

Veritas Christian

Spring 2020 Semester Schedule of Classes

Classes held on Wednesdays,

from January 15, 2020 - May 13, 2020

All prices are per semester

* Year long class

	Junior High Grades 7-9 \$120+	Elective & Enrichment Grades 7-12 \$120+	High School Grades 9 - 12 \$145+	
9am	*Ancient Civilizations Mandi Jackson	* Let's Paint! Jennifer Rivera		* Algebra 1 Shannon Steffan
10am	* Language Arts (7-9) Wendy Deckman	Cartography Janine Lingner		*Ancient Civilizations Mandi Jackson
		Sewing Mary Lemasters-Tahir		
11am	* General Science (7-8) Madelyn Bradley		*British Literature (10-12) Michelle Phororo	*Rhetoric, Writing, and Worldview (11-12) Wendy Deckman
	* Physical Science (8-9) Sue Strother			
1pm	* Language Arts 7-9 Wendy Deckman		*Chemistry Lab Janine Lingner	*Biology \$250 - 2 hour class Madelyn Bradley
				*Physics \$250 - 2 hour class Melissa Kaiser
2pm		* Survey of the Bible Wendy Deckman	* Algebra 2 with Geometry Shannon Steffan	*Biology (continued) Madelyn Bradley
				*Physics (continued) Melissa Kaiser

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JR. HIGH COURSES

English Language Arts (7-9)

Instructor: Wendy Deckman

This class will incorporate well-written classic tales and literature to teach writing skills and literary interpretation. Using the classical progymnasmata as a guide for effective written and spoken communication, we will focus on narration, exposition, encomium (praise), refutation, and confirmation. Students will be encouraged to creatively engage the written word, as well as understand and apply the principles presented in classic Christian literature. Some exercises will be parent-led and parent-evaluated, therefore the teacher edition of our text is highly recommended. Mrs. Deckman has a Master's degree in English, a secondary teaching credential, and has taught a variety of classes from 9th 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

Required Resources: *Writing and Rhetoric Book 4: Chreia and Proverb* (1st semester) Published by ClassicalAcademicPress.com (and Teacher's Edition). *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan (generations.com has an excellent young reader version). *Writing and Rhetoric Book 5: Refutation and Confirmation* (2nd semester) Published by ClassicalAcademicPress.com (and Teacher's Edition). Additional novels TBD, Mrs. Deckman will e-mail this information.

Required Supplies: Binder with 4 sections: blank paper, in progress, completed, and study guides.

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

General Science (6-8)

Instructor: Madelyn Bradley

What do you think of when you hear the word science? Do you wonder how fish can breathe under the water, how humans digest their food, or how glaciers are formed? In this explorative class we will be learning the history of science, the mystery behind how our body works, about some of the amazing creatures God has created, and getting our feet wet with some exciting experiments! This will be an interactive, hands on class that will begin to take your students into a deeper level of science, and develop their skills to think critically and creatively about the world we live in.

About Miss Bradley: Miss Bradley is a 3rd year student at CBU majoring in Nutrition and Food Sciences. She has a passion for seeing God's design through science and loves sharing her passion with others.

Supply Fee: \$30 per student, payable to Madelyn Bradley on the first day of class

Required Resources: *Apologia Exploring Creation With General Science* text, 2nd edition

Physical Science (8-9)

Instructor: Sue Strother

Lights! Sound! Action! With the textbook as our guide, students will take a thrilling journey, *Physical Science*, to analyze the nature and properties of energy, work, forces, and nonliving matter. Through this study, a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's handiwork from the invisible atom to the mighty sun, from earth's deep core to the exosphere will be gained. Physical Science, a lab science designed for 8th grade, is foundational to Chemistry and Physics.

About Mrs. Strother: 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 her directly at bstrotherthree@outlook.com

Supply Fee: \$30 per student, payable to Sue Strother on the first day of class

Required Resources: *Exploring Creation with Physical Science, 2nd Edition*; *Solutions and Tests for Exploring Creation with Physical Science, 2nd Edition*

Pre-Algebra (7-9)

Instructor: Shannon Steffan

This class is the culmination of prealgebra mathematics, a full pre-algebra course and an introduction to geometry and discrete mathematics. Some topics covered include Prime and Composite numbers; fractions & decimals; order of operations, coordinates, exponents, square roots, ratios, algebraic phrases, probability, the Pythagorean Theorem and more. Utilizing an incremental approach to math, your students will learn in small doses at their own pace, increasing retention of knowledge and satisfaction!

