



Jterm 2026

Trip Offerings

Welcome to January Term 2026!

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 5-9, 2026.

The Middle School Jterm program is designed to cultivate spiritual, educational, and personal growth in each student while increasing student and family choice in the upper middle school grades.

6th Grade:

Sixth-grade students will participate in a variety of experiential activities and field trips throughout Jterm week. No sign-ups are required for this grade level.

7th and 8th grade:

Students in 7th and 8th grade are required to enroll in **one** of the following options:

- All-day class
- Morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) class sessions
- Overnight trip experience

High School:

Jterm is a CVCA graduation requirement. High school students must enroll in **one** of the following options:

- All-day class
- Morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) class sessions
- Domestic or International Trip
- Career Experience Opportunity

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 2026. Trip registration will open on **Monday, July 7, 2025**, and families will receive an email with registration links.

- 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 and Joshua Expeditions, 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.

Jterm Trip Overview – January 5-9, 2026

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 or Joshua Expeditions) require a separate deposit, which will be applied to the total cost of the trip.

Registration for Jterm trips: **July 7 & 8, 2025** - 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
Disc Golf and Digital Media	Best of Ecuador
Drawing Closer to God (Girls only)	Best of France
Girls Encouragement Retreat (Girls only)	Grecian Odyssey
Hiking the Grand Canyon and Sedona	Ireland and England
To Maui - With Love	Puerto Rican Adventure
Wrestling - North Florida Training Camp (Athletic Team Boys)	Rwanda (select students)
	STEP Norway

NOTE FOR WINTER ATHLETES:

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.

TRIPS ~ \$3500+

Best of Ecuador – TRIP (Joshua Expeditions) trip dates January 2-8

Non-Refundable Deposit: \$150, covers tip and baggage fees

Leader: Mrs. G Hutt, Mrs. H Bartel

Cost: \$4135 + travel insurance

Grades: 10-12

Prerequisite: Students enrolled in Spanish 2 or higher, or have completed Spanish 2 or above

Enjoy Ecuador through sightseeing and ministry! Experience the culture and history of this beautiful country through hiking in National Parks, ziplining through Canyons, and enjoying an evening by Thermal Hot Springs. Come experience God through relationships built during VBS and a local work project! It will be an experience of a lifetime!

Best of France – TRIP (EF Tours) trip dates December 31-January 8

\$150 tip and baggage fee will be charged to FACTS account upon confirmation

Leader: Mrs. M Riordan

Cost: \$3969 + travel insurance

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Iconic Parisian sights like the Louvre Museum and the Eiffel Tower...the breathtaking palace and gardens of Versailles...the gloriously gothic Chartres Cathedral...the magnificent chateaux of the Loire Valley...the charming walled coastal town of Saint Malo...the historic D-Day Beaches...the beautiful island abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel...come see all this and much more on this amazing nine-day European adventure.

Grecian Odyssey – TRIP (EF Tours) trip dates December 31-January 8

\$150 tip and baggage fee will be charged to FACTS account upon confirmation

Leader: Mrs. L Bailey, Mrs. B Hartman

Cost: \$4299 + travel insurance

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Fly across the sea and immerse yourself in the beauty and history of Greece. This unforgettable 9-day adventure takes you through iconic destinations including Athens, Corinth, the Argolida region, Epidauros, Mycenae, Olympia, and Delphi. Walk among ancient ruins, explore world-class museums, and soak in the timeless culture of the cradle of Western civilization. Enjoy a full-day Saronic Islands cruise, where you'll visit the charming islands of Poros, Hydra, and Aegina—each offering a unique blend of natural beauty, history, and local character.

Amid your journey through ancient wonders and sun-soaked shores, take a meaningful pause to serve alongside a local Greek church. This special opportunity allows you to step beyond sightseeing and into the heart of the community—offering hands-on support, sharing encouragement, and building cross-cultural connections that go far beyond the typical travel experience.

