



Jterm 2026

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

Welcome to January Term 2026!

CVCA's January Term (Jterm), running from January 5–9, 2026, is designed to provide students with expanded learning opportunities beyond the traditional classroom. Through enrichment electives, educational travel, service and mission trips, and Career Experience Opportunities (CEO), Jterm encourages students to explore areas of personal interest while building deeper connections with faculty and peers.

High School Jterm Overview

Participation in Jterm is a graduation expectation for all high school students. Students must be enrolled in **one** of the following options for Jterm:

- All-day class
- Morning (AM) **and** afternoon (PM) class session - creating a full day experience
- Career Experience Opportunity (grades 9-12)
- Trip
- 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 & Travel Guidelines

Winter athletes are expected to select local Jterm options to ensure they can fully participate in practices and games, as outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook. Exceptions may apply if the team is participating in a Jterm-related experience. For questions or clarification, please contact the Athletic Department directly.

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 On-Campus Course Offerings and Athletic Team Trip Overview

January 5-10, 2026

Students choose one of the following: an AM and PM class, or an All-day Local/On-campus session, or an Athletic team experience, 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
American Ninja Warrior	Backyard Tourist	Carve & Conquer: Skiing and Snowboarding
Art Through Needlework	Build Your Own Escape Room	Five Day Film Festival
Biblical Manhood	Cooking 101	Lifeguarding
Golf - Get in the Swing	Culture Con Cuisine	Rediscovering Cleveland
Greatest Sports Moments in History	DriveTeam	SOMP Rotations
Heavy Board Games	Entrepreneurship in Action	Star Wars Marathon
Jewels and Beads	Hiking in the CVNP	Sushi and Samurai
Kingdom Hospitality	Holy Smokes	Tea Cups and Takedowns
SCOR	Pizza and Hip Hop	Teacher for a Week
Shakespeare	Praying in Color	Theatre in Five: High School Musical Edition
Survey of Significant Motion Pictures	Principles of Strength & Conditioning	Athletic Team Experiences
Tennis Intensive (Team Only)	Sacred Imagery	Men's Wrestling Trip
The Verdict: A Mock Trial	Songwriting & Studio Recording	Girls Basketball Trip
Vintage Volt	The Business of Food	Mission Trip Exemption
What's it mean to be a Christian Athlete?	Touch Hearts: Music & Ministry in Nursing Homes	Diakonos Spring Break Trip
Worship Writing		Dominican Republic Mission Trip
		Indiana Mission Trip
		Church Mission Trip
		Flexible Options
		Career Experience Opportunity (CEO) Shadowing
		Student Independent Study (Parent Proposal and Academic Office Approval Required)
		Spring Break 2026 Trip - meets Jterm requirement
		History of Golf Architecture

AM/PM Local On-Campus

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

AM - MORNING OFFERINGS

American Ninja Warrior - AM

Leader: Mrs. C Thompson, Mr. N Thompson

Cost: \$160

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.

Art Through Needlework – AM

Leader: Mrs. S Gabler

Cost: \$35

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 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.

Biblical Manhood - AM

Leader: Mr. R Carroscia

Cost: \$35

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 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 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 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. The course will also include sermons/podcasts by Alistair Begg, RC Sproul, Voddie Baucham Jr., and Nancy Pearcey, as well as discussions about the books: *Thoughts for Young Men* by J.C. Ryle and Tim Keller's *Thoughts on Self-Forgetfulness*.

Golf - Get in the Swing - AM

Leader: Mr. D Fairchild, Mr. M Belden

Cost: \$160

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Calling all golfers and those who would like to try golf. We will go each morning to the Golf Dome in Chagrin Falls and hit balls on Trackman. We will also spend some time working on the short game with an emphasis on putting. Guys and girls of all skill levels are welcome.

Greatest Sports Moments in History - AM

Leader: Mr. W Rasper

Cost: \$45

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

From historic grand slams to world record sprints, from the rumble in the jungle to the block heard round the world, we will go through and watch some of the most iconic moments and games in sports history. Each day, we will watch one of the all-time great sporting events or a movie about the event. We will have snacks and talk about the historical significance of some of the events as well. Come ready to enjoy some of the most incredible athletic feats known to mankind.

