



Jterm 2024
Trip and Course Offerings

Welcome to January Term 2024!

Our January and March term sessions (Jterm and Mterm) 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. More detailed information will be forthcoming from the leaders of these experiences.

- **Excelerate** - Grade 6 - this three-day adventure challenges students academically, socially, and spiritually as they begin to look toward the 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 session
- Morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) class session - creating a full-day experience for the week
- Trip
- Career Experience Opportunity (grades 11-12)

Jterm registration opens for Seniors (priority) and Juniors on Sunday afternoon, September 10, 2023. Registration opens for Sophomores and Freshmen on Sunday, September 17, 2023. Registration and payments are completed online. Parents will receive a text alert notifying them to check email for the Jterm link on the day of registration.

Athletic Note: Winter **athletes** are expected to select a local Jterm opportunity, provided their team is not offering a team Jterm, 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. Boys Basketball, Wrestling, and Hockey have opportunities available for their team members.

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.

Important note: CVCA reserves the right to cancel classes or trips not meeting minimum enrollments. Please make your Jterm selections carefully. **Registrations cannot be switched. Student registrations made prior to their registration time will be canceled.**

Jterm Course Offerings and Trip Overview – January 2-5, 2024

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

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
Adulting 101	Backyard Tourist	Art and Animals
Art Through Needlework	Biblical Manhood	Lifeguarding
Coaching & Leadership for Life	Driving Education - DriveTeam	Outdoor Wilderness Skills
Coffee and Cathedrals	Floral Workshop	Teacher for a Day
Faith, Hope, Love and Hockey(Hockey Team only)	Hiking the CVNP	Theater in Four
Games Galore	History of Basketball and Learn to Play	Watercolor Painting
Get Your ACT Together	Holy Smokes	Career Experience Opportunity (Grades 11-12)
Historical Computer Simulations	Intro to Plato and Philosophy	ALL-DAY Athletic Team Session
Pickleball - AM	Jewelry Making	Boys Basketball Team Service - Varsity & JV
SOMP Deep Dive	Jewels and Beads	School of Ministry - Opportunity
Songwriting & the Gospel	Pickleball - PM	Middle School Mentors
Storytelling of Pixar	So you want to write a movie...	
Strength & Conditioning	Technical Field Experience	

TRIPS - Local/Domestic/International

A non-refundable deposit is required at the time of registration for trips \$500 and over. Billing schedule TBD.

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Please note: All travel, outside the contiguous US, is limited to students in grades 11 and 12. Trips within the contiguous United States, are open to all students grades 9-12.

Local/Domestic	Domestic/International with Joshua Expeditions
Baseball Hall of Fame	Best of Southern Spain (JE) - grades 11 and 12
Disney's Art of Storytelling	Explore San Francisco (JE)
Unwind & Recharge - Salt Fork	France Through the Ages (JE) (School of Classics only)
Washington DC and African American Tour	Holy Land Tour (JE) - grades 11 and 12
Wrestling Team	Puerto Rico Science Exploration (JE) - grades 11 and 12

AM/PM Local On-Campus

Students select **one AM** and **one PM** class for Jterm week

AM - MORNING OFFERINGS

Adulting 101... Not so Fast! - AM

Leader: Mrs. L Cowley

Cost: \$125

Grades: 10-12

Face it – there are parts of growing up that aren't so glamorous! In this Jterm, 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!

Art Through Needlework! - AM

Leader: Mrs. S Gabler

Cost: \$25

Grades: 9-12

Do you struggle artistically or find it difficult to come up with your own designs? Learning counted cross stitch enables you to take someone else's artistic ability and create intricate works of art worthy of framing. In this class, you will learn how to read a counted cross stitch pattern and transform it into a beautiful work of art.

