

# Veritas Christian

Fall 2018 Semester Schedule of Classes  
 Classes held on Wednesdays,  
 from September 5, 2018 - January 16, 2019

All prices are per semester  
 \* Year long class

	Elementary		Junior High	Elective & Enrichment	High School		
	Grades K - 2 \$75+	Grades 3-6 \$95+	Grades 7-8 \$120+	Grades 7-12 \$120+	Grades 9 - 12 \$145+		
<b>9am</b>		<b>*P.E.</b> \$75 Daniella Hall	<b>Robotics</b> Sharilyn Wright	<b>*American History</b> Jeff Lemasters-Tahir	<b>*Sewing: From Cloths to Clothes</b> Mary Lemasters-Tahir	<b>*Spanish 1</b> Starts at 8:30am 90 minute class \$250 Diana Marauri	<b>*U.S. History</b> Julia McDivett
<b>10am</b>	<b>Literature Adventures With Flat Stanley</b> Mary Lemasters-Tahir	<b>*Conversational Spanish</b> Diana Marauri	<b>*America From the Beginning</b> Dawn Banks & Jeanette Martin	<b>*Earth Science</b> Julia McDivett	<b>Cake Decorating</b> Faith & Paula Quintero	<b>Intro to Sociology</b> Sheri Westfall	<b>*American Literature College Prep</b> Wendy Deckman
	<b>*KinderKids</b> (2 hour class \$150) Susie Smith						
<b>11am</b>	<b>*American History</b> Diana Marauri	<b>Art</b> Michelle Hohertz	<b>Math Blasters</b> Julia McDivett	<b>*American Literature</b> Wendy Deckman	<b>Traditional Logic</b> Lisa Garner	<b>Health</b> Cynthia Cruz	<b>*American Literature Honors</b> Michelle Phororo
	<b>*KinderKids</b> (Continued) Susie Smith						
<b>1pm</b>	<b>*Fun With Science</b> Susie Smith	<b>*Kids Economics</b> Mary Lemasters-Tahir	<b>*Beginning Writing</b> Morgan Hankston	<b>*Study Skills</b> Jeff Lemasters-Tahir	<b>Public Speaking</b> Rebecca Menchaca		<b>*Biology</b> 2 hour class \$250 Julia McDivett
							<b>*Chemistry</b> 2 hour class \$250 Sue Strother
<b>2pm</b>	<b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b> Mandi Jackson		<b>*Chemistry &amp; Physics</b> Daniella Hall		<b>Wordpress</b> Lisa Garner	<b>*Spanish 2</b> Ends at 3:30pm 90 minute class \$250 Diana Marauri	<b>*Biology</b> (continued) Julia McDivett
							<b>*Chemistry</b> (continued) Sue Strother

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## ELEMENTARY COURSES

### Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades:

#### KinderKids

*Teacher: Susie Smith*

The KinderKids class explores a variety of themes/topics throughout the year. Some of the themes/topics we'll explore include the sun and moon, shapes, fire safety, seasons, health/nutrition, the states of matter, weather, Dr. Seuss, and recycling. Most themes will incorporate a letter of the day and basic math concepts – such as counting, sorting, patterns, graphing. We'll have messy science experiments, art/crafts, and other activities. In our class, we may use glue, paint, playdough, goldfish, cereal, shaving cream, baking soda, vinegar, cornstarch, or other food/baking products. Please e-mail Mrs. Smith directly with any questions at [susiesmith05@gmail.com](mailto:susiesmith05@gmail.com)

**Note:** If your child has any allergies to foods/commonly used items, please let me know in advance of the semester. Not all allergies can be accommodated.

**Required Supplies:** Students will need a labeled pencil box with a pencil, eraser, crayons, scissors, and a glue stick. Students will also need an old shirt that I'll collect at the beginning of the semester and keep on hand for our messy projects.

**Supply Fee:** \$30 per student, payable to Susie Smith

#### Flat Stanley (K-2)

*Teacher: Mary. Lemasters Tahir*

Come and join us as we learn about a boy who became flat, and could travel through the mail. We will read several chapters of the books aloud in class each week, and then complete a craft project that corresponds to the chapters we just read. Students are encouraged to have their own copy of the Flat Stanley books, so they can follow along, though it is not a requirement. Any reading level is welcome in this class, as independent reading is not required. My goal is to inspire your child to love literature, even at a very young age. As we complete each project, our books will come alive, and reading will become an adventure instead of a task. The Flat Stanley books are written by Jeff Brown. Our first book of the semester will be Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure! (ISBN: 978-0-06-009791-2).