Heavy Board Games - AM

Leader: Mr. R Gopp

Cost: \$10

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Come play heavy board games. "Heavy" is a word which here means fun, interesting, thought-provoking, as-complicated-as-you-like, long, actually heavy (there's often a correlation between the metaphorical weight of a game and the physical weight of the box). It's like Greek words that have really in-depth meanings.

If you are interested in board games at all, or want to see why the hobby is growing in popularity, join us. Trust, as the kids say.

Jewels and Beads - AM

Leader: Miss S Runyon

Cost: \$70

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

Do you enjoy the beauty of jewelry? Would you like to create bracelets, earrings, and possibly a necklace that are all more than just stringing some beads on elastic or thread? They will be fun to wear and they will make awesome gifts! We will be working with needles, "Fireline" (fishing) thread, and some beautiful patterns for our jewelry. Some Swarovski crystals and pearls will be used (though they aren't being produced anymore), as well Preciosa crystals and pearls in making many of our works of art. You will learn how to cut and prepare the Fireline thread, and will begin by using the Swarovski crystals and pearls. The patterns will increase in detail and in steps, and will clearly enable you to create intricate designs. Possible projects include lengthening bracelets into necklaces or making earrings to match the bracelets.

Kingdom Hospitality - AM

Leader: Mrs. L DiPaolo

Cost: \$159

Grades: 11, 12

Does your heart yearn to make others feel welcome? Do you long to let others know that they belong? If so, join us in an adventure of Kingdom hospitality. From the practical to the spiritual, we will explore ways to welcome others into our

hearts and homes in the name of Jesus. Learn to prepare for overnight guests; explore how to host a dinner party, including planning the menu, creating a comfortable atmosphere, and delighting your guests with opportunities to engage in games and conversation. Learn how to anticipate the needs of your guests, and grow in your understanding of the importance of welcoming refugees, immigrants, and international students into your lives. Celebrate the beauty of coming together as members of the body of Christ as we investigate the scriptural underpinnings and the practical outworkings of Kingdom hospitality. Junior and senior girls only.

SCOR - AM

Leader: Mrs. L Chadima, Dr. Austin Foguth, PT, DPT

Cost: \$55

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Attention high school athletes and fitness enthusiasts! Are you ready to take your performance to the next level? Join us for SCOR Jterm, an exclusive hands-on training experience designed to help you build strength, prevent injuries, and gain the knowledge to train smarter and set yourself up for long-term success in sports and fitness. Students will learn principles for healthy training, complete a workout and enjoy snacks and debrief at the end of each day.

- Weightlifting Form Assessments – Learn the proper technique to maximize strength gains and avoid common weight room mistakes.
- Injury Prevention & Rehab Strategies – Understand how to protect your body and recover quickly so you can stay in the game.
- Strength Training & Nutrition Principles – Discover the science behind effective training and fueling your body for peak performance.
- Live Workout Session – Put your knowledge into action with a guided workout alongside expert coaches.
- Create Your Own Workout Program - Apply what you learn over this week to create a workout plan that fits your goals.

Shakespeare - AM

Leader: Mr. T Paisley

Cost: \$40

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Are you one of the chosen few who secretly (or not so secretly) love Shakespeare? Do the characters speak to you? Do the plots intrigue you? Does the language move you? If so, join the Shakespeare J-Term. We will spend the week performing some of Shakespeare's plays in a readers' theater. We will enjoy some plays that are not taught in CVCA's English classes, but which come from among Shakespeare's comedies, histories, and tragedies. Especially the tragedies.

Survey of Significant Motion Pictures Throughout Film History - AM

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)

Tennis Intensive - AM

Leader: Mr. D Ramey

Cost: \$210

Grades: 10, 11, 12 (boys team only)

In order to continue our progress and grow alongside one another as tennis players, we will spend focused time on the court. This experience is for members of the boys and girls tennis teams who were on JV-A or varsity last season. We will play at Towpath Tennis Center, helping them to perform some maintenance around the club as well.