Coaching and Leadership for Life - AM

Leader: Mr. N Thompson

Cost: \$50

Grades: 9-12

This course is for anyone interested in Athletic Coaching and/or Leadership. We will work through a number of different principles that can be applied to coaching but also many different aspects of leadership positions and life in general. We will also be talking to different coaches at different levels about their experience and help us understand what goes into coaching and how to lead different kinds of groups. If you have a desire to lead others, as well as a passion for athletics this could be a really interesting course. A lot of us dream of playing sports for a living, but being able to influence others through the sport along with teaching valuable life lessons can be just as rewarding.

Coffee and Cathedrals - AM

Leader: Mr. D Bee

Cost: \$50

Grades: 9-12

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. Students should bring at least \$5 per day to purchase coffee.

Faith, Hope, Love, and Hockey...A Study in 1 Corinthians - AM

Leader: Mr. D Fairchild

Cost: \$NC

Grades: 9-12 (Hockey team only)

The hockey team will work through the book of 1 Corinthians learning what it means to have faith, hope, and display God's love through sport. We will skate daily at Garfield Heights Ice Arena. Students should bring a packed lunch each day. This is open to hockey team members only.

Games Galore - AM

Leader: Miss M Neufeld

Cost: \$50

Grades: 9-12

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!TM - AM

Leader: PATHworks!TM *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.*

Cost: \$497

Grades: 9-11 only

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!TM Benefits: Personal accountability, less anxiety, maximized scores, focus and confidence.

Historical Computer Sims - AM

Leader: Mr. M Brower

Cost: \$10

Grades: 19-12

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 Jterm 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 Jterm is for you.

Pickleball - AM

Leader: Mr. A Armstrong

Cost: \$50

Grades: 9-12 (students may sign up for either the AM or PM session - not both sessions)

This is the fastest growing sport in America, join in! Spend a few days playing this fun and easy to learn game. If you have never participated it is easy to pick up and a ton of fun to play. So, come join the pickleball movement!

SOMP Deep Dive - AM

Leader: Lyons

Cost: \$30

Grades: 11-12 (School of Medical Professions only)

SOMP Students—this is your individualized opportunity to earn SOD points by engagement with classmates, some special speakers, discussions and using the powerful tools in YouScience in order to deeply dive into your SOMP experience. If you're serious about learning what your trajectory can be through the program or just curious about God's possible plan for your medical professions, then join up for some hours of enjoyable discovery with friends that have similar trajectories as yours. Daily refreshments, laughs and unbelievable fellowship will all be provided.

Songwriting & the Gospel - AM

Leader: Mr. E Ling

Cost: \$25

Grades: 9-12

Are you a budding songwriter that would like to practice and hone your craft? Have you always wanted to write songs, but haven't been able to figure out how to go from idea to fully crafted song? Do you wish that your lyrics had more substance or that your instrumentation was more thoughtful? If the answer to any of these questions is "YES," then we'd love to have you join our half-day songwriting workshop where we will explore the incredible truth of the Gospel through songwriters in the past and craft our own songs that give others a glimpse of the Good News. Songwriters that join the class will craft at least one original song over the course of the 4-day courses and will have an opportunity to perform on the final day. No formal instrumental training necessary to join!

Storytelling of Pixar - AM

Leader: Mr. T Paisley

Cost: \$10

Grades: 9-12

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.

Strength and Conditioning - AM

Leader: Mr. N Cook

Cost: \$20

Grades: 9-12

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.

PM - AFTERNOON OFFERINGS

Backyard Tourist - PM

Leader: Mrs. M Riordan

Cost: \$110

Grades: 9-12

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 2024! With a combination of guided tours, presentations, and individual or small-group exploration, we'll visit a different place each afternoon (Rock and Roll and Pro Football Halls of Fame, Lock 3 Winter Fest, Akron Zoo). Come explore the sightseeing opportunities in our own backyard! Prerequisites: an open mind, an enthusiastic spirit, and an interest in learning more about the several featured local attractions.