**Supply Fee:** \$10 supply fee that will provide a new craft project each week, payable to Mary Lemasters-Tahir.

Please e-mail Mrs. Lemasters-Tahir directly with any questions: [marytahir18@gmail.com](mailto:marytahir18@gmail.com)

#### American History (1-2)

*Teacher: Diana Marauri*

This class introduces little ones to our country's history. Done in a lap book style, each page will cover a different aspect of our beginning history. They will hear about history, then we will learn some key words, and then do an art project which will ALL fit nicely in our American History lap book. Diana Marauri has homeschooled her four now grown kids for 18 plus years and has taught Spanish in the homeschool community for 10 years. Spanish is her native language and she enjoys teaching it to homeschool students every year.

**Supply Fee:** No books required ONLY an \$8 supply fee per semester, due before class starts, payable to Mrs. Marauri. Please contact her at [ddmarauri@yahoo.com](mailto:ddmarauri@yahoo.com) with any questions.

\*\*\*Note Diana Marauri is an approved vendor for Inspire, Excel, Valiant, Sageoak, and Summit, contact her for more info.

#### Science Fun (1-2)

*Teacher: Susie Smith*

Kids are natural scientists; they are curious and want to know how things work, what they can make, and what reactions will occur when they mix things together. In this class, we will feed that curiosity with kitchen science and other fun, age-appropriate experiments (experiments may include: making ice cream, fizzy drinks, building a volcano, a CD hovercraft, a bouncing egg). This will be a fun, hands-on class where the students will learn by experimenting with different materials that react in surprising ways.

If your child has any allergies to food, please let me know in advance of the semester. Not all allergies can be accommodated. Please e-mail Mrs. Smith directly with any questions at [susiesmith05@gmail.com](mailto:susiesmith05@gmail.com)

**Required Resources:** students will need a slightly-oversized white t-shirt. (I will collect the shirts the first day of class and draw a lab coat design on them.) They should also have a pencil and notebook.

**Supply Fee:** \$20 per student, payable to Susie Smith

#### Crafty Kids (K-2)

*Teacher: Mandi Jackson*

A great way to end the Veritas day – with FUN and CREATIVITY! Your child will be exposed to various art and crafting techniques including painting, gluing, cutting, drawing and more. We will complete a fun craft or art project each week. Students will work on developing their fine motor skills while encouraging their creative abilities. Please e-mail Mrs. Jackson directly with any questions at [mandi.veritas@gmail.com](mailto:mandi.veritas@gmail.com)

**Supply Fee:** \$15 per student, payable to Mandi Jackson on the first day of classes.

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## 3rd – 6th Grades:

### P.E. (3-6)

*Teacher: Daniella Hall*

The students will receive instruction in rules, skills, and strategies associated with the different sports as well as learning experiences involving physical conditioning activities and lifelong physical activities. The program promotes the spirit of cooperation, leadership, fair play, and friendly competition. Please contact Miss. Hall with any questions at [hall.daniella@yahoo.com](mailto:hall.daniella@yahoo.com). (This class is \$75 for the semester, not \$90 as the other classes for this age group)

### Robotics (3-6)

*Teacher: Sharilyn Wright*

This class is a hands-on, fun and educational introduction to the field of robotics. Students will design, build and operate robot models such as hydraulic arms, robot hands, sensors, solar-powered robots and more. We will be using button cell batteries, wires, recycled electronic parts and ordinary craft supplies. Student should be able to follow step-by-step instructions, work with small parts and pay attention to detail. Games and drills will reinforce concepts from the textbook and prepare students for quizzes. Please contact Mrs. Wright with any questions at [amindforgod@cs.com](mailto:amindforgod@cs.com)

**Required Resources:** Robotics: Discover the Science and Technology of the Future by Kathy Ceceri ISBN 978-1936749751 (\$10.96 Amazon).

**Supply Fee:** \$25.00 payable to Sharilyn Wright

### Beginning Writing (3-6)

*Teacher: Morgan Hankston*

This writing course for elementary students new to IEW lays a solid foundation of writing skills. Over the course of this class, students will learn how to effectively use a wide range of structural models and stylistic techniques in their compositions, as they write on a variety of enjoyable fiction and non-fiction topics. Morgan is a mother of 2 beautiful children ages 4 and 9 years and has been homeschooling now for 4-years. She holds a B.A. in Social Science from Cal State LA and had begun a teaching credential program through Cal State Fullerton but had a change of heart when she decided to stay home with her children to train them up fearing the Lord, holistically, and academically. In 2008, she started the tutoring service network, Exercising the Mind, with teachers and professional tutors in the district to provide tutoring in various subjects for K-College students. She loves homeschooling and is excited to be teaching at Veritas this coming year!

