

## **Mini-term Course Catalogue** **For March 11-15, 2013**

Listed below are classes that are being offered for the mini-term session March 11-15, 2013. Please read the details of the course as you make selections on your registration form.

Be sure not to sign up for a class you have already taken.

Attendance at your mini-term class is required and will be included as a grading criterion for any mini-term class.

### **Full-day classes**

<p><b>ACT Preparation Class</b> ** Juniors only **</p> <p>Planning on college? You'll probably need to take the ACT Test. Are you ready? Would you like to be sure? This ACT class will help you to be prepared. You will learn how questions are asked, how to judge your time, answer questions like: "Should I skip a question and hope to have time to go back?" Learn what is expected in the writing part of the test. Your ACT may determine where you go to college, so now is the time to prepare.</p> <p>This year's class includes a new online video course that the students can use to continue practicing on the areas targeting during the mini-term class.</p> <p>More information available at <a href="http://www.bettertestscores.net">www.bettertestscores.net</a></p>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Franklin, Test Prep. Specialist
	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$250 (special PCS student discount)
	<b>Grading</b>	Completion of assigned work
<p><b>Calligraphy</b></p> <p>Calligraphy is art and design, and has nothing to do with writing! Practice the following lettering and concepts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Roman alphabet san-serifs</li> <li>2. Roman alphabet serifs and Monoline</li> <li>3. L/C alphabet</li> <li>4. Relationships and balance of mass on page.</li> <li>5. Layout rules on page</li> <li>6. Superior Cap</li> </ol>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Tracey
	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$35
	<b>Grading</b>	Project should be clear, calm with straight pulls, and no wiggles, ink spots or dirt; effort and improvement
<p><b>Ceramic Projects</b></p> <p>This class exposes the students to a variety of artistic techniques using ceramics. Students will gain skills by doing a mosaic project, an acrylic dry brush project, under glazing &amp; over glazing, and many more projects! The class will also do a group project to be donated to the PCS auction!</p>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. McGinnis
	<b>Location</b>	Peek-In Ceramics in Pekin
	<b>Cost</b>	\$120
	<b>Grading</b>	Journal, evaluation of class projects
<p><b>Introduction to Coaching</b></p> <p>This class will give students an introduction in the basics of coaching. It will cover philosophy, motivation, officiating, training, basic taping, practice planning, fundamental skills and game strategy. It will focus primarily on basketball, but other sports will be introduced and analyzed as well. Students will get hands-on experience through teaching shooting form to elementary P.E. students. Beneficial for anyone interested in coaching someday.</p> <p>Requirements include working a three-hour shift at the "Experience" at the IHSA State Tournament at the Civic Center.</p>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Fox
	<b>Location</b>	PCS + field trips
	<b>Cost</b>	\$30
	<b>Grading</b>	Teaching project with elementary students, participation, "Experience" work, and completion of assignments

<b><i>Table-top Game Design</i></b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Baker
<p>This all day class will focus on the process of game design and how different considerations play out on the table top. In the morning we'll focus on exposing the students to different types of games (board, chit, miniature, counter, etc.) and design philosophies, and the afternoon will be spent on developing their own games or variants of existing games.</p> <p>We will also take a fieldtrip to the Games Workshop Battle Bunker in Chicago to see professional game production. The final two days will focus on a student driven tournament involving up to two different gaming systems.</p>	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$60
	<b>Grading</b>	Participation, paper

<b>Teaching Children Effectively</b> <i>(In other words...How to teach children God's Word and know what you are doing!)</i>	<b>Instructor</b>	Child Evangelism Fellowship
<p>Are you interested in being a teacher someday, involved in Christian Education, or in a full-time ministry serving as a future pastor, youth leader or children's worker, or even serving as a volunteer in your local church in any ministry setting? Then this special course is for you! This course is foundational in preparing you for future ministry, because if you know how to effectively share the Gospel and teach and minister to a child, you can minister to anyone of any age! However, this is not a course for the faint hearted, as it is a college-accredited course in over 14 different Bible Schools and colleges across the nation. This course equips you in how to effectively share the Gospel with children, how to teach them life-changing Bible Lessons that are evangelistic for the unsaved child and discipleship focused for the saved child.</p> <p>It covers a wide-range of children's ministry classes, including making a Bible verse come alive, teaching them music with a message, and keeping the children engaged for effective learning. Come and be stretch, come and be changed, and come away with a ministry heart and sharpened ministry skills that are foundational for your life and ministry.</p>	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$75
	<b>Grading</b>	Completion of assigned work

