

J Term Class Descriptions 2025

How Stickers Can Help You Reach Your Goals

Fee: \$45, students will receive a 2026 Happy Planner and 1 sticker book

Effective goal setting and planning are essential skills for personal and professional success. This course is designed to empower students with the tools and strategies needed to set clear, achievable goals and enhance productivity through decorative planning techniques. Throughout this course, students will learn the fundamentals of goal setting and delve into the world of decorative planning, a creative approach to organizing schedules, tasks, and priorities using aesthetically pleasing planners, stickers, washi tapes, and other decorative elements.

Worship Leading - ALL DAY

Fee: \$10, held at Grace Church in Norton, transportation will be provided

Students will be able to learn what it means to be a worship leader, in real time with Grace church worship leaders and creative arts directors. Students will spend time with full-time worship leaders to learn and observe the process of planning, scheduling, rehearsal technique, and song-selection. Those interested in not only worship leadership but also Sound/Audio/Lighting can also learn how all areas of the arts come together every Sunday morning.

The Savior Strikes Back: A Galactic Redemption Application

Approaching "Star Wars" from a Christian perspective involves exploring its themes through the lens of Christian beliefs. It prompts reflection, discussion, and critical thinking about faith and the human experience within popular culture, fostering spiritual growth and community among students/viewers. Ethical dilemmas and the importance of hope and faith are also prominent, resonating with Christian principles. Thus, analyzing "Star Wars" through a Christian lens enriches understanding of its themes and encourages reflection on spiritual truths within the narrative.

HEAR Journaling - From Hearing from God to Sharing His Message

Students need to bring a bible, writing utensils and journal of their choice

If you want to take more away from your time in God's word, HEAR journaling is a simple Bible study method that helps you break down the word of God to ensure that you understand the full meaning of a passage in its historical context, in relation to the Gospel message, and as it applies to you personally. You will also draw on personal experiences and evaluate how those experiences bring you closer to God and allow for the opportunity

to witness to others. Once you have mastered the basics of this journaling practice, you can start using your HEAR journals to write notes of encouragement, devotions, and even whole Bible studies.

Keep It Thimble

Cost: \$45. Includes: Embroidery kit, access to an online embroidery course for continued learning, snacks

Looking for a relaxing and rewarding new hobby? Discover the timeless art of embroidery with us! Whether you're brand new to embroidery or want to brush up on the basics, this beginner-friendly course is the perfect place to start. No prior experience is needed—just bring your curiosity and a willingness to learn. Join us on this creative journey and enjoy the satisfaction of stitching your very own beautiful masterpiece!

Edible Artistry – Cookie and Cake Decorating 101

Cost: \$45. Includes: A complete cookie and cake decorating kit (all decorating supplies provided)

What to Bring:

- Thursday: Baked, un-iced cookies
- Friday: Baked, un-iced cake

Unleash your inner artist and bring your sweet visions to life! In this beginner-friendly decorating class, you'll learn foundational techniques to transform cookies and cakes into edible works of art. Whether you're a total beginner or simply love sweets and creativity, this class is for you! Join us for a fun, hands-on experience where frosting becomes your paint and desserts become your canvas.

The Guitar Player's Maintenance and Repair Short Course

Cost: \$35. Students need to bring their own guitar and indicate if it is an electric or acoustic guitar

In this course we will learn how to properly care for your guitar with regular maintenance, as well as how to troubleshoot common issues guitarists face. This class will cover topics applicable to both acoustic and electric guitars. Some topics to be covered include: regular maintenance of your guitar and amplifier, proper procedure to getting a professional setup at home, and troubleshooting guitar wiring problems.

Quiet Time with the Lord/Sports Devotion - BOYS ONLY

We will spend roughly half the time playing pickup basketball and half the time creating Bible verse art on verses that describe who God is. Games will be fun but competitive. A tournament will be held at the end.

The Game of Kings - Chess

Cost: \$5, will be used to purchase chess boards for the week. You may have the chance to win a board at the end of the class!

This class is designed to teach students how to play the game of chess, let them practice and play each other in a fun environment and then have a competition and the resulting champion later in the week! We will discuss how each move in chess relates to the kingdom of Heaven and the one true king, Jesus.