Please e-mail Mrs. Hankston directly with any questions at [exercisingthemind@protonmail.com](mailto:exercisingthemind@protonmail.com)

**Required Resources:** 1" binder with 5 tab dividers

**Supply Fee:** \$10 per student, payable to Morgan Hankston on the first day of classes.

### Chemistry & Physics (3-6)

*Teacher: Daniella Hall*

In this yearlong study, your children will be Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics! Study will include Chemistry and Physics Matter, Moving Matter, Building Blocks of Creation, Compound Chemistry, Multitude of Mixtures, Mechanics in Motion, Dynamics of Motion, Work in the World, Sound of Energy, Light of the World, Thermal Energy, Electrifying our World, Mysterious Magnetism, and Simple Machines will also be covered. There will hands-on activities that are age appropriate and give students real-life experience discovering science through a biblical perspective. Please contact Miss. Hall at [hall.daniella@yahoo.com](mailto:hall.daniella@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**Required Resources:** *Young Explorer Series Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics* By Jeannie Fulbright ISBN:978-1-935495-98-7.

**Supply Fee:** \$20 payable to Daniella Hall

### Art (3-6)

*Teacher: Michelle Hohertz*

This will be the first semester of a year-long course in which children will learn art techniques, vocabulary, and elements of both art and design principles, while being introduced to Art Appreciation and History via works by masters. This first semester they'll gain a greater understanding of the art elements of space, line and shape, texture, value scale, form, contrast, shapes of natural forms, and edges, as well as elements of composition such as balance, rhythm, overlap, depth, proportion, the face, and movement.

Children will learn how to use different art mediums and tools and create their own original works each week developing skills that will last them a lifetime! Stay tuned for second semester which will apply the skills learned here plus teach about colors, point of view, and more! Please contact Mrs. Hohertz at [mich@michmedia.com](mailto:mich@michmedia.com) with any questions.

**Required Supplies:** 18"x18" drawing board, 9x12" Sketch pad, Metal pencil sharpener (not plastic!), 12" ruler, scissors, and glue stick. Those registered for this class will receive an e-mail from Mrs. Hohertz in the summer with more specific information including where to buy to get the best deal.

**Supply Fee:** \$20 payable to Michelle Hohertz on the first day of class

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### **Math Blasters** (3-6)

*Teacher: Julia McDivett*

Do you have an elementary child who struggles with their multiplication facts? Maybe division and fractions are hard for your little one because they don't have their multiplication facts memorized. Well, let's face it, memorization and math drills usually are not very much fun. This class will be all about mastering the art of multiplication through game play, drills, and healthy competition. Mrs. McDivett attended Inland Bible College. She is the mother of six children, all of whom she homeschooled from kindergarten through graduation, for a total of 28 years. Three have graduated from California Baptist University, one from Cal Poly and two are attending college. She has been teaching at co-ops for over 15 years and delights to see her students "get it". She is returning to teaching others after a break due to illness (and a miracle!). She keeps busy coaching sports, and enjoying time with friends, family, and grandchildren. Please contact Mrs. McDivett at [daves81@verizon.net](mailto:daves81@verizon.net) with any questions.

**Supply Fee:** \$8 per student, payable to Julia McDivett on the first day of classes.

### **Conversational Spanish** (3-6)

*Teacher: Diana Marauri*

This class is designed with elementary aged students in mind. Students will build on some basic grammar & vocabulary so as to begin some basic conversation skills. We will cover nouns, verbs, prepositions, how to conjugate regular verbs, and putting them in sentence form. We will also use well known stories, such as "The Three Little Bears" to accustom students to hearing Spanish in a familiar story, thus training their audio skills. Each week we will round off what we have learned with fun games to sharpen their skills. This class will be very useful to prepare students to be ready for more advanced Spanish language skills in the future. No textbook required. \*\*\**Note all the beginning & Spanish 1 classes will be working off of the same vocabulary lists.* Diana Marauri has homeschooled her four now grown kids for 18 plus years and has taught Spanish in the homeschool community for 10 years. Spanish is her native language and she enjoys teaching it to homeschool students every year.

**Required:** \$15 for a prepared notebook from Mrs. Marauri plus \$10 supply fee per semester, this is due before class starts. Please contact her at [ddmarauri@yahoo.com](mailto:ddmarauri@yahoo.com) so that she can start preparing a notebook for your student, you may pay her directly). \*\*\**Note Diana Marauri is an approved vendor for Inspire, Excel, Valiant, Sageoak, and Summit, contact her for more info.*

### **America From the Beginning** (3-6)

*Teacher: Dawn Banks & Jeanette Martin*

We will embark on a fun-filled, yearlong study of American History. The chosen textbook, *America from the Beginning*, published by *Answers In Genesis*, takes a Christian approach to US history. We will begin with the first Americans and end in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our journey will include getting to know famous Americans and key events that helped to shape our nation. In addition to the assigned reading, this course will utilize a variety of methods to bring history to life to this young group of students. (ie. crafts, games, timeline work, videos, and one project per semester). Our hope for our students is to nurture a lifetime appreciation and curiosity of our country's history and to have fun doing so! Please contact Mrs. Banks at [dawnbanks100@hotmail.com](mailto:dawnbanks100@hotmail.com) with any questions.