<b><i>The Truth Project</i></b> ** Juniors & Seniors only	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. DenBraber
<p>This upperclassmen-only study will cover various topics related to God's Truth, including anthropology, history, metaphysics, sociology, and theology. Students must come to class with an open mind and ready to think independently. You will be intellectually challenged!</p>	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$10
	<b>Grading</b>	attendance, active engagement, participation in class discussions, and written journals of each topic studied

<i>Internship</i> <b>**</b> <i>juniors and seniors only – application required</i>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Bennington & supervisor
<p><b>ALL STUDENTS APPLYING FOR AN INTERNSHIP MUST SEE MRS BENNINGTON PRIOR TO THE REGISTRATION DATE FOR ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK THAT NEEDS TO BE FILLED OUT FOR THEIR INTERNSHIP*</b>. Pick up additional forms from Mrs. Bennington and return them by these deadlines: <b>January 14 &amp; February 4. The regular mini-term registration form must also be turned in to the office by the due dates.</b></p> <p>An internship allows a student to learn about practical aspects of the work place by observing and/or assisting a professional in a field that interests the student. Those participating in an internship will need to find a supervising employer by <b>Monday, January 14, 2013.</b></p> <p>Completed schedules for the hours to be worked during mini-term need to be determined by the supervisor, and turned in no later than <b>Monday, February 4, 2013.</b></p> <p>In addition to the twenty hours of supervised attendance with the employer, each student will attend class at PCS on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of mini-term week during pre-determined hours (8:30-9:45 OR 2:05-3:20). Classroom instruction will include ethics, communication, group dynamics, as well as addressing issues that come up throughout the week at the assigned internship. Students will write their post-internship paper on Friday, March 15, 2013 during class time. *Students will not be allowed to take internship class for a second year unless a DIFFERENT internship has been established from the prior year.</p>	<b>Location</b>	PCS & internship site
	<b>Cost</b>	\$10
	<b>Grading</b>	Attendance, fulfillment of requisite hours, supervisor evaluation, and paper

## Half-day Classes (offered AM and/or PM - TBD)

<b>Acting</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Miss Anderson
Learn and put into practice various acting techniques. Through script analysis, exercises, theatre games and scene work, you will learn to bring your character to life. We will use short scenes, monologues and readers' theatre scripts to develop a repertoire of skills for the actor: movement, voice, pacing, motivation, transitions and humor. We will also study scenes that demonstrate excellence in acting.	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$10
	<b>Grading</b>	Participation and class presentations
<b>Beginning Knitting</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Pasteris
This class is designed to explain and demonstrate fundamental stitches of knitting. We will discuss the basic tools of knitting along with the history of knitting and how to understand patterns.  You will learn how to cast on stitches, Knit, purl and bind off stitches. We will also discuss the different types of stitches how to differentiate stitches, correct common errors and combination stitches.  Needles and yarn will be provided.	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$15
	<b>Grading</b>	Participation, quiz
<b>The Case for Faith</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Doremus
Everyone benefits when Lee Strobel hits the road in search of answers, as he does again in the Case for Faith. In the course of his probing interviews, some of the toughest intellectual obstacles to faith fall away. –Luis Palau  This class will read through <i>The Case for Faith</i> by Lee Strobel in a week. The cost of the class is for buying your own copy of the book plus snacks. Bring your thinking caps because this will be one mind-blowing ride!	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$20
	<b>Grading</b>	Participation; attendance
<b>Creativity Counts!</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Elliott
This course introduces the student to the creative process and the art of imaginative writing through composing their own short stories, poetry and drama after reading some in class. We will also strengthen our understanding of our God-given creativity.	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$10
	<b>Grading</b>	Reading, class discussions, and written assignments
<b>Crittendon Center</b> ** limited to girls who will be 18 years old by March 10	<b>Instructor</b>	Jennifer Simmons, Volunteer Coord.
This is a service opportunity. Girls may participate in the following work at the crisis nursery: working with pre-school children, office work, and/or wherever the staff need assistance.  We also ask that all students donate the following: 1. a large box/bag of diapers, pull-ups or wet wipes 2. two coloring books and a box of crayons  The fee for this class will also be donated to the Crittendon Center	<b>Location</b>	Crittendon Centers in Peoria at 442 W. John Gwynn Ave.
	<b>Cost</b>	\$10
	<b>Grading</b>	Cooperation, ability to follow directions; effort at assigned tasks

<b><i>Discerning Disney!</i></b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Smith
We all have our favorite Disney movies, from Snow White to Toy Story to Tangled. Do you ever think about the powerful lessons in those movies or the worldview that is being portrayed in them? Movies can have a great impact on us, and we need to have discerning minds when it comes to our movie-watching. In this class, we will watch and discuss five Disney movies, including Tangled. Using our Bibles and thought-provoking questions, we will investigate some of the ideas/lessons in the movies and seek to develop and strengthen our Christian worldview.	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$10
	<b>Grading</b>	Punctuality, participation in class discussions, written responses to questions

