

Project Term 2024

HS Catalog 9-12

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students are encouraged to participate in Black River courses. However, high school students may elect to do an independent study with approval if they seek an opportunity that the school is unable to offer. There was an informational meeting during HS CAP Flex on **Tuesday, November 14, 2023**, where students received an **Interest Application**. Students who missed the meeting must see Ms. Clark for the application. The interest application is due by **Friday, December 1, 2023**. Once the project is approved, a more formal proposal will be due on **Friday, March 15, 2024**. Students who are interested in pursuing an independent study during project term should read the course description in the catalog and see Ms. Clark with any questions.

PROJECT TERM DATES AND DEADLINES AT A GLANCE

Priority Registration Deadline	Monday, December 4, 2023
Last Chance to Register	Friday, December 22, 2023
Scholarship Requests Due	Friday, March 1, 2024
Project Term Fees Due	Monday, March 18, 2024
Project Term Begins	Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Project Term Open House	Thursday, June 6, 2024
Last Day of School	Friday, June 7, 2024

The entire 2024 Project Term Catalog for grades 4-12 can be found on the website at:

<http://www.blackriverpublicschool.org/Content2/project-term>

HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT TERM COURSES

STUDENTS MUST PICK ONE COURSE FOR EACH BLOCK (A, B, C, & D)

A Block **Grade: HS** **WHODUNIT!?** **Fee: \$20.00**

Teacher: McCool, Jaime

Special Requirements: N/A

Calling all puzzle solvers and amateur gumshoes! Do you love binge watching murder mysteries or feel like you were always meant to be a detective? Join us as we explore some (fictional) cold cases. Do you have what it takes to catch a killer? You will get the chance to work on a variety of cold cases and then create an escape room using one of the cases you've solved.

A Block **Grade: HS** **BOWLING BONANZA** **Fee: \$60.00**

Teacher: Stid, Jake

Special Requirements: *OPTIONAL: Bowling ball and bowling shoes*

You have probably gone bowling for a birthday party or a friendly, Friday night social gathering; did you know that bowling is actually considered a competitive sport? Or even a professional sport? In this class you will learn about the history of bowling as a sport, and you will learn to bowl, or become a better bowler. Daily challenges, learning how to score without the use of the computer, and improving your basic techniques will be the focus of the class. There will be a week-long team tournament at the end of the class.

A Block **Grade: HS** **BRUNCH HUNTERS** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Wright, Cessie & Tim Ewald

Special Requirements: *Students will be responsible for bringing enough money to purchase a meal each day that we are in the field (approximately 7-8 days).*

Do you love to write, have an eye for detail, and enjoy eating new cuisine? Do you find yourself reading or writing reviews on sites like Yelp and Trip Advisor? Have you ever considered the career path of becoming a restaurant critic? Professional critics review the food, service, and atmosphere of the establishments that they visit. In this class, we will test and improve our skills as critics by visiting a variety of breakfast and brunch restaurants in the Holland-Zeeland area. After each visit, we will write, edit, and peer review our critiques. At the end of the course, we will create websites with our reviews & publish some of our reviews on Yelp and other food critique websites.

A Block **Grade: HS** **CAREER READINESS** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: DeVree, Erica

Special Requirements: N/A

Have you thought about what you want to do in the future? Come take the time to begin building a resume, cover letter, and portfolio of work you've done. We will also create a website that helps employers get to know you and your qualities. Learn to research jobs in your field and practice applying to them.

A Block **Grade: HS** **COSTA RICA: TOUCH OF THE TROPICS** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Pyle, Bridget & Noelle Harrity

Special Requirements: *See Ms. Pyle for current trip enrollment costs.*

Join us on a life-changing adventure through Costa Rica this June! With well-protected national reserves and an unparalleled diversity of wildlife, Costa Rica is the jewel of Central America. The Arenal region showcases a volcano, hot springs, and a broad range of flora and fauna. In Monteverde, tour the greenery of the Santa Elena Cloud Forest, then in Manuel Antonio National Park, keep your eyes open for sloths, toucans, and howler monkeys.

During Project Term students will learn the basics of safe international travel, design a personal budget for our upcoming trip and complete an individual research project based on their interests and reasons for traveling. The trip to Costa Rica will take place after the school year is over in June. Please contact Bridget Pyle for further information, registration material, and payment details.

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A Block **Grade: HS** **DRIVER'S EDUCATION** **Fee: \$535.00**

Teacher: Bishop, Kim

Special Requirements: *\$100 deposit (payable to Macatawa Driving School) is due with the application.*

Registration is first come/first serve.

Macatawa Driving School is proud to offer a Level One Driver Education course to Black River teens for Project Term Credit. Cost: \$430.00 that includes all drives, classroom training, and a Level One permit after successful completion of the course.