**Supply Fee** \$10, payable to Dawn Banks on the first day of classes. **Required Resources:** *America from the Beginning* Textbook. Optional: *America from the Beginning* Teacher Supplement (not required – reproducibles will be sent via email)

### **Kids Economics** (3-6)

*Teacher: Mary Lemasters-Tahir*

Back by popular demand! A mini-society will be created by the students in this class, as students design a town that they will learn how to run. We will spend the first semester learning the basics of economic terms and ideas. Second semester will be spent putting these terms and ideas into practice. Students will learn about how a city is run, they will create currency, hold town meetings, create laws and elect their own city officials. The students will run their own business based off of their own creativity and problem solving skills. They will learn to adjust their product based on the demand within their class. They will pay taxes and tithe and earn income for city jobs. This class will teach students new skills such as problem solving, creative expression, and working in a group setting. Please e-mail Mary Lemasters-Tahir directly with any questions: [marytahir18@gmail.com](mailto:marytahir18@gmail.com)

**Supply Fee:** \$10 per student, payable to Mary Lemasters-Tahir on the first day of classes.

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## JR. HIGH COURSES

### American History (7-8)

Teacher: Jeff Lemasters-Tahir

This is a year-long course that will cover the essentials of American History from the early explorers through the Cold War. We will emphasize learning the stories and the narratives that make the history come to life. By the end of the year, the students will gain an appreciation as to how the United States came to be, what has made it exceptional, and why it is, "the last best hope." I will be requesting that the students have "All American History--Uniting America's Story, Piece by Piece" by Celeste W. Rakes and published by Bright Ideas Press. We will use Volume 1 first semester and Volume 2 second semester. Students are only expected to have the Student Reader. We will also use "The Complete Middle School Study Guide--Everything You Need to Ace American History In One Big Fat Notebook." This book is available at Costco. ISBN #978-0-7611-6083-0. (A word of warning: This book does skew slightly to the left politically. I believe it is a great overview, regardless, and will attempt to teach in such a way as to eliminate the political bias). This book is not required, but highly recommended. I do require that every student have a copy of the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. These are available as texts in any bookstore and are also available as free downloads online. Please contact him directly at [jeffreylemasterstahir@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffreylemasterstahir@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

**Supply Fee:** \$10 per student, payable to Jeff Lemasters-Tahir on the first day of classes

### American Literature (7-9)

Teacher: Wendy Deckman

This course will explore many American classics and use literature as a starting point for our own writing. We will practice narrative, descriptive, expository, comparison, and creative writing. Grammar, vocabulary, spelling, reading comprehension, sentence construction, paragraph formation, and essay styles will be taught in detail. Students will be expected to read at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week, as well as maintain a prayer journal. Mrs. Deckman has a Master's degree in English, a secondary teaching credential, and has taught a variety of classes from 9<sup>th</sup> grade ESL in public high schools to graduate level research classes at universities. Her most recent position was as a consultant for College Focus assisting students with college entrance essays to universities such as Brown and Princeton. She has been home educating her three children for over 10 years. Please e-mail Mrs. Deckman directly with any questions at [wendydeckman@yahoo.com](mailto:wendydeckman@yahoo.com)

**Required Resources:** (NOTE: Students are encouraged to take notes in their books, so paperbacks are recommended) *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes ISBN: 978-0-547-61432-8; *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Rip Van Winkle* by Washington Irving ISBN-13: 978-0-486-28828-4; *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott; *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee ISBN-13: 978-0060935467; *Call of the Wild* by Jack London ISBN-13: 978-048626472. Some recommended (but not required) additional reading: *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien; *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle; *The Giver* by Lois Lowry; *The Westing Game* by Elin Raskin; *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls; *Mr. Pipes Comes to America* by Douglas Bond.

**Required Supplies:** A 2" 3-ring binder with 5 tabs labeled "Notes," "Handouts," "Outlines," "Drafts," and "Showcase;" a separate prayer journal (a spiral bound notebook is fine); and the following literature\* (please try to get the same ISBN number so that all students are literally on the same page). **Supply Fee:** \$10, payable to Wendy Deckman on the first day of class

### Earth Science (8-9)

Teacher: Julia McDivett

Earth Science will move the student from the lithosphere of the earth itself to the hydrosphere in and on the earth to the atmosphere surrounding the earth and finally out into space visiting the solar system and the rest of the universe. All of this is a quest to understand God's created world. Case studies and other activities will encourage students to think like scientists as they develop a biblical perspective of earth and space. Mrs. McDivett attended Inland Bible College. She is the mother of six children, all of whom she homeschooled from kindergarten through graduation, for a total of 28 years. Three have graduated from California Baptist University, one from Cal Poly and two are attending college. She has been teaching at co-ops for over 15 years and delights to see her students "get it". She is returning to teaching others after a break due to illness (and a miracle!). She keeps busy coaching sports, and enjoying time with friends, family, and grandchildren. Contact Mrs. McDivett at [daves81@verizon.net](mailto:daves81@verizon.net) with any questions.