Biblical Manhood - PM

Leader: Mr. R Carroscia

Cost: \$25

Grades: 9-12 (Boys Only)

The objective of the course is to discuss and study the topic of Biblical Manhood, comparing and contrasting what the world and what the Bible has to say about manhood. The focus will be to answer the question: "What does it mean to be a man?" The course will provide timeless truths and practical insights on how we can live to be the men God intended for us to be. To develop men who are committed to follow the courageous footsteps of Jesus into authentic manhood; men who will reject passivity, accept responsibility, lead courageously and expect the greater reward (invest eternally). The book from which those 4 cornerstones of manhood come from is, Raising a Modern-Day Knight, by author-pastor Robert Lewis; he shares a unique approach to shaping a boy into a man by equipping him with three essential elements: a vision, a code of conduct, and a cause (Christianity) in which to invest his life. Also will include discussion about the book: Thoughts for Young Men by J.C. Ryle.

Driving Education - PM

Leader: DriveTeam

Cost: \$895

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

Advisory: Students **must** attend a two-day "Vehicle Dynamics Course Hands-On Skills Training in a Controlled Environment" (**Mandatory Skills Weekend - January 6-7, 2024**).

*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, 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](#).

Floral Workshop - PM

Leader: Mrs. J Bodnovich, Miss K Heginbotham

Cost: \$275

Grades: 9-12

Do you enjoy flowers and design? Have you ever wanted to create your own "living jewelry" for your next dance or special event? You will begin the week by making a matching wrist corsage and boutonniere, a floral ring, and a floral tattoo. Additionally, you will learn how to keep small "wearables" fresh for many days using a hydration chamber. At the end of the week, you'll learn about the mechanics of sustainable designs and make your own foam-free floral centerpiece to take home and enjoy. This is a great way to gain some hands-on practice working alongside others who are passionate about the same thing as you. Bring your creative side to explore the art of floral design from basic techniques to more advanced ones in a few short days. You'll gain inspiration from others as you develop camaraderie, friendship, and community!

Hiking the CVNP - PM

Leader: Mr. C Rupe, Mrs. Spodnik

Cost: \$15

Grades: 9-12

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 the Ledges, Buckeye Trail, Brandywine Falls, and Towpath and will be able to experience 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.

History of Basketball and Learn to Play the Game - PM

Leader: Mr. J Peters

Cost: \$10

Grades: 10-12 (Boys Only – Not for basketball team members)

If you love playing basketball and want to be able to fit in on any court, anywhere in the world, then this is the class for you. We will discuss some history of this great game followed by on court instruction of player movement, individual moves, and court spacing and general knowledge so that you can function and enjoy playing basketball. This is an active participatory class. You will be playing basketball every day so plan on coming to class ready to learn, play, and compete.

Holy Smokes - PM

Leader: Mr. C Harr, Mr. M Brower

Cost: \$135

Grades: 9-12

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. Note: Bring a warm coat and clothes that you don't mind end up smelling like smoke.

Intro to Plato and Philosophy - PM

Leader: Mr. N Nussen

Cost: \$5

Grades: 9-12

The philosopher Alfred North Whitehead famously remarked that "all of Western philosophy is but a footnote to Plato." Given the foundational and perennial significance of the ancient Greek philosopher Plato (the student of Socrates and teacher of Aristotle) in shaping the intellectual tradition of the West, it is important for students -- especially Christian students who wish to preserve and critically engage that tradition -- to have a basic grasp of Plato's teachings and legacy.

In this course, students will analyze and discuss excerpts from some of Plato's most famous works, or "dialogues," such as The Apology and The Republic, in order to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of Platonism and its lasting influence on the Western philosophical tradition, while learning to critique that tradition -- and by extension all "philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men" (Col. 2:8) -- from a biblical perspective.

Jewelry Making - PM

Leader: Mrs. K McSparran

Cost: \$100

Grades: 9-12

Have you ever wanted to make your own jewelry? We will be designing our own jewelry and using a variety of techniques to create that one of a kind piece. Beads, wire, plastic, metal, stone, enamel, and more will be available to create your unique art!

