

Plumblineline Class Descriptions – 2022/23

Elementary (grades K-5)

Astronomy

Instructor: Stephanie Wagnecht

Fee: \$200/semester + \$20 lab supply fee

Grades: K-5

Tuesday, 9 – 9:55 am

This is a two-semester course.

This class will be a scientifically sound and God honoring study of astronomy. Reading through the textbook will be required at home. Class time will be spent on labs and hands on experiments. Content covered will include the solar system, stars, sun, planets, moon, meteors, asteroids, galaxies, and astronauts.

Required Textbook and Supplies:

[Apologia Exploring Creation with Astronomy Textbook \(2nd edition\)](#)

Level 3 The Good and the Beautiful Language Arts

Instructor: Brad Wilcox

Fee: \$300

Grades: 3, or those at the appropriate level

Tuesday & Thursday, 12:30 – 2 pm

This is a two-semester course.

Using "The Good and the Beautiful" students will learn traditional grammar, reading comprehension, art appreciation, geography, poetry, short essay writing, cultural studies, and more! This multi-subject curriculum comes from a non-denominational Christian perspective and will provide proficiency in phonics, reading, writing, spelling, literature, grammar, punctuation, art, and geography. This course will require parent participation at home.

**There is a very brief [PDF placement test for 3rd](#) grade proficiency on the website. Parents, please administer this test prior to ensure proper placement.

Required Textbook and Supplies:

[The Good and the Beautiful: Level 3 Language Arts Course Set](#)

[The Good and the Beautiful: Level 3 Handwriting Workbook](#)

Story of the World: Ancient Civilizations

Instructor: Stephanie Wagnecht

Fee: \$200/semester + \$20 project supply fee

Grades: K-5

Thursday, 9 – 9:55 am

This is a two-semester course.

Don't just read through your Story of the World text - experience it! In this class students will learn ancient history using timelines, read alouds, narration exercises, review questions, mapwork, and hands on projects to illustrate various concepts and bring history to life. Also, learn how history relates to the Bible!

Required Textbook and Supplies:

[Story of the World: Ancient History text](#)- Please check Plumline library for a returnable copy prior to purchase. Email nichole@plumblinelinearning.com to reserve a copy.

Introduction to Writing

Instructor: Nichole Sawatzky

Fee: \$250

Grades: 4-6

Tuesday, 11 – 11:55 am

This is a two-semester course.

Many students hate writing because they don't know where to begin. In this class we will be focusing on getting our creative thoughts on paper and learning the structural basics of

beginning writing. Students will be proficient in writing one paragraph summaries and stories by the end of this full year course.

Required Textbook and Supplies:

[IEW All Things Fun and Fascinating Student Book](#)

1 inch binder with 5 dividers

[Webster's Pocket Dictionary](#)

[Webster's Pocket Thesaurus](#)

Joy of Music

Instructor: Christin Hunt

Fee: \$200/semester

Grades: K-5

Thursday, 11 – 11:55 am

This is a two-semester course.

This music rich course will include introduction to piano, instrument identification, beginner music theory, rhythm, and singing.

Required Textbook and Supplies:

None

Junior High

Introduction to Natural History: A Nature Exploration

Instructor: Ginger Gemignani

Fee: \$200/semester

Grades: 5-8

Tuesday, 10 am – 10:55 am

This is a two-semester course.

This hands on science class combines lecture with hands on labs and occasion field trips. Students will receive an introduction to being a naturalist, making observations in nature, understanding natural resources, and performing lab experiments.

Required Textbook and Supplies:

None

Mixed Media Art

Instructor: Ginger Gemignani

Fee: \$200/semester + \$20 supply fee

Grades: 5-8

Tuesday, 11 am – 11:55 am

This is a one semester course.

This course provides instruction in a variety of artistic mediums from pencil to charcoal to watercolor. Students will spend time drawing, painting, and even touching on photography.

