# **Class Descriptions**

Elementary Program: 9:00am-11:30am (lunch 11:30am-12:15pm)

## Teacher – Kathryn Harber

Our elementary program is designed to complement your home education journey with hands-on science, music, art, and other activities, all with a Biblical foundation and focus. This year, we will be touching all of the subjects through various themes, a mix of specific academic areas and activities to make it fun! We understand that many families are new to homeschooling, so it is our goal to walk alongside them, while allowing the children to experience the fun of learning in a small group of other home educated children. Children will be grouped according to age and ability within the program as needed. Parent (or grandparent/caregiver) involvement is required, either within the group, or elsewhere volunteering on campus. This is not a drop-off.

Cost: \$275

Supplies provided by student: TBD

Class supplies fee: \$50

# Middle School and High School Academy Classes

# HS Civics/Government (Grades 9-12) 8:30-9:55am

## Taught by Shelby Shaw

Dive into the heart of American democracy with our focused Civics class, designed to illuminate the workings of the U.S. government and the Constitution. This interactive course invites students to engage deeply with the principles that shaped our nation, from the thoughts of the framers and founders to the pivotal role of the Supreme Court and the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Bill of Rights.

Through a blend of lectures and group discussions, students will sharpen their critical thinking skills and debate and dissect the core aspects of government and civic participation. Homework is crafted to reinforce learning, with practical worksheets, selected readings, and concise writing tasks—no lengthy essays, just clear, thoughtful paragraphs. Adding a layer of understanding, we'll also touch on U.S. geography. Assessments include class participation, written assignments, and quizzes.

This class isn't just academic; it's a journey into active citizenship, offering tools for engagement in the great American experiment. Join us to empower your high schooler with knowledge and confidence in their civic role.

<u>Cost: \$260</u> Prerequisite: Students should be able to read and write comfortably.

Materials/requirements: \$10 materials fee (will be charged with registration)

Internet access to read online articles

"Documents of Freedom" textbook located for free download

at <a href="https://billofrightsinstitute.org/curricula/documents-of-freedom">https://billofrightsinstitute.org/curricula/documents-of-freedom</a>

### Biblical Studies (Grades 6-12) 10:00am-11:00am

# Taught by Jen Johnson

Throughout this semester students will gain an understanding of the way the Bible is organized. They will learn how this remarkable true book, tells God's story of redemption and grace. Regardless of experience level or church background, students will gain a deeper understanding of the most influential and important book in history.

We will walk through two books by Lee Strobel this year.

The Case for Christ - Student Edition

The Case for Faith - Student Edition

Cost: \$200 Pre-requisite: None Supplies fee: None

Supplies provided by student: a Bible (any translation), a notebook or journal, pens or pencils

## MS/HS The Language of Literature (Grades 6-12) 11:05am-12:30pm

## Taught by Shelby Shaw

Welcome to this high school literature class designed to spark curiosity and appreciation for the rich tapestry of literary expression. The carefully curated curriculum covers a diverse array of genres including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, drama, and a special high-level look at Shakespeare's, *Julius Caesar*. Students will explore the fundamentals of literature, from theme and plot elements to characterization and literary devices such as metaphor, simile, personification, imagery and more.

Each week, students will receive either printouts or links to thoughtfully selected stories that exemplify the week's learning focus chosen with great care to ensure appropriateness and relevance. Prior to the commencement of classes, parents will be provided with a comprehensive list of these materials for review, offering an opportunity for families to be involved in the educational journey. I welcome and respect parental input, allowing for the option to opt-out of certain readings without any impact on student grading. Please know that stories will be chosen with the utmost of care ensuring a respectful alignment with each family's values.

The class is structured to promote active participation and critical thinking, with activities including group discussions, engaging worksheets, creative writing exercises, vocabulary building, and quizzes. Writing assignments are designed to be approachable focusing on paragraph-style short essay responses that sharpen students' analytical and expressive skills without the pressure of long essays. In fact, no essays will be assigned.

This literature class is not just an academic endeavor; it's an invitation to explore the vast landscapes of human experience and emotion through the written word. It's an opportunity for students to open the door to a world where literature becomes a gateway to understanding the complexity and beauty of the human condition.

Prerequisites: Students should be able to read comfortably at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade level

<u>Cost:</u> \$260 <u>Supplies fee:</u> \$20 <u>Materials provided by student:</u>

- No Fear Shakespeare: Julius Caesar \$7-10 (includes the original play and modern-day translation)
- Internet access to read online works of literature
- Paper and writing tools

## Performing Arts (Grades K-12) 1:00-2:00pm

### Taught by Jen Johnson

Performing Arts is defined as creative activities that are performed in front of an audience; such as drama, music, and dance. Join us for this fun elective!

<u>Cost:</u> \$200/year <u>Pre-requisite:</u> None <u>Supplies fee:</u> \$25 <u>Supplies provided by student:</u> Notebook, pens or pencils

Life Skills (Grades 6-12), 2:05-3:00pm

#### Taught by Melissa Langborgh

Beginning cooking, along with exploring other handy skills, such as sewing, the use of herbs, plants and berries, etc. This is not just for girls!

Cost: \$260 Pre-requisite: None Supplies Fee: \$30

Supplies provided by the student: TBD