Jewels and Beads - PM

Leader: Miss S Runyon

Cost: \$60

Grades: 9-12 (girls only)

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

Pickleball - PM

Leader: Mr. A Armstrong

Cost: \$50

Grades: 9-12 (students may only sign up for either the AM or PM session - not both)

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So You Want to Write a Movie - PM

Leader: Mr. M Fleagle

Cost: \$10

Grades: 9-12

Everyone loves a great movie! Think for a moment about the films that have dazzled you--the beautiful cinematography or riveting music, the punchy dialogue between heroes and villains. It's strange to think that those epic scenes on the screen began as a page of black-and-white script hammered out on a keyboard in a writer's home office or bedroom.

English classes at school already teach us how to compose academic essays and reflective journals. But wouldn't it be fun to try your hand at writing your own screenplay? To try bringing your own story idea to life in the way everyday screenwriters do. In the "So You Want to Write a Movie" Jterm class, you'll learn to demystify the structure of ordinary movies and to create excellent description and dialogue that paints a picture for the directors and actors making the film. And, of course, you'll build some confidence at your writing and storytelling skills along the way.

Technical Field Experience - PM

Leader: Mr. B Weber

Cost: \$125

Grades: 9-12

This class is for students interested in audio/visual and the technical arts. Students will have the opportunity to tour behind the scenes at a local church, TV news station, recording studio, and performance venue. Students will also visit with professionals and have the opportunity to discuss what experience and education is needed to gain a career in this field.

All-Day Local On-Campus

Art and Animals – ALL

Leader: Miss S Slovisky

Cost: \$95

Grades: 9-12

We will use this week to explore and be artistically inspired by God's Creation- specifically: Animals. We are going to interact with animals and create art in different ways each day. This week we will go to the Cleveland Zoo to see Animals, gain inspiration, and take photos. Then we will come back to school and use the inspiration collected to create art using a variety of mediums. The last day of our trip will be spent Volunteering with animals locally.

Basketball Team Community Service – ALL

Leader: Mr. M Futch

Cost: \$20

Grades: 9-12 (team members only)

The CVCA boys varsity and junior varsity basketball teams will participate in a week of giving back to the community through service while building unity as a team. Players will complete community service in partnership with the City of Akron, Lightwork Church, and Mile Marker 1013 providing needed clothing, food, and service for families in need. The team will meet back at CVCA for practice.

Lifeguarding – ALL

Leader: Mrs. Nancy Miller

Cost: \$160

Grades: 9-12

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 Blood Borne Pathogens (BBP).

Note: **Students must be 15 by the end of the course.** Students will need to supply their own lunches except for Friday. Students must have an appropriate swimsuit, towel, and water bottle. There will be a preliminary swim test scheduled prior to the class, likely in November. There MAY be some reading/study outside of class time.

Outdoor Wilderness Skills – ALL

Leader: Mr. J Samsonas

Cost: \$175

Grades: 9-12

This will be a hands-on multi-topic workshop that will transform the non-experienced hiker into a person who will have the skills, knowledge and confidence to Survive, Thrive and Stay Alive in the wilderness even without any tools or equipment. Learn to make a “one match fires”, use the old time “flint and steel” or rub 2 sticks together to make a fire, forecast weather by clouds and other signs, navigate without a compass, carve “dead-fall traps” and make snares to catch food, and learn which wild edible and medicinal plants you can eat or use for medicine. The class will be taught by Tom Laskowski head instructor at Midwest Native Skills Inst., designated as one of the Top 5 Survival Schools in the USA as determined by Survival Guide Magazine.

Teacher for a Day – ALL

Leader: Mrs. N Crocker

Cost: \$50

Grades: 9-12

Are you interested in pursuing elementary education or do you just love kids? This Iterm is for you! Get a chance to experience what it is like to be a teacher for the week. We will visit local schools, assist teachers, and create and share lessons with the kids. It will be a fulfilling week for those passionate about kids!