Historic Homemaking

Cost: \$20

This class is meant to introduce students to basic homemaking skills that have been used for centuries to make a sustainable home– some skills that are not as common anymore and some that never go out of use! Students will learn a new skill every day along with a small lesson on the history of that skill and its uses in early America. Students will end each day with not only a new skill, but a take-home item.

SAT Prep Class

For many students, the SAT can be intimidating and overwhelming. This course aims to erase fear and help students build confidence, improve test-taking strategies, and sharpen essential skills in both the reading & writing and math sections. Students will gain familiarity with the format of each of the test sections, practice time management and multiple choice strategies, and focus on study and test taking skills such as eliminating wrong answers and avoiding common SAT traps. Students will have an opportunity to apply this knowledge by taking both partial and complete practice tests composed of questions from previous SAT exams, allowing for real-time practice and feedback.

Creation and Evolution - Which Came First - Adam or the Monkey?

The debate between evolutionary scientists and creationists continues to challenge thinkers in all walks of life. The goal of this class is to equip students to have confident, informed discussions with others as they encounter opportunities to share their faith. Students will be pressed to consider valid evidence evolutionary scientists point to in support of their position that all of life began from the spontaneous generation of single celled organisms. Evolutionary ideas will be contrasted with foundational Christian beliefs, discussions regarding how to delimit Truth versus conjecture, and space for quiet personal reflections. By the end of the class, students should feel strengthened with their walk with Christ and have a deeper understanding of a significant theological and cultural question facing many today.

Miracles - Do They Still Exist?

Miracles were an essential part of Jesus' ministry and the disciples' as can be seen in the book of Acts in proclaiming the gospel. But is this a pattern meant for the Church for all time in gospel proclamation? Do miracles still happen today? Is there evidence of miracles? How should we define "miracles"? What do we do

with claims of miracles? Do miracles play a role in one's spiritual growth? What does Scripture say about this? These and other questions will be addressed and explored in this class. Students from all theological backgrounds are welcome.

Into the World of Insects

Insects are the most diverse group of organisms on Earth, including over 1 million described species and estimates ranging from 10–30 million species are predicted to exist. In this course we will explore various topics surrounding the study of insects, known as entomology, to better understand their role in the environment and our society. Some topics we will look at include: insect ecology, insects as food, insect growth and development, insect behavior, anatomy and identification of insects, and insects as pests. Students will gain an appreciation for the largest group of animals God created during hands-on lab activities, discussions, and presentations.

Refit Dance Class GIRLS ONLY

A high-energy, faith-centered dance fitness class designed to get students moving, sweating, and celebrating their love for God—all at the same time! Using upbeat, contemporary Christian music, this class blends fun, easy-to-follow dance routines with powerful moments of worship, creating an experience that strengthens both body and spirit. This course encourages physical fitness, self-expression, and joyful praise in a welcoming, judgment-free space. No dance background is needed—just a desire to move, worship, and have fun!

Safe Sitter Class

Cost: \$75. Students will receive a certificate at the completion of the course

This in-person curriculum includes child care skills using hands-on manikin practice, small-group interactive learning and role-play. The course will also cover basic first aid and rescue skills from the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Heart Association. There is also a section of the course that will cover life and business skills, that includes the ASAP method of screening jobs, importance of gathering information and discussing fees and greeting employers. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their own business model and design a job posting advertising their babysitting skills.

Lifeguard Class at Medina Rec Center - ALL DAY

Cost is \$100 for non-members, \$75 for members.

Class will run from the 5th through the 9th from 9 AM to 3 PM with an online portion that will be sent out once the student passes the pre test. At the end of the course, the student will receive a certification with the possibility of course reimbursement if they sign a work agreement (which will be explained on the first day). Students should bring a swim suit, towel, highlighter, writing utensils and paper to each class.

Pre-Test on 12/30/25 from 5-6:30 PM and includes:

1. 150 yard (6 pool lengths) continuous swim. Only swimming front crawl or breaststroke or the combination of both. No swimming on back or side, then tread water for 2 minutes using only your legs and lastly swim 50 yards (2 lengths) only swimming front crawl or breaststroke or the combination of both. Swim goggles are permitted.
2. Swim 20 yards, surface dive to bottom of pool (7-10ft deep), retrieve a 10lb brick, return to the surface and swim back 20 yards to your original start point. This must be completed within 1 minute and 40 seconds. Swim goggles are not permitted.

