are you ready to see what the Smokies have to offer?

## **Unwind and Recharge - Salt Fork – TRIP (CVCA)**

**Leader:** Mrs. L DiPaolo, Miss L O'Brien

**Cost:** \$359 (Insurance Included)

**Dates:** January 4- 6

**Grades:** 9, 10 (girls only)

Are you interested in unwinding and re-charging for the new year? Join other like-minded young ladies for three days and two nights at rustic and beautiful Salt Fork Lodge. Learn how to relax and de-stress. Gain skills in understanding yourself. Learn to set goals that will assist you in following your God-ordained path. Practice tuning out the voices of social media in order to concentrate on the Voice of your Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Students and parents, please note: participants will be leaving their cell phones behind on this adventure! It just might be the beginning of something new and beautiful in your journey with Jesus! NOTE: students will be permitted to check in via cell phones from 7 PM to 8 PM each night. Other than that, they will be phone-free, and you can communicate with the leaders if there are emergencies.

## **Wrestling North Florida Training Camp – TRIP (CVCA Athletics)**

**Leader:** Mr. L Hopkins, Mr. D Bergen

**Cost:** \$760 (Insurance Included)

**Dates:** January 4- 10

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

This coming January, our wrestling program will travel to Jacksonville, Florida for training camp. Our purpose is to grow closer to the Lord, serve others, and strengthen the bond between our coaches and athletes as brothers in Christ. Throughout the trip, we will spend intentional time in God's Word, both individually and as a team, participate in a service project with the local church, train alongside the Camden County wrestling team, and compete in a local tournament.

# Jterm On-Campus Course Offerings and Exemption Overview

## January 4-8, 2027

Students choose one of the following: an AM and PM class, or an All-day Local/On-campus session, or a Mission Trip Exemption, or a Flex option.

Athletes in season are expected to select a local Jterm opportunity from the lists below so they can participate in practices and games as outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook. Any questions or concerns regarding this policy should be directed to the Athletic Department.

AM – Morning Sessions 7:50 - 10:50 a.m. Lunch - 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	PM – Afternoon Sessions 11:50 a.m - 2:50 p.m.	ALL-DAY – Local/On-Campus Sessions 7:50 a.m. – 2:50 p.m. daily with a break for lunch
Vintage Voltage	Holy Smokes	Around the World in Ate-y Days
Fundamentals of Coaching	Learn to Ice Skate (Better)	Five Day Film Festival
Get in the Swing - Golf at the Golf Dome	The Great Jterm Bake-in	Lifeguarding
Heavy Board Games	Lies Young Women Believe	Local Animals, Conservation, and Wildlife Science
Beginning Swing Dance	Snow Day Fun (Girls)	Theatre in Five
Thrift Flipping	Read, Relax, Repeat	<b>Mission Trip Exemption</b>
Historical Computer Simulations	Hiking the CVNP	Diakonos Spring Break Trip 2026
Promethean Fire: The Power and Peril of Technology	A Survey of Significant Motion Pictures Through History	Dominican Republic Mission Trip 2026
Biblical Threads	Basketball and Bibles (Guys)	Nashville Mission Trip 2026
Frame of Reference	Baseball Through the Ages	Church Mission Trip Summer 2026
Storytelling in Animation	Principles of Strength and Conditioning	<b>Flexible Options</b>
Ninja Warriors	Psalm 68:6 Refuge Host Homes Local Service Project	Career Experience Opportunity (CEO) Shadowing
Great Movies to Inspire your Faith		Student Independent Study (Parent Proposal and Academic Office Approval Required)

# AM/PM Local On-Campus

Students select **one AM** and **one PM** class creating a daily experience for Jterm week

## AM - MORNING OFFERINGS

### **Vintage Voltage - AM**

Leader: Mr. C Abell

Cost: \$145

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Ever wonder what happens when you unplug from the digital world and dive into the hands-on, tactile universe of analog technology? Welcome to Vintage Voltage - a hands-on workshop exploring all things analog! From vintage radios and film projectors, to vinyl players, classic synthesizers, and old-school cameras - you'll get to see, touch, and appreciate the art of analog technology. This experience will focus on film photography, allowing each student to experiment with shooting, developing, and scanning 35mm film!