Theater in Four – ALL

Leader: Royals Theater

Cost: \$50

Grades: 9-12

Have you ever wanted to learn what goes into putting on a play? Have you ever wanted to try out being on stage, but never got the opportunity? Or are you just a theater enthusiast who loves all things theater? Now is your chance to experience the on-stage and behind-the-scenes magic of The Royal Theatre, with all the fun and none of the stress! Students will be auditioning, costuming, rehearsing, and performing a One Act or series of skits, culminating in an evening performance for friends and family at the end of the week. It will be a wonderful opportunity for students to try something new and gain experience in all aspects of theater!

Watercolor Painting – ALL

Leader: Mrs. S Oster

Cost: \$125

Grades: 9-12

This class will offer an exploration into watercolor painting. You will study color theory in depth and the impact color has in your painting. You will learn about materials and methods in watercolor that will enrich your passion for painting. Having taken Art 1 is preferred but not necessary.

Career Experience Opportunity (CEO) – ALL

Leader: Mrs. L Staker

Cost: \$5

Grades: 11-12

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 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.

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The CVCA schedule for trip balances through FACTS billing: payment #2 - 10/5/23 and payment #3 - 11/6/23.

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Athletic Team

Wrestling Team -TRIP

Leader: Mr. P Charvat

Cost: \$800 (registration deposit \$400)

Grades: 9-12 (Wrestling team only)

The wrestling team will participate in advanced training and learn about wrestling at the next level. 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

Baseball Hall of Fame -TRIP

Leader: Mr. A Chizmar, Mrs. C Chizmar

Cost: \$775 (registration deposit \$380)

Grades: 9-12

The National Baseball Hall of Fame is one of the most unique museums in the country. It holds over 140,000 baseball cards, 40,000 artifacts, and hundreds of interactive exhibits. During this trip, students will learn about the rich cultural history of America's pastime. They will also engage in projects where they can apply math, social studies, and science under the direction of the museum's education department.

Disney's Art of Storytelling - TRIP

Leader: Mr. J Fairfax

Cost: \$1300 (registration deposit \$434)

Grades: 9-12

The strongest tool we have as believers is our story of how God changes our lives. The story that He has given us encourages, bears witness, comforts and so much more to the body of believers. This term is built around learning from one of the master storytellers, Walt Disney. Walt Disney played a key role in changing film, entertainment, media, park experience, and agricultural as well as technological innovation. The moment you walk into their parks Disney is telling you a story with all 5 senses. The Disney Imagination Campus offers several classes. We will be taking one on storytelling and another on Park Engineering. The experience will allow students to take a behind the curtain look at the magic of Disney storytelling and give them practical workshops to improve their skills. Learning how the magic happens

helps us use our greatest tool of story to communicate the gospel more effectively. Join us in the "happiest place on earth." We will spend 3 days in the parks (Animal Kingdom, Magic Kingdom, and Hollywood Studios) during which we will have two classes on the backlot of the Disney campus with some of their cast members.

Explore San Francisco – TRIP (Joshua Expeditions)

Leader: Mrs. J Meszaros

Cost: \$2473 (deposit of \$1143 required at registration)

Grades: 9-12

Iconic views, diverse history, rich culture, and incredible food – the Explore San Francisco tour has it all! Enjoy local cuisine at Fisherman’s Wharf, catch a trolley like the locals, walk across the famous Golden Gate Bridge for exceptional views of the city, and more! Whether your goal is to create a dynamic learning experience or an unforgettable adventure, this Explore San Francisco trip is for you. So, come explore the Bay area with us as we stroll through the famous Pike Place Market, visit the EMP museum that presents a mixture of collections and exhibitions focused on pop culture, through the beautiful Chihuly Garden and Glass followed by a ride to the top of the Seattle Space Needle, dinner cruise in the Vancouver Harbor, and so much more.

