

2018 Summer Academy Policies and Guide to Classes and Camps

Academy Dates

Our classes and sports camps will run during the weeks of: 7/9, 7/16, and 7/23.

Grades: Enrollment in Classes and Camps

All course and camp descriptions have specified grade levels that reference the grade that your child will enter in the 2018-2019 school year. For example, if your child completes 8th grade in June of 2018, please enroll him/her in courses and camps for 9th grade boys or girls.

Cancellation of Classes and Camps

The Oratory Prep Summer Academy reserves the right to cancel classes or camps at any time due to low enrollment, facilities constraints, or other conflicts. Full refunds will be issued in those instances. (*Please note: Building Blocks Lacrosse has their own cancellation policy, and you should contact them directly with inquiries).

Additional Courses/Sections and Class Tuition Modifications

Please check our online offerings regularly, as new classes or additional course sections may be added if there is sufficient interest. Some course tuition fees may be determined at a later date. Those courses will be noted below in our course catalog.

Withdrawal from Classes/Camps

The Oratory Prep Summer Academy undergoes a time-consuming process in arranging for facilities, materials, and staff for the summer. Prior to May 31, 2018, parents may cancel reservations and receive a refund of the course/camp cost, excluding a non-refundable deposit/registration fee for each course/camp (depending on length of course). After May 31st, no refunds will be issued. For extenuating circumstances, contact the Academy directors. (*Please note: Building Blocks Lacrosse has their own withdrawal policy, and you should contact them directly with inquiries).

Sports Camps: Outside Vendor

Building Blocks Lacrosse will facilitate camps on our turf field this summer. Please contact them directly with any questions.

Transportation

We do not provide transportation to or from our school. The Summit train station is less than a one mile walk from Oratory Prep and NJ Transit has a bus stop directly across the street from the school.

Before/Aftercare

We do not provide supervision outside of scheduled Academy sessions. Parents/guardians are responsible for picking up their children in a timely manner upon the completion of daily classes or camps.

Lunches/Snacks

We do not provide lunch for students and campers; however, an assortment of cold drinks and snacks will be for sale each day from vending machines on campus. Students may bring snacks with them to their session(s).

Absences

In the event that your child is ill and cannot make it to his/her daily classes and/or camps, parents/guardians must leave a message with us at (908) 273-1084 x128 before 8:30 A.M.

Absences: Refund Policy

The Oratory Prep Summer Academy does not issue partial refunds for absences.

Student Conduct

Academy participants are expected to exhibit good behavior while attending the Summer Academy. Participants are expected to respect other participants, staff, and campus property. Disciplinary infractions may result in immediate removal of a participant from the Summer Academy.

Dress Code

Participants may wear casual clothing that is respectful of our staff and other Academy participants. All clothing must be free from offensive or inappropriate messages.

SPORTS MEDICINE/SPORTS CAMPS

Camp: **Boys/Girls Lacrosse Camps: Outside Vendor: *Building Blocks Lacrosse***
See website (<http://www.bblax-portal.com/>) for camp dates, times, and fees.

Camp Description:

The Building Blocks Lacrosse Summer Camp is a terrific way to learn the game or improve your skills. The camp is ideal for establishing, improving and mastering the individual skills needed to be an outstanding lacrosse player. This training serves players of all positions, and forward thinking players will understand that it is vital to be skilled both offensively and defensively because of the universality of these skills on the lacrosse field. The players are grouped according to their age and ability so they are challenged in a fun environment.

****NOTE: Building Blocks Lacrosse camps are not run by the Oratory Prep Summer Academy. Registration must be completed on the Building Blocks site. To register, please go to the Building Blocks website at: <http://www.bblax-portal.com/>***

Camp: **The Oratory Prep Basketball Camp**
Grades: 6-9
Camp Director: Coach Connor Daugherty, OP Head Varsity Basketball Coach
Gender(s): Boys
Week: 7/23
Time: 8:30-12:00
Cost: \$220 (includes camp t-shirt)

Camp Description:

The Oratory Prep Summer Basketball Camp provides the opportunity for each camper to receive individual attention to improve his skills. We will focus on core skills to improve each player's individual skill set and teach drills he can use all year long to continue to improve. We will provide a challenging and fun environment for our campers.