### **Fundamentals of Coaching – AM**

Leader: Mr. R Carrosia

Cost: \$25

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Coaching that is Intentionally Christian! The course will break down the fundamentals of coaching, with an emphasis on coaching at the high school. The class will include clinic talks, interviews with other coaches, as well as describing a comprehensive plan for coaching. Coaching character will be addressed from a biblical perspective with an emphasis on practical insights on how we can live to be the men and women God intended for us to be as we strive for athletic excellence in the name of Christ.

### **Get in the Swing - Golf at the Golf Dome - AM**

Leader: Mr. D Fairchild, Mrs. B Edmonds

Cost: \$210

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

After a morning devotional we will head up to the Golf Dome to hit balls, practice putting and play the best golf courses in the World! (on simulators that is!) Open to any and all skill levels!

### **Heavy Board Games - AM**

Leader: Mr. R Gopp

Cost: \$10

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Learn and play board games with mechanics that are more fun, more interesting, and more thought-provoking than roll a die and move a guy.

## **Beginning Swing Dance - AM**

**Leader:** Mr. C Hubbell

**Cost:** \$10

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

This is not a traditional dance class! Swing dance is a highly versatile partner dance style that is very welcoming to new learners! It's super fun and easy to pick up and knowing it provides a great activity to do with friends at parties and dances alike. (Please note: while swing dance is a partner dance it is low in partner contact. Students participating in this J-term need to make their parents aware. Students will be required to dance with multiple partners over the course of the J-Term)

## **Thrift Flipping - AM**

**Leader:** Mrs. C Martinez

**Cost:** \$30

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Fast fashion is out; custom creation is in. In this course, you'll join a rebellion against disposable clothing by treating every garment as a blank canvas for fashion design. From embroidery to color theory, you will experiment with fabric dyeing and distressing, learning techniques to upcycle thrifted/repurposed finds into wearable pieces. Through the lens of "thrift flipping," we will explore structural redesign and textile art techniques to alter clothing into pieces that are both eco-friendly and uniquely yours. Why shop the trends when you were born to set them? NOTE: Students are required to bring 3–5 items from home to 'flip' (e.g., old jeans, oversized hoodies, or plain t-shirts). The course fee covers all specialized dyes, professional design tools, and a starter design kit that students will keep.

## **Historical Computer Simulations - AM**

**Leader:** Mr. C McSparran

**Cost:** \$20

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Have you ever wondered what it was like be Hannibal marching with the elephants or Napoleon facing his foes at Waterloo? Have you ever wished to craft glorious civilizations spanning millenniums or empires circling the globe without leaving your chair? Do you wonder if you have what it takes to face off against your fellow armchair general at CVCA? What some people call "games", we call "historical simulations." In this J-Term experience we will spend time learning historically-set strategy games such as Civilization VI, World of Tanks and Rise of Nations and then playing together. If you like doing these things, this J-Term is for you.

## **Promethean Fire: The Power and Peril of Technology - AM**

**Leader:** Mr. N Nussen

**Cost:** \$10

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

In the ancient Greek myth, the titan Prometheus stole fire from the gods to provide humanity the power of "techne," or technology. In this course, students will explore, from a biblical perspective, the power and perils of that "Promethean fire," especially in the form of nuclear weapons, genetic engineering, and artificial intelligence, through the study of scripture, philosophy, classical mythology, literature, and science-fiction films.

## **Biblical Threads- AM**

**Leader:** Mrs. S Oster

**Cost:** \$40

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12 (Girls only)

This is an introduction to embroidery. We will study Proverbs 31 and what it means to be a virtuous woman while learning basic embroidery stitches in a sampler book. By the end of the week, you may bring in any article of clothing or canvas sneakers to embellish with the embroidery stitches that you have just learned.

## **Frame of Reference - AM**

**Leader:** Mrs. A Chamberlain, Mrs. K Schroeter

**Cost:** \$25

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Every film is a machine made of many different parts. Frame of Reference is a five-day deep dive that teaches students how to view movies and focus on different lenses. By rotating our perspective, students move from being passive consumers to informed critics who can spot the difference between the different framing techniques the entertainment industry uses.

## **Storytelling in Animation - AM**

**Leader:** Mr. T Paisley

**Cost:** \$15

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

No animated film has ever won the Oscar for best picture, and yet many animated films employ the same techniques as history's greatest stories. Each day of this mini-term, we will explore a different story element (such as story structure or character development), then enjoy an animated film that exemplifies that story element. Through this experience, you will come to an even greater appreciation of animated storytelling.

