Enrichment Classes for Inquisitive and Creative Minds

SPRING 2016
Grades K-8

Excursions in Learning
YOUTH PROGRAMS

Manchester Community College
A LETTER FROM THE COORDINATOR

Dear students and families,

We are excited to present you with a unique offering of spring classes! Thank you again for your support and positive words about our program. If you haven’t already, please become a fan of our facebook page “MCC Excursions in Learning Youth Programs” to see photos and program updates.

On a personal note, I am thrilled to announce that my husband and I are expecting our first child January 20th. I am planning to be on maternity leave until the end of March. I will definitely be back for the summer programs.

Mr. Ed Argenta, will be serving as the Interim Youth Programs Coordinator in my absence and Mrs. Linda Armstrong will be serving as the Assistant Program Coordinator. You will recognize Mrs. Armstrong as she is the Program Assistant each summer and Mr. Argenta as our summer marine science teacher. Please continue to use the contact information listed in this catalog as all emails and phone messages will be forwarded to them. To learn more about Mr. Argenta and Mrs. Armstrong check out their bios on page 10.

I hope that you will join us for another exciting spring semester full of interesting classes to explore!

Sincerely,

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WHAT IS EXCURSIONS IN LEARNING? Excursions is a self-supporting program that provides educational enrichment classes for inquisitive minds in grades K-8.

OUR MISSION The mission of Excursions in Learning is to provide unique enrichment opportunities to creative, gifted, high-achieving and/or highly motivated students in the elementary and middle school grades.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS Excursions students are expected to be kind and respectful, to always try their best and to follow instructions. Our goal is to provide a safe, encouraging and nurturing learning environment for children to explore their academic and artistic passions. Any student who does not adhere to the expectations will be dismissed from the program without a refund.

WHY CHOOSE EXCURSIONS? • Certified teachers and qualified staff. • Small class sizes. • MCC’s sophisticated college campus – state-of-the-art equipment and technology in our classrooms, culinary arts center and science laboratory facilities.

WHERE IS THE REGISTRATION FORM? Our registration form can be downloaded from our website: www.manchestercc.edu/excursions or found on the last page of this catalog. Online registration is not available at this time.

WAYS TO REGISTER: 1. Fax: 860-512-2801 2. Email: cschultz@manchestercc.edu 3. Over the phone with the coordinator: 860-512-2804 4. Mail: Excursions in Learning Registration Manchester Community College Great Path, MS #16 P.O. Box 1046 Manchester, CT 06045-1046 5. Walk-In: Carleigh’s office LRC B147a. Please call for office hours.

HOW WILL I FIND MY CLASSROOM? Upon registering, parents will receive an email confirmation including course details, a campus map and parking/classroom directions.

DOES REGISTRATION CLOSE? Registration closes at 12noon on Friday the day before a class begins. However, class sizes are limited and many courses fill quickly. Enrolling early is highly recommended.

DO YOU OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS? Sorry, we do not offer scholarships for our Saturday classes. Need-based scholarships are available in the summer for our two-week Summer Academy for Gifted and Talented Youth. Information on these scholarships can be found in the summer catalog when it arrives in January.

DISCOUNTS: Choose one option only. Discounts cannot be combined.

EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT – save $5 per course, per child. Registrations must be postmarked by 2/01/16.

MULTIPLE SIBLING DISCOUNT – save $5 per course, per child, by registering two or more of your children for an Excursions’ course. Please indicate sibling’s name on both children’s registration forms. Forms must be submitted together.

RECRUIT A FRIEND DISCOUNT – save $5 per course, per child, by recruiting a NEW student. Please indicate the friend’s name on both children’s registration forms. Forms must be submitted together.

HOW DO I REQUEST A REFUND? To request a full refund, please email Carleigh Schultz, the coordinator, at cschultz@manchestercc.edu by 12noon on Friday, the day before the class begins. A refund check will be issued in the student’s name and mailed to the student’s address on file. No exceptions. Refund checks are issued by the State Comptroller’s office and may take up to four weeks to process.