<b><i>Illinois History</i></b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Schoon
Come explore the vast history of Illinois. This class will focus on famous events and Individuals that have had an impact on Illinois and the United States.  *Those who have taken <i>Hometown History</i> are NOT eligible to take this class.	<b>Location</b>	PCS and local field trips
	<b>Cost</b>	\$20
	<b>Grading</b>	Evaluation of class journal

<b><i>Introduction to Golf</i></b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Paris
Intro to golf provides an opportunity for those interested in golf to learn some of the basics of this great game. The course will cover areas like history of the game, rules of the game, alignment, chipping, putting, and full swing. Students will learn the necessary skills to play the game and will be given various opportunities to compete on the course. Weather will determine the activities but indoor hitting areas are available and will be used.  In addition to the \$10 feel for the class, students will pay all the daily green fees – approximately \$50-\$60.  Students must provide their own golf clubs.	<b>Location</b>	Various local courses/ranges
	<b>Cost</b>	\$10 (Greens fees paid at each course, not to PCS)
	<b>Grading</b>	Participation; test

<b><i>Lunch Brunch</i></b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Miller
This class is designed to give you an opportunity to prepare breakfast and lunch dishes. Each day will be focused on either breakfast or lunch items. On the last day, students are required to work together to create a breakfast buffet.	<b>Location</b>	Mt. Hawley Community Church
	<b>Cost</b>	\$70
	<b>Grading</b>	Punctuality, participation, following directions, knowing kitchen terminology, and correctly halving & doubling a recipe

<b><i>Make a Difference with Music!</i></b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Stocksiek
Students will learn to use singing, movement, and rhythm activities to unleash the magical excitement of music-making for young children of various ages and needs. Students will help each other to develop ease in supporting and leading musical activities, while learning how to select and plan fun, creative, and skill-developing music activities. Each class member will have the opportunity to lead PCS elementary/pre-school children and special needs children in a fun music activity. By the end of the week, each student will have created an index card file containing music activity ideas for future use.	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$10
	<b>Grading</b>	Participation/effort; class project (index file)

<i>The Mysteries of the Locked Room in Film and Print</i>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Abel
Whether it's the dead body in the locked room or the diamonds, or work of art stolen from the locked room, the world of mystery reading is filled with riddles of inescapable rooms and crimes that seem impossible to commit. Discover how mystery writers as early as the 1800s experimented and developed the riddle of the impossible crime into exciting entertainment.	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$25
	<b>Grading</b>	Participation in discussions from reading, and some short writing assignments in class

<i>No-Sew Blankets</i>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Miller
Learn to piece a blanket by cutting and tying squares and fringe. Pick from a variety of colors and patterns of fleece fabric to make your personalized throw for your bed or TV room.	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$45
	<b>Grading</b>	Punctuality, participation, following directions, finished project

<i>PAWS (Peoria Animal Welfare Society)</i>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Yanko
Love animals? Think you would like to work with animals? This is an opportunity for you. Spend your mini-term mornings with four-footed furry friends. WARNING: Taking care of animals is also hard work, much of it dirty work, but if you're not afraid of hard work, there's time to love the animals as well as working in the office.  Students must donate a 10lb. bag of small pet food. Also, students will need to pay a transportation fee if transportation is needed.	<b>Location</b>	PAWS (near lower entrance to Glen Oak Park)
	<b>Cost</b>	\$15
	<b>Grading</b>	participation

<i>Philosophy</i>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Doremus
What is right? What is wrong? Is something wrong because God hates it, or does He hate it because it is wrong? This Philosophy course will study the ancient philosophers such as Glaucon and Aristotle, as well as more modern philosophies like Utilitarianism, Relativism, and Kant's Duties. Discover how we weave in & out of these philosophies & discover more about ourselves as we make choices in our lives.	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$10
	<b>Grading</b>	Participation, small writing assignment

<i>Photography and Photoshop</i>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Zeltwanger
This class will focus on Graphic Design skills and retouching photos using Adobe Photoshop. It will include at least a day of photography and at least three days in the computer lab retouching and adding affects to a variety of photos and materials.  Students must provide their own camera.	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$20
	<b>Grading</b>	Participation and class projects

<i>Piñatas</i>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Irish
¡Hola! In this course, we will have lots of fun learning about piñatas. Over the course of the week, we will discuss the history, creation, and usage of piñatas in Latin-American cultures. We will also design and create our own piñatas at the end of the week.  *Students with no Spanish experience may still take the course.	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$10
	<b>Grading</b>	Participation & final project