Camp: **Strength and Conditioning Camp for Boys**
Grades: 7-12
Instructor: Mr. Stephen Maybe
Gender(s): Boys
Week: 7/16
Time: 10:45- 12:45
Cost: \$200

Camp Description:

The Oratory Prep Strength and Conditioning Camp provides a solid foundation in the fundamentals of safe and effective techniques to improve strength, speed, and conditioning. Campers will be divided by age and grouped by ability. Beginners will learn the proper way to lift weights. Advanced campers will learn and perform advanced lifts. All participants will work on speed and power improvement.

Title: **Current Topics and Trends in Sports Medicine**
Grades: 9-12
Instructor: Mr. Allan Parsells, OP Athletic Trainer
Week: 7/9
Time: 10:45-12:45
Cost: \$200

Description:

In this one-week course, students will learn about the latest topics and trends in sports medicine. Information covered will include concussions, anatomical overview of major joints and body systems, injury prevention, functional movement screening, and common injuries seen in the sports medicine field. Students will also take part in guest speaker presentations from an Orthopedic Surgeon and NFL Concussion Spotter. This course is ideal for those high school students with an interest in anatomy, biology, exercise science, kinesiology, medicine and other health related subjects.

Skills Development

Title: **Pre-OP: An Introduction to Oratory Prep**
Grades: Grades 7 and 9
Instructor: Mrs. Michelle Gribbin
Week: 7/9
Time: 10:45-12:45
Cost: \$200

Description:

In this one-week course, students entering Oratory Prep will get to know our history, campus, fellow incoming students, faculty, administration, and school policies. Some of the skills students will be exposed to include:

- Comprehension, listening, note-taking, test preparation, and class-participation strategies
- Time-management and organization skills for school, sports, and social activities
- Tips for using various forms of technology that they will utilize during the school year
- Confidence to make positive decisions, to analyze strengths and weaknesses, and build character.
- Tools for choosing how to effectively be involved in extracurricular life at Oratory

Title: **SAT Prep: Math**
Grades: 10-12
Instructor: Mr. Joseph Barresi
Week: 7/23
Time: 10:45-12:45
Cost: \$200

Description:

This SAT preparation class will meet two hours a day, for a total of ten instructional hours. This course is a more intensive version of the SAT preparation class that currently runs at Oratory Prep. All sections of the SAT are covered at length, with ample time allotted for practice problems and sample test sections. The text for the course is *The Official SAT Study Guide*, which is written by College Board, the association that develops the actual SAT exam.

Title: **SAT Prep: Writing, Critical Reading, and Language**
Grades: 10-12
Instructor: Staff
Week: 7/16
Time: 10:45-12:45
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Title: **Study Skills**
Grades: 6-8
Instructor: Mrs. Michelle Gribbin
Week: 7/16
Time: 8:30-10:30
Cost: \$215 (workbook included)

Description:

This one-week course focuses on developing & improving study habits. Students will learn various principles & techniques to help them with planning & organization, note-taking, test preparation, improving memory, and basic daily study habits.

Art Courses

Title: **Digital Art - Painting**
Grades: 6-9
Instructor: Mrs. Kathy Otterbein
Week: 7/16
Times: 8:30 -10:30
Cost: \$225

Description:

Learn how to create art on a virtual canvas. In this beginner course, students will explore how to transform their traditional contour drawings into digital illustrations. Layers, brushes and painting techniques will be introduced using Adobe software and Wacom tablets. Students should bring a flash drive to class for saving files.