About Mrs. Steffan: Mrs. Steffan has 5 children, ages 16, 15, 14, 11, and 2. This will be her seventh-year homeschooling. She has an associates in science and a passion for math. Please email her directly with any questions: ShannonRSteffan@gmail.com.

Required Text: Saxon Algebra 1/2 Home Study Kit, 3rd Edition. This Home Study Kit includes the hardcover student text, softcover answer key and softcover test booklet.

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ENRICHMENT COURSES 7-12TH GRADE

Let's Paint! Acrylic Technique and Scripture Sign Making (7-12)

Instructor: *Jennifer Rivera*

Exploring a multitude of various acrylic painting techniques, this class will be fun and exciting all semester long! We will be painting with brush, palette knife, sponges and various other tools. Students will learn about color, composition, texture, landscape, 3-D effects, and hand lettering. We will create works of art that may be given as gifts. This class will simply spark fun and creativity with new methods students have not tried before. We will be creating 12 large paintings and a multitude of painted rock creations, whenever we have spare time and paint! Each student will also paint a unique scripture sign to bless your homes with. Please email Mrs. Rivera directly with any questions at jenlovesjesus@yahoo.com

Required Resources: Necessities™ 6-Piece Super Value Canvas Pack By Artist's Loft™ (10' x 20') *Item #10473166*, 6 Pack 14" x 14" Super Value Canvas by Artist's Loft® *Item #10542383*, Super Value Brush Pack by Artist's Loft™ *Item #10503498*, Variety Sponge Value Pack by Craft Smart® *Item #10365127*, Artist's Loft® White Gesso (16 oz.) *Item #10999016*, Level 3 Matte Medium by Artist's Loft® *Item #10597391*, Artist's Loft™ Rectangular Plastic Palette *Item #10063515*, Craft Smart® Angular Brush Set, Brown Taklon *Item #10194236*, Artist's Loft™ Mini Pro Folding Easel *Item #10299225*, Plastic Cup for Water, Paper towels, an old toothbrush, apron, cheap art supply box, Pencil, eraser, ruler, sketch pad, Artist Loft Level 1 Acrylic Paint (teacher will let you know what colors and sizes)

Note: Item #'s refer to Michael's stores, 40% any regular priced item coupon available online or on Michael's app. Use your teacher id to get 15% additional off.

About Mrs. Rivera: Mrs. Rivera has homeschooled her four children for sixteen years. She is the founder of Heaven Culture Studio and has been a calligrapher for over 30 years. She has a passion for loving Jesus, sharing God's Word, and teaching art. She has experience tutoring both Foundations and Challenge A with Classical Conversations, and has taught Bible, art, and calligraphy classes for Jr. High and High School students in a co-op.

Supply Fee: \$15 per student, payable to Jennifer Rivera on the first day of classes.

Survey of the Bible (7-12)

Instructor: *Wendy Deckman*

Want to know what is in the Bible? The great stories, key themes, and significant verses inform how we live our lives, and it is important to be familiar with our "guidebook for life." This survey will provide an easy journey through each book of the Bible to give us an overview of the scope of Scripture and its importance in our every day. Memory verses will be practiced weekly, and students are encouraged to read through the Bible in one year if possible, although that is not a requirement.

About Mrs. Deckman: Wendy has a Master's degree in English, a secondary teaching credential, and has taught a variety of classes from 9th 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

Required Resources: *Christian Studies Book Four, A Chronological Overview of the Bible* Student Book and Reader by Memoria Press. Bible, preferably KJV, NKJV, NIV, ESV, or CSB* (Note: paraphrases, such as The Message Bible or The Living Bible make it more difficult for all students to read/study/memorize similar texts.)

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

Sewing (7-12)

Instructor: *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. Please e-mail Mary Lemasters-Tahir directly with any questions: marytahir18@gmail.com

Supply Fee: \$20 per student, payable to Mrs. Lemasters-Tahir on the first day of classes. 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

Cartography (7-12)

Instructor: *Janine Lingner*

Learn geography through cartography! In this class, we will explore the ancient art and science of maps and mapmaking. By drawing earth's continents and countries by hand, daily, and labelling the major political and physical features, we will solidify our knowledge of this vast world God has given us. Cartography helps history come alive as we discover how mountain ranges, deserts and bodies of water affect international borders and political alliances and adversaries.