Dates: May 9 – 24 (Monday – Saturday)

Thursday, May 9 (Class only: 11:30 – 1:30 pm)

Friday, May 10 (Class only: 11:30 – 1:30 pm)

Saturday, May 11 (No class; range drives only)

May 13 - 17 (Class and drives: 7:10 – 11:10 am)

Saturday, May 18 (No class, range drives only)

May 20 – 24 (Class and drives: 7:10 – 11:10 am)

Note: The State of Michigan requires students to be in class the number of hours that are scheduled. If there are any schedule conflicts that you know of prior to the start of class (Dutch Dancing, etc.), please contact Macatawa Driving School for possible arranged make-up times at info@drivemacatawa.com or 748-6948.

A Block **Grade: HS** **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR BEGINNERS** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Benoot, Chelsea

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Are you interested in fantasy and adventure storytelling, with a side of puzzle solving and combat? Then learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons, the iconic tabletop role-playing game that inspired popular media such as Stranger Things, Onward, and more! First, you will learn what Dungeons & Dragons is, its history, and presence in popular culture today. You will create your own character, take part in a large-scale campaign story, and learn how to lead your own campaign as a Dungeon Master. As a final project, you will create a detailed personal narrative backstory for your character that details the adventures they went on during your classroom campaign.

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Teacher: Spisak, Elizabeth

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A Block **Grade: HS** **HIKE & HAMMOCK IN HOLLAND** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Bierma, Becky

Special Requirements: *Students need to supply their own hammock (or a blanket to sit on) that they will need to carry with them during each hike.*

A class for the nature lovers out there! We will hike a variety of trails in Holland and along the lakeshore, learn about native plants, animals, and other natural occurrences we encounter along the way, and soak in the beauty around us! Be ready to walk... a lot! For your project, you will have several options to choose from that will allow for creativity.

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A Block

Grade: HS

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Clark, Tammy

Special Requirements: N/A

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A Block

Grade: HS

JEWELRY METALHEADS!

Fee: \$35.00

Teacher: Donoghue, Elizabeth

Special Requirements: N/A

Learn the basics to crafting with copper metal. You will learn how to use a jeweler's saw to cut out your own unique designs, attach metal pieces to together, and a variety of techniques to add color, texture, and more to metal. We will learn how to design and craft to make jewelry, keychains, and magnets, fun to learn!

A Block

Grade: HS

JOURNALING THROUGH LIFE

Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Dawson, Dulcy

Special Requirements: N/A

In this course, you'll learn the art of free writing and journaling and a little artistic expression as tools for self-reflection and mindfulness. Through guided exercises, you'll unlock your creativity, quiet your mind, and gain a deeper understanding of your thoughts and emotions. Each day, you'll delve into different prompts and techniques to facilitate self-expression and self-observation. By the end of the course, you'll have created a personal mindfulness journal filled with your written and visual reflections.

A Block

Grade: HS

LIVING HISTORY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Morse, Keely

Special Requirements: N/A

Would you like to earn community service hours required for graduation? Yes! Do you like talking with and playing games with senior citizens? Yes! Take this class and we will walk to Freedom Village and spend time with senior citizens getting to know them, their life stories, bits of wisdom, play games with them, and of course earn community service hours for doing so. Every time I have taken students to Freedom Village both students and residents have appreciated the experience.

A Block

Grade: HS

SONG LAND

Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Bittrick, Brett

Special Requirements: N/A

Write a hit song in high school! In this course, you will learn several song-writing techniques. Students will work throughout the two week period to write and record at least one song. That song will be made available on a streaming service, and will be performed live on stage at the project term open house. Students can choose from a variety of genres, but will work to write a stand out, or hit within that genre. Songs will be critiqued along the

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process in order to improve their craft. Songs can be written in groups or individually, the only limit is the top of the charts!

A Block **Grade: HS** ***THE SOCIOLOGY OF BARBIE*** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka

Special Requirements: N/A

What can we learn about consumer culture, coming of age, parental relationships, and gender dynamics from one simple movie? In this class, we will examine Greta Gerwig's 2023 film through the lens of social theories. Additionally, we will use our analysis of the Barbie film and its messages to examine current events, pop culture, politics, and social media trends. No previous viewing or sociological expertise is required! Come with an open mind, and be ready to have some thoughtful academic conversations.

A Block **Grade: HS** ***THE VIENNA COFFEE HOUSE EXPERIENCE*** **Fee: \$0.00**
– STUDIES IN CREATIVE WRITING

Teacher: Rowe, Karen

Special Requirements: N/A

Does ambiance inspire creativity? Of course! Experience the cultural coffee house effect as we meander to local coffee shops like Lemonjello's, 205 Coffee, Ferris Coffee, and Good Earth in search of the perfect writing environment. As a class, we will work on individual creative writing projects focused on fiction, memoir, and poetry, hold class workshops and readings, and ultimately publish individual chapbooks of class work to be displayed on open house night. As Shel Silverstein says, "If you are a dreamer...come in, come in!"

