



Jterm 2023
Trip and Course Offerings

Welcome to January Term 2023!

Our January term sessions (January 3-6, 2023) increase opportunities for learning and exploration that challenge our students in areas of interest and also encourage deeper faculty-student relationships through enrichment electives, educational travel, service, mission trips, and Career Experience Opportunities (CEO).

The **Middle School Jterm** program (grades 6-8) is designed to cultivate spiritual, educational, and personal growth in each student. Each middle school grade participates in a unified Jterm experience allowing students a unique and developmentally appropriate time of experiential learning and class bonding. Students are automatically registered for these experiences.

- **Excelerate** – Grade 6 – This three-day adventure challenges students academically, socially, and spiritually as they begin to look toward seventh grade.
- **Elevate** – Grade 7 – This retreat picks up where JumpStart left off and gives students a great opportunity to bond as a class, deepen friendships, try new things, and develop a closer relationship with God.
- **Prepare to Believe** – Grade 8 – Students travel through history, as described by God in the Bible, as they explore the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. The trip concludes with a stop at the National Air Force Museum.

Participation in Jterm is a graduation requirement for all high school 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 for the week
- Trip
- Career Experience Opportunity (grades 11-12)

Jterm **registration** for high school students opens on **Sunday afternoon, August 28, 2022, through Tuesday, September 6, 2022**. Registration with payment is completed online. Parents will receive a text alert on Sunday, August 28, 2022 notifying them to check email for the Jterm link. Access to the online registration starts with **seniors at 1:30 p.m.** Registration for students in **grades 9-11 opens at 2:30 p.m.** Registrations for underclassmen made prior to 2:30 p.m. will be canceled.

Important Note: All *winter athletes* are expected to select a local Jterm opportunity so they can participate in practices and games as outlined in the CVCA Student/Parent Handbook, page 43. Any questions or concerns regarding this policy should be directed to the Athletic Department.

We encourage you to spend time together as a family exploring the course offerings and discussing which options might be both beneficial and financially feasible for your child. The costs and details for each opportunity are listed in this document.

Please note:

- **CVCA reserves the right to cancel classes or trips not meeting minimum enrollments.**
- **Please make your Jterm selections carefully. Registrations cannot be switched.**

Jterm Course Offerings and Trip Overview – January 3-6, 2023

Students choose both an AM/PM class or an All-day Local/On-campus course offering

Spring athletes are expected to select a local Jterm opportunity from these 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 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	PM – Afternoon Sessions 11:50 a.m - 2:50 p.m.	ALL-DAY – Local/On-Campus Sessions 8:00 a.m. – 2:50 p.m. daily
Adulting 101	Backyard Tourist	Digital Illustration: Brain to Book in 4 days
Can You Say Cornhole?	Beautiful Feet	Not Your Normal Games
Coffee and Cathedrals	Children’s Ministry	Sushi and Samurai
Coffee Exploration	Crossfit Camp	The History of Hockey (Team only)
Crochet Crew	DriveTeam	Theater in Four
Fundamentals of Coaching	Hiking the CVNP	SOMP Rotations (School of Medical Professions)
Games Galore	Holy Smokes	Career Experience Opportunity (Grades 11-12)
Get Your ACT Together	Jewels and Beads	Middle School Mentors (By Invitation only)
History of Basketball and Learn to Play	Mural Art	
Make and Create Visual Journal	Principles of Design Life	
Storytelling of Pixar		

TRIPS - Local/Domestic/International

Joshua Expeditions (JE) Note: CVCA forwards trip deposits to Joshua Expeditions. Remaining payments for these trips are made directly to Joshua Expeditions following their payment schedule. Families are responsible to register students with Joshua Expeditions. Trip leaders will provide students with further information at the close of Jterm registration.

Trip cancellation fees – 50% of total trip cost. 100% of trip cost for cancellations made on or after December 1, 2022.