## **Great Movies to Inspire your Faith - AM**

**Leader:** Mr. J Peters

**Cost:** \$15

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

If you love great movies and want to join in viewing, and discussing, through a week-long seminar of movies that will illustrate men and women of courage and conviction then this class is for you!

## **Ninja Warriors – AM**

**Leader:** TBD

**Cost:** \$200

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Train like an American Ninja Warrior! Each day consists of an hour-long class along with free time and obstacle exploration. Nicole Bann, owner and head coach of Super Ninja Zone, is our class instructor each day. Nicole is certified by the UNAA (Ultimate Ninja Athlete Association), a Certified Youth Fitness Trainer, Certified Personal Trainer, CPR, and First Aid Certified. Classes consist of stretching, warm-ups, exercises, lessons, and hands-on attempts at the obstacles. This course includes a focus on learning skills and techniques within the sport, such as how to do jumps and transfers, and techniques on swinging/hanging obstacles. Verbiage used within the sport, such as Lock Offs, Parkour, and Laches, is also taught in this class. Lessons on safety, upper body, lower body, stations, and competition, as well as segments about the names of muscle groups, nutrition advice, and how to achieve more confidence and maintain a positive attitude. Through positive reinforcement, Super Ninja fosters a growth mindset for its students.

## **PM - AFTERNOON OFFERINGS**

### **Principles of Strength and Conditioning - PM**

**Leader:** Mr. N Cook

**Cost:** \$20

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

For the purpose of equipping students for future fitness, better mental health, and current physiological needs - this course will instruct students on proper resistance training techniques, safety measures, and how to develop an effective strength training workout plan.

### **Holy Smokes – PM**

**Leader:** Mr. C Harr, Mr. M Brower

**Cost:** \$185

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

We have four passions in my life faith, family, fitness and flames. We would hope to share two of them faith and flames with the students. Time would be spent exploring, sharing faith, and cooking BBQ. Students will learn how to cook BBQ and side dishes both on the grill and smoker.

### **Learn to Ice Skate (Better) - PM**

**Leader:** Mrs. N Doeringer

**Cost:** \$250

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Have you ever wished you learned to ice skate? Have you hesitated going to the ice rink with friends because you end up freezing with sore ankles? Do you ice skate but wish you were better, faster, and maybe even graceful? Whether you want to learn power skating, spin, jump, or be like a Winter Olympian, come join us for lessons, practice, and a performance!

### **The Great Jterm Bake-in - PM**

**Leader:** Mrs. N Crocker and Mrs. L Cowley

**Cost:** \$160

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Ever wonder how a bag of flour and stick of butter turn into a flaky croissant or a perfect loaf of bread? The Great JTerm Bake-In is a five-day crash course in the "magic" of cooking from scratch. We're moving away from the microwave and the pre-made dough to see what happens when we make everything ourselves. In this relaxed, hands-on workshop, you'll learn the essential skills every home cook needs. No experience? No problem. We'll start with the basics - like how to properly measure ingredients and crack an egg without the shell - and work our way up to impressive treats you'll actually want to share with your friends and family. NOTE: Kitchen is not gluten or allergen free

## **Lies Young Women Believe - PM**

**Leader:** Mrs. S Gabler

**Cost:** \$20

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12 (Girls Only)

We live in a world that is inundating us with all kinds of messages and it is difficult to listen to the right voices and to think Biblically. In this study we will look at lies most commonly believed and how to overcome the ones you may believe about yourself.

## **Snow Day Fun - PM**

**Leader:** Mrs. J Meszaros and Mrs. E Wides

**Cost:** \$60

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12 (Girls Only)

Winter in Ohio is full of enjoyable opportunities - especially on a snow day! Come with us as we spend a few hours doing a variety of indoor and outdoor winter activities. We will ice skate, visit a museum, snowshoe or hike in a local park, spend a few hours at an indoor activity center, and watch a family-friendly movie in a theater.