Reset: Wellness for Real Life

This course helps students explore the connection between spiritual, mental, and physical health through a Christian Lens. Students will learn and practice mindfulness, physical wellness routines, and spiritual disciplines rooted in scripture, with an emphasis on sustainable rhythms of rest, movement, reflection, and faith. Needs a mat, tennis shoes, water and a journal.

Teacher for a Week - ALL DAY

Step into a teacher's shoes by shadowing elementary and middle school classrooms! High school students will observe, assist, and learn what it takes to manage a classroom, engage students, and lead lessons. This hands-on experience offers a glimpse into teaching and helps build valuable leadership and communication skills—perfect for anyone curious about education or working with kids. You will spend the first part of the day in the classroom and return to the high school in the afternoon to complete your own “lesson plan” for your classroom. When signing up, please reflect your first and second choice for grade level. **Note: the student will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the lower school.**

Made in Medina County: Exploring Modern Manufacturing - ALL DAY

Step inside the world of modern manufacturing right here in Medina County! This immersive week-long experience introduces students to the technologies, people, and careers that power our local economy. Through guided tours of advanced manufacturing facilities, hands-on demonstrations, and conversations with industry leaders, students will discover how innovation, teamwork, and skill come together to make the products we use every day.

In addition to seeing cutting-edge production in action, participants will learn essential workplace skills—from communication and problem-solving to professionalism and leadership—that prepare them for success in any career path. Whether you're curious about engineering, design, business, or skilled trades, this course offers a first-hand look at the opportunities shaping the future of work in Medina County.

Key Highlights:

- Daily site visits to leading manufacturers in Medina County
- Interactive sessions with company executives and skilled professionals
- Practical workshops on employability and career readiness
- Reflection discussions connecting faith, purpose, and vocation in the modern workplace

Transportation will be provided.

Once Upon a Book Club

Cost: \$15 if purchasing the book. It is available through the Medina Co. Library system. Students can bring a journal of their choice, if desired.

Join us for a week-long deep dive into the joy of reading, discussion, and reflection in this immersive J-Term book club. Each day, we'll explore a section of a selected novel, engage in guided discussions, and connect the text to contemporary themes and personal insights. This course emphasizes thoughtful conversation, critical reading, and community building over a shared literary experience. Designed to be both intellectually enriching and low-pressure, the course will include short daily readings, group discussions and optional creative responses (journaling). Whether you're a literature lover or just looking to reconnect with reading, this is a space to read for both pleasure and purpose.

Center Stage: Theater and Truth in Action

In this creative, faith-focused course, students will explore acting, Readers Theater, and script writing while learning what the Bible says about storytelling and truth. Through hands-on activities and performances, we'll bring stories to life and examine how theater can glorify God and reflect deeper spiritual meaning. No experience needed — just a willingness to create, collaborate, and take the “stage”!

CAD Crash Course

Cost: No cost, but students will need to sign up for a free AutoDesk Student Account and TinkerCAD Student Account

If you have a passion for architecture, engineering, or creative design, CAD (Computer Aided Design) is a valuable and worthwhile skill to acquire! In this "CAD Crash Course," students will gain a basic understanding

of how to 3D Model and 3D Print through a series of innovative design projects that they can take home. The course will begin in TinkerCAD 3D-Modeling Software and then hopefully progress to the AutoCAD software throughout the week. CAD is a staple tool for professional engineers, and taking this course can give you a head start on developing your 3D Design skills. As we practice creative innovation and design, we will discuss how the Lord is the ultimate creator of all things, and how we can learn more about His character through the creative process.

INTERNSHIPS - ALL DAY

Students will be allowed to participate in an internship this week if they would like. An internship allows the student to experience a first-hand perspective of the skills and tasks needed to be successful in a potential career path. We want to support students in engaging in career shaping activities and help them discover how God has uniquely equipped them to positively impact the world. **If a student would like to participate in an internship, he/she must complete an application and turn that in to Dr. Nickerson as soon as possible.**

- Students should attempt to make arrangements for an internship with an internship host before completing the internship application.
- An internship host needs to be someone outside of the student's immediate family (immediate family includes parents and siblings). *Some exceptions may be made.*
- Students must work a minimum of 25 hours for the internship.
- Students must submit their Internship Portfolio following the completion of their internship.
- Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the internship location.

Please pray that this week will be a great opportunity for the students to discover new interests and talents they can use to serve the Lord now and the future!