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Supply Fee: \$5 per student due to Janine Lingner on the first day of classes

Required Resources: pencil, 11x17 paper for at home, atlas (TBD)

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

Ancient Civilizations (9-12)

Instructor: Mandi Jackson

In this panorama of world history, your students will explore Creation, the Flood, the Tower of Babel, and the rise of civilizations from Mesopotamia to Rome. They will see God's purposes worked out through His chosen people, Israel, culminating in the birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. In this project-based class, students will choose projects based on their interest and learning style, allowing them to learn history in ways that honor and respect their individual design, inspiring them to jump in with both feet and discover whatever is unexplained, curious, awe-inspiring, funny, and fantastic to THEM! To gain perspective, the student will frequently be asked to consider, "What was God doing in this moment of history?" The period covered: Creation to 29 AD.

Each student will need their own workbook: *Ancient Civilizations & the Bible* by Diana Waring. ISBN# 978-1-930514-67-6 \$29.97. **Each family will need:** *Ancient Civilizations & the Bible* CD's - *What in the World* (required). *Digging Deeper*, and *True Tales* (both optional, but highly recommended), \$20 each. *Note: Prices listed are from Rainbow Resource, items also available at CBD.com.*

Supply Fee: \$5 per student, payable to Mandi Jackson on the first day of classes

British Literature (10-12)

Instructor: Michelle Phororo

a comprehensive course that blends literature, poetry, creative writing, scholarly essays, reading comprehension, and vocabulary skills to help students discern their own views from an academic and biblical perspective. It teaches them to write with clarity and purpose, to analyze various perspectives, to gain an appreciation for classic literature, and to prepare for college level reading and writing. This course includes a solid preparation to help students pass the CLEP exam in English Literature and SAT writing. This course starts with a narrative epic poem written at the time when Christianity first reached the British Isles. Classic works such as *Sherlock Holmes* provide mystery while novels such as *Frankenstein* and *The Lord of the Flies* dictate the horror of a fallen world without Christ. Influential works such as C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters* bring Christianity back into view, and satirical works such as "A Modest Proposal" call attention to the effects of prevailing political policies.

About Mrs. Phororo: 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 18 years. This upper level high school course aims to articulate a clear understanding of British history and literature by providing a positive classroom environment, well-planned teaching strategies, and engaging homework assignments and activities. Short stories and essays that will be included in this course- but are available on-line include: *Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer; *Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle; and "A Modest Proposal" by Jonathan Swift.

Poetry includes works by: Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Christopher Marlowe, Thomas Gray, George Gordon, Lord Byron, James Joyce, and William Blake.

Required Resources: *Beowulf: An Anglo-Saxon Epic Poem*; *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare; *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley; *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift; *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens; *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis; and *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding.

Each student will need to purchase Wordly Wise 3000 Level 11 to help with vocabulary instruction and reading comprehension.

Required Supplies: A 2" 3-ring binder with 4 tabs and highlighters.

Rhetoric, Writing, and Worldview (11-12)

Instructor: Wendy Deckman

This class will focus on developing the student's ability to discern an author/philosopher's world view, analyze it according to scripture, and write persuasively in favor of Christian standards of doctrine and belief. We will use Classical Academic Press's *Rhetoric Alive!* Curriculum combined with Generations' *World Views in Conflict*, and several classic works of literature. We will evaluate the subtle—and not so subtle—philosophies presented in literature, and learn to present an informed response to many of the lies the world embraces today. Summer homework will be required, due the first day of class.

About Mrs. Deckman: Mrs. Deckman has a Master's degree in English, a secondary teaching credential, and has taught a variety of classes from 9th 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

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Required Resources: *Rhetoric Alive! Book 1 Principles of Persuasion* by Alyssan Barnes, PhD at ClassicalAcademicPress.com. *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan, *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis, *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding, Others TBD.