Local/Domestic	International Short-Term Exchange	Domestic/International with Joshua Expeditions	Athletic/Team Trips
Bullet Journaling at Salt Fork (Girls Only)	STEP Doulos	Explore Florence and Rome (JE)	Wrestling Team Trip
Hiking the Smoky Mountains	STEP Norway	Footsteps of Paul (JE)	
		LA Missions Trip (JE)	

AM/PM Local On-Campus

Students choose one AM and one PM from any price point.

AM – MORNING OFFERINGS

Adulting... Not so Fast! – AM

Leader: Mrs. L Cowley

Grades: 10-12

Cost: \$125

Face it – there are parts of growing up that aren't so glamorous! In this term, we will practice some of the basics of adult life. We'll learn how to plan a menu, grocery shop on a budget, and then prepare a meal or two for ourselves. Clueless on how to do a load of laundry and you're heading to college in a year or two? We'll visit a laundromat and get a couple of loads under our belts. Add to those experiences discussions on the basics of banking, budgeting, and making important life choices you will face in the next 5-10 years. By the end of the week, you'll be ready to sit back and enjoy high school just a little more – "adult-ing" is hard work.

Can You Say Cornhole – AM

Leader: Mr. D Kamp, Mrs. C Kamp

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$175

Come and build your own official cornhole set. Measure twice and cut once. You will be using power tools to cut, sand, and construct your own cornhole set. After it is built, you will be able to paint it. Extra points go to those who use a Black & Gold design. The class will culminate in an epic cornhole challenge where you can test your talents against the champion of champions, Mr. Kamp.

Coffee Exploration – AM

Leader: Mr. B Weber

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$100

Do you enjoy coffee? Want to learn more about your favorite morning pick me up? If you answered yes then this is the course for you. We'll take a look at everything you need to know for that perfect "Cup of Joe." From beans and roasts, brewing methods, growing regions, and even health effects, we will cover it all. There will also be opportunities to visit local coffee shops and hear what makes their coffee unique and enjoyable.

Coffee and Cathedrals – AM

Leader: Mr. D Bee

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$40

Do you enjoy coffee? Do you take interest in the rich history of 19th century-built churches in Northeast Ohio? Do you enjoy deep discussion on the significance of these architectural triumphs in our own backyard? Do you wish there was a way to partake in all of these things within the span of one week? Well now is your chance! Please join us for Coffee and Cathedrals. During this exciting course, we will tour and explore a different historic church in the Northeast Ohio area and follow it up with a fresh cup of Joe at a local coffee shop. 4 days. 4 cathedrals. 4 cafes. Taste and see, my friend. See you there!

Crochet Crew – AM

Leader: Mrs. C Chizmar

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$40

Students will learn how to crochet 6x6" squares using a variety of yarns and patterns, which are assembled together to create large, warm blankets to donate to the homeless in Akron.

Fundamentals of Coaching – AM

Leader: Mr. R Carroscia

Grades: 9-12 (Boys Only)

Cost: \$25

The course will break down the fundamentals of coaching, with an emphasis on coaching football at the high school and collegiate level. The class will include clinic talks, interviews with other coaches, as well as describing a comprehensive plan to 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 God intended for us to be as we strive for athletic excellence in the name of Christ.

Games Galore! – AM

Leader: Mrs. R Pykare, Miss M Neufeld

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$50

If you get excited about the idea of playing games such as Scattergories, Mad Gab, or Apples to Apples, come spend some time with other students to strategize, compete, and win! Games may include card games, dice games, puzzles, and more. All competitors are welcome, but you must be a "team player" in order to succeed.

Get Your ACT Together!™ – AM

Leader: PATHworks!™ helps young adults make active decisions in academics and life and supports the adults and agencies who work with them. Young adults build on their foundation – developing their purpose, attitude, tenacity and hope – for their successful futures.

Grades: 9-11 only

Cost: \$325

Start by exploring your priorities and the expectation that you are successful in high school and life. Then complete a practice ACT test and learn how to interpret your scores and maximize performance on the ACT and school work. Experience interactive sessions as we dig into the meaning of standardized tests, build personal accountability by connecting the test to future objectives, explore the main sections of the test, and learn how to study to improve performance. We will conclude the week by creating our test prep action plan and exploring how our outcomes impact our next steps. Accuracy + Strategy = Performance. Get your ACT Together!™ Benefits: Personal accountability, less anxiety, maximized scores, focus and confidence.