The Verdict: A Mock Trial – AM

Leader: Mr. E Ling

Cost: \$50

Grades: 9,10, 11, 12

Step into the courtroom for an immersive one-week Jterm experience where you'll discover how the justice system really works. In this hands-on course, you'll learn the roles of attorneys, witnesses, and jurors while working behind the scenes to prepare for a full mock trial. Along the way, you'll hear directly from judges, lawyers, and other legal professionals who will share insider perspectives on the court system. The week culminates in a live trial simulation where you and your classmates bring the case to life—making this an unforgettable, real-world learning opportunity.

Vintage Voltage – AM

Leader: Mr. C Abell

Cost: \$210

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!

What's it mean to be a Christian Athlete? – AM

Leader: Mr. J Peters

Cost: \$60

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Athletics can be a very important aspect in the life of a follower of Christ. What does it look like when we are called to be different from the world? How does this change an athlete's mindset in preparing, training, competing, working alongside teammates, coaches, and a culture that is contrary to who we are as believers? This won't answer all your questions, but it will provide a foundation to make the most out of your experience as a Christian athlete and give you some tools to make the most of your experience!

Worship Writing - AM

Leader: Mr. C Hubbell, Mr. N Nussen

Cost: \$10

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Students who participate in this course will learn to write worship music and lyrics in a Biblical manner, culminating in the performance of a homemade worship set! Together we will discuss how the Bible talks about worship and common pitfalls in practicing worship. We will encourage one another to pursue beauty and truth in writing worship for ourselves and others in a way that is accessible and authentic to the call of the gospel.

To do this well will spend time looking at examples of biblical worship and some of the best (and worst) examples of worship in writing and in music in our culture and cultures past. We will analyze psalms, hymns, poems, contemporary worship, and hopefully get dragged down various rabbit holes along the way (Rap, Christian rock, Transcendentalism, the idolization of virtue, art maybe) depending on what students want to talk about. This year, with Mr. Nussen we will add a great deal of focus on symbolism and connecting our words with Biblical ideas.

PM - AFTERNOON OFFERINGS

Backyard Tourist – PM

Leader: Mrs. M Riordan, Mr. M Riordan

Cost: \$145

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 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 2026! With a combination of guided tours, presentations, and individual or small-group exploration, we’ll visit a different place each afternoon (Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland Art Museum, Lock 3 Winterblast, Pro Football Hall of Fame, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame). 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.

Build Your Own Escape Room - PM

Leader: Mrs. B Edmonds

Cost: \$110

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Do you love puzzles, mysteries, and challenges that test your creativity and brainpower? In this one-week Jterm course, you’ll step into the world of escape rooms—not just as a player, but as a designer. Together, we’ll explore the secrets behind great escape rooms by learning game theory, storytelling, and puzzle design. You’ll also get the chance to experience a professional escape room in the area to see how the pros do it.

Then the fun really begins: working in a small team, you’ll transform a CVCA classroom into your very own escape room. By the end of the week, you’ll swap rooms with classmates and race against the clock to see if you can “escape.” Teachers and staff will also be invited to test their wits in your creation!

Get ready for a week of creativity, collaboration, and friendly competition. This course will stretch your problem-solving skills, challenge your teamwork, and unlock a whole new way of thinking about games and learning. The only question is—will you escape?

Cooking 101 - PM

Leader: Mrs. L Cowley, Mrs. S Abramson

Cost: \$125

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Know your way around the kitchen? Left on your own, could you make a few different meals for yourself and not go hungry? On day 1 of the class, we will plan a menu for the week and shop for ingredients. Then, we will head to my kitchen the rest of the week to try our hand at baking, boiling, air frying, and Instapot-ing. Most of our meals will be meant for your consumption. However, we will also create a variety of treats for the faculty and staff at one of our feeder schools to enjoy!

Culture Con Cuisine - PM

Leader: Mrs. H Bartel, Mrs. G Hutt

Cost: \$260

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Pack your appetite and sense of adventure — this hands-on course is your passport to global cultures through the universal language of food!