Algebra 1 (9-12)

Instructor: Shannon Steffan

Students will develop the understanding they need to resolve more complex problems and functions with step-by-step instruction in Algebra 1. 120 lessons cover signed numbers, exponents; roots; absolute value; equations and inequalities; scientific notations; unit conversions; polynomials; graphs; factoring; quadratic equations; direct and inverse variations; exponential growth; statistics; and probability.

About Mrs. Steffen: Mrs. Steffen has 5 children, ages 16, 15, 14, 11, and 2. This will be her seventh year homeschooling. She has an associates in science and a passion for math. Please email her directly with any questions: ShannonRSteffen@gmail.com.

Required Text: Saxon Algebra 1 Homeschool Kit with Solutions Manual, 3rd Edition. This kit includes: 1 hardcover student text, 1 Homeschool Packet with Tests & Answer Key, and the Solutions Manual.

Algebra 2 (with Geometry)(9-12)

Instructor: Shannon Steffan

Traditional second-year algebra topics, as well as a full semester of informal geometry, are included with both real-world, abstract and interdisciplinary applications. 129 lessons cover topics such as geometric functions, angles, perimeters, and proportional segments; negative exponents; quadratic equations; metric conversions; logarithms; and advanced factoring.

About Mrs. Steffen: Mrs. Steffen has 5 children, ages 16, 15, 14, 11, and 2. This will be her seventh year homeschooling. She has an associates in science and a passion for math. Please email her directly with any questions: ShannonRSteffen@gmail.com.

Required Text: Saxon Algebra 2 Homeschool Kit with Solutions Manual, 3rd Edition. This kit includes: 1 hardcover student text, 1 Homeschool Packet with Tests & Answer Key, and the Solutions Manual.

Biology (9-12) 2-hours

Instructor: Madelyn Bradley

From learning the mechanics behind your genetic code, to understanding how flowers reproduce, Biology is an amazing course that will reveal the intricate beauty behind everything you see daily. In this course, we will unveil the mystery behind life's functions and organisms, developing your student's abilities to be curious about this world and the ways it works. It will be very hands on with plenty of explorative experiments, and will hopefully result in your students to becoming more engaged and passionate about the world we live in. It is a subject that I am extremely passionate about personally, and I am so excited to share this with your students.

About Miss Bradley: Miss Bradley is a 3rd year student at CBU majoring in Nutrition and Food Sciences. She has a passion for seeing God's design through science and loves sharing her passion with others.

Lab Fee: \$30 per student, payable to Madelyn Bradley on the first day of class

Required Resources: Apologia *Exploring Creation With Biology* text, 2nd edition.

Chemistry Lab(9-12)

Teacher: Janine Lingner

In this hands-on lab class, we will seek to become student chemists – instead of just chemistry students – by learning to use the tools and think the thoughts of a chemist. Each experiment will help us see the world through the lens of Scripture, and show us how we can use science to glorify God. This class will use the BJU Chemistry Lab Manual, but will complement whatever Chemistry curriculum you have chosen to work through at home. Our class time will include discussion and problem solving, as well as tips and ideas to make your home study successful.

Lab Supply Fee: \$50 per student due to Janine Lingner on the first day of class

Required Supplies: BJU Chemistry Lab Manual, scientific calculator, 3-ring binder

Required Resources: TBD

Physics (9-12) 2 hours

Instructor: Melissa Kaiser

This physics course provides a detailed introduction to the methods and concepts of general physics, heavily emphasizing vector analysis. It provides the student with a strong background in one-dimensional and two-dimensional motion, Newton's laws and their application, gravity, work and energy, momentum, periodic motion, waves, optics, electrostatics, electrodynamics, electrical circuits, and magnetism. Melissa Kaiser is a homeschool mom of four and teaches architecture classes online for high school students.

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About Mrs. Kaiser: Mrs. Kaiser has a master's degree in architecture and worked as a project manager at a design firm in Chicago. She has been homeschooling her children for the last 12 years and has taught at co-ops, camps, and colleges. Mrs. Kaiser attends The Grove Community Church and is interested in natural health and nutrition.

Prerequisites: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Basic Trigonometry functions.

Lab Supply Fee: \$25 per student due to Melissa Kaiser on the first day of class

Required Resources: *Exploring Creation with Physics* by Jay Wile, 2nd edition, ISBN: 978-1-932012-42-2 (textbook only)