

# Veritas Christian

Spring 2019 Semester Schedule of Classes

Classes held on Wednesdays,

from January 23, 2019 - May 29, 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+		
9am	Artistic Adventures Honor Kristi		Character First Sharilyn Wright		*Sewing: From Cloths to Clothes Mary Lemasters-Tahir	*Spanish 1 Starts at 8:30am 90 minute class \$250	*U.S. History Julia McDivett
					Speech Masters Rebecca Menchaca	College Prep Genius Grades 7-12 \$120 Mandi Jackson	
10am	Literature Adventures With Magic Treehouse Mary Lemasters-Tahir	*Conversational Spanish Diana Marauri	*America From the Beginning TBD	*Earth Science Julia McDivett	Home Economics Sheri Westfall		*American Literature College Prep Wendy Deckman
	*KinderKids (2 hour class \$150) Susie Smith						
11am	Nature Explorers Workshop K-4th grade (2 hour class \$150, 10am- noon) Honor Kristi	*Art Michelle Hohertz		*American Literature Wendy Deckman	Worldview: Thinking Like A Christian Pastor Andy Hanson	College Prep Genius Grades 7-12 \$120 Mandi Jackson	*American Literature Honors Michelle Phororo
	*KinderKids (continued) Susie Smith						
1pm	*Fun With Science Susie Smith	*Kids Economics Mary Lemasters Tahir	*Beginning Writing Morgan Hankston		Art 101 Honor Kristi	College Prep Genius Grades 7-12 \$120 Mandi Jackson	*Biology 2 hour class \$250 Julia McDivett
							*Physics 2 hour class \$250 Sue Strother
2pm			*Chemistry & Physics Mary LeMasters Tahir				*Biology (continued) Julia McDivett
							*Physics (continued) Sue Strother

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## ELEMENTARY COURSES

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

#### Artistic Adventures (K-2)

*Teacher: Honor Kristie*

A fun, hands on introduction to art in its many forms! Children will be introduced to and develop an understating of color, line, shape, texture, pattern, balance and perspective. We will also explore art history and beginning art appreciation by introducing various famous artists and their works. The children will get to experience a variety of media such as clay, paint, pastel, charcoal, watercolor, mosaic and more!

**Required Supplies:** In addition to basic required class supplies, please bring an apron/smock/or oversized shirt to protect clothing. Strathmore STR-430-9 10 Sheet 400 series Acrylic Paper Pad 9x12" & Grumbacher Vine Charcoal, soft black 3 pack

**Supply Fee:** \$20 per student, payable to Mrs. Honor Kristie.

#### Nature Explorers Workshop (2 hour class from 10am to noon) (K-4<sup>th</sup> grade)

*Teacher: Honor Kristi*

Come with us as we explore some of God's greatest creations in nature! We will be learning the art of keeping a nature journal and how to record our observations and connect with the natural world around us. A new theme each week will be supplemented by beautiful picture books, field guides and maps. We will also have dedicated hands-on in nature time to explore, play and complete a nature craft. **Required Supplies:** Each student will need to bring a blank journal/drawing notebook

**Supply Fee:** \$20 for a nature craft created each class, payable to Honor Kristi on the first day of class. Please contact Honor directly with any questions at [honorhansen@hotmail.com](mailto:honorhansen@hotmail.com)

#### 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

#### Literature Adventures with Magic Treehouse (K-2)

*Teacher: Mary. Lemasters Tahir*

Come and join us as we learn about Jack and Annie and their magic tree house as they journey through time. 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 Magic Tree House 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 Magic Tree House books are written by Mary Pope Osborne. We will be using the following books: Darpins at Daybreak (#9) ISBN 0-679-88338-X, Polar Bears Past Bedtime (#12) ISBN 0-590-70638-1, Vacation Under the Volcano (#13) ISBN 978-0-679-89050-8, and High Time for Heroes (#51) ISBN 978-0-307-98052-6.

**Supply Fee:** \$15 will provide a new craft project each week, payable to Mary Lemasters-Tahir. E-mail Mrs. Lemasters-Tahir directly with any questions: [marytahir18@gmail.com](mailto:marytahir18@gmail.com)

#### Fun With Science (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

### 3rd – 6th Grades:

#### Character First (3-6)

*Teacher: Sharilyn Wright*

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Using the legendary Character First curriculum, this class will introduce 6-8 important character traits, including honesty, respect, self control, attentiveness, gratefulness, orderliness, compassion and patience. Character First lessons feature affirmations, crafts, narratives of historical figures and role-playing activities. Curriculum will be supplemented by Bible verses and journaling. **Supply fee \$15.00**

### **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: Mary LeMasters Tahir*

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 Mrs. Lemasters Tahir at [marytahir18@gmail.com](mailto:marytahir18@gmail.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 Mary LeMasters Tahir

### **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

### **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: TBD*

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.