**Lab Supply Fee:** \$30 per student, payable to Julia McDivett

**Required Resources:** BJU Earth Science, 5<sup>th</sup> edition Student Text, and Student Lab Manual.

**DO NOT PURCHASE THIS CURRICULUM.** Veritas has worked out a co-op discount + free shipping through BJU Press and we must order it all at once. When you register for this class you will also be charged for books, you will need to choose an option:

Option 1: Student text hard copy with hard copy lab manual \$80.00 total OR

Option 2: Student text E-book with hard copy lab manual \$50.00 total.

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### **Study Skills** (7-8)

*Teacher: Jeff Lemasters-Tahir*

This is a year-long course that will focus on the ability of the students to truly apply their God-given gifts to become as productive as possible in High School and beyond. We will learn proper methods of note-taking, problem solving, reading for content and context, test-taking, comprehension, and memory building. By the end of the year, the students will be able to obtain and retain a larger percentage of what they read, hear, and see, and apply this additional knowledge to their output. I am currently deciding between two different textbooks. The textbooks are roughly equivalent. Both provide significant discounts based on the number of texts ordered at one time. The number of books ordered will affect which text is less expensive. Thus, it is my intent to make that determination at the time of the publication of the class list and place one order for the class. The book will be less than or equal to \$45.00. Class Supply Fee is \$10 per student, payable to Mr. Lemasters-Tahir. Please contact him directly at [jeffreylemasterstahir@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffreylemasterstahir@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

## ENRICHMENT COURSES 7-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### **Cake Decorating** (7-12)

*Teacher: Paula and Faith Quintero*

Students will learn a wide variety of cake decorating techniques, including gumpaste work, piping techniques, how to work with fondant, and much more. Faith is a Veritas student as well as an experienced baker/chef with a desire to share her skills with others. You can check out her work (and follow her) on Instagram at @faithfullycreated or on Facebook at Faithfully Created. Faith and her mother Paula will be teaching this class. If you have any questions for Mrs. Quintero please e-mail her directly at [pmg923@gmail.com](mailto:pmg923@gmail.com)

**Supply Fee:** \$25 per student, payable to Paula Quintero.

**Required Supplies:** -Kootek All-In-One Cake Decorating Supplies - \$15.99

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0786CKC5J/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_api\\_i\\_p-K5AbB1R0C38](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0786CKC5J/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_api_i_p-K5AbB1R0C38)

### **Speech Masters** (7-12)

*Teacher: Rebecca Menchaca*

Did you know that public speaking is the #1 fear for most people? More than the fear of death! This Speech Masters class will help your student overcome that fear with practice and techniques. Speech Masters is a learn-by-doing class in which students will hone their speaking and leadership skills in a no-pressure atmosphere. Students will evaluate one another's presentations, this feedback process is a key part of the class and its success. Students will give impromptu talks on assigned topics, conduct meetings, and develop skills related to timekeeping, grammar and parliamentary procedure.

Mrs. Menchaca has been homeschooling her own kids for 11 years, has taught Public Speaking in the homeschooling community for 5 years, and has a Bachelor's of Arts in Speech Communication. Supply Fee: Please e-mail Mrs. Menchaca directly with any questions at [becky.1970@yahoo.com](mailto:becky.1970@yahoo.com)

### **Traditional Logic** (7-12)

*Teacher: Lisa Garner*

This class will be an in-depth study of classical syllogism and will focus on language oriented traditional logic from Aristotle and stay with traditional philosophical assumptions about reality. Students will be provided with a basic understanding of the Christian theory of knowledge, the four kinds of logical statements, the four ways propositions can be opposed, the three ways which they can be equivalent, and the seven rules for the validity of syllogisms. Mastery is achievable with homework and exercises each week.

Mrs. Garner is an administrator at Veritas, graduated her two sons from homeschool, and has taught in the homeschool community for 10 years. Please e-mail Mrs. Garner directly with any questions at [lisa.veritasclasses@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.veritasclasses@gmail.com)

#### **Required Curriculum:**

Traditional Logic Student Text: Memoria Press ISBN 9781615388769, <https://www.memoriapress.com/curriculum/logic-and-rhetoric/traditional-logic-i-student-text/>

Traditional Logic Student Workbook: Memoria Press ISBN 9781615388769,

<https://www.memoriapress.com/curriculum/logic-and-rhetoric/traditional-logic-student-workbook-second-edition/>

### **Sewing** (7-12)

*Teacher: Mary Lemasters-Tahir*

Students will learn the basics of hand sewing, machine sewing, fabric choice, reading patterns, and basic mending skills like sewing on a button, a zipper or creating a hem. Students will have the opportunity to complete a number of projects that will give them the skills they need to be able to turn fabric into any number of creations. By the end of the school year, they will complete an individual project where they have selected a pattern, purchased fabric and notions and then completed the sewing project they chose. A sewing machine is recommended for this class, though not required. Extra machines will be provided during class, though, learning on your own machine and being able to practice at home is always a benefit. There is a required list of sewing supplies that each student needs to bring to class each week, that list will be sent to you before the beginning of the semester.