A Block **Grade: HS** ***YOU CAME FROM WHERE? (EXPLORE AND*** **Fee: \$0.00**
CREATE YOUR FAMILY TREE)

Teacher: Bishop, Kim

Special Requirements: *Students will need to have their parents establish an account with ancestry.com and have it active prior to the first day of class. The cost will be between \$30 and \$60. Students / parents will need to maintain the account for the duration of the class.*

Where did your family come from? Why did they leave their homes to come someplace completely new and full of challenges? In this class students will research their family and develop a family tree. They will interview family members and use online resources to do their research.

AB Block **Grade: HS** ***OPEN FLAMES: COOKING WITH FIRE!*** **Fee: \$75.00**

Teacher: Meyer, Nathan

Special Requirements: N/A

Spit roasted, flame broiled, grilled, iron pressed, charred, seared, if you can prepare it over a flame, you will learn about it in this ultimate cooking class. To quote Smokey the Bear: "Only you can prevent wildfires" so let's learn to prevent them from going wild, by making them, shaping them, and utilizing them for the preparation of delicious culinary creations. You will learn to cook on a fire pit, on a grill, and other camp stoves and devices. You will be challenged to create themed meals such as tasty tailgaters, complete campfire meals, grilled pizzas and much more. You do not need prior experience in cooking to take this course. You will go from beginner to grill master by learning to cook over open flames, prepare a variety of foods, use a knife as a tool for cooking, properly clean up for health safety, and maintain a fire. You will also learn logistics to food preparation including acquiring and storing ingredients; recipe preparation for individuals, small groups and crowds; and hear tips from local restaurateurs and butchers. You will be outside every day, and we will cook rain or shine. This is a full day class, giving us the opportunity to utilize longer cook times and to learn more of logistics that go into the course. The fee for this class is \$75.00, which will include many of the grocery items and fuel for our fires, stoves and grills. Please note that there will be opportunities for you to try cooking something of your choosing, in which you may need to bring in a grocery item from home at an extra cost. Provided you don't turn your food into charcoal, you eat it for lunch, and share with your friends!

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B Block **Grade: HS** *3 V 3 BASKETBALL* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Rowe, Brent

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you like to play basketball? Do you like to play 3 v 3 basketball and other games? Join this fun class where we play games and have fun learning new skills! Beginners and advanced players welcome! Everyone will improve their skills and teamwork.

B Block **Grade: HS** *BALSA WOOD BUILD AND DESTROY* **Fee: \$25.00**

Teacher: Schwartz, Todd

Special Requirements: N/A

We will research, design, prototype, build, and test to destruction basic construction shapes like towers, cantilevers, and bridges. We're going to build stuff (correctly) and break it (properly).

B Block **Grade: HS** *BLACK RIVER BAKE OFF!* **Fee: \$30.00**

Teacher: McCool, Jaime

Special Requirements: N/A

Would you like to see your family and friends' faces light up as they eat a brownie, doughnut or a lovely slice of apple pie you baked yourself but don't know where to start? This course will show you how to make your favorite pastries, breads, and desserts from scratch. For your final project, you will choose a recipe you feel showcases your baking skills and a panel of judges will vote on their favorite dessert!

B Block **Grade: HS** *COUPONING 101* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: DeVree, Erica

Special Requirements: *Students will be required to bring money in case of going to the store to purchase things*

Have you thought about trying to save money at the grocery store? Using coupons is a great way to do it. Cutting and collecting coupons can be a lot of work, but once you have a system down, your wallet will thank-you.

B Block **Grade: HS** *CRIMINAL HISTORY* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Morse, Keely

Special Requirements: N/A

Did you know that two of the most famous bank robbers in US history struck downtown Holland and you can still see bullet marks from the robbery to this day? Come look at criminal history. Learn about presidential assassins, their motives, and attempted escapes. What are the conspiracies surrounding presidential assassins? Who was H.H. Holmes? We will study various serial killers, their motives and how they were caught and found guilty. What was organized crime like during prohibition? What were the law enforcement officials like that pushed back against alcohol during this era? Who were Bonnie and Clyde? Who was J. Edgar Hoover? Who was John Dillinger? Come and find out in Criminal History.

B Block **Grade: HS** *CROCHET, CAKES AND CHEMISTRY 101A* **Fee: \$25.00**

Teacher: Rice, Toni

Special Requirements: N/A

Have you always longed to be able to crochet? Can you already crochet, but would love to take your work to the next level? Perhaps learn a different stitch or apply what you know to making an actual item? Or do you just love crochet and want to crochet for 2 weeks? Do you want to know why chemistry is in the title? Finally, do you like tea, cakes and movies? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, this is the project term class for you! Beginners will focus on the essentials and you will use your newly learnt skills to make squares which will be

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sewed together into a blanket, bag or placemat. Experienced crocheters - once you have completed the "basic" requirements, you can choose to make a more involved item of clothing, bag or blanket. Your final project will be a display of your work and a journal of your progress each day. As we crochet we will sample various cakes and watch movies. I will also explain why chemistry is in the title of the class! For a relaxing, tranquil experience join this class! All supplies will be provided with the \$25 fee.