Unwind & Recharge - Salt Fork Lodge - TRIP

Leader: Mrs. L DiPaolo

Cost: \$299

Grades: 9-12 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!

Washington DC and African American Heritage - TRIP

Leader: Miss L O’Brien, Mr. C McSparran

Cost: \$800 (registration deposit \$400)

Grades: 9-12

Come experience the highlights of Washington, D.C. with us, with a special emphasis on the role and history of African Americans in shaping our nation. On this 4-day/3-night trip, we will visit the African American History Museum, Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor's Center, gravesites of Civil Rights leaders at Arlington National Cemetery, the African American Civil War Museum--as well as visits to all the major monuments, Library of Congress, Supreme Court Building, Capitol Building, & the exterior of the White House. We'll be traveling via charter bus to make our trip comfortable & safe, and we will request (but can't guarantee) an interior tour of the White House! Join us and help us make the trip memorable & meaningful!

International Trips

Best of Southern Spain – TRIP (Joshua Expeditions)

Leader: Mr. J Morales

Cost: \$3713 (a deposit of \$1383 required at registration)

Grades: 11-12

Discover the beautiful culture and breathtaking countryside of Southern Spain! Spend an unforgettable week visiting towns and villages built in the medieval times, exploring the mountainous vistas, and relaxing on the coast to watch the sunset over the crystal blue Mediterranean Sea. Come immerse yourself in Spanish culture and practice your language skills. The trip will focus on Seville, Granada, and Malaga, in Southern Spain.

France Through the Ages – TRIP (Joshua Expeditions)

Leader: Miss M Prentis

Cost: \$5077 (deposit of \$1900 required at registration)

Grades: School of Classics Students Only

Unlock the wonders of the Humanities in France! Calling all students of the School of Classics! Immerse yourself in the world of art, literature, and philosophy through the ages. Uncover the treasures of Paris, stroll through the halls of Versailles, explore the Papal Palace of Avignon, enjoy the beauty of Nice. Expert guides, educational excursions, and immersive experiences aligned with the Humanities I and II curriculum await. Expand your knowledge, ignite your passion, and embark on an unforgettable journey through the cradle of western thought and culture.

Holy Land Tour – TRIP (Joshua Expeditions)

Leader: Miss J Barbieri

Cost: \$5520 (a deposit of \$2070 required at registration)

Grades: 11-12

Watch the Bible come to life in front of your eyes as you explore the ancient land of Israel on the Holy Land Tour! We will sail on the Sea of Galilee, pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, rejoice at the Garden Tomb, and so much more! You will never be the same after you journey down these ancient roads and walk the same roads as Jesus, Paul, and other notable Biblical figures. Note: This trip will leave over Christmas break and return just before Spring classes resume.

Puerto Rico Science Exploration – TRIP (Joshua Expeditions)

Leader: Mr. D Kamp, Mrs. C Kamp

Cost: \$2983 (deposit of \$1119 required at registration)

Grades: 11-12

Prepare for the classroom to come to life on this Science in Puerto Rico tour! Study the wildlife at El Yunque National Park (the only tropical rainforest in the U.S.), gear up to kayak out to the bay and watch the spectacular bioluminescent natural phenomenon, explore the third largest cave system in the world, experience the crystal blue waters up close on a Catamaran and snorkel cruise, enjoy an adventure horseback riding and zip lining through the canopy and learn about Ponce's cultural and scientific history. Also, some history will be thrown in when you visit Old San Juan's famous forts. There will be an opportunity to give back in this amazing country. Combining science, service, and scenery, this JTerm will be one to remember!

School of Ministry - Middle School Mentors

Students in the School of Ministry have the opportunity to serve on either the 7th Grade Elevate Retreat or the 8th Grade Prepare to Believe trip.

7th Grade Elevate Retreat

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. Like JumpStart, Elevate is a very similar retreat and the high school 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 the 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.

8th Grade Prepare to Believe

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 Air Force 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.