Required Textbook and Supplies:

None

Art History

Instructor: Brad Wilcox

Fee: \$300/semester

Grades: 6-8

Tuesday, 11 – 11:55 am

This is a two-semester course.

This course will provide a survey of art history from the stone age to modern time, with one stop along the timeline per week. Primarily Western art as a focus, but we will indeed cover other cultures and artists. In addition to lecture and in class activities, students will be given one art-based research assignment per week to bring to class with them the following week.

Required Textbook and Supplies:

The internet will be used for research at home. If parents would prefer students not conduct research online or use the internet, then any good general survey of art history book could serve

as a sufficient substitute. Art History by Marilyn Stokstad would be a great choice. The instructor will offer an opportunity for families to meet in August at Booktown Books to find something second hand.

[Examples on Ebay](#)

[Examples on Abe Books](#)

The Elegant Essay & Intro. to Public Speaking

Instructor: Nichole Sawatzky

Fee: \$350/semester

Grades: 7-10

Tuesday, 10 – 10:55 am

This is a two-semester course. It is possible to take a single semester. Please speak with the instructor.

This course will provide a solid foundation for kicking off high school English. In the first semester students will become confident essay writers as they delve into the details of the essay-writing process and build competence and confidence in public speaking. Second semester will include a solid introduction to public speaking, continued essay writing practice, and an introduction to literature analysis. Students will be ready for our community speech contest if they choose to participate.

This is an advanced course and students should already be comfortable with writing a 5-paragraph essay. If not, IEW Ancient Writing would be a better fit. In combination with Ancient History on Thursday this course meets 9th grade English standards.

Required Textbook and Supplies:

[IEW The Elegant Essay Student Book](#)

1 inch binder with 5 dividers

[Webster's Pocket Dictionary](#)

[Webster's Pocket Thesaurus](#)

IEW Ancient History-Based Writing

Instructor: Nichole Sawatzky

Fee: \$300/semester

Grades: 6-9

Tuesday, 12:30 – 1:25 pm

This is a two-semester course.

This theme-based writing curriculum exposes students to the ancient world through cultural literature and the study of significant places and events while they learn to write. Students should be able to write a quality paragraph upon starting and will complete the class being proficient in the 5-paragraph essay.

Required Textbook and Supplies:

[IEW Ancient History-Based Writing Lessons Student Book](#)

1 inch binder with 5 dividers

[Webster's Pocket Dictionary](#)

[Webster's Pocket Thesaurus](#)

Advanced Physical Science

Instructor: Carmelita Wasson

Fee: \$250/semester

Grades: 7-10

Thursday, 9:30 – 11 am

This is a two-semester course.

This course begins Sept. 8

This general physical science course uses a hands-on approach allowing students to explore the foundational principles of physical science and general chemistry concepts. Throughout this course students discover the relationship between science and daily life. Students will gain a solid understanding of the scientific method and learn to write thorough and accurate lab write-ups.

This is a high school level course which meets high school Physical Science requirements. Students in grades 7-8 should be academically ready for a course of this rigor.

Required Textbook and Supplies:

[Exploration Education Advanced Physical Science course](#)

Ancient World History

Instructor: Nichole Sawatzky

Fee: \$300/semester

Grades: 7-10

Thursday, 11 – 11:55 am

This is a two-semester course.

This course will use literature as it's foundation to explore the world from the beginning of time to the Fall of Rome. Hands on projects and activities will supplement our textbook and novel reading, but students should be prepared to do significant reading at home. Examples of novels studied in this course are Gilgamesh the Hero, The Cat of Bubastes, Black Ships Before Troy, and Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.

Required Textbook and Supplies:

[Streams of Civilization volume 1 \(3rd edition\)](#)

High School

Math Lab: Algebra and Beyond

Instructor: Kevin Soch

Fee: \$200/semester or \$40/month

Grades: 7-12

Tuesday & Thursday, 12:30 – 1:25 pm

This is a math tutoring option for students needing individual help with Algebra and up. Yes- higher level math and even Physics help is provided! Students can come for the entire semester,

or monthly as needed. Math lab is available twice a week. Students must bring their individual curriculum with them for instruction.