History of Basketball and Learn to Play the Game – AM

Leader: Mr. J Peters

Grades: 10-12 (Boys Only – Not open to basketball team members or students trying out for the team)

Cost: \$10

Basketball, basketball, basketball!!! What else needs to be said??? If you like talking about basketball and its history, and love to play it but have never been exposed to the art and science of the game, join this class! This will introduce you to basic concepts that will allow you to effectively play pick-up basketball (and not just run around aimlessly on the court like most people do!)

Make and Create Visual Journal – AM

Leader: Mrs. K McSparran

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$100

Have you ever wanted to make your own art journal? We will create a custom visual journal and begin to fill it with a variety of art-making experiences. Decorate the cover, experiment with watercolor and printmaking, and contemplate journal prompts to get your creativity flowing! Remember what Bob Ross always said, “No mistakes, only happy accidents.”

Storytelling of Pixar – AM

Leader: Mr. T Paisley

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$10

When it comes to great films that keep it PG, no one does it better than Pixar. That’s because their writers employ all the elements of great storytelling that epic poets, playwrights, and novelists have used for millennia, but in a way that is accessible and enjoyable to young kids, their older siblings, and even their parents. Each day of this mini-term, we will explore a different story element (such as story structure or character development), then enjoy a Pixar film that exemplifies that story element. Through this experience, you will come to an even greater appreciation of the storytelling of Pixar.

PM – AFTERNOON OFFERINGS

Backyard Tourist - PM

Leader: Mrs. M Riordan

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$50

Northeastern Ohio has a lot of great places to visit, but oftentimes, we take them for granted, meaning to see them “one day.” Make “one day” happen in January 2023! With a combination of guided tours, presentations, and individual or small-group exploration, we’ll visit a different place each afternoon (Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Akron Zoo, Pro Football Hall of Fame, Lock 3 Winter Fest). Come explore the sightseeing opportunities in our own backyard! Prerequisites: an open mind, an enthusiastic spirit, and an interest in learning more about a variety of area attractions.

Beautiful Feet – PM

Leader: Mrs. N. Miller

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$15

Do you want beautiful feet? Isaiah 52:7 states “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’” This class will give students the opportunity to learn about famous and not-so-famous missionaries. Most CVCA students have heard about Jim Elliot, but have you heard of Gladys Aylward? Some possible activities include interaction with a missionary, watching a mission-related video, researching countries and their mission needs, and praying for our CVCA missionaries. The goal of this class is to make the student more aware of the Christian heritage and of what he or she can do now to advance the cause of missions.

Children’s Ministry – PM

Leader: Miss E Wides

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$20

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them.” How can we fulfill His words? In this course, we will learn how children process the Bible, what activities can help them know God more, and what stories can form the foundation of a child’s growing faith. We will practice designing and delivering Bible lessons tailored for various ministry environments, like Sunday School, summer camps, or mission trips. Our lessons will be fun and interactive, including skits, crafts, discussion, creativity, and practice for following the Great Commission in the context of ministering to children!

Crossfit Camp – PM

Leader: Mrs. A Chamberlain

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$80

Join the team at HighGear as we explore Crossfit, combining constantly varied, functional movements, performed at high intensity. Each day will provide discussion and training as we do strength training, a WOD (Workout Of the Day), and some mobility work under the supervision of their coaching staff. All experience levels are welcome! Transportation will be available to and from Crossfit HighGear.

Driving Education – PM

Leader: DriveTeam

Grades: 9-12 (Students must have learner’s permit by the start of Jterm)

Cost: \$795*

Advisory: Students must attend a two-day “Vehicle Dynamics Course Hands-On Skills Training in a Controlled Environment” (held Saturday and Sunday, January 7 & 8). The Skills Training will be arranged by DriveTeam in conjunction with parents.

*Cost of course covers the entire DriveTeam Package, not just the 4 days of Jterm.