Title: **Digital Art - Photo Montage**
Grades: 6-9
Instructor: Mrs. Kathy Otterbein
Week: 7/16
Times: 10:45 -12:45
Cost: \$225

Description:

Discover the magic of creating photo art montages. In this beginner course, students will experiment with selection tools, filters, and color to transform photos into digital art. Techniques will be introduced using Adobe Photoshop and Wacom tablets. Project photography will be downloaded from Photo Booth and Google Images (labeled for reuse). Students should bring a flash drive to class for saving files.

Title: **Illustration - Pen and Ink Techniques**
Grades: 6-12
Instructor: Mrs. Kathy Otterbein
Week: 7/23
Times: 8:30 - 10:30
Cost: \$225

Description:

Explore creating illustrations in black and white using pen and ink techniques. Students will learn about visual storytelling and composition. They will discover many shading techniques used to communicate light and form including cross hatching, ink wash and stippling. Intermediate and advanced students will focus on improving skills already acquired.

Title: **Illustration - Colored Pencil Techniques**
Grades: 6-12
Instructor: Mrs. Kathy Otterbein
Week: 7/23
Times: 10:45 - 12:45
Cost: \$225

Description:

Advance your creativity and artistic skills using colored pencils. Explore various drawing and shading techniques while learning about strong composition. Techniques taught include directional lines, cross hatching and scumbling. Intermediate and advanced students will focus on improving skills already acquired.

Title: **Sketching, Watercolors, & Collage**
Grades: 5-12
Instructor: Mrs. Susan Preston
Week: 7/9
Time: 8:30-10:30
Cost: \$225

Description:

Students will discover how to sketch with various pencils and other media to create drawings and then fill in with watercolors. They will explore paper collaging techniques, learn how to paint on recycled papers, as well as embellish drawings with or without journaling. They will explore composition, color theory and watercolor painting techniques.

Title: **Summer Fun Ceramics**
Grades: 5-12
Instructor: Mrs. Susan Preston
Weeks: 7/9 & 7/16 (separate one week courses)
Time: 10:45-12:45
Cost: \$225

Description:

Beginning ceramic students will learn the fundamentals of pottery wheel and hand-building techniques. Intermediate and advanced students will focus on improving skills already acquired. All levels will create projects such as: bowls, mugs, platters, vases, and more! All pieces will be decorated & glazed and need to be picked up in early September.

Title: **Batik and Tie Dye Techniques**
Grades: 5-12
Instructor: Mrs. Susan Preston
Week: 7/16
Time: 8:30-10:30
Cost: \$225

Description:

Students will discover how to create Batik and Tie dyed projects, both ancient resist techniques. Learning to apply hot wax to paper and fabric with authentic Batik tools, discovering how to mix dye baths and layer color, students will create Batiks that can be used as wall hangings. They will also explore ancient tie dye techniques: folded fabric, twisted, and plangi dots and make dyed pillow cases or bandanas.

English Courses

Title: **Mastering the Essay**
Grades: 7-9
Instructor: Mrs. Michelle Gribbin
Week: 7/9
Time: 8:30-10:30
Cost: \$200

Description:

This one-week course is designed for students who want to develop and strengthen their writing skills. The workshop-style class will give students an opportunity to improve on the grammar, organization, and structure of their essays. Basic writing skills will be discussed and various techniques will be learned to help students fine tune their skills and master the essay.

Title: **Creative Writing**
Grades: 5-8
Instructor: Mrs. Michelle Gribbin
Week: 7/16
Time: 10:45-12:45
Cost: \$200

Description:

In this one-week long workshop, students will learn to express themselves through the creation of original pieces of writing. Various forms will be explored including poetry, fiction, and song. Students will be given the opportunity to share their work and receive feedback while strengthening their writing skills and sharpening their use of voice, character, & style.