STUDENT ABSENCES: Students cannot be partially refunded for absences.

REFUND APPEAL POLICY: Absences due to extreme circumstances after the refund deadline will follow MCC’S Refund Appeals Policy. Contact Carleigh for the form: cschultz@manchestercc.edu

CLASS CANCELLATIONS: MCC reserves the right to cancel or postpone a class and/or substitute instructors as needed due to unforeseen circumstances. If MCC cancels a class, registrants may transfer their fees to another class for the same semester or receive a full refund. Registrants will be notified by phone or email as soon as possible if a class is cancelled.

EXTREME WEATHER: For class cancellations due to extreme weather please check the main page of the college’s website [www.manchestercc.edu] or call the college hotline at 860-512-3000. If campus is closed or adult classes are cancelled, then all Excursions classes for that day are also cancelled and you will be refunded.

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Disney® Book Cooks (Grades K-2)

In this class, your child will explore some of their favorite Disney® stories and characters through cooking and art lessons. We will also explore the history behind the cultures and characters as they cook and taste different foods. Students will demonstrate comprehension of literary elements (plot, characters, setting, theme/moral etc), discuss and analyze characters and plots, but more uniquely, make connections to the books' themes, historical content and culture through engaging cooking, and art activities in our kitchen-classroom.

CRN 11802 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 2/6
9 AM - 12 PM | LRC B125
Instructor: Samantha Cyr

Painting the World of Eric Carle (Grades K-2)

Dive into the magical, colorful world of famous illustrator, Eric Carle! In this class, students will create multiple works of art through a variety of creative mediums all inspired by Eric Carle's distinct style and memorable story book characters. Create your own hungry, hungry caterpillar. Using watercolor crayon-resist technique, we will cover basic color theory and paint mixing. Students will then be encouraged to practice their color mixing skills and explore the watercolor medium while creating their own colorful paintings and 3-dimensional artwork. Participants will leave class with several beautiful finished projects to display at home and skills to further explore this creative style.

CRN 11800 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 2/20
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP136
Instructor: Cate Christen Waung

Seussical Saturday (Grades K-1)

In celebration of Dr. Seuss’s 112th birthday (March 2nd), dive into his magical, colorful world in this class! Students will create multiple works of art through a variety of creative mediums all inspired by Dr. Seuss’s distinct style and memorable story book characters. Through a series of read-alouds, students will three classic Dr. Seuss books (The Lorax, Horton Hears a Who, and Gertrude McFuzz) and then explore the themes and morals through creative, hands-on activities and art projects. Participants will go home with several finished projects and art skills to further explore at home.

CRN 11801 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 2/27
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP136
Instructor: Cate Christen Waung

Mystifying Math (Grades 2-3)

Are you a mathematical whiz? Challenge your mathematical mind in this course. Students will enhance math skills and concepts while applying them to magic tricks and real-world situations. Students will learn card tricks, math games, math trickery, and riddles. We will also be studying optical illusions and the use of math in art. Be prepared to learn about the Sieve of Eratosthenes and the trick of factorials! We’ll be learning about the tricks of math in the real world with authentic problem solving using number sense, geometry, and probability and statistics.

CRN 11853 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 2/27
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP136
Instructor: Jennifer DeRagon

Little Scientists (Grades K-2)

Calling all scientists! Get your lab coats and safety glasses ready! If you love science and want to see what it feels like to be a scientist then this class is for you! We will make invisible ink, make old pennies look new again, and create our very own volcanic eruption! Get ready to investigate, test and explore science in a messy, hands-on approach to learning!

CRN 11854 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 3/5
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP136
Instructor: Samantha Cyr
SATURDAY CLASSES FOR PRIMARY GRADES
Classes are for students in the grades listed. No exceptions.