**Supply Fee:** \$20 per student, payable to Mrs. Lemasters-Tahir. This will cover all of the project in class except for the individual final project. Please e-mail Mrs. Lemasters-Tahir directly with any questions: [marytahir18@gmail.com](mailto:marytahir18@gmail.com)

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## Wordpress (7-12)

Teacher: Lisa Garner

WordPress is easily the largest blogging platform on the web and a popular choice for all kinds of online ventures. In this class, students will become familiar with WordPress and its many functionalities. With guidance, students will get to decide what they want their website to represent and will be able to upload files of different formats and create their online space. This will give them a great advantage and benefit them as they choose a career, college, or just want to use it as a portfolio for their hobby. They will create a website that perfectly captures their personality while engaging with each other and learning how to write blog posts, comment, and contribute to each other's content. Mrs. Garner is an administrator and web developer at Veritas, graduated her two sons from homeschool, and has taught in the homeschool community for 10 years. E-mail Mrs. Garner directly with any questions at [lisa.veritasclasses@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.veritasclasses@gmail.com)

**Required Resources:** A laptop with the ability to connect to wifi will be required for this class and must be allowed to work on the internet to do homework. Students will be required to have a gmail account. We will be using Google for storage and file keeping. In week 2, students will need to choose their online address (domain name) and purchase it. The cost is \$8.99 a year to keep it.

**Supply Fee:** \$15 to host their website for the semester (payable to Mrs. Garner)

## HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

### U.S. History (9-12)

Teacher: Julia McDivett

This class will take students on an historical journey beginning with European contact with American Indians and ending with the inauguration of Donald Trump. Along the journey, the course will highlight major historical events that have shaped American history, inviting students to discuss the ramifications of these events on a society today. Mrs. McDivett attended Inland Bible College. She is the mother of six children, all of whom she homeschooled from kindergarten through graduation, for a total of 28 years. Three have graduated from California Baptist University, one from Cal Poly and two are attending college. She has been teaching at co-ops for over 15 years and delights to see her students "get it". She is returning to teaching others after a break due to illness (and a miracle!). She keeps busy coaching sports, and enjoying time with friends, family, and grandchildren. Contact Mrs. McDivett at [daves81@verizon.net](mailto:daves81@verizon.net) with any questions.

**Supply Fee:** \$5 per student, payable to Julia McDivett on the first day of classes.

**Required Resources:** United States History by BJU Press, Student Text (5<sup>th</sup> edition) and Activities Manual

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Option 1: Student text hard copy with hard copy lab manual \$80.00 total OR

Option 2: Student text E-book with hard copy lab manual \$50.00 total.

### Honors American Literature (9-12)

Teacher: Michelle Phororo

This class emphasizes the development of reading, writing, and critical analysis by using a comprehensive study of literature, short stories, poems, speeches, and documents. Students will explore various styles of writing in preparation for the rigor of post-high school academics. This course also includes vocabulary study, instruction of the SAT essay standards, rhetorical analysis, and narrative techniques.

Short stories include authors such as O. Henry, Connell, and Poe.

Poems written by Longfellow, Roche, Whitman, Hughes, and Key will be examined and critiqued.

Speeches by Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Ronald Reagan as well as documents such as 'The Mayflower Compact', 'The Monroe Doctrine', and 'Brown v. Board of Education' will be analyzed.

Books included in this course are: *Walden Pond and Civil Disobedience* by Henry David Thoreau (ISBN: 0451532163); *Up from Slavery* by Booker T. Washington (ISBN: 1420952382); *Rough Riders* by Theodore Roosevelt (ISBN: 006231209X); *Air Raid- Pearl Harbor* by Theodore Taylor (ISBN: 0152164219); *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki and James Houston (ISBN: B0017GXC6A); *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway (ISBN: 0684801221); and *The Cross and the Switchblade* by David Wilkerson (ISBN: 0515090255).

