

St. Thomas Episcopal After School Program
Fourth Nine Weeks, 2017 – 2018 Class Descriptions
March 19 – May 18, 2018

Art a la Carte – Artistic skills and creativity with focus on age-appropriate drawing, sketching, and painting – using pen and ink, pencil, oil, pastels, acrylics, and water colors. We use several medium to work on paper, fabrics, wood, and ceramics; also modeling clay to strengthen fine motor skills. The class instruction, projects, and supplies are tailored to the age group of the class. (Adler)

Ballroom & Country Dancing – In this class, participants will learn the fundamentals of lead and follow, framing, floor craft, timing, and more, as it pertains to a variety of dances: waltz, tango, foxtrot, East Coast swing, cha-cha, rumba, two-step, polka, and West Coast swing. This class is for anyone aged 10 and older. (Orsak)

Beginning Chess – Learn the fundamentals (names of pieces, their value, and how they move) and basic strategy (check, checkmate, stalemate, checkmate in 1 puzzles) of the ancient game of chess. (Githoro)

Beginning Fiber Art – Does your child like to create art? In this class, we will use our imaginations and many types of fibers to make unique pieces that your child will enjoy showing off. At the same time, they will be learning beginning sewing and weaving skills, while strengthening their fine motor skills and eye/hand coordination. Come, join in some creative fun! (Matheny)

Beginning Soccer – Learn and play the fundamentals of the most popular sport in the world! (Andrews)

Chess – Learn Advanced chess strategies and compete in tournaments. (Advanced mating patterns: K+Qmate, K+Rmate, en passant; opening tasks and names of variations) (Githoro)

Engineering for Kids – Students will use the engineering process to apply real world concepts through real hands-on, inquiry based activities that involve STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) Students will learn how to create and program robots to move animals, vehicles, etc. (Ibeawuchi)

Fencing – Learn the ancient art of sword play! No prior experience required. Foils, mask, jackets, and gloves provided. (Trojanowski)

First Notes Piano – An introduction to piano skills, notes, rhythm, and music theory will impact young children’s brain development, fine motor skills, and overall intelligence and prepare them to begin private instrumental lesson

Fun with Fiber Art – Children in this class will have fun learning basic sewing, quilting and crocheting skills. We will make lots of crafts using all types of fibers (fabric, yarn, paper etc). Whether a child already possesses these skills, or if they are learning them for the first time, they will be able to make several projects of their choice. Some of these choices will include (but will not be limited to) ornaments, bags, small quilts, seasonal decorations, “Stuffies”, cards, and wind chimes. These projects will also strengthen fine motor, math and social skills. (Matheny)

Helping Things Grow in Our Back Yard – Spend some time learning about plants and garden creatures (flora and fauna) and landscaping design as we beautify our own school back yard. We will learn how to grow and care for plants, as we select

and plant them in the school beds. We will also learn about the creatures that use our plants as temporary homes and as a food source. Time will be divided between classroom instruction and outdoor hands-on “dirt work”! (Bowker)

Horseback Riding Lessons – Build horseback riding skills, knowledge, and responsibility. Lessons available in two 1-hour sessions: 9:00 or 10:00 a.m on Saturday mornings in Friendswood. Call to arrange an appointment and payment: 281-844-5574 (Purdum)

Kids’ Theater – Learn and develop skills in all areas of theater production, including drama, stage make-up, costuming, creative movement, and of course, acting! Children will have the opportunity to explore all that theater has to offer through small, short plays and be involved in all areas of the stage and theater. (Rocha)

Martial Arts– Forged Warrior facilitates physical, mental, and spiritual growth while promoting courtesy, respect, discipline, and courage to students of all ages. No uniform required. (Buckreis)

Math Olympiad (grade 4 and up to grade 8) – If math is your “thing”, this is the class for you! Math is fun when you have a strong foundation and a healthy sense of confidence! The Math Olympiads program is a math problem solving contest for teams of students in grades 4 through 8, which is designed to provide students with the groundwork for math that students can continue to build upon as they develop strategies for problem solving (learn more at moems.org). (Chen)

Private Piano Lessons - Lessons are tailored to meet the needs of individual students in regards to age and ability. Lessons include music notation, theory, music history, technique, piano literature of different styles, and performance practice. Lesson day and time will be arranged with the instructor. (Hunt and Rocha)

Shard Yard Glass Art – Students will learn to safely create works of art on canvas using nothing but paint and reclaimed glass. This unique art medium produces colorful and texture-filled art pieces. No two pieces are alike. Students are encouraged to bring recycled glass from home. See theshardyard.com (Kriter)

Skating Club – Come have fun swirling and twirling in Skating Club! Whether you’re just learning to skate or you’re a pro, Skating Club is a blast! We move to the music while getting great exercise and learning new skills. Students must provide their own skates. (Purdum)

Soccer Skills– Come learn and practice the fundamentals of the most popular sport in the world! (Andrews)

Soccer Play – Introduction to the skills needed to play soccer. (Andrews)

Tabletop Roll Playing Games – These games are unique, in that they teach a variety of skills people are unlikely to learn elsewhere. At its most basic, it is a study in cooperative storytelling, which is an activity that is as old as mankind itself, but in our world of visual and audio media, has eroded as a part of our culture. Consider engaging in this fun and enriching activity. (Orsak)

What’s Cooking is Back! – Get ready for some awesome dishes – every week we will try recipes from another country. Join us for this new adventure! (Bischoff/DeHaan)