



## 2021 Summer Enrichment Classes

Dear parents,

Over the past five years, teachers in the upper school have offered several classes to interested and motivated students during the summer months. We've gathered around texts like Dante's *Inferno*, F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, and Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*, and students and faculty alike have found these sessions edifying.

For the first time, we've coordinated with teachers across the middle school and high school to offer a slate of enrichment classes in English and math. Most of these sessions will run for two weeks at the beginning of June and end of July. Topics will range from an algebra intensive to help students solidify concepts like variable manipulation, quadratic equations, and exponential functions to a study of one of Shakespeare's finest tragedies, *King Lear*.

We hope that your children will join us for one or more of these sessions which we'll offer free of charge. The last twelve months presented unprecedented academic challenges but our goal of forming virtuous and intelligent citizens remains unchanged. The difficulties of the last year underscore the urgency of this work but they do not alter our method. We still believe that learning happens best when engaged students encounter excellent content under the supervision of a wise teacher, and we're excited to see this critical work continue into the summer. You can sign up for all classes here: <http://mypaymentsplus.com/>

On a logistical note, all classes will happen exclusively in-person, and we'd ask that students plan to attend all sessions. If a student is attending both a morning and afternoon session and usually takes the bus to school, we will provide transportation. Please reach out to [Mr. Andrew](#) or [Mr. Schepps](#) if you have any questions.

Best,

Mr. Andrew and Mr. Schepps

## **Summer Math Schedule**

Middle School Math is recommended for rising middle school students interested in solidifying and understanding concepts in topics such as integers, fractions, decimals, and linear equations. The goal is to lay a solid foundation of math skills for future classes. All sessions will take place in the ACA high school building and a virtual option will not be available.

Algebra Topics is recommended for students who have just completed Algebra I or Geometry interested in solidifying concepts such as variable manipulation, quadratic equations, factoring, and exponential functions. The goal is to review Algebra I and prepare for Algebra II. This class will be mandatory for any student that needs to recover an Algebra credit. All sessions will run in-person and a virtual option will not be available.

SAT Prep is recommended for rising juniors and seniors interested in covering the various topics covered in standardized tests such as algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and other test-taking strategies. The goal is to prepare for the SAT test.

### **Middle School Math**

June 1 - 11 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Thiel

### Algebra Topics

June 1 - 11 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Clausen

### SAT Prep

June 1 - 11 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Han

### Middle School Math

July 19 - 29 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Clausen

### Algebra Topics

July 19 - 29 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Wilson

### SAT Prep

July 19 - 29 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Gwak

## Summer English Schedule

Lessons in Close Reading will offer students the opportunity to become better readers, better writers, and more virtuous citizens as we examine texts together in class, writing both summaries and analyses with much individual feedback. This class will be mandatory for any student that needs to recover an English credit. All sessions will run in-person and a virtual option will not be available.

“It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.” With that famous opening line, Jane Austen begins *Pride and Prejudice*, her lively examination of the flawed nature of first impressions and the humbling education we each must undergo when confronted with the truth of our own character. This two-week summer session is available to rising juniors and seniors. (Completion of the British Literature course is a prerequisite.) All sessions will run in-person and a virtual option will not be available.

Near the beginning of Shakespeare’s *King Lear*, Lear famously asks the Fool, “Who is it that can tell me who I am?” While all of Shakespeare’s plays seek to find answers to this question about what it means to be human, *King Lear* does so with a unique brilliance that makes it arguably Shakespeare’s greatest play. We will spend a week working through the play, raging with poor Lear on the heath, and asking Lear-like questions of our own: What does it mean to love truly? How do we find meaning despite suffering? How might the foolish among us be the most wise? All sessions will take place in the ACA high school building and a virtual option will not be available.

### Lessons in Close Reading Session 1

June 1-11 | 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Grades 7-12

Teacher: Mrs. Moss

### Lessons in Close Reading Session 2

July 19-29 | 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Grades 7-12

Teacher: Mrs. Moss

### *Pride and Prejudice*

July 19-29 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Grades: 9-12

Teacher: Ms. Kookogey

### *King Lear*

July 26-30 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Grades 9-12

Teacher: Ms. Hauprich