## **Read, Relax, Repeat - PM**

**Leader:** Mrs. R Pykare, Miss M Neufeld

**Cost:** \$185

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12 (Girls Only)

If reading for hours and chatting about what you've read describes your perfect day, join our group of reading enthusiasts! You will have many opportunities to read books of your choice while enjoying snacks in a cozy, relaxing environment. Each of the days will have a short devotional and reading challenge. The rest of the time will be dedicated to individual reading time. We will also visit independent book vendors to explore what they have to offer and contribute our financial support to these businesses. We look forward to spending our days with fellow reading enthusiasts.

## **Hiking the CVNP - PM**

**Leader:** Mr. C Rupe, Mr. C Eernisse

**Cost:** \$25

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Hiking the CVNP is an incredible experience to become immersed in God's creation in our own backyard! We will spend each day traveling to a different corner of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and seeing the wide array of landscapes that are all contained in northeast Ohio. Students will hike areas such as Oak Hill, Buckeye Trail, Brandywine Falls, and Towpath and will be able to experience God's beauty first-hand. Each day will start with a historical lesson about the area we are hiking as well as a devotional to prepare us to appreciate God's creation.

## **A Survey of Significant Motion Pictures Through History - PM**

**Leader:** Mr. S Isaacs

**Cost:** \$10

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

This class is for the person who enjoys the craft and art of storytelling through the medium of film. Film style and the way movies are made have changed over the decades, but it remains a powerful art form in which stories are told visually. We will be viewing films ranging in time frames from the 1950's through the current decade, examining what makes the selected movies notable or remarkable in their place in film history. (films will be rated G, PG, PG-13)

## **Basketball and Bibles - PM**

**Leader:** Mr. S Johnson

**Cost:** \$30

**Grades:** 10, 11, 12 (Guys Only)

Are you an athlete? Do you love talking and watching basketball? If these things are all you then this is the place to be! During the week of Basketball and Bibles we will be watching a host of the most iconic NBA Finals and Men's final 4's, talking hoops and of course digging into our Bibles to discover the meaning of being athlete and believer. Sign up, no really sign up.

## **Baseball Through the Ages - PM**

**Leader:** Mr. A Chizmar, Mrs. C Chizmar

**Cost:** \$30

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Step into the batter's box for Baseball through the Ages. By analyzing World Series games from five different decades, students will witness firsthand how the strategy, style, and culture of America's pastime has shifted over time. Students will also master the classic art of scorekeeping while engaging in discussions about the sport's historical milestones. We will also spend time discussing how sports can be an avenue to draw closer to God who gives us the skill and capacity to compete and enjoy sports.

## **Psalm 68:6 - Refuge Host Homes Local Service Project – PM**

**Leader:** Mrs. M Perrow

**Cost:** \$25

**Grades:** 9,10, 11, 12 ( Girls Only)

Do you have a heart for serving and are interested in learning more about local ministries? Join us during J-term as we partner with Refuge Host Homes. Refuge's mission is to serve vulnerable pregnant women and their children in the Akron area by providing a safe haven through housing, supportive relationships, and the power and love of Jesus. We will spend the week learning about their ministry and actively participate in service-based projects supporting their families.

# All-Day Local On-Campus

## **Around the World in Ate-y Days – ALL**

**Leader:** Mrs. A McGough

**Cost:** \$210

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

A Culinary & Cultural Staycation Pack your appetite—no passport required! This January, escape the Ohio winter and embark on a five-day global expedition right in our own backyard. Around the World in Ate-y Days is an immersive, full-day J-Term experience that transforms Northeast Ohio's incredible local food scene into a multi-sensory cultural journey. Each day, we will "travel" to a new region of the globe. Our mornings will be spent on campus diving into the art, music, film, and literature of our daily destination. Then, we'll board the bus to experience an authentic feast at a beloved local restaurant, learning the history behind the dishes and practicing regional dining etiquette. We'll return to school in the afternoons to digest and engage in hands-on cultural games and traditions. The cost of this experience includes lunch and transportation each day (no additional cash required).

## **Five Day Film Festival – ALL**

**Leader:** Miss E O'Connor

**Cost:** \$15

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Five Day Film Festival is your chance to dive into the world of filmmaking! In just one week, you'll go from learning how movies are made to actually making a short film with a small crew of fellow student filmmakers. Miss O'Connor will walk you through the process of writing a short script and making it come to life in the role of either directing scenes, running a set, or framing and recording the shots. You'll also get to act in another group's film and see the final products come together on screen at our end-of-week showcase. We will also watch a few movies throughout the week because a love for filmmaking starts with a love of movies! This workshop is all about creative storytelling and having fun making something—no fancy cameras or experience required!