B Block **Grade: HS** *DRAWING FROM NATURE* **Fee: \$25.00**

Teacher: Bishop, Kim

Special Requirements: N/A

This class is for the serious artist that wants to hone their nature drawing skills. We will spend the entire block drawing from nature. That may involve drawing a still life in class on a rainy day or going to the beach to settle in and capture life on the dunes. We will take other outdoor excursions on foot. The plan is to have a block of time to really concentrate on drawing from nature.

B Block **Grade: HS** *EAT MY WAKE!* **Fee: \$180.00**

Teacher: Gray, Steve

Special Requirements: Swimsuit and towel. You will get wet everyday! (Wet suits optional)

Test the waters in this action packed adventure class! You will be learning and expanding your wakeboarding skills each day at Action Wake Park. Whether you're a novice or have been wakeboarding for years this class is for you! There will be certified instructors providing instruction each day along with cable passes, wakeboards, helmets, and life vests. Join us at the first and only full-size cable park in Michigan!

B Block **Grade: HS** *ESPRESSO YOURSELF* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Pyle, Bridget & Dulcy Dawson

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you have an undying love for all things coffee? Would you love spending your mornings enjoying the rich smells and flavors of local coffee shops? This is the class for you. This year we will be visiting several local coffee shops and trying many different types of coffee. You will learn more about coffee and business than you ever knew existed. The end project will be a mini business plan including all of your own ideas and coffee dreams.

B Block **Grade: HS** *FLEA MARKET FLIP* **Fee: \$60.00**

Teacher: Bierma, Becky

Special Requirements: N/A

Have you ever dreamed of being an interior designer? Do you like to create on a budget? Are you just obsessed with HGTV and design shows? Or maybe you just love a good thrift store bargain! Well, this is the class for you! We will visit local thrift stores, flea markets, second-hand stores and find items that can be repurposed. From there we will head back to school and work in teams to create treasure from "trash!" At the open house, some items will be auctioned off & the proceeds will go to a charity chosen by the class.

B Block **Grade: HS** *GLORY ON THE GRIDIRON* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Stid, Jake

Special Requirements: N/A

While baseball may be America's pastime, football is America's game. The high adrenaline sport dominates this country's attention during the fall and winter. But what is so enticing about this sport? What draws people in? During this class we will look at the history of the game, the different styles of offense and defense that are used out there, the game's social impact in this country's history, and all the ways it is enjoyed today. With some time spent in the classroom to learn about the sport and strategies and the other part spent outside playing and practicing techniques you will be able to better understand and appreciate the activity that many say isn't a game or sport, it's a religion.

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B Block **Grade: HS** *HELPING HOLLAND* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Laarman, Sarah

Special Requirements: N/A

Participating in community service and volunteer work is a graduation requirement, and allows you to improve the world we live in. Sometimes, the hard part of community service is knowing where to begin. In this class, we will volunteer at a variety of locations over the course of two weeks. Earn community service hours, while helping Holland.

B Block **Grade: HS** *INDEPENDENT STUDY* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Clark, Tammy

Special Requirements: N/A

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B Block **Grade: HS** *JAPANESE POP CULTURE* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Spisak, Elizabeth

Special Requirements: N/A

From Studio Ghibli and Hatsune Miku to Pokemon and Hello Kitty, the pop culture of Japan has gained immense popularity worldwide - so much, in fact, that some experts consider pop culture to be one of Japan's greatest exports. Come learn about the history of Japanese pop culture and discuss its global spread, historical influences, intended messages, and why it appeals to people all around the world. We will explore Japan's manga, anime, video games, fashion, music, film, and food! For your final project, you will choose an aspect of Japanese pop culture that appeals to you the most to research, and then create a presentation in the form of a Japanese PechaKucha (narrated slideshow) to show what you learn about it.

B Block **Grade: HS** *KNITTING FOR BEGINNERS* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka

Special Requirements: N/A

It's a great time to start a new hobby! If you've never knit before, or have very little experience, this is the place to start. Learn to cast on, knit, purl, and cast off so you can start creating your own knit squares, clothes, and scarves. You will learn to follow a simple knitting pattern, and leave well-prepared for future yarn adventures. Knitting has been scientifically proven to increase wellness. As we learn (or continue to practice) knitting, we will also study the science behind how knitting relieves stress, calms anxiety, creates strong social bonds, and increases feelings of usefulness. We will examine our own wellness as we experiment on ourselves to see if we can measure the benefits of knitting in our own lives. All supplies are provided for you, and no experience is necessary.

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B Block Grade: **HS** *THE HISTORY OF FILM* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Benoot, Chelsea

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Film is something so engrained in our everyday culture, but have you ever wondered how it evolved to where it is today? This class will show you exactly how modern movies came to be. Starting with the 1900s, we will cover different decades and looks at the film techniques and technology that filmmakers had to create their visions. For a final project, you and a group will create your own film, using the style of the decade of your choice. Join us and be a part of history!