Intro to Hip Hop Dance (Grades K-2)
Come learn basic and intermediate hip hop dance moves, inspired by current dance trends, breakdancing, tumbling, reggae and funk. As students learn the basics of hip hop dance, they will begin to apply this knowledge to original choreography. The program will culminate in a choreographed dance routine. No previous dance experience necessary.
CRN 11848 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 3/12
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP203 Community Commons
Instructor: Jennifer DeRagon

Weather Wonderings (Grades K-2)
Do you LOVE weather? We are going to create rain, snow, a cloud, and even a tornado! We will look at experiments to explain thunderstorms and why it rains. We will write predictions and results for each experiment and talk how the experiment represents what happens in the sky. Let’s also study tornadoes, lightening, thunder and hurricanes! Learn the science behind major storms! Wear something you won’t mind getting messy.
CRN 11805 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 3/19
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP215
Instructor: Laura Becker

Harry Potter® Book Cooks (Grades K-2)
Come explore the magical world of the Harry Potter® series and create your own astonishing foods! Be prepared to discuss major themes, share your favorite characters and then create foods influenced by the books. Please bring your favorite book to the class. Have you ever sipped on Butterbeer or made glow-in-the-dark Jell-O or Death Eaters popcorn? Please join us in our creative exploration of food inspired by books!
CRN 11804 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 4/2
9 AM - 12 PM | LRC B125
Instructor: Samantha Cyr

Imagination Station: Acting & Storytime (Grades K-1)
Just imagine yourself in the middle of your favorite childhood stories: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Mr. Popper’s Penguins or Mother Goose Rhymes. We will use elements of creative drama to enact lively stories–complete with costumes! Learn how to find a “story” in a piece of classical music and act it out. Play theater games, learn how different animals move, and generally have a lot of fun with the art of physical pretending!
CRN 11920 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 4/9
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP126
Instructor: Sharon FitzHenry

Rainbows and Reflections: The Science of Light (Grades 1 & 2)
Flick a switch and light comes on, but do we know what light is and how it behaves? Let’s do some experiments to learn about the amazing properties of light. Lenses, mirrors, prisms and filters will help us to see how light bounces, bends and splits. Play some vision games to see if your eyes always tell the truth when they react to light. Are things always the same as we see them? Find out in this “enlightening” session!
CRN 11806 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 4/9
9 AM-12 PM | GPA GP136
Instructor: Susan Harrington

Creative Construction (Grades K-2)
Have you ever tried to build a really high ramp so your toy car can fly down it? Well, what if you used a marble and instead of seeing how far it flies down, your mission was to make it stop at the end of the ramp? Through the use of various blocks and materials you will figure out how to control the speed of your marble and allow it to stop at the end of the ramp. You will observe and record your findings of what worked and what did not work. This and many more construction projects await! If you are up for the challenge, come join us and test your skills!
CRN 11811 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 4/16
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP136
Instructor: Jillian Frederick

SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER 2016
SUMMER PROGRAMS:
(Catalog will be available in December)
Technology Camps, Summer Culinary Institute and Adventures in Leadership
July 11-29
The Summer Academy for Gifted and Talented Youth
August 1-12
* All current and previous students will be mailed a catalog. See our website for this catalog.

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INFORMATION 860-512-2804 | REGISTRATION FAX 860-512-2801
Delicious Math: Fractions & Percentages (Grades 3-5)
Let’s explore all kinds of Math concepts with food! We will create a bar graph of a small bag of Fruit Loops® and figure out the percentages of each color in each child’s bag. We will also determine the probability of pulling out a certain color. We will also practice our fraction skills by making a small snack using measuring cups. Get ready to dish up a big, delicious helping of Delicious Math!