## **Lifeguarding – ALL**

**Leader:** Mrs. N Miller

**Cost:** \$160

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Currently, there is a lifeguard shortage. Perhaps a lifeguarding certificate will open the door to many opportunities. (job not guaranteed) Receive the following certifications: Lifeguard Training, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, Automated External Defibrillation (AED), and Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP). Note: Students must be 15 by the end of the course. Students will need to supply their own lunches except on Friday. Students must have an appropriate swimsuit, towel, and water bottle. There is a preliminary swim test scheduled prior to the class, likely in November. There MAY be some reading/study outside of class time.

## **Local Animals, Conservation, and Wildlife Science – ALL**

**Leader:** Mrs. S Rinearson

**Cost:** \$210

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Have you ever wondered what it takes to care for zoo animals or protect wildlife in the wild? During this J-Term experience, students will explore the science behind animal care, conservation, and wildlife protection by visiting several local organizations that work directly with animals and ecosystems. Throughout the week, students will take trips to places such as the Akron Zoo, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, and the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Along the way, we will learn about animal behavior, habitats, conservation efforts, and how scientists and veterinarians care for wildlife. Students will see firsthand how biology and environmental science are used to protect animals and their environments. This experience is perfect for students who enjoy animals, nature, and hands-on learning outside the classroom. Students should expect walking, outdoor exploration, and engaging discussions about how we can be responsible stewards of the natural world.

## **Theatre in Five– ALL**

**Leader:** Miss L Barbieri, Mrs. D King, Mr. F Lombardi

**Cost:** \$110

**Grades:** 9, 10, 11, 12

Experience the on-stage and behind-the-scenes magic of The Royal Theatre with all the fun and none of the stress! For this year's Theatre in Five, students will audition, rehearse, produce, and perform a one-act version of It Is Well, a new play by CVCA's own Miss (Laura) Barbieri. Inspired by the famous hymn of the same name, It is Well tells the incredible true story of faith in the midst of heartbreak. By selecting "Theatre in Five" as your J-Term 2027 experience, you'll have the chance to be in the "original cast" of this new script! Students will also learn about doing theatre as ministry and the connection between theatre and the Christian life. The J-Term will culminate in an evening performance for friends and family at the end of the week. Don't miss out on this opportunity to try something new and gain experience in all aspects of theater!

# Flexible Options

## Career Experience Opportunity (CEO) – ALL

Leader: Varies

Cost: \$5

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Career Experience Opportunities provide an ideal time for students to observe and learn about a profession of interest by shadowing a host in the local community. This is a chance for students to dive into the working world while considering future educational and vocational choices.

CEO Requirements and Expectations:

- Students are responsible for arranging one or more host sites for a minimum of 30 hours during Jterm.
- All students are expected to display appropriate and professional personal/social skills at the host site.
- During Jterm week students need to respond to daily questions in CANVAS and share about their CEO experience.
- At the end of this experience, a reflection paper is due
- To receive full Jterm credit, it is important that students meet all deadlines posted in CANVAS classroom.

Notes: Students participating in a CEO for Jterm, **must obtain the permission of a host and host site**. Students must be willing to contact potential hosts and share the requirements of a CEO. Consider contacting family, friends, and church members to see if they have suggestions of possible hosting sites in your career field of interest. **We do not recommend a CEO under the direct supervision of a parent.** Students may participate in a CEO during both their junior and senior year provided different host sites are selected.

## Student Independent Study – ALL

Leader: Mrs. L Staker

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Families interested in designing their own Jterm experience are invited to submit a proposal detailing their goals and objectives for the week, along with a plan for how students will complete the required 30 hours of educational or service-oriented activities. Please submit proposals using this [link](#) on or before October 20, 2026.

## Jterm Mission Trip Exemption – ALL

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

In order to incentivize and reinforce the value of mission trips, we added an exemption opportunity for students who qualify this year. If a student qualifies for the exemption, they do not have to report to CVCA's Jterm week. In order to qualify, a student has to verify that they went on a mission trip with a local church or organization in the Summer or Fall of 2026.

- Diakonos 2026
- Dominican Republic 2026
- Nashville 2026
- Church Mission Trip 2026 - download [Outside Mission Trip Verification Form](#)