Please note: Due to the State of Ohio requirements for classroom hours, this class will meet Tuesday-Friday, January 3-6, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day of Jterm.

Drive Team offers a four-level, state-licensed program that far exceeds Ohio’s minimum requirements for driver education. Students will complete the “Academics of Driving” portion of the program during Jterm. Lessons will focus on traffic laws, traffic signs, and the responsibilities of driving. A workbook is provided. After Jterm, DriveTeam will arrange with individual students for the “On the Road, In-Car Instruction” portion of the program; this will be followed by the “Exit Appointment.”

DriveTeam is a local provider of Performance Based Driver Education for teens. They teach and train each student until he or she is ready to “solo” as a safe driver. More information about the company can be found at DriveTeam.

Hiking the CVNP

Leader: Mr. C Rupe, Mr. C Eernisse

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$15

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 contained in northeast Ohio. Students will hike areas such as the Ledges, Buckeye Trail, Brandywine Falls, and the Towpath – experiencing God’s beauty first-hand. Also included is a trip to the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm in the Summit Metro Parks where we will get a guided in-depth tour from park rangers of the biodiversity of the Cuyahoga Valley and surrounding areas.

Holy Smokes

Leader: Mr. C Harr, Mr. J Talbert

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$100

There are four passions in my life: faith, family, fitness, and flames. I hope to share two of them, faith and flames, with you. Time will be spent exploring our area of local BBQ, sharing our faith, and cooking our own BBQ. Come and learn how to cook BBQ and side dishes both on the grill and smoker.

Jewels and Beads

Leader: Miss S Runyon

Grades: 9-12 (girls only)

Cost: \$60

Students will enjoy creating beautiful pieces of jewelry (bracelets & earrings), by a method called “bead weaving.” They will use Swarovski crystals, seed beads, Czech beads, and Fireline thread. We will be following patterns that are well-designed. Each student will make a bracelet to give to a woman at the Haven of Rest in order to brighten her day.

Mural Art

Leader: Miss A Foti

Grades: 10-12

Cost: \$90

Murals can add beauty, value, and a message to their environment and surrounding community. In this Jterm, students will be given the opportunity to collaboratively put a stamp on their school community by creating a wall-sized mural in the art classroom on campus.

Principles of Design Life

Leader: Mr. C McSparran

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$20

What value are the arts in helping us live our best life? In this class we will develop an understanding of basic artistic principles and how they should inform our living – how concepts like balance, contrast, emphasis, or repetition inform wise living and basic wellness in sleep, diet, relationships, etc. Over the course of the Jterm we will explore the seven principles of design through looking at examples in art, making art, and then discussing how these ideas should play out in our properly-lived Christian lives.

All-Day Local On-Campus

Digital Illustration: Brain to Book in 4 days – ALL

Leader: Miss S Slovisky

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$55

Become a published author and illustrator in four days. Take your story from idea to reality! In this four-day workshop, design your characters and digitally illustrate a small children's book! Learn to use professional software workshop, design your characters and digitally illustrate a small children's book! Learn to use professional software to create your book and plan to receive a printed copy of your very own book a few weeks later. This Jterm is only for the creative at heart who are willing to put in the hard work to get something really beautiful.

Not your Normal Games – ALL

Leader: Mr. J Fairfax

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$125

This is a chance to play some unique games from board to live action. We will get a chance to play some fun and new games as a community, eat some food, have some fellowship, and learn strategies for different styles of games. Students must provide their own transportation to locations on days not meeting on campus.

Sushi and Samurai – ALL

Leader: Mr. LT Newland, Mr. M Fleagle

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$150

This class explores several world cultures through two lenses – that of food and film. Each day, students in the class will learn some salient features of a world/national culture and get a “taste” of both the films and food that reflect that culture's values. The course includes some off-campus experiences to restaurants in the area.

The History of Hockey - ALL (Team Members Only)

Leader: Mr. D Fairchild, Mr. M Brower

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$0

This course will walk students through the history of the game of hockey through lecture film as well as an in-depth look at how the game has progressed from a tactical perspective. Students will meet in the morning for the classroom discussion portion and will be on the ice in the afternoon for hands-on sessions walking through the tactical evolution of the game.