Mrs. Michelle Phororo has a Bachelor's of Science degree, teaching credential, and Master of Arts degree in Education from California State University, Fullerton. She taught in the public school system for 9 years and has been involved in home school teaching for 17 years. This upper level high school course aims to articulate a clear understanding of American history and literature by providing a positive classroom environment, well-planned teaching strategies, and engaging homework assignments and activities. Contact Mrs. Phororo at [p4phororo@gmail.com](mailto:p4phororo@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Required Supplies:** 2 inch binder with 4 dividers and highlighters, and books in above description

**Supply Fee:** \$10 per student, payable to Michelle Phororo on the first day of classes.

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### American Literature College Prep (9-12)

Teacher: Wendy Deckman

This college prep course is an exciting journey through centuries of American Literature, from the Puritan founders to present day authors. We will explore the concepts of theme, point of view, worldview, symbolism, narrative techniques, and others through the use of short stories, poetry, novels, and a play. Authors will include Edwards, Bradstreet, Irving, Hawthorne, Lee, and Miller, among others. Writing instruction will cover the basics of writing five different styles of high school level essays, including narrative, descriptive, expository, persuasive, and comparison. In-class activities will provide practice in the various techniques to be included in compositions. Students are expected to be able to read at a ninth grade level and to read a minimum of 30 minutes a day, five days a week.

Mrs. Deckman has a Master's degree in English, a secondary teaching credential, and has taught a variety of classes from 9<sup>th</sup> grade ESL in public high schools to graduate level research classes at universities. Her most recent position was as a consultant for College Focus assisting students with college entrance essays to universities such as Brown and Princeton. She has been home educating her three children for over 10 years. Please e-mail Mrs. Deckman directly with any questions at [wendydeckman@yahoo.com](mailto:wendydeckman@yahoo.com)

**Required Resources:** *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Rip Van Winkle* by Washington Irving ISBN-13: 978-0-486-28828-4; *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne ISBN-13: 978-0-486-28048-6; *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee ISBN-13: 978-0060935467; *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller ISBN-13: 978-0142437339; *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury ISBN-13: 978-1451673319. Recommended (but not required) additional reading: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald; *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London; *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain; *The Giver* by Lois Lowry; *The Westing Game* by Elin Raskin; *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls; *Mr. Pipes Comes to America* by Douglas Bond

**Required Supplies:** A 2" 3-ring binder with 5 tabs labeled "Notes," "Handouts," "Outlines," "Drafts," and "Showcase;" and the following literature\* (please try to get the same ISBN number so that all students are literally on the same page).

**Supply Fee:** \$10 per student, payable to Wendy Deckman on the first day of class.

### Health (9-12)

Teacher: Cynthia Cruz

With 30+ years in the field of Nutrition, I have a passion for helping the children of God learn ways to care for their temples and stay healthy. Class time will include lectures, videos and activities to help students understand the principles of healthy living as well as how to create new, beneficial lifestyle habits. **Topics include:** Digestive system, digestion, colon, beneficial bacteria, immune system, Dr. Price's research on diet, grass-fed beef, sugar, vitamin D, Bread & fortification, the metabolic theory and history of cancer, the ketogenic diet, live food enzymes, vitamins, minerals, trace minerals, emotions, spiritual health, sustainable farming, organic gardening, medicinal herbs, healthy eating and live food recipe ideas. E-mail Mrs. Cruz directly at [cruzin@wwdb.org](mailto:cruzin@wwdb.org) with questions.

**Supply Fee:** \$5 per student, payable to Mrs. Cruz on the first day of classes.

**Required Resources:** \*A Journal; \*Tripping Over the Truth by Travis Christofferson, M.S. ISBN:9781603587297 Hardcover; ISBN: 9781603587303 \*Prescription for Nutritional Healing by Phyllis A. Balch, CNC, Stacey Bell; Avery Publishing Group ISBN 9781583334522

### Spanish 1 (9-12) 1 ½ hours

Teacher: Diana Marauri

This class will provide a solid foundation of proper pronunciation, grammar, and essential vocabulary by placing an emphasis on listening and repeating, followed by an emphasis on reading and writing. We will cover what was covered in the beginning Spanish classes and beyond by conjugating verbs in the present tense and beginning conjugating in the preterite tense, building sentence with more detail, and understanding when exposed to spoken Spanish. This course works off of a very detailed syllabus that will give students the opportunity to become more independent with their work. To ensure proper pronunciation students will use YouTube made audio for each vocabulary list given and students will also get a key on a weekly basis to check their work and be required to rewrite incorrect work 2-3 times (a quick correction response). The student will develop vocabulary skills and in turn communication skills at a beginner level for High School. The student will additionally participate in skits to further increase their use of the language. The introduction of the foods, customs, and music will be interwoven.