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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!

**Supply Fee** \$10, payable to your teacher 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)  
(**Note:** this class will only continue if there is enough interest for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester)

### 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.

## JR. HIGH COURSES

### 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 Reardon* 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. Pip's 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.

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

### Home Economics (7-12)

*Teacher: Sheri Westfall*

Home Economics...the lost art. As technology as taken over many aspects of our lives, it's important to go back and learn the foundations of caring for a home and family. This class will cover many aspects of basic home skills, including etiquette, basic child development and child care, mending, budgeting and home finance, cooking and baking, and more! This will be a hands-on class with no homework and is not graded. If your child needs high school credit, you may feel free to assign your student additional practice at home. The cooking portion of the class will be vegetarian and gluten free. (Please note that I might be moving out of state before the end of the school year. If that occurs, Faith Quintero will be finishing the class with cooking/baking.)

**Supply Fee:** \$20 per student, payable to Sheri Westfall.

**Required Supplies:** Pencils and eraser.

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### **Worldview: Thinking Like a Christian** (7-12)

*Teacher: Pastor Andy Hanson*

This course is a semester-long introduction to some of the predominant philosophies in our culture. Students will be introduced to a few men whose ideas have permeated today's thinking. Comparing to God's word, we'll take a look at how today's ideas conflict with Scriptures. Through reading, discussion, media helps, and journaling, this course will help prepare students to stand for truth in an uncertain world.

**Required Resources:** Curriculum needed. *Thinking Like a Christian Journal* \$11.95 Suggested but not required for parents:

*Thinking Like a Christian Textbook* \$14.95

### **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. Please e-mail Mrs. Menchaca directly with any questions at [becky.1970@yahoo.com](mailto:becky.1970@yahoo.com)

### **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)

### **Art 101** (7-12)

*Teacher: Honor Kristie*

Students will be introduced to and develop an understating of color, line, shape, texture, pattern, balance and perspective. With each project we will also explore art history and beginning art appreciation by introducing various famous artists and their works. The students will get to experience a variety of media such as clay, paint, pastel, charcoal, watercolor, mosaic and more!

**Required Supplies:** In addition to basic required class supplies, please bring an apron/smock/or oversized shirt to protect clothing. Strathmore STR-430-9 10 Sheet 400 series Acrylic Paper Pad 9x12" & Grumbacher Vine Charcoal, soft black 3 pack  
**Supply Fee:** \$20 per student, payable to Mrs. Honor Kristie.

### **College Prep Genius** (7-12)

*Teacher: Mandi Jackson*

Veritas is partnering with Jean Burk and College Prep Genius, the test prep program recommended by HSLDA, to bring you this amazing program at a discount. This twelve-week course explores the logical patterns of SAT and ACT question types and teaches students how to recognize obvious clues and find correct answers. With approximately one minute per question, many students are unable to finish their standardized tests on time. With the help of unique strategies found in SAT Prep Genius, students are encouraged to learn clever acronyms and innovative devices for solving problems quickly and accurately.

This class, offered in three different time slot choices to fit your schedule (9am, 11am, 1pm), is unlike any class we have offered at Veritas. Students will watch the streamed College Prep Genius videos taught by Jean Burk and we will practice some of these strategies in class. For more information about College Prep Genius check out <http://collegeprepgenius.com/class-overview/>

**Required Supplies:** Hard copy textbook and workbook, normally \$60 + shipping, but is **INCLUDED** in the cost of the class. Your students will receive their books at the first class. Books must be brought to each class! Pen, pencil, highlighter.

**Special Considerations:** This is a 12 week class, the first class will meet on FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup>, the last class will meet on MAY 15<sup>th</sup>. Because we are ordering the program and the books on your behalf, January 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the last day to register for and pay for this class. This class must be paid for in full by January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and is non-refundable after that date.

## **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

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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

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

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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.*

### **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.

### **Physics**– 2 hours

*Teacher: Sue Strother*

Come and explore God's playground through the study of Physics! This college-prep, lab science course is designed for the student who has completed Algebra 1 and Geometry. Definitions of Sine, Cosine, and Tangent will be introduced in the class. 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:** Exploring Creation with Physics, 2nd Edition, Apologia

Check out samples at: <https://www.apologia.com/physics/117-exploring-creation-with-physics-2nd-ed-2-book-set.html>

Students will need both textbook and solutions manual. The basic set includes a test packet. Replacement test packets are available too.