



After School Program Class Descriptions Spring 2018

(The optional classes will begin the week of January 29 unless otherwise noted)

Nexplore Science (10 classes January 29 – April 23) Lower School Science Lab

Instructor: Nexplore Enrichments

Day: Mondays Grades and Time: 1st – 4th: 3:50 – 4:40

Nexplore Science is a program built upon inquiry, experimentation and play! Students will dive deep into various scientific concepts such as electricity, inventions, sound, energy, physics, light and more! Each class teaches fundamental scientific ideas to children through hands-on play and activities. Each student will receive his or her very own ScienceWiz™ kit to explore throughout the course. Students will experiment, investigate and build understanding from dynamic weekly activities.

Playmaking! (10 classes January 29 – April 23) Mr. Minton's Classroom

Instructor: Jake Minton

Day: Mondays Grades and Time: PK – 1st: 3:45 – 4:30

If you love playing pretend with your friends and making up silly stories, then you will love playmaking with Mr. Minton. Each week, we will use our imaginations to create a completely original story together, and then perform it as a play for our friends. We will even video record our best work and send it out for our families to see and enjoy from home! Together we will learn that making a play is a great way to play!

Quest Club (10 classes January 29 – April 23) Lower School Language Lab

Instructor: Morgan Martinez

Day: Mondays Grades and Time: K – 3rd: 3:30 – 4:30

Each week students will be challenged to complete different quests during our fun-filled program. Has your child ever built an air cannon, designed a trap for a robber, or painted using magnets? We will have great fun as we build craft and create our way through Quest Club.

Drama (12 classes – Schedule Varies; See Below) Clements Performance Hall

9 classes Tuesdays, February 13 – April 17, 3:45 – 4:30

1 class Tuesday, April 24 & 1 class Wednesday, April 25 3:45 – 5:00

1 class Thursday, April 26 3:45 – 4:30 with performance 4:30 – 5:30

Instructor: Tom Parr

Day: Scheduled Grades and Time: 5th – 8th: Scheduled

Participants will learn fundamental acting skills and performance techniques. Theatre games and audition techniques will help them understand character and scene development, voice projection, and the rehearsal process. They will also improve their comedic and dramatic skills while rehearsing a showcase performance in Clements Hall to be performed at the end of the class. Space limited to 12 students.

Game Time! (10 classes January 30 – April 10) Mr. Minton's Classroom

Instructor: Jake Minton

Day: Tuesdays Grades and Time: K – 1st: 3:40 – 4:25

Game Time! (10 classes January 30 – April 10) Mrs. Minton's Classroom

Instructor: Sarah Minton

Day: Tuesdays Grades and Time: 2nd – 4th: 3:40 – 4:25

Did you know that playing board games increases memory power, decreases stress, speeds up brain processes, develops logic and critical thinking skills, and improves group dynamics? However, the Minton's love playing them because they are super-duper fun! Join them for a fun and fast-paced forty-five minutes of creativity, joy, and discovery as we play our favorite tabletop games with you. When it is Game Time, you will truly know the meaning of "time flies when you are having fun!"

Jubilate Singers (Classes beginning January 16 ending with a Eucharist Performance on Weds. March 21 at 8:00 a.m.)

Rehearsals: Lower School Music Room

Instructor: Megan Nasser

Day: Tuesdays Grades and Time: 2nd – 4th: 3:45 – 4:30

Participants of this group will focus on making music together by involving their whole selves – Mind, Body, Spirit and Voice. They will engage in Weekly group warm-ups, vocal exercises, canon and choral singing. The culmination of our efforts will be an offering anthems during the regularly scheduled *Eucharist service on Wednesday, March 21 at 8:00 a.m. in the chapel.*



Karate (12 classes January 30 – April 24) Middle School Commons/ Green Space

Instructor: Morgan Martinez

Day: Tuesdays Grades and Time: Pre-k – K: 3:15 – 3:50

Grades and Time: 1st – 4th: 3:55 – 4:35

Optional uniform fee of \$35 (payable to Chamberlain Studios)

Has your child always wanted to take karate? Now's the time! Our Karate Club is a satellite program for the Chamberlain Studios of Self Defense™ and welcomes both new and continuing students. Our program uses the same materials, curriculum and testing that Dr. Chamberlain offers at his other studios. The goal of the karate program is for students to continue their training and have the opportunity to advance their belt ranks by the end of the year.

Tech Detectives (12 classes January 30 – April 24) Mrs. Benton's Homeroom

Instructor: Keyboard Kids Technology

Day: Tuesdays Grades and Time: Pre-k – 1st: 3:30 – 4:00

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Teach your child how to use technology as a tool while introducing your child to important **S.T.E.A.M.** (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) skills as they learn keyboarding, technology, reading and writing. Children love that there are brand-new computer missions to solve every week as they help the smart, tiny, tech-savvy PuterBugs. They are the main character, with the lesson addressed directly to your computer detective as they continue helping the PuterBugs solve each week's problem. The children unlock new, beneficial ways to use technology to be productive and solve meaningful problems. In addition, we integrate critical thinking and creative components throughout the software, giving them many opportunities to express themselves within the adaptive, personalized nature of the lessons.

Think Outside the Box! (10 classes January 30 – April 10) Miss Specht's Homeroom

Instructor: Katie Specht

Day: Tuesdays Grades and Time: K – 2nd: 3:45 – 4:30

Design, create and problem solve! Each week we will participate in hands on seasonal activities that challenge our mind and prove- there is not just one right answer to every problem! This Spring we will be getting our creative juices flowing each class by reading a book as inspiration for our project! We will be making snow sled ramps, Leprechaun traps, Peep nests, and rollercoasters...to name a few of our fun filled challenges!