Required Textbook and Supplies:

Student is required to bring own curriculum being used in order to receive instruction.

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[Webster's Pocket Thesaurus](#)

French 1

Instructor: Amy Young

Fee: \$350/semester

Grades: 8-12

Tuesday & Thursday, 1:30 – 2:25 pm

This is a two-semester course.

Parlons Francais! This course covers the basics of French grammar and culture, equivalent to High School French 1. While the class meets twice a week, students will commit to studying French at least three other days during the week, as language acquisition requires daily repetition. Content covered will include learning to introduce yourself and ask questions about other people, describe yourself, conjugate French verbs in the present tense, count through the thousands, say the date, use basic vocabulary, and refer to objects using pronouns. Que c'est magnifique!

Required Textbook and Supplies:

[Breaking the French Barrier Level 1 Beginner Student Book, ISBN 9781955306065](#)

Modern U.S. and World History

Instructor: Nichole Sawatzky

Fee: \$350/semester

Grades: 9-12

Thursday, 10 to 10:55 am

This is a two-semester course.

This course will use literature as it's foundation to explore the world from the Civil War to the third millennium. Hands on projects and writing activities will supplement our textbook, but students should be prepared for some significant literature reading. Examples of novels studied in this course are Uncle Tom's Cabin, Up From Slavery, Stalin: Russia's Man of Steel, and No Promises in the Wind.

Required Textbook and Supplies:

[Streams of Civilization Volume 2 student textbook \(3rd edition\), ISBN 9781629820538](#)

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[Streams of Civilization volume 1 \(3rd edition\)](#)

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Other

Individual Voice and Piano Lessons

Instructor: Christin Hunt

Fee: \$20

Grades K-adults!

Tuesday and Thursday openings, schedule with instructor

Christin Hunt is offering private voice and piano lessons for both students and parents! The 25-minute individual lessons are \$20 each, and any books will be provided as needed. Lessons must be prepaid, payment due at the beginning of each month.

Writing Lab

Instructor: Nichole Sawatzky

Fee: none

Grades: 4-12

Thursday, 12:30 – 1:30 pm

This course is reserved for students enrolled in any writing or history class taught by this instructor and who would like individual help or work time for the week. Students may drop in as needed and do not need to register.

Required Textbook and Supplies:

Any curriculum or assignment the student is needing assistance with. Students should not come empty handed.

Introduction to Welding

Instructors: Nick Gemignani and Jeff Wagnecht

Fee: TBD

Time/Day: TBD

This two-day course will include safety instruction, equipment introduction, and hands on practice welding. This introduction course is perfect for students who would like to experience a trade and skill such as welding and would discover if they are interested in exploring it further.

Introduction to Wood Working/Woodshop

Instructor: Carl Plunkett

Fee: \$200/semester

Time/Day: 2 hours/week, Monday or Wednesday- schedule with instructor

This weekly, ongoing class will give students the opportunity to choose an introductory project that they want to build, and then learn the basics of wood working. Skills will include the importance of safety, equipment introduction, and basic math. This class will be tailored to the individual student level.

This course will be located off campus on Greenhorn Drive.

Machine Shop

Instructor: Carl Plunkett

Fee: \$200/semester

Time/Day: 2 hours/week, Monday or Wednesday- schedule with instructor

This weekly, ongoing class will give students the opportunity to choose an introductory project that they want to build, and then learn the basics of being a machinist. Students will learn to set-up and use a variety of mechanically controlled equipment to make metal parts, tools and instruments. Skills will include the importance of safety, equipment introduction, and basic math. This class will be tailored to the individual student level.

This course will be located off campus on Greenhorn Drive.