B Block Grade: **HS** *ZOMBIES AND ALIENS AND MARTIANS...AND YOU?* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Ewald, Tim

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Even though we have no concrete evidence that beings like aliens and zombies actually could exist, what is it about them and other specters (like ghosts, werewolves, and the Easter Bunny) that keeps drawing our attention to them? In this class, using literature and movies as our guides, we delve deep into the fascination (and possible existence?!) of those things that we are (fairly certain) do not exist in our reality...and yet, somehow, we just can't stop paying attention to them. We might even take a creative crack at constructing our own works, possibly fall into some alternate realities, or explore strange new worlds as well...be prepared for the eerie and oogy (think Frankenstein, X-Files, and Grimm...and not Saw, Criminal Minds, or true-crime podcasts).

BD Block Grade: **HS** *AP CALCULUS PREP* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Danckaert, Dustin & Abby Hop

Special Requirements: *This class is needed for current Advanced Algebra/Geometry students who would like to take AP Calculus next fall.*

AP Calculus Prep is for students who have successfully completed Advanced Algebra/Geometry. Students will study units involving function composition, vectors, parametric equations, complex numbers, polynomials, rational functions, radical functions, three-dimensional geometry, trigonometric graphs, trigonometric identities, trigonometric equations, conic sections, exponential and logarithmic functions, and derivatives.

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Teacher: Hop, Abigail

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C Block Grade: **HS** *ANYONE FOR GOLF? FORE!* Fee: \$50.00

Teacher: Fisher, Caleb

Special Requirements: *Students must have their own set of golf clubs/balls and be able to depart BRPS by 7:40am each morning. Pull carts are optional or available for rent daily.*

Do you enjoy golf? Would you like to learn? If yes, then this is the course for you! We will spend time learning about this great game and practicing our own shots at the golf course. We will spend time on the driving range, practice greens, and the course itself. Learn how to take the frustration out of your own game by learning fundamentals and essential etiquette. Students will spend every class period at the golf course. Fore!

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C Block Grade: **HS** *ART MENTORS FOR CARDBOARD KINGDOM* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Chester, Katie

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Learn to manage a team and become an art mentor. This project term is about working with, coaching, and helping Cardboard Kingdoms where students will bring to life architectural feats made out of cardboard! High school students will mentor, guide and facilitate work days to ensure elementary students build their structures with success!

C Block Grade: **HS** *BIKING AND STATISTICAL DONUTS* Fee: \$0.00

Teacher: Ewald, Tim & Todd Schwartz

Special Requirements: *Proper working bike, approved bike safety helmet, money daily to purchase a minimum of two donuts per class period, the ability to ride a bike and follow safety regulations, an open mind, and a good attitude.*

As Homer said... "Mmmmm, donuts". Is there anything more beautiful than a perfectly earned donut? The smoothness of drizzled chocolate, the healthiness of raspberry filling, the crunch of protein packed peanuts, and of course sprinkles are for the winners. Equally wonderful is the scientific recording of data, the manipulation of variables, the organizing of values, and the joy of spreadsheets. We will ride our bikes to various local donut establishments to do the hard work of mathematically determining the best donut in town and then create presentations to boldly proclaim our decision.

C Block Grade: **HS** *BOXING DIARIES* Fee: \$50.00

Teacher: Ekdahl, Krista

Special Requirements: *We have a class set of boxing gloves and wraps, students that would like to bring their own mat.*

Learn to box under the guidance and expertise of professional boxing coach Sakwam at Sakwamdo Boxing Gym of Holland. Students will train in the "Sweet Science" of boxing, learn valuable life lessons, and increase their fitness. You will be evaluated before and after the two-week training session. Your evaluation as well as a fundraising project will serve as your course evaluation. It just may be the hardest fun you'll ever have!

C Block Grade: **HS** *CREATIVE CRAFTS* Fee: \$25.00

Teacher: Rice, Toni

Special Requirements: *N/A*

This project term class will allow any students that enjoyed Middle School Crafts to continue being creative and crafty. Never done Middle School Crafts? No problem - this is still the class for you! A number of different techniques will be explored including, but not limited to: Beading, cartonnage, quilling, diamond painting, embroidery, paper cutting, yarn-wrapped cord baskets, fabric/yarn wrapped beading and rainbow loom. The history of each craft will be discussed as we work. The final project for Creative Crafts will be in the style of an art show or craft market/fair and you have the option to sell your work. Peace, tranquility and creativity will surround this class! All supplies will be provided with the \$25 fee.