CRN 11852 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 2/6
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP142
Instructor: Jillian Frederick

Harry Potter® Book Cooks (Grades 3-5)
Come explore the magical worlds of popular fantasy books such as Harry Potter® and The Lightning Thief series to create your own astonishing foods! Be prepared to discuss these books, share your favorite new novels and then create foods influenced by the books. Please bring your favorite book to the class. Have you ever sipped on Butterbeer or created Poseidon’s Candy Aquarium? We’ll also be creating glow-in-the-dark Jell-O and Death Eaters popcorn to take home. Please join us in our creative exploration of food inspired by books!

CRN 11856 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 2/20
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP221
Instructor: Jennifer Frederick

Our Amazing Bones (Grades 3-5)
Does your child enjoy conducting science experiments? Come explore the world of our skeletal system. During this course, students will strengthen their understanding of the scientific method through hands-on learning activities all about our bones! Students will make predictions, create a hypothesis, and perform experiments to investigate how our skeletal system is structured and the purpose of different bones. This course will be an exciting adventure that you won’t want to miss...there’s no bones about it!

CRN 11857 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 2/27
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP221
Instructors: Jennifer Renkiewicz & Jessica Willem

Icky Sticky Science (Grades 3-5)
Do you love getting messy and doing Science experiments?! We will create bouncy balls (and have a competition to see who can bounce the highest!) and create silly putty (and even make it attract magnets!). We will create bubble solution and bubble snakes! We will measure to see who has the longest bubble snake. We will also explore with Oobleck and cloud dough. Lastly, we will create a lava lamp to bring home! Join me for a messy day full of Science and Math!

CRN 11859 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 3/5
9AM-12PM | GPA GP215
Instructor: Jillian Frederick

Stage Makeup (Grades 3-5)
If you have ever seen the performers of CATS or the LION KING, you’ve seen how stage makeup can transform the actor into something special! Join us for a workshop that will change you from ordinary to magical, using basic stage makeup techniques. We’ll talk about types of makeup, design, application, explore lots of great examples, and try out designs for yourself! Wear clothes you don’t mind getting messy. Who knows what hidden character is waiting in you!

CRN 11918 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 3/12
9 AM - 12 PM | AST AUD & AST E113
Instructor: Sharon FitzHenry

Electrifying Science (Grades 3-5)
Flip a light switch and lights come on. We are so used to having electricity that we rarely think about it, but what is it, really? How does it work? We will explore these questions and more as we observe static electricity and then investigate the basics of current electricity. Try your hand at building many different types of circuits with real wires and light bulbs. Join us and use wires, bulbs, batteries and switches to learn more about the properties of electricity.

CRN 11858 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 3/19
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP221
Instructor: Susan Harrington

LEGO® Robotics
In this course, students will learn about robotics and engineering as we enter into the LEGO® robotics world. Students will have a hands-on experience building a LEGO® robot and programming it to perform specific tasks. Each day will hold a different challenge! For example, strengthening cooperation and leadership skills, teams will design, build and program a robot that will maneuver through an obstacle course. On the final day of this course, parents and families are invited to our own robotics competition! Come join the fun and learn about LEGO® ROBOTICS!

CRN 11860 | Fee: $80
2 Saturdays | 4/2 & 4/9
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP157
Instructor: Laura Becker

Rocks & Minerals (Grades 3-5)
In this introductory level course, students will explore the properties of rocks and minerals, including how to describe rocks by its properties, like color, luster, texture, and hardness. You’ll learn about the varying types of rocks and how they’re formed, including an experiment to create our own version of a rock. Additionally, we’ll explore the everyday uses of rocks and minerals. It’s a “rockin’” good time!

CRN 11803 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 4/16
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP221
Instructor: Jennifer DeRagon
SATURDAY CULINARY ARTS CLASSES
Classes are for students in the grades listed. No exceptions.

Tuition includes materials fee. Please pack a lunch, an apron and bring containers to transport your creations home. Also please wear sneakers, comfortable clothing and have long hair tied back. All culinary arts classes meet from 9 AM - 3 PM.