Theatre in Four – ALL

Leader: Miss L O'Brien

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$50

Have you ever wanted to grace The Royal Theatre stage, but never got the opportunity? Are you a theater kid looking to sharpen your skills? Come put on a play with us in four days! You'll get to walk through the whole creative process – from auditioning to blocking to character work to performance – and even try your hand at behind-the-scenes work. We will end the week with a performance on Friday at 6:00 p.m. for family and friends. Our pre-show activities will continue after school on Friday, through the performance. Both novice and experienced actors are welcomed! Exact show TBD based on number of participants.

SOMP Rotation – ALL

Leader: Mr. R Lyons, Mrs. K Cook

Grades: 11-12 (SOMP Students Only)

Cost: \$100

Students will experience daily bus trips to NE Ohio hospitals, medical offices, college campuses, and businesses related to medical and allied health professions. A combination of presentations, tours, and hands-on experiences will provide students with multiple opportunities to learn more about medical career opportunities.

Career Experience Opportunity (CEO)– ALL

Leader: Mrs. L Staker

Grades: 11-12

Cost: \$5

Career Experience Opportunities provide an ideal time for students to observe and learn about a profession 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:

- Students arrange one or more host sites for a minimum of 30 hours during Jterm
- Display appropriate and professional personal/ social skills at the host site
- Participate in the CEO digital classroom during Jterm (expect to answer 2-3 questions daily)
- Expect an on-site visit from CVCA faculty or staff during your experience
- Write a 2-3 page reflection paper on your CEO

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.

TRIPS

Full payment of trips is required at the time of registration with exception of Joshua Expedition (JE) trips. A \$250 deposit is required for all JE trips. CVCA forwards the deposit to JE. All remaining payments are made to JE directly according to their payment schedule. Please note that JE typically requires trips be paid in full 60 days prior to departure.

Athletic Teams

Wrestling Team Trip – ATHLETIC TEAM TRIP

Leader: Mr. P Charvat

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$850

The wrestling team will plan to participate in advanced training and learn about wrestling at the next level. If available in 2023, possible destinations include colleges and universities that offer wrestling and USA Wrestling Regional Training Center(s). Varsity Wrestlers should plan to attend, but it is not a requirement. The trip will also include bible study, community service, and sightseeing opportunities.

Domestic

Bullet Journaling at Salt Fork Lodge – TRIP (girls only)

Leader: Mrs. N Crocker

Grades: 9-12 (Girls Only)

Cost: \$275

Learn the art of bullet journaling to organize your schedule, dreams, and goals, and to inspire your time with God. We will spend three days at Salt Fork Lodge exploring nature and the lodge, spending time with friends and the Lord, and learning a new skill.

Hiking the Smoky Mountains – TRIP

Leader: Mr. J Samsonas, Mr. A Armstrong

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$615

Great Smoky Mountain National Park is the most visited national park in our country. Come spend three days with us as we hike various trails in the park which will take us near rivers, through caves, and to one of the tallest peaks in the park. What an opportunity to see why this park is so beloved and frequented by so many. We will stay in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, which is a fun town on the outskirts of the park with plenty to do in the evenings. If you love the great outdoors and love to hike come along with us to the Smoky Mountains. Students will need their own trail food and will purchase their own dinners in town.

LA Missions – TRIP (Joshua Expeditions)

Leader: Mr. J Morales, Mrs. G Hutt

Grades: 9-12 (Students must be 15 years old or older)

Cost: \$1665 – A deposit of \$250 is required at the time of registration

Los Angeles is a city of extremes – home of the rich and famous and at the same time, a high rate of poverty and homelessness. The Dream Center Foundation is an organization that has served LA for over 35 years feeding the poor and homeless while sharing the Gospel message. Last year was the first time CVCA partnered with the Dream Center and it changed students' lives. This year, CVCA students will have the same opportunity to prepare meals and serve the homeless and hungry throughout LA. Students will be able to pray with drug addicts and homeless people, as well as put together furniture and deliver it to single moms. We would like to invite you to be a part of this new adventure during Jterm 2023.