C Block Grade: **HS** *DOUBLE-HANDED SAILING* Fee: \$125.00

Teacher: Rowe, Karen

Special Requirements: *Students need to supply their own life jackets and should come to class prepared to sail every day. Ideally, students should have at least two years of previous sailing experience, but students with less experience who are comfortable on the water or with*

This course introduces students to the sport of sailing in a double-handed (two person) sailboat. Students will learn the basic rules of sailing, practice rigging and de-rigging a sailboat, gain confidence in managing both skipper and crew roles, and spend time on the water at Lake Macatawa each day.

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C Block **Grade: HS** *GAME, SET, MATCH: TENNIS* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Hop, Abigail

Special Requirements: *Students are required to bring their own rackets to class.*

This course welcomes anyone who is interested in tennis. You do not have to know how to play, but you do have to come ready to participate and attempt to play every class period. Whether you have played tennis all your life, or this is the first time you have played, we will learn about the game and improve our skills!

C Block **Grade: HS** *INDEPENDENT STUDY* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Clark, Tammy

Special Requirements: *N/A*

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C Block **Grade: HS** *LET'S TACO 'BOUT IT* **Fee: \$25.00**

Teacher: McCool, Jaime

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Love tacos? Love to debate? Join Taco 'Bout It to combine the two! We will spend some time coming up with topics to debate, choosing a side to argue, then researching and planning the argument. We will make tacos at school and we will also travel to a local restaurant to try different tacos and debate a variety of topics.

C Block **Grade: HS** *RANKING THE PRESIDENTS* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Morse, Keely

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Are you interested in presidents and politics? Join this class where we will poll people on the sidewalks of Holland, poll teachers, and those in a local retirement home. After learning about the presidents we will rank them as a class and create a permanent poster of our rankings to hang in Mr. Morse's room. We will also keep up with presidential election news for the 2024 election cycle.

C Block **Grade: HS** *SACAJAWEA TO SALLY RIDE* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Bishop, Kim

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Founding Mothers, Native Guides, Pioneer Women, Suffragettes, Astronauts, Business Entrepreneurs, all these ground - breaking women helped shape our country and the world. Students will learn about them through videos, artifacts, readings and discussions. Their project will be to explore one woman in depth and create a display for Open House.

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C Block

Grade: **HS**

THE PRINT SHOP

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Gorris, Tara

Special Requirements: N/A

Welcome to The Print Shop! Printmaking is an artistic process based on the principle of transferring images from one material to another surface, such as paper or fabric. In the print shop, we will design images on various surfaces, such as linoleum, foam plates, cardboard, erasers and even potatoes! Once the images are designed, ink is rolled or applied to the surface and then pressed onto the surface of your choice, creating a mirror of your image! In the Print Shop, we will be creating various items with patterns and designs, some that we could even sell in the form of cards or editions of prints.

C Block

Grade: **HS**

THE YARN ARTS

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka

Special Requirements: N/A

Using yarn to create beautiful works of art is a satisfying creative outlet that we will explore in this class! Beginning and experienced artists alike will learn and experiment with yarn as we knit, crochet, weave, and discover other creative string art projects. From winter hats to decorative scarves, from custom cell phone covers to wall art, stuffed animals, bags, and sweaters—there are truly endless possibilities for all ability levels. Additionally, beginners will learn how to choose yarn based on weight and fiber content, and how to determine needle and hook sizes based on project desires. Experienced students can challenge themselves with larger projects and learning newer stitches and strategies, and even creating their own patterns. All supplies are provided for you, and no experience is necessary.

C Block

Grade: **HS**

WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE

Fee: **\$0.00**

Teacher: Sinclair, Nicole

Special Requirements: N/A

Billy Joel and Fall Out Boy have each released songs titled "We Didn't Start The Fire" with very different hot takes on generational events and responsibilities in history, but the haunting chorus is the same in both versions: "We didn't start the fire. It was always burning, since the world's been turning. We didn't start the fire. No, we didn't light it, but we tried to fight it." In this course we will have some fun delving into the controversial topics in each version of the song and examine them as a means of better understanding the world around us. We'll use a dynamic combination of music, films, and art to gain a greater understanding of various generational challenges outlined in the song. Students will have great voice and choice in terms of which topics we invest time in, and ultimately we'll create our own projects that reflect our current reality based on the fires we see and the ways we're trying to fight them.

C Block

Grade: **HS**

WOODCRAFTS AND SNACKS

Fee: **\$50.00**

Teacher: DeVree, Erica

Special Requirements: N/A

Create your own unique serving board and coasters! We will learn a tool-free wood joint, create designs with a wood burner, and seal them up with cutting board oil and conditioner. For the coasters, we will design them with wood burners and seal them with Polyurethane for everyday use. As a final project, we will display pictures of our curated snack boards and leave our coasters out for people to admire!