A Tour of Mexico (Grades 5-8)
Let's head south of the border to create authentic Mexican foods! We'll make classics like guacamole, fresh salsa and tortilla chips, soft tacos with marinated chicken and flavorful endings like churros. Don't miss out on the exploration of wonderfully seasoned, delicious foods and techniques that are easily transferrable to home! Materials Fee: $10; payable to the instructor at the beginning of class.
CRN 11865 | Fee: $70
1 Saturday | 2/6
9 AM - 3 PM | GPA GP213
Instructor: Chef Josh Ogrodowski

Sushi and Asian Cuisine (Grades 5-8)
In this class, students will be given an introduction on how to cook, build, design and create several types of vegetarian sushi. Using real, bamboo sushi mats, students will have the chance to create sushi by hand. In addition to several vegetarian rolls, we will also create California rolls (cooked crab meat). In the second half of class, go beyond sushi and explore some savory traditional dishes from Japan and China, such as steamed dumplings with ginger dipping sauce, eggs rolls, spring rolls and lo mein. Join us for this unique cultural course!! Materials Fee: $15; payable to the instructor at the beginning of class.
CRN 11866 | Fee: $70
1 Saturday | 2/20
9 AM - 3 PM | GPA GP213
Instructor: Chef Josh Ogrodowski

Artisan Pizza (Grades 5-8)
In this class you will learn how to make some of your favorite Italian artisan pizzas from scratch! Learn how to make your own Italian pizza dough and homemade sauce and transform it into a pizza of your choice. We will learn the differences between American and Italian styles of pizza, and create several versions of red and white pies. Learn, create, and taste these culinary lessons in this delicious class! Materials Fee: $10; payable to the instructor at the beginning of class.
CRN 11867 | Fee: $70
1 Saturday | 2/27
9 AM - 3 PM | GPA GP213
Instructor: Chef Joshua Ogrodowski

The Family Cupcake Challenge (Grades 3-8)
Test your creativity and baking skills in this exciting culinary class! Students and an adult family member will work together to create two unique cupcakes from scratch. The class will be given a specific theme, a basket of mystery ingredients and full use of our Excursions in Learning pantry and art supplies to create two unique cupcakes and a colorful display. Under the guidance of Master Chef Rachael, students and their parent or special adult will work cooperatively to plan and implement their cupcake and display. The cupcakes will be evaluated and scored by mystery judges and winners will be announced at the end of class. Families are invited at 2:30 pm to view the displays and sample some of the delicious creations. Materials Fee: $10; payable to the instructor at the beginning of class.
Child Registrant: CRN 11869 | Fee: $70
Adult Registrant: CRN 11870 | Fee: $70
1 Saturday | 3/5
9 AM - 3 PM | GPA GP213
Instructor: Chef Rachael LaPorte

The Cupcake Challenge (Grades 5-8)
Test your creativity and baking skills in this exciting culinary class! This is the exact same class as the "The Family Cupcake Challenge" listed above, only in this class students work together with their peers in groups of 2 or 3. The cupcakes will be evaluated and scored by mystery judges and winners will be announced at the end of class. Families are invited at 2:30 pm to view the displays and sample some of the delicious creations. Materials fee: $10, payable to instructor at the beginning of class.
CRN 11872 | Fee: $70
1 Saturday | 3/12
9 AM - 3 PM | GPA GP213
Instructor: Chef Rachael LaPorte

International Desserts (Grades 5-8)
Let's take a sweet tour around the world in this international dessert class! Chef Rachael will start your journey to our neighbors to the north with Canadian Nanamio bars. Next some classic American cakes like coca coal and wacky. We will then venture across the ocean to France where you will perfect crepe making skills with seasonal fruit fillings. Now to Israel for traditional sufganiyot a traditional fried doughnut dusted in sugar. Back across the Atlantic where our tour will end in central and south America where we will taste Mexican hot chocolate with churros and arroz con leche. Materials Fee: $10; payable to the instructor at the beginning of class.
CRN 11868 | Fee: $70
1 Saturday | 3/19
9 AM - 3 PM | GPA GP213
Instructor: Chef Rachael LaPorte