Title: **Mastering the College Essay**
Grades: 11 & 12
Instructor: Staff
Week: 7/16
Time: 8:30-10:30
Cost: \$200

Description:

This course introduces students to the college admission process, and specifically to the college essay. The class will work through the process methodically, from learning about what a college selection committee looks for in an essay, to determining which personal attributes and experiences each student might write about, to exploring writing strategies and techniques that make essays stand out from the rest.

Through a series of self-examination and class exercises, students will brainstorm ideas, evaluate sample essay topics and writing styles, and become familiar with the essay prompts of the Common Application as well as examples of essay questions from non Common App schools. Then, using teacher-guided writing activities and peer reflections, each student will develop a topic that is unique and appropriate for his/her circumstance and begin crafting a college essay.

Social Studies Courses

Title: **The Sociology of The Office**
Instructor: Mr. William McCrystal, Jr.
Week: 7/16
Time: 10:45-12:45
Grades: 8-12
Cost: \$200

Description: Since its debut in 2005, *The Office* has captivated viewers with a sardonic wit unmatched by most scripted television programs. The Sociology of *The Office* will allow students to analyze episodes through the perspective of race, ethnicity, culture, gender, socioeconomics, small group processes, the family, bureaucracy, and the composition of the workplace. Classes will be comprised of episodic viewing, group discussion, real world parallels, pop culture Easter egg hunts, and character examination.

“I guess the attitude that I’ve tried to create here is that I’m a friend first and a boss second and probably an entertainer third.”

— **Michael Scott**, *The Office*

Title: **The History of Basketball**
Instructor: Mr. William McCrystal, Jr.
Week: 7/16
Time: 8:30 - 10:30
Grades: 7-12
Cost: \$200

Description:

This course will cover the history of basketball in an era by era basis from the foundation of the game in the 19th century to the great successes of the sport in both the modern NCAA and NBA. Using Bill Simmons’ *Book of Basketball* as a guide to the best player pantheon, students will also dissect the most unique players of amateur and professional leagues, discuss the ever-evolving rules of the game, the best teams, the fantasy aspect, and the incredible pop cultural impact the sport has had on the USA and the world.

“Commitment separates those who live their dreams from those who live their lives regretting the opportunities they have squandered” – Bill Russell

Mathematics Courses

Title: **Principles of Algebra I**
Instructor: Mr. Joseph Barresi
Weeks: 7/9, 7/16 (2 week class)
Time: 8:30-10:30
Grades: 7-10
Cost: \$350

Description:

Welcome to Principles of Algebra 1, a two-week summer class that will cover all the important topics of Algebra 1. Since this is a summer enrichment program and it is only two weeks long, there will be no homework or grades given. This course includes the study of rational number properties, variables, polynomials, and factoring. Students learn to write, solve, and graph linear and quadratic equations and to solve systems of equations. They also learn to model real-world applications of various algebraic concepts.

Title: **Geometry Core**
Instructor: Mr. Joseph Barresi
Weeks: 7/9, 7/16 (2 week class)
Time: 10:45-12:45
Grades: 8-10
Cost: \$350

Description:

Welcome to Geometry Core, a two week summer class that will cover all the important topics of Geometry. Since this is a summer enrichment program and it is only two weeks there will be no homework or grades given. This course includes the study of major geometric topics such as essentials of geometry, triangles, quadrilaterals, circles, and area and volume.

Title: **Pre-Algebra**
Instructor: Mr. Joseph Barresi
Week: 7/23
Time: 8:30-10:30
Grades: 6-8
Cost: \$200

Description:

Pre-Algebra is a one week summer class that will cover all the important topics of Pre-Algebra. Since this is a summer enrichment program and it is only one week, there will be no homework or grades given. This course will provide students with an opportunity to strengthen their basic mathematical skills, while working on an introduction to algebra. Students will be introduced to the algebra concepts of integers, equations, inequalities, and exponents.

**This course is for students who have not yet taken Algebra I.*

*Thank you for being a part of
the 2018 Summer Academy!*