CD Block

Grade: **HS**

STRATFORD FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE

Fee: **\$450.00**

Teacher: Andrews, Rachel & Becky Bierma

Special Requirements: N/A

The highlight of this course is a two-night, three-day trip to the Stratford Festival of Ontario from June 4-6. Students will have the opportunity to see four professional theatre productions. At this publishing we don't know which shows, but possible choices include: Romeo and Juliet, Twelfth Night, London Assurance, Something

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Rotten!, La Cage Aux Folles, Wendy and Peter Pan, and The Diviners. Students may also be able to take a tour of the costume and prop warehouse of the festival. The in-class project involves selecting an aspect of the theatre (acting, directing, set, costumes, makeup, props, choreography, etc.) and completing a design or acting project for one of the productions that we will see. We will also read and discuss each show that we will see. So, if you love theatre, this is a great opportunity for you!

D Block **Grade: HS** **#GIRLSWHOLIFT** **Fee: \$20.00**

Teacher: Gorris, Tara

Special Requirements: N/A

There are many stereotypes and misconceptions when it comes to women who weight lift, when in fact, it is one of the greatest exercises you can do for yourself! In this class, you will be taught the basics of how to use weight lifting equipment, proper form, etiquette, as well as better ways to live a healthy lifestyle. The class will also incorporate a variety of cardio exercises to get our bodies and minds ready to work. This class will strive to build your confidence as an athlete, gain strength, and defy the stereotypes that women can't and shouldn't be weightlifting. You do not have to be an athlete to join this class as the program will be adapted to each person's individual fitness level.

D Block **Grade: HS** **BLACK RIVER BAKE OFF!** **Fee: \$30.00**

Teacher: McCool, Jaime

Special Requirements: N/A

Would you like to see your family and friends' faces light up as they eat a brownie, doughnut or a lovely slice of apple pie you baked yourself but don't know where to start? This course will show you how to make your favorite pastries, breads, and desserts from scratch. For your final project, you will choose a recipe you feel showcases your baking skills and a panel of judges will vote on their favorite dessert!

D Block **Grade: HS** **BLACK RIVER POWER LIFTERS** **Fee: \$25.00**

Teacher: Stid, Jake

Special Requirements: N/A

Calling all Black River students who are ready to show off or learn some skills in the weight room. In this class, you will be taught the basics of how to use weight lifting equipment, proper form, etiquette, as well as better ways to live a healthy lifestyle. The class will also incorporate a variety of cardio exercises to get our bodies and minds ready to work. This class will, hopefully, build your confidence as an athlete, gain strength, and, hopefully help you create a habit that will prepare you to feel strong and healthy everyday in your life. You do not have to be an athlete to join this class as the program will be adapted to each person's individual fitness level.

D Block **Grade: HS** **CROCHET, CAKES AND CHEMISTRY 101B** **Fee: \$25.00**

Teacher: Rice, Toni

Special Requirements: N/A

Are you also taking Crochet 101A and do you want to keep crocheting throughout both project terms? Have you always longed to be able to crochet? Can you already crochet, but would love to take your work to the next level? Or do you just love crochet and want to crochet for 2 weeks? Do you want to know why chemistry is in the title? Finally, do you like tea, cakes and movies? If you can answer yes to any of these questions this is the project term class for you! Beginners and experienced students alike will benefit from this class. You will learn various stitches and make an actual item. Your final project will be a display of your work and a journal of your progress each day. As we crochet we will sample various cakes and watch movies. I will also explain why chemistry is in the title of the class! For a relaxing, tranquil experience join this class! Note: Crochet, Cakes and Chemistry 101A is not required to take this class. Should you take both, you will not just be repeating the same work twice. It will be designed for each individual. All supplies will be provided with the \$25 joining fee.

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D Block **Grade: HS** *DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Harrity, Noelle

Special Requirements: N/A

Do you love to dance or want to learn how? This class will introduce and explore elements of ballet, jazz, hip hop, and lyrical/contemporary dance styles. Students will learn and perform a choreographed group dance piece together as well as choreograph their own dance pieces in small groups to perform at the end of the term. All levels of dancers are welcome!

D Block **Grade: HS** *DREAM HOUSE DESIGN* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: DeVree, Erica

Special Requirements: N/A

Have you ever wondered what goes into designing your dream house? We'll cover home design elements inside and out! Create a floorplan of your home with designed bedrooms, bathrooms, living rooms, etc. for the inside. For the outside, choose landscaping details down to the flower in your garden bed in your backyard.

D Block **Grade: HS** *I WANT MY STOP MOTION MTV* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Chester, Katie

Special Requirements: N/A

Have you ever thought that you could create a better music video for your favorite song than the one they made? Here's your chance. We will be creating music videos with stop-motion animation techniques.

D Block **Grade: HS** *INDEPENDENT STUDY* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Clark, Tammy

Special Requirements: N/A

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D Block **Grade: HS** *LET'S BIKE AND DISCOVER HOLLAND* **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Ewald, Tim & Todd Schwartz

Special Requirements: Proper working bike, approved bike safety helmet, money daily to purchase a mid-bike ice cream snack, the ability to ride a bike and follow safety regulations, an open mind, and a good attitude.