Cook Across Europe! (Grades 5-8)
Crepes, spatzle, rosti? Take a culinary tour across Europe! Join Chef Rachael to create some of the most famous cultural dishes of European countries such as France, Italy, Germany and Spain! Bring home your culinary creations to share! Materials Fee: $10; payable to the instructor at the beginning of class.
CRN 11873 | Fee: $70
1 Saturday | 4/2
9 AM - 3 PM | GPA GP213
Instructor: Chef Rachael LaPorte
Create Your Own Letter Photography Art (Grades 5-8)

In this course, students will combine their technical and artistic talents to create a unique work of art. Students will be guided through a lesson on photography angles and perspective by MCC professor and professional artist, Rich Hoyer before venturing out to explore MCC’s beautiful and unique architecture to take photographs of their own. Students will choose an inspirational word and find objects around campus that resemble each letter. The end product will be a beautiful collage of shapes that create an artistic display of that word. See our sample attached. Travel back to the classroom to learn photography editing tricks on Photoshop to create the finishing touches on the masterpiece. Students can create as many digital versions of this art work as they'd like. Each student will be given a printed and framed version of their artwork to bring home and display proudly. Please bring a digital camera or camera phone, the USB cord to connect it to the computer, and a flash drive to save your work.

CRN 11863 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 2/6
9 AM - 12 PM | AST D211

Instructor: Rich Hoyer

Young Composers Workshop (Grades 5-8)

This class is open to grade 6-8 students who have received more than one year of instruction playing a band or orchestral instrument and can read treble or bass clef. Participants will learn how to create a melody, lyrics and harmony as well as arranging compositions using traditional notation. Students are encouraged to bring a Laptop, iPad/tablet of Smart phone if they have one to download free music software to aid in composing but it is not required. Students, please bring your own instrument(s). A performance of the students' musical works will be given by the class during the last half hour on the final day, exact time TBA. No class on 2/13. Make-up day, 2/27 if needed.

CRN 11861 | Fee: $80
2 Saturdays | 2/6 & 2/20 (Snow Day 2/27 if needed; no class 2/13)
9 AM - 12 PM | V2 V127

Instructor: Tony Susi

Hand Quilting Class (Grades 6-8)

In this class, students will learn the basic skills and techniques of hand quilting, in addition to a history behind the art form. We will explore the significance of color choice, piecing, stitching and design as we discuss the beauty and history of block patterns such as Log Cabin, Half-Square Triangle/ Flying Geese, Bear's Paw Broken Dishes and more. Each student will complete small block pattern to take home.

CRN 11919 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 2/20
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP137

Instructor: Sharon VanDine

Digital Photography & Photoshop Tricks (Grades 5-8)

In this course, students will combine their technical and artistic talents to travel beyond the basics of digital photography. MCC professor and professional artist, Rich Hoyer, will teach students different techniques used by professional photographers when taking and digitally editing photographs. Learn how to use Adobe Photoshop, the same software used by professional graphic designers and artists in the business. Students, please bring a digital camera or camera phone, the USB cord to connect it to the computer, and a flash drive to save your work. You may also bring additional photos if you choose.

CRN 11864 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 2/27
9 AM - 12 PM | AST D211

Instructor: Rich Hoyer

Slam Poetry and the Power of the Spoken Word (Grades 7 & 8)

Welcome to a course of empowerment through poetry where students will have the opportunity to explore others and themselves through a study of the spoken word. We will unite as a family and learn and exercise the tools of a poet within the realms of writing and performance, analyze the content and structure of various poems in both written and spoken form and create our own slam worthy poetic pieces. The culmination of this class will result in individuals developing their independent poetic voices and then sharing them in a poetry slam bash where we will cheer on and celebrate the poetry we created and developed throughout this course!