Each day, we'll dive fork-first into a different region of the world, exploring its traditions, values, and stories through the meals that define it. You'll not only taste the flavors but learn what they mean. Think of it as a delicious blend of history and culinary arts — minus the boring lectures, plus a lot more garlic.

Students will prepare signature dishes, explore local ingredients and restaurants, decode the cultural significance behind mealtime rituals, and maybe even dance a little while making tamales (no pressure, but it happens).

By the end of the week, you won't just be full — you'll be fulfilled. And yes, you'll go home with new cooking skills, fun facts, and a few global grandma-approved recipes to show off.

Warning: Side effects may include spontaneous cravings, deep cultural insights, and the sudden urge to host international dinner parties.

Driving Education - PM

Leader: DriveTeam

Cost: \$895

Grades: 9-12 (Students must have a learner's permit by December 31)

Advisory: Students **must** attend a two-day "Vehicle Dynamics Course Hands-On Skills Training in a Controlled Environment" (**Mandatory Skills Weekend - Saturday, 1/3/26 & Sunday, 1/4/26 from 8am-4pm each day**).

**Cost of course covers the entire DriveTeam Package, not just the 5 days of Jterm. Please note: Due to the State of Ohio requirements for classroom hours, this class will meet Monday-Friday, from 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 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](#).

Entrepreneurship in Action - PM

Leader: Mrs. A Chamberlain

Cost: \$40

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Enjoy playing games? Ever thought about MAKING a game? Like the idea of turning a game into a business? Sign up for Entrepreneurship in Action! Students will spend a day studying the art of tabletop games as they begin brainstorming ideas for a new game. They will then spend the next few days creating their own games (with a partner), using the iLab and other resources accordingly, and even writing up a simple business plan. They will then end the week by pitching their games and celebrate by playing!

Hiking the CVNP - PM

Leader: Mr. C Rupe, Mr. C Eernisse

Cost: \$30

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.

Holy Smokes - PM

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

Cost: \$160

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

We have four passions in 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, side dishes, and dessert both on the grill and smoker.

Pizza and Hip Hop - PM

Leader: Mr. S Johnson

Cost: \$35

Grades: 9, 10, 11

Prerequisite: Students who enjoy or are interested in writing, love pizza, are aspiring artists, or love music

Do you love pizza? Have you ever wondered what worship is? How can we worship? And can the culture of Hip Hop be used in a worship service and for the glory of God? Are you a writer or an aspiring artist? Then you should join me in Hip Hop in Worship. We are going to discover how God is using Hip Hop for His glory.

Praying in Color - PM

Leader: Mrs. L DiPaolo

Cost: \$85

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

Our relationship with God is just that- a relationship! How do you best connect with others in your daily life? In this term experience, you will explore a variety of creative ways to talk with God, receive His Word, strengthen your relationships with other believers, and reach out to those who may not know Jesus at all. Learn about a colorful, creative way to pray. Experience the age-old practice of Lectio Divina. Experiment with apps that allow you to listen to God's word in your chosen translation, using a Bible-listening plan. Learn how journaling can deepen your faith and how your handmade greeting cards can encourage other believers and even draw others closer to faith in Jesus. Come with an open heart for new strategies and new friendships and bring along an adventurous spirit. We will experience God in color!

Principles of Strength and Conditioning - PM

Leader: Mr. N Cook

Cost: \$30

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Designed to equip students for lifelong fitness, improved mental health, and current physical well-being, this course will teach proper resistance training techniques, emphasize safety, and guide students in developing an effective and personalized strength training plan.

Sacred Imagery – PM

Leader: Mrs. S Oster, Miss M Prentis

Cost: \$65

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Discover the powerful world of sacred art and religious imagery that has shaped cultures and inspired believers for thousands of years. This hands-on Jterm course takes students on a fascinating journey through the visual language of faith, exploring how different religions have used art to express the divine, tell sacred stories, and create spaces for worship and reflection.

Students will examine sacred imagery across multiple religious traditions before diving deeper into Christian artistic traditions.