<b><i>Pinterest Crafts: Do-It-Yourself</i></b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Pettyjohn
For those who are "crafty" and addicted to pinterest crafts – an online pinboard for those are inspired by their craft projects and want to share them with others. We will peruse pinterest for crafts that we would like to create, compile a supply list, take a shopping trip to purchase those supplies and then create those crafts.	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$50
	<b>Grading</b>	completion of crafts, including level of difficulty and quality of finished product

<b><i>Servant Leadership</i></b> <b>** This course meets the requirement for the Distinguished Scholar Diploma</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Bruer & Mrs. Lyons
Service? Leadership? What are they? Do you possess qualities that lead you to be a servant? Is a leader a servant? Is a servant a leader? Come explore what it means to be a leader and a servant.  We will be looking at different types of leadership from Scripture, Coaching, and Business aspects. You will begin to discover your strengths and weakness as you take on different roles of leadership. You will also be given the opportunity to serve locally in our community.	<b>Location</b>	Various sites
	<b>Cost</b>	\$25
	<b>Grading</b>	Participation/effort

<b><i>Set Construction</i></b> <b>** This course will not meet during regularly scheduled mini-term hours</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Ebersole
The Spring Musical is <i>Pilgrim</i> . It is a fun show with filled with music, truth, humor and surprises. The set construction team helps to make the performance happen by preparing the stage through set construction and painting. This class will include basic construction skills and safety protocol. Students will also learn about creative design and problem solving.  ** The instructor will schedule work times in the late afternoon and evening during this week. Participants will be excused for either the morning or afternoon mini-term time slot.	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$10
	<b>Grading</b>	Attendance & promptness; participation & effort

<b><i>Sewing</i></b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Furston
Sewing is a useful life skill and an enjoyable hobby. Students will learn basic hand and machine stitching techniques and the use of patterns.  The final project will be to sew a pair of pajama pants. Sewing machines and other supplies will be provided but those who have their own may bring them to use.	<b>Location</b>	Sewing Center in the Metro Center
	<b>Cost</b>	\$30
	<b>Grading</b>	Skills assessments, following directions, completion and quality of projects

<b><i>Shakespearean Comedies</i></b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Miss Anderson
We will enjoy watching and discussing the much-neglected comedies of Shakespeare, including <i>Twelfth Night</i> , <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> , <i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> , and <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> . Everyone loves a happy ending!	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$15
	<b>Grading</b>	Participation and class projects

<b><i>SOAR Study Skills</i></b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Claxton
<p>The SOAR Study Skills program will help all students become more efficient and effective with their schoolwork and study habits. SOAR Study Skills is the best-selling study skills book in the world, used by over 1000 schools world-wide.</p> <p>The program is designed to help uncover the individual “intelligences”, learning styles and preferences of each student. Topics covered include: establishing priorities, identifying goals, scheduling time, organizing papers and space, reading text books, taking notes, studying, and taking tests. Regardless of academic skill level, all students will benefit from skills learned in this program and be able to apply them in and outside of the classroom.</p>	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$30 + purchase of binder materials
	<b>Grading</b>	Participation; completion of tasks

<b><i>To Narnia and Beyond</i></b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mrs. Elliott
<p>This course introduces us to well-known Christian author C.S. Lewis. We analyze a variety of his works: his The Chronicles of Narnia series, his apologetics, and his science fiction. We will strengthen our Christian walk as we reflect on Lewis’s insights on today’s issues. Also, we will consider some critiques of his life as we incorporate videos on his life, his work and his role as a Christian apologist in the 20th century.</p>	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$15
	<b>Grading</b>	Reading, class discussions, and written responses

<b><i>Triathlon 101</i></b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Weaver
<p>Have you ever wanted to get in shape? Do you like to run, bike, or swim? Well, now is your chance! Mr. Weaver has competed in several triathlons over the past few years and is ready to share his experience with you so you can try your first triathlon or just experience some cross training in three sports. Students must have a <b>BIKE in GOOD working condition</b> - Helmet required, too! Previous experience or conditioning not necessary. Workouts will vary from day to day, and will include running, biking, and swimming (in a pool).</p>	<b>Location</b>	PCS/Riverplex
	<b>Cost</b>	\$35
	<b>Grading</b>	Participation and reading assignments

<b><i>World War II in Film</i></b>	<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Schoon
<p>Discover World War II through the following films (and related articles): <i>Patton, Longest Day, U-571, The Tuskegee Airmen, Battle of the Bulge, Midway and Saints and Soldiers</i>. Students will keep a journal of our discussion, film viewing, and reading.</p>	<b>Location</b>	PCS
	<b>Cost</b>	\$10
	<b>Grading</b>	Evaluation of class journal