CRN 11875 | Fee: $100
3 Saturdays | 3/5, 3/12 & 3/19
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP137

Instructor: Ryan Parker

Intro to DNA (Grades 6-8)

Ever wonder how you inherited your grandmother’s eye color, or your dad's height? The answer is in your DNA! Join us for this introductory class into the amazing world of genetics. We’ll explore the discovery of this amazing molecule, its structure and function, and even perform a DNA extraction in class!

CRN 11876 | Fee: $40
1 Saturday | 3/5
9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP216

Instructor: Dr. Vanessa Scanlon
**Saturdays Classes for Middle School Grades**

Classes are for students in the grades listed. No exceptions.

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**Parent Paint Party: Acrylic Painting “Family Tree”**  
(Child in grades 3-8 and an adult, any age)

Parents, grandparents, older siblings … join your young artist in this fun acrylic class! Acrylic paints are a fun and versatile medium appropriate for juniors and seniors. In this class, participants will learn some color theory, color mixing and the basics of acrylic painting. Each participant will create their own original piece of art on canvas. Enjoy some together time with your favorite young artist and sign up together, today! Students are also welcome to enroll solo.

- Child Registrant: CRN 11850 | Fee: $40
- Adult Registrant: CRN 11851 | Fee: $40
- 1 Saturday | 3/12
- 9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP215

Instructor: Cate Christen Waung

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**Intro to Medical Careers (Grades 6-8)**

Do you want to get involved in healthcare, the fastest growing job market, but aren’t sure you want to be a physician? If so, join us for this introduction to medical lab careers! We’ll talk about the many, many alternative career paths you could take to secure a well-paying, satisfying career in medicine. This course will cover what kind of jobs are out there, what education you should pursue for your career, and what certifications or additional requirements would be needed. This is the perfect introduction for students looking to continue their education in a career-focused program, or for undecided students with an interest.

- CRN 11877 | Fee: $40
- 1 Saturday | 3/12
- 9 AM - 12 PM | GPA GP216

Instructor: Dr. Vanessa Scanlon

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**Create a Computer Animated Short Film (Grades 5-8)**

Did you ever wonder how special effects are achieved in movies like Monsters Inc. and Shrek? This workshop will demonstrate the principles of animation, both traditional and digital. Using Flash software, learn the basics of key framing to create animated sequences using Flash’s image tools, imported images and recorded sounds. This is a hands-on workshop. Students will work to create a short animation they can play on their computers or send to a friend via email.

- CRN 11862 | Fee: $80
- 2 Saturdays | 4/2 & 4/9
- 9 AM - 12 PM | AST D211

Instructor: Rich Hoyer

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**Pops Band Ensemble (Grades 5-8)**

This class is open to grade 6-8 students who have received more than one year of instruction playing a wind or percussion instrument. Participants will learn a variety of popular music from movie, television and Broadway soundtracks as well as some Jazz standards. The focus will be on developing ensemble skills while working on this fun music literature that can be carried over to their respective school bands. Students, please bring your own instrument(s). A performance will be given during the last half hour on the final day.

- CRN 11878 | Fee: $100
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**Instructor Biographies**

**Laura Becker** is STEM Specialist for Manchester Public Schools. Mrs. Becker earned a bachelor of science in human development and family studies from the University of Connecticut and a master of science in elementary education from the University of New Haven. She has training in LEGO Education, VEX IQ robotics, and Inquiry-based instruction.

**Samantha Cyr** is currently a teacher of the hearing impaired for Bloomfield Public Schools. She has a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education and a master's degree in deaf education and aural habilitation from the University of Hartford. She has experience teaching grades K-5.

**Jennifer DeRagon** is a K-12 Literacy Specialist in Coventry Public Schools. Previously, she was a high school reading consultant and taught 4th and 5th grades. She holds a master's degree in special education from St. Joseph's College, a 6th year diploma in curriculum and instruction and a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

**Sharon FitzHenry** has more than 20 years of theatrical experience both as a teacher and artistic director. A member of the Actor’s Equity Association and the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, she has directed many children and adult productions across Connecticut.