I have lived in Holland for almost 30 years. Holland is really not that large of a town. Still, it really surprises me when I am asked to go somewhere in Holland that I have never been before and I actually have to look up how to get there on my phone. Or when a relative describes a place in Holland they walked through recently that a website recommended that I didn't even know existed. This class is meant for those who like to bike and be inquisitive. Let's learn about the city of Holland with a bike, a group of curious travelers, and a journal. One day, we might take a tour of a factory. Another day, we might spend a day focused on architecture and drawing. Every

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day, we will be journaling our insights. Every day, we will be biking. And most days, there will be a stop for ice cream. Almost all of us reading this description live in Holland, but do we really know our city? Let's find out.

D Block **Grade: HS** ***LIVING LOCAL: A LUNCH & LEARN EXPERIENCE*** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Sinclair, Nicole

Special Requirements: *Students will need to bring money to pay for their afternoon meal each day.*

Let's grab a bite and learn a bit! Each day we will head out into the community to learn about and enjoy hidden culinary and creative gems in our own community that we may overlook on a daily basis-- it will be an adventure in our own back yard, so to speak. Prior to the start of class, students will identify areas and topics of interest to help focus our time and experiences in the Holland area so we can have a wide variety of experiences. Lunch? Check! Learning? Check! Let's do this!

D Block **Grade: HS** ***RED CROSS FIRST AID AND CPR*** **Fee: \$10.00**

Teacher: Shirk, Joy

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Get Red Cross Certification in Pediatric and Adult First Aid, CPR, and AED. Learn how to save lives in times of emergency.

D Block **Grade: HS** ***SKATE POSITIVE (+)*** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Bittrick, Brett

Special Requirements: *Skateboard and Safety Equipment*

Skateboarding is now an Olympic sport. Do you have what it takes to become a competitive skateboarder? In this course, we will explore several different skate parks in the greater Holland area, possibly including some street skating spots this year. If you enroll in this class, plan to elevate your level of skill as you will be competing in an end-of-course competition. You will be placed in competitive groups based on your skill level, but will be completing in several competitions throughout the course and possibly in front of an audience at the project term open house. This class is all about positivity, so bring your positive energy and let's build a BR skate empire together!

D Block **Grade: HS** ***SO YOU WANT TO BE A REFEREE!!*** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Gray, Steve

Special Requirements: *Students will need to wear athletic apparel. Soccer shoes and shin guards would be helpful but are not required.*

Do you have genuine interest in soccer? Would you like to earn money while surrounded by people who share your passion for the sport? Join this class to learn the skills necessary to become a soccer referee and you'll have the training you need to become a soccer referee and become a better player. Soccer referees can earn \$250-\$500 in a weekend, and by becoming a referee you will be able to: interpret and apply the rules of the game, develop leadership skills, be trained in conflict resolution, and improve your decision-making skills. You will also be able to earn an hourly wage that is extremely high for a teenager! As a bonus, we will also have the opportunity to attend a professional soccer game as a class.

Students will need to pay to receive their referee certification, but do not need to pay anything to participate in, pass, or join the class.

D Block **Grade: HS** ***STAR WARS EPISODE X*** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Danckaert, Dustin

Special Requirements: *N/A*

Congratulations! You have been selected as a force-sensitive individual who may have a promising future as a Jedi. As you begin your Jedi training, there are some things you must learn about the history of the galaxy as you

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will be entrusted with its protection. Join us in the class as we explore the events of Star Wars and learn the values of the Jedi. May the force be with you in your decision.

D Block **Grade: HS** ***WWII HISTORY, TRIPS, AND PROJECTS!*** **Fee: \$50.00**

Teacher: Morse, Keely

Special Requirements: N/A

Come learn about WWII history. We will take a field trip to the USS Silversides in Muskegon Michigan. The Silversides is the most successful surviving submarine of WWII and has been kept in great shape. We will also take a second trip to Muskegon to see the LST 393 that transported troops into action at many locations including Normandy. In addition, we will read many firsthand accounts of the war and write letters to veterans of all US wars. Finally we will put together and assemble a model of a WWII vehicle for display during the open house that you will be able to bring home.

D Block **Grade: HS** ***YARN BOMB 2024*** **Fee: \$0.00**

Teacher: Foreman, Ericka

Special Requirements: *You should be able to, without assistance, either knit a knit and a purl stitch; or crochet a chain and double crochet stitch.*

Yarn bombing, otherwise known as “guerilla knitting,” is the creation of yarn-based art installations to physical objects in locations that would not ordinarily be considered for yarn-based display. For example, you could yarn bomb an office by creating bags for the laptops, cases for the clocks, and wraps for all of the table legs. Students will learn the motivations behind and history of yarn bombing before practicing on some small items. Then, we will create a group yarn bomb project on campus. This is the only knit/crochet/yarn-based class in which some experience is required, but you don’t have to be an expert! You should be able to, without assistance, either knit a knit and a purl stitch; or crochet a chain and double crochet stitch.