The course features an exciting field trip to St. Theodosius Cathedral, where students will experience breathtaking sacred art firsthand and learn from experts about the symbolism and craftsmanship behind religious masterpieces.

Through creative art projects, thoughtful discussions, and collaborative presentations, students will grapple with compelling questions: How do artists represent the sacred? What controversies surround religious imagery? How has the depiction of religious figures evolved across cultures and centuries? The course culminates with student presentations showcasing their own creative interpretations of sacred themes.

Songwriting & Studio Recording – PM

Leader: Mr. M Boardwine

Cost: \$110

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Got something to say? Say it in a song! In this hands-on, collaborative course, we'll dive into the world of songwriting.

We'll listen to and explore a mix of musical genres for inspiration (Pop, Indie, R&B, Rock, Country, and more), break down how great songs are built, and then you'll create your own original song that reflects your voice and style.

Once your song is ready, we're heading to a professional recording studio in Kent, OH, where you'll record your masterpiece and leave with a high-quality version of your very own song to show your friends and family.

No musical talent needed—just a love for music and a story to tell. Join with some friends or as a solo act!

The Business of Food – PM

Leader: Mrs. H Young

Cost: \$160

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

This 5-day course takes students beyond the dining room and into the heart of the local food industry. Through daily visits from a variety of restaurants—from small family-owned establishments to trendy caterers and high-volume kitchens—students will explore the full spectrum of what it takes to run a successful food business.

Each day explores different aspects of restaurant operations, allowing students to engage with chefs, managers, and owners to learn about the strategic, creative, and logistical decisions behind every dish that ends up on a plate. From sourcing ingredients and managing inventory to menu development, pricing strategy, labor costs, and customer service, students will gain a practical understanding of how passion and business intersect in the culinary world.

Touch Hearts, Change Lives: Music & Ministry in Nursing Homes –PM

Leader: Mrs. J Moore

Cost: \$15

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Looking for a meaningful way to share your talents? Join our Nursing Home Ministry program and bring joy to local senior citizens through the power of song and creativity! Students will spend two to three days in class preparing music, crafts, and activities, and then two or three days visiting and ministering to area senior citizens.

All-Day Local On-Campus

Carve & Conquer: Skiing and Snowboarding at Boston Mills – ALL

Leader: Mr. A Chizmar, Mrs. C Chizmar

Cost: \$70 - have Epic pass and equipment

\$470 - have equipment NO Epic pass,

\$820 - NO Epic pass NO Equipment

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Note: Student drop off and pick up at Boston Mills slopes

Hey everyone! Get ready for an exciting winter adventure. Come join us for fun-filled days on the slopes! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned skier, this is the perfect chance to enjoy the snow, spend time with friends, and make unforgettable memories. Don't miss out on the fresh winter air, cozy lodge vibes, and of course, the thrill of skiing or snowboarding down beautiful winter trails. Grab your gear and let's hit the slopes together this winter!

Five Day Film Festival – ALL

Leader: Miss Emma O'Connor

Cost: \$55

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. This workshop is all about creative storytelling and having fun making something — no fancy cameras or experience required!

Lifeguarding – ALL

Leader: Mrs. Nancy 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.

Rediscovering Cleveland – ALL

Leader: Mrs. J Meszaros, Mrs. S Rinearson, Miss E Wides, Mrs. H Young

Cost: \$95

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Come join us as we spend five days rediscovering what Cleveland has to offer. There will be something for everyone - local art, culture, shopping, history, outdoor activities, as well as sampling wonderful food from area restaurants. If you have not been to Cleveland or it has been quite some time since your last visit, come along as we experience this amazing city full of educational experiences and fun! Note: We will be visiting local restaurants for lunch each day, so students will need to bring money Monday-Friday for lunch.

School of Medical Professions Rotations (SOMP)– ALL

Leader: Mr. R Lyons

Cost: \$110

Grades: 10, 11, 12

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. I strongly advise all juniors involved in SOMP to take this Jterm; it will open your eyes to new possibilities of medical service, it will supply some good points for your SOD distinction, it comes at a good time for decision making (before your senior year) and it will be great fun with fellow classmates!