Ireland and England – TRIP (EF Tours) trip dates January 1-9

\$150 tip and baggage fee will be charged to FACTS account upon confirmation

Leader: Mr. S Hager, Mrs. J Hager

Non-Refundable Deposit: Cost: \$4229 + travel insurance

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Experience the Adventure of a Lifetime: An Unforgettable Journey Through Ireland & London! Get ready for an incredible adventure where history, culture, and faith come to life! This once-in-a-lifetime trip will immerse students in the breathtaking beauty of God's creation as they explore the Emerald Isle and the heart of London. Discover Ireland – Walk through majestic castles, wander through historic museums, and explore the birthplace of Shakespeare as you step back in time. Feel the awe of ancient cathedrals while uncovering their deep history and significance. Soak in Ireland's stunning countryside on guided walking tours and ferry rides, taking in the rolling green landscapes that make this land so magical. Explore London – The adventure continues in England's vibrant capital! Marvel at Big Ben, the grandeur of St. Paul's Cathedral, and the historic Westminster Abbey. Experience the energy of this world-famous city while uncovering its fascinating past. Grow in Faith & Friendship – Beyond the sights, this trip is about meaningful moments. As a team, we will reflect on what we've seen, connect deeper in faith, and spend intentional time in God's Word—all while making friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to see the world, grow spiritually, and embark on an adventure that will change your perspective forever!

To Maui With Love – TRIP (CVCA) trip dates January 3-8

Non-Refundable Deposit: \$150 (applied to trip balance)

Leader: Mrs. J Moore, Mrs. B Worth

Cost: \$4000 + travel insurance

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Join us for an extraordinary journey to the heart of Lahaina, Maui, where music meets ministry in a life-changing experience you'll never forget. Students will be serving the community of Lahaina through different ministries, learning the ukulele, snorkeling, sunrise hikes, whale watching, and beach days.

TRIPS ~ \$2500-3000

Puerto Rican Adventure – TRIP (Joshua Expeditions) trip dates January 1-6

Non-Refundable Deposit: Deposit \$150, covers tips and baggage fees

Leader: Mr. D Kamp, Mrs. C Kamp, Mrs. Holbert

Cost: \$2775 + travel insurance

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Get ready for an immersive adventure in Puerto Rico! Step into history at Old San Juan's iconic city, observe diverse wildlife in El Yunque National Park—the only tropical rainforest in the U.S.—and paddle through glowing waters on a bioluminescent bay kayaking excursion. Discover the wonders of Puerto Rico, sail across crystal-clear waters on a catamaran and snorkeling cruise, and soar through the treetops on a thrilling zip-lining experience. Enjoy a leisurely horseback ride through the lush rainforest, winding your way beneath the canopy until the trees part to reveal a stunning river. Take a moment to pause and soak in the breathtaking scenery. This trip offers the adventurous traveler the perfect opportunity to experience the beauty of Puerto Rico while creating memories for a lifetime.

Rwanda – TRIP (CVCA)

Non-Refundable Deposit: Deposit \$200, covers tips and baggage fees

Leader: Miss M O’Keefe, Mr. T Schofield

Cost: \$2500

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.

Note: Students need money for souvenirs.

STEP Norway – TRIP (CVCA)

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

Leader: Mr. S Kasiguran

Cost: \$2200

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.

TRIPS ~ \$1000-\$2499

Hiking the Grand Canyon and Sedona – TRIP (CVCA)

Non-Refundable Deposit \$250 (applied to trip balance)

Leader: Mr. J Samsonas, Mr. A Armstrong

Cost: \$1600

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure to explore one of the most rugged and breathtaking places in the world—the Grand Canyon! As a bonus, we’ll spend a day hiking in beautiful Sedona, a sought-after destination in its own right.

This five-day trip features three full days of hiking and two travel days. Each hike will be a day hike, allowing us to return to the comfort of our hotel each night before setting out again the next morning.

This trip is not for the faint of heart. The trails in the Grand Canyon will challenge you physically and mentally like never before. It is both beautiful and brutal. If that sounds overwhelming, this might not be the trip for you—these hikes are rewarding, but not easy.

In addition to the trip cost, participants should budget \$400–\$500 for essential gear (a list will be provided) to ensure both safety and enjoyment. If you went on the Smoky Mountains trip last year, you already have everything you need. Space is limited, so sign up quickly!