International

Explore Florence and Rome – TRIP (Joshua Expeditions)

Leader: Mrs. J Meszaros, Miss A Wagner

Grades: 10-12

Cost: \$3515 – A deposit of \$250 is required at the time of registration

Bella Italia! Time to experience two of Italy's greatest cities on the Explore Florence and Rome tour with Ms. Wagner and Mrs. Meszaros. Start your journey in Florence where we will experience the beautiful Italian countryside as we tour the Duomo, Piazzale Michelangelo, and Giotto's Bell Tower before transferring to the bustling city of Rome with its famous historic sites including the Colosseum, Spanish Steps, and Vatican City.

Footsteps of Paul – TRIP (Joshua Expeditions)

Leader: Mrs. L DiPaolo, Mrs. L Spodnik

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$3520 – A deposit of \$250 is required at the time of registration

Join Mrs. DiPaolo and Mrs. Spodnik this Jterm in Greece as we explore eight ancient cities from the Apostle Paul's missionary journeys: Athens, Corinth, Delphi, Kalambaka, Veria, Philippi, Kavala, and Thessaloniki. Additionally, we will spend one day in service to the people in one of these cities where the Gospel first took root. You won't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime experience as we learn, worship, and serve others following the footsteps of Paul!

STEP Doulos – TRIP

Leader: Mrs. B Worth, Miss M Hapanowicz

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$2300

Doulos Discovery School is our sister school set in the beautiful mountain town of Jarabacoa in the Dominican Republic. CVCA has a student exchange program with the Doulos school. This will be a mission and service opportunity. The team will work in the school and/or the community. Speaking Spanish is not necessary, but helpful as Doulos Discovery School teaches all classes in English. There will be a lot of physical activity and some fun added in! If you are looking for a great way to serve and get your hands a bit dirty, come and join this team!

STEP Norway – TRIP

Leader: Mr. S Kasiguran

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$2100

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 Videregående School in Bergen, Norway. Students from both schools learn about the customs and culture of the exchange country. 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 (Homecoming week). During the trip to Norway, the CVCA students typically stay with the family of the Danielsen student they host in the fall.

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BY INVITATION ONLY

These selections are only available to students who have been personally invited by the respective leader and are approved to participate.

Middle School Mentor

7th Grade Elevate Retreat – (By invitation only)

Leader: Mr. Z Churchill

Grades: 11-12

Cost: \$0

Elevate is a powerful time for 7th graders to experience God, deepen friendships, and have fun in the beautiful environment of Camp Carl. If you are familiar with JumpStart, Elevate is a very similar retreat and the older students joining us as middle school mentors have a critically important role. They help us lead worship, facilitate cabin discussions, pray with and support students who are struggling, oversee games and cabin fun, and generally do all they can to ensure that our 7th graders have a fun and impactful experience during Elevate. Basically, the job of a middle school mentor is to be a big brother/big sister to the 7th graders in cabins and to be a role model for them. If you have a heart for middle school students and think it would be amazing to be used by God to impact their lives, Elevate would be right up your alley and we would love to have you join our team. Your Elevate responsibilities would include a mentor work time and planning meeting on Tuesday, January 3. Then we leave for Elevate early on Wednesday, January 4, and get back around 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6. There is no cost to middle school mentors who are chosen to participate in Elevate 2023.

8th Grade Prepare to Believe – (By invitation only)

Leader: Mr. P Muklewicz, Mrs. E Hoffman

Grades: 11-12

Cost: \$0

Join us as we encourage 8th grade young men and women on a 2-night; 3-day retreat to experience the life-sized Ark Encounter, the Creation Museum, an Indoor Amusement Park, and the US Airforce Museum. You and an alumnus will team up to mentor a small group throughout the day as we explore our identity as God's creation, loved and redeemed by Jesus. Your transportation, hotel stays and all expenses are free of charge. Believe it. You will make the trip a truly enjoyable and memorable experience for these precious students as they prepare for High School.