Diana Marauri has homeschooled her four now grown kids for 18 plus years and has taught Spanish in the homeschool community for 10 years. Spanish is her native language and she enjoys teaching it to homeschool students every year. . Please contact her at [ddmarauri@yahoo.com](mailto:ddmarauri@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**Required Resources:** *High School Level Prepared Spanish Binder & rental of the "Adelante Uno" by Blanco textbook for \$55 (both available through Mrs. Marauri plus supplies fee of \$12.50 per semester will be due before class starts\*\*\*Note all the beginning & Spanish 1 classes will be working off of the same vocabulary lists. \*\*\*Note Diana Marauri is an approved vendor for Inspire, Excel, Valiant, Sageoak, and Summit, contact her for more info.*

### Spanish 2 (10-12) 1 ½ hours

Teacher: Diana Marauri

This class will provide the continuation of what was done in Spanish 1, starting with some review. Then we will build on the verb conjugations and include preterite and imperfect tense, increase vocabulary, and conversation skills. To ensure proper



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pronunciation students will use YouTube made audio for each vocabulary list given and students will also get a key on a weekly basis to check their work and be required to rewrite incorrect work 2-3 times (a quick correction response). The student will develop vocabulary skills and in turn communication skills at a moderate level for High School. The student will additionally participate in skits and projects to further increase their use of the language.

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### Intro to Sociology

*Teacher: Sheri Westfall*

Mrs. Westfall received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Social Work from Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, MI. She has worked with various populations, including the homeless, domestic violence victims, and abused and neglected children. Sociology is the study of social interactions, social change, and causes and consequences of human behavior. Why do you act as you do? And why does your neighbor act differently? What influences your actions in your family? Your church? Your community? Cultural norms, deviance and conformity, gender expectations, and social problems are some of the complex topics we will tackle. We will explore sociological theory and methods of social research, social structure, education, and social movements in order to enhance our understanding of society. Before beginning our overview study of these topics, we will establish what a Christian worldview looks like, how it impacts our study and understanding of society, and how it is different from a secular worldview. This course is a step in preparing our students to be Christian world-changers! Please e-mail Mrs. Westfall directly with any questions at [campsheri@aol.com](mailto:campsheri@aol.com)

**Required Resources:** *Sociology: A Christian Approach for Changing the World, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (2010) Edited by Cynthia Benn Tweedell ISBN: 978-1-931283-33-5. This textbook is available on Amazon or in digital format for Kindle or Kindle App. Please speak with teacher before purchasing! Supply Fee: \$5 payable to Mrs. Westfall.*

### Biology– 2 hours

*Teacher: Julia McDivett*

High School Biology is a college-prep, lab course that will take the students on a quest to understand God's living world, from the microscopic world of the cells to the macroscopic world of plants, animals, and the human body. The goal for this class is not to just give students knowledge of Biology but also to teach them critical thinking and to develop college and career readiness while applying a Christian worldview in the field of Biology. Students will explore the field of biology through webquests, real-world case studies, and lab and field activities. Mrs. McDivett attended Inland Bible College. She is the mother of six children, all of whom she homeschooled from kindergarten through graduation, for a total of 28 years. Three have graduated from California Baptist University, one from Cal Poly and two are attending college. She has been teaching at co-ops for over 15 years and delights to see her students "get it". She is returning to teaching others after a break due to illness (and a miracle!). She keeps busy coaching sports, and enjoying time with friends, family, and grandchildren. Please contact Mrs. McDivett directly at [daves81@verizon.net](mailto:daves81@verizon.net) with any questions.

**Lab Supply Fee:** \$40 per student, payable to Mrs. McDivett

**Required Resources:** BJU Biology, 5<sup>th</sup> edition Student Text, and Student Lab Manual.

**DO NOT PURCHASE THIS CURRICULUM.** Veritas has worked out a co-op discount + free shipping through BJU Press. When you register for this class you will also be charged for books, you will need to choose an option:

Option 1: Student text hard copy with hard copy lab manual \$80.00 total OR

Option 2: Student text E-book with hard copy lab manual \$50.00 total.

### Chemistry– 2 hours

*Teacher: Sue Strother*

High School Chemistry is a college-prep, lab course in which students will be challenged to master the fundamental principles of matter from the invisible atom to chemical reactions including composition, displacement, decomposition, combustion, acid-base reactions, and oxidation-reduction reactions. These types of reactions, with processes including electrochemistry and thermodynamics, will be observed and analyzed through engaging labs, lectures, discussions and student presentations.

Mrs. Strother holds a Bachelor's in Nursing, was a nurse in the Air Force, homeschooled her son for 10 years, and has been teaching science in the homeschool community for the last 15 years.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Strother directly at [bstrotherthree@outlook.com](mailto:bstrotherthree@outlook.com)

**Required Supplies:** scientific calculator (not the one on your phone), home wi-fi, computer, and printer access, 3 ring binder (can be one shared with other classes), straight edge ruler, color pencils,

**Lab Supply Fee:** \$40 / student

**Required Resources:** BJU Chemistry, 4<sup>th</sup> edition Chemistry Student Worktext, Chemistry Student Lab Manual.

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