Wrestling - North Florida Training Camp – TRIP (CVCA Athletic)

Non-refundable deposit: \$250 (applied to trip balance)

Leader: Mr. L Hopkins, Mr. D Bergen

Cost: \$1000 + travel insurance

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 (team - guys only - currently on the wrestling team roster with Final Forms paperwork updated and completed)

For Jterm, the wrestling program will travel to the Jacksonville, Florida area for a “North Florida Training Camp”. The goal is to strengthen our relationship with the Lord, serve, and strengthen our bond as coaches/athletes and brothers in Christ. To accomplish this, we will spend time in God’s word, individually and together as a team, complete a service project with a local church, train with the Camden County wrestling team (ranked 21st nationally), and compete at a local tournament. To cultivate our athletes, will do an individual devotional time in the morning before breakfast and have a team Bible study in the evening after dinner. Our team is partnering with a high-level wrestling team in southern Georgia to train alongside them and use their wrestling facility.

TRIPS ~ \$999 and Under

Disc Golf and Digital Media – TRIP (CVCA)

Non-Refundable Deposit: \$250 (applied to trip balance)

Leader: Dr. D Gifford

Cost: \$800

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

This Jtrm trip combines outdoor recreation with digital marketing insights. Students will learn the basics of disc golf and have the opportunity to play on several local courses, including those at Peaks View Park and the University of Lynchburg. In partnership with Foundation Disc Golf, students will not only enhance their disc golf skills but also gain hands-on experience with the company’s marketing strategies. Additionally, they will explore how to effectively position digital media for business marketing, leveraging tools and trends in the field. This blend of physical activity and educational workshops will provide students with a comprehensive and engaging experience.

Students will receive a player pack from Foundation Disc Golf (beginner discs, merch, etc.), but will be responsible for their lunches, dinners, and additional equipment purchases.

Drawing Closer to God – TRIP (CVCA)

Non-Refundable Deposit: \$150 (applied to trip balance)

Leader: Mrs. K McSparran, Miss S Slovisky

Cost: \$300

Grades: 9-12 (girls only)

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' Encouragement Retreat – TRIP (CVCA)

Non-Refundable Deposit: \$250 (applied to trip balance)

Leader: Mrs. J Cavanaugh, Mrs. N Doeringer

Cost: \$450

Grades: 9, 10 (girls only)

The tongue has the power of life or death (Proverbs 18:21). Our words matter! During this 4-day, 3-night local retreat, we will spend time exploring what it looks like to be an encourager of others in order to deepen relationships and community around you. You'll have an opportunity to learn the art of hand lettering (a style of calligraphy) to make encouraging cards and put into practice what you've learned! We will dive into this topic and deepen our relationships with each other while resting and recharging.

Note: While you will be able to bring your cellphone, you will be asked to turn it in during the day so that we're able to block out the words of the world that tear us down rather than build us up.

The following is a list of prospective Jterm 2026 on-campus class offerings. This list is subject to change.

Complete descriptions and costs for these offerings will be published later this summer for your review before registration in the fall.

Prospective Jterm 2026 On-Campus Offerings		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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. Please note this list is subject to additions and changes. 		
AM – Morning Sessions 7:50 - 11:00 a.m. PM – Afternoon Sessions 11:50 a.m. - 2:50 p.m. Lunch - 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.		ALL-DAY – Local/On-Campus Sessions 7:50 a.m. – 2:50 p.m. daily with a break for lunch
Art through Needlework	Jewels and Beads	Carve & Conquer: Skiing and Snowboarding at BMBW
American Ninja Warrior	Principles of Strength and Conditioning	Lifeguarding
Biblical Manhood	Sacred Imagery	Rediscovering Cleveland
Cooking 101	SCOR: Elevate Your Game	School Of Medical Professions Rotation
DriveTeam	Shakespeare	Star Wars Marathon
Entrepreneurship in Action	Survey of Film Throughout History	Sushi and Samurai
Golf - Get in the Swing	Tennis Intensive (guys team only)	Teacher for a Week
Heavy Board Games	What's it Mean...Christian Athlete?	Teacups and Take-downs (girls only)
Hiking the CVNP	Worship Writing	Theatre in Five
Holy Smokes		Career Experience Opportunity (Grades 11-12)
		Middle School Mentors (By Invitation)