Fusion Dance (12 classes January 31 – April 25) Lower School Science Lab

Instructor: Tippi Toes Dance Company

Day: Wednesdays Grades and Time: Pre-k – 2nd: 3:45 – 4:30

This dance class incorporates ballet, tap and jazz technique while also encouraging self-expression and creativity. High-energy music is used throughout the class to get dancers moving and having fun! Ballet slippers are encouraged with t-shirt and leggings or non-restrictive shorts.

Grasp Class (8 classes February 7 – April 4) Mrs. Stillwagner's Homeroom

Instructor: Therapeutic Movements

Day: Wednesdays Grades and Time: Pre-k – 1st: 3:00 – 3:30 and 3:30 – 4:00

This is the class for kids having difficulty with fine-motor strength and coordination. Classes will be focused on fun fine-motor strengthening and coordination activities and games, think tongs, bulb basters, tweezers, eyedroppers, jacks, marbles, play-doh, coloring, and novel crafts. We will also be focusing on other concepts such as sorting, sizing, sequencing, and patterns. The class will have a few minutes of gross-motor warm-up activity, fine-motor stations, games, and crafts.

Handwriting Class (8 classes February 7 – April 4) Mrs. Stillwagner's Homeroom

Instructor: Therapeutic Movements

Day: Wednesdays Grades and Time: 1st – 4th: 3:30 – 4:00

This class is appropriate for kids who may still be struggling with grasp or fine-motor issues, but is also for the kids with just poor handwriting. We will focus on proper letter formations and sequencing, spacing, spatial awareness, and neatness. We plan to focus on print for both upper and lower case letters. If there should be a need, we can offer a cursive class for 3rd-4th graders. The classes will begin with gross-motor warm-up activity, fine-motor stations, and 20-30 minutes of writing time. Our instruction will be Handwriting Without Tears-based, using HWT language and materials.

Let's Draw! (10 classes January 31 – April 11) L.S. Language Lab

Instructor: Young Rembrandts

Day: Wednesdays Grades and Time: Pre-k – K: 3:15 – 4:00

Alleviate creative dormancy with a fun-filled Young Rembrandts class! Winter-themed lessons will excite the imagination and prepare your child for the season. Challenging illustrations, adorable animals and colorful shapes are all waiting for your child's personal touch! Enroll today!

Let's Draw! (10 classes January 31 – April 11) L.S. Language Lab

Instructor: Young Rembrandts

Day: Wednesdays Grades and Time: 1st – 3rd: 4:00 – 4:55

A colorful pop art dog, incredible art history and a powerful unicorn are just a few of the drawing's Young Rembrandts students will complete this season. They will build skills and have a ton of fun doing it. Don't waste time... enroll today!



Book Cooks (10 classes February 1 – April 12) Mrs. Benton's Homeroom and Galley Kitchen

Instructor: Susan Benton

Day: Thursdays Grades and Time: PK – 2nd Time: 3:45 – 4:45

Each week, we will explore recipes and activities inspired by children's literature. Students will have fun mixing, measuring and making friends while creating in the kitchen. Space limited to 10 students.

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Hands-On Art History (10 classes February 1 – April 12) L.S. Science Lab

Instructor: Oil and Cotton

Day: Thursdays Grades and Time: K – 4th Time: 3:45 – 4:45

This fall we will begin with a trip back into time. Students will explore ancient cave paintings and learn to make their own brushes and paint. Next, we will study color with the ancient civilization of Egypt. Make your a sarcophagus embellished with rich gold and jewels. End the semester with the wisdom of ancient Greece. Create a mythical creature and build a clay urn. Get your hands dirty and let your imagination run wild in this exciting weekly fine art program. Oil and Cotton brings its award-winning Hands-On Art History program to St. John's, where students will explore a variety of art-making materials and concepts, while learning about artists from history. Observational drawing extensions are uniquely geared for each age to give students the power of a visual vocabulary, and students are encouraged to create finished original artworks to display and discuss. Each week, we try a new art medium: draw, paint, sculpt, print, collage, and each month we discover new artists and how they use an art element: line, shape, color, texture, value.

Mystery Detectives (10 classes February 1 – April 12) Mr. Minton's Classroom

Instructor: Jake Minton

Day: Thursdays Grades and Time: K – 2nd: 3:40 – 4:25

Calling all kids! Back by popular demand, The St. John's Detective Agency is recruiting energetic young gumshoes to help us solve some tough whodunits. Each week, we will accept a new client and work the clues until we crack the case. We may even catch the mastermind behind it all! Treasure hunts, puzzle rooms, tricky escapes, and even a few wild goose chases are sure to make it a head-scratching good time. Do you have what it takes to be a Mystery Detective?

Chess (10 classes February 2 – May 4) Library Classroom

Instructor: Mr. B Chess

Day: Fridays Grades and Time: Pre-k – K: 3:45 – 4:30

Grades and Time: 1st – 4th: 4:30 – 5:15

Beginners, experienced players, boys and girls are welcome to join the Chess group. They will learn how the board is set up, how the pieces move, about castling, check and checkmate, as well as all of the other rules of the game. As students become more proficient, they will be exposed to the more advanced aspects of the game; different openings; tactics such as the fork, pin and skewer; and strategies such as control of the center, attack on the wings, etc. Emphasis is placed on fundamentals, but students will be limited only by their desire to improve.