Star Wars Marathon – ALL

Leader: Mr. J Fairfax

Cost: \$85

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

1977 Sci-Fi films changed forever. George Lucas and team produced a space samurai film with cutting-edge special effects mixed with master storytelling. We will examine the works of George Lucas and Disney to explore Biblical themes, film theories, and talk through pop culture. The franchise that reshaped movies across 50 years of film history. We will also explore the fellowship of dining together with snacks and refreshments.

Sushi and Samurai – ALL

Leader: Mr. LT Newland,

Cost: \$210

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

How many of your best memories are linked to food and film? You're not alone. This course will seek to explore the intricacies of other cultures through the medium of cinema and culinary arts. A different culture will be examined every day. For example, we will study Indian culture through time of teaching, an examination of authentic Indian cuisine at an authentic Indian restaurant, and a Bollywood film with a follow-up discussion. The goal of the course is to provide a deeper understanding of foreign culture through immersion of the senses in that culture. Book your spot TODAY!!!

Teacher for a Week – ALL

Leader: Mrs. N Crocker, Miss K Heginbotham

Cost: \$110

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

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

Teacups and Take-downs – ALL

Leader: Mrs. A McGough

Cost: \$135

Grades: 10, 11, 12 (Girls only)

Girl math. Chick-flick. Think pink. These light-hearted phrases can jokingly "set a tone." But every woman knows there's much more to being a girl than a few catchy lines could ever grasp. From teacups to takedowns, let's gather to break down stereotypes and build up confidence in what it means, and doesn't mean, to be a woman of Christ. In this week-long, on-site experience, Jane Austen movies and quotes will help us start the day "properly" before we break for tea and lunch. After that, we'll take discernment and awareness to the mat with some pivotal and practical self-defense training. Just a girl? We don't think so.

Theatre in Five: High School Musical Edition – ALL

Leader: Miss L Barbieri, Miss L O'Brien, Mr. F Lombardi, Mrs. D King

Cost: \$110

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

We're Breaking Free. Ever wanted to try out theatre on the Royals stage? Or, looking for another opportunity to brush up on your musical theater skills? Now is your chance -- we're putting on the 1-hour version of High School Musical: The Musical in 1 week! No prior experience is required. You'll get a taste of everything you would experience in a mainstage musical: auditions, singing, dancing, and acting -- with even some crew experiences thrown in! Please note that this Jterm does require an additional time commitment on Friday afternoon and evening, as students will remain at school to rehearse, perform the musical for their friends and family, and tear down afterwards. Join us for this memorable experience of singing and dancing to recreate some iconic scenes, all while being encouraged to appreciate the creativity given to us by our creative God. Go Wildcats!

Career Experience Opportunity (CEO) – ALL

Leader: Miss M Smith

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. Linda 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, 2025.

Jterm 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 missions trip with a local church or organization in the Summer or Fall of 2025.

- Diakonos 2025 / 2026
- Dominican Republic 2025 / 2026
- Indianapolis 2025
- Nashville 2026
- Church Mission Trip 2025 - download [Outside Mission Trip Verification Form](#)

Athletic Team Experiences

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.

Girls Basketball Experience – TRIP (CVCA Athletic)

Leader: Miss K Quigley

Cost: \$210

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 (team only)

Our girls basketball team will spend the week building stronger connections off the court, growing closer to God and one another in the process. Activities include heading to Kalahari for a fun-filled team bonding trip, a trip to Ashland University to connect with a great collegiate program, and more! Between thrilling rides, relaxing by the pool, learning more about the game, and plenty of laughs, it's the perfect chance to build unforgettable memories together. We will end each day with a team Bible study!

Spring Break Trip

Satisfies the Jterm 2026 requirement

History of Golf Architecture - TRIP

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

Leader: Mr. A Armstrong, Mr. M Brower

Cost: \$2310

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 (Boys only)

Prerequisite: Able to walk 18 holes of golf

Students will have the opportunity to travel to Pinehurst, North Carolina, "The cradle of golf in the United States". Together, we will study the history of golf in the United States and learn about the different schools of golf course architecture through the wide variety of courses in the area.