**Jillian Frederick** earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Westfield State College and a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Bridgeport. Ms. Frederick brings an enthusiastic and creative attitude to her teaching. She loves to teach children to learn through hands-on-activities and experiments. Ms. Frederick is currently an elementary school teacher in Southington.

**Susan Harrington** is a popular enrichment teacher in the area, who specializes in science and natural history enrichment classes. She has a bachelor’s and master’s degree in biology, as well as graduate course work in education. Mrs. Harrington enjoys inspiring students to explore science in unique ways.

**Richard Hoyer** is a fine art, portrait and location photographer, with more than 20 years of fun in the business. He is an adjunct faculty member at Manchester Community College and also teaches photography at the Worcester Art Museum for youth and adults. His work is exhibited regularly at galleries around the state.

**Rachael LaPorte (Chef Rachael)** is a 2014 CATIE award-winning chef. She is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University with a bachelor's degree in culinary arts and a graduate of Central Connecticut State University with a master's degree in education. She has traveled across the country working as a chef in dozens of restaurants, mastering various styles of cooking. Chef Rachael has a passion for inspiring the next generation of chefs to create fresh, "from scratch" dishes. Currently, she is the Executive Chef at A Thyme to Cook catering service.

**Joshua Ogrodowski (Chef Josh)** is currently a CT certified Culinary Arts Teacher/Serv Safe Instructor and teaches grades 9-12 at Enfield High School. He earned an associate’s degree in culinary arts, a bachelor's degree in culinary nutrition and an M.A.T. in foodservice education from Johnson & Wales University. Prior to teaching, he worked for 12 years in various foodservice establishments from restaurants to country clubs working up to a supervisory position.

**Ryan Parker** is a middle school teacher, Manchester-based poet, and teacher of the year recipient. He has a bachelor's degree in English from Escu and a master's degree in education from Sacred Heart University. Influenced by the strength, wisdom and humor of his mom, love for hip hop and people, Mr. Parker educates youth with a passion and energy that is infectious. He is the co-creator of Illing Middle School's Poetry Club, has hosted and performed in numerous Poetry SLAMS in the area, coached the 2015 Connecticut State Youth Slam Team at the annual Brave New Voices competition and has co-coached six Odyssey of the Mind teams to three consecutive championships.

**Jennifer Renkiewicz** received a bachelor's degree in Spanish and a master's degree in Elementary Education from Simmons College. Ms. Renkiewicz enjoys running, hiking and many outdoor activities. She is currently an elementary school teacher at Odyssey School.

**Jessica Willem** received a bachelor's degree in childhood studies and a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction. She has been teaching for twelve years and has loved every minute of it. Ms. Willem is currently a third grade teacher. When not teaching, she enjoys traveling, going to the beach, and hiking. She is currently an elementary school teacher at Odyssey School.

**Dr. Vanessa Scanlon** has a PhD in Biomedical Science, a bachelor of science in molecular cell biology and a second bachelor of science in diagnostic genetic sciences. She has been a private tutor for students of many ages and has a passion for teaching science in a hands-on, meaningful way.

**Anthony Susi** has taught instrumental music at the middle school, high school and college level in CT for 30 years. His experience includes directing the Manchester and Coventry Summer Pops Bands as well as the Jr. Jazz Band at MCC throughout those 30 years. Mr. Susi is also an avid composer in a variety of genres including pop, new age, jazz and concert band. His music has been published by Grand Mesa Music and appeared on radio, television and “best of” compilation discs in New England.

**Cate Christen Waung** is an accomplished free-lance artist specializing in pastel drawing, and oil, watercolor and acrylic painting. She has a bachelor’s in history and has taken extensive art course work at Montserrat College of Art, Memphis College of Art, and Shanghai Oil Painting Institute. Her artwork can be found in private and public collections around the country.
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