

## 2008 Summer Session Course Descriptions

### **English**

This course focuses on developing student writing and reading comprehension skills through the exploration of various genres. This class is appropriate for all grade levels.  
Instructor: Tom Barth

### **Algebra, Algebra II with Trigonometry, Geometry**

Students will approach Algebra, Algebra II with Trigonometry, and Geometry using the Integrated Math system. Please indicate which level of Math is needed (Algebra, Algebra II with Trigonometry, and Geometry) on the Academic Survey. Instructor: Cyndhia Silverio

### **Creating with Clay**

This popular summer class gives students a chance to explore pottery making. We will focus on learning the skills needed to make functional pottery on the potter's wheel. Learning at his or her own pace, each student will receive individualized instructions on the wheel. The class will also explore some basic hand building techniques. Between throwing on the wheel and working by hand students will create functional and decorative pieces. So sign up and get ready to get dirty! This course requires closed-toe shoes and clothing that can get dirty. Instructor: Bessa Alexrod

### **Summer Art**

Summer Art class will give students an opportunity to create a variety of artwork. We will work on group and individual silk paintings, explore drawing and painting using the beautiful Oliverian Campus as inspiration, and create a community mural. Students will receive group and individual instruction and be encouraged to develop their artistic skills. Bring your imagination and sunscreen for a summer of creative adventures! This course requires closed-toe shoes and clothing that can get dirty. Instructor: Bessa Axelrod

### **Organic Gardening**

Ever wondered what a newly dug potato looks like or how to make pesto? Or wondered why vines only grow in one direction? Or what squash blossoms taste like? Or discover why some bugs prefer one plant species to another? For the answers to these questions, join us in the Oliverian school's gardening program where we will not only try and answer these questions but will make new discoveries along each pathway we weed and harvest. This course requires clothing that can get dirty, sunscreen and bug spray.  
Instructor: Abby Jacobson

### **Introduction to Theatrical Arts**

Explore the many facets of theatre with this introductory class. Students will gain exposure to acting methods, vocal development, the rehearsal process and a basic understanding of technical craft, such as costuming and set design. Short plays and scene work will be used to aid theatrical development. Students will work towards a short performance at the end of Summer Session. Instructor: Mindy Barth

### **Voices Workshop**

On the inside of every human being is a spark, a light, a heart, a voice that must be heard. We will be exploring our voices with self-portraits, haikus, and movement exercises to unearth our own true voices. We will culminate our workshop with a performance/ rite of passage called Hope for Earth's Bliss. Be bold. Be daring. Let your voice be heard. Instructor: Guest artist/ choreographer/ dancer Korina Bazzell

### **Martial Arts**

Joe Champagne, Sensei, head instructor of USA Karate of Woodsville and Littleton, NH, brings eight years of martial arts training and seven years of boxing training to this invigorating class. Students will learn techniques from two traditional Japanese art forms, Jujitso and Kenpo. Throughout the course, students will gain flexibility, confidence and self-control, learn self-defense methods, enjoy an energizing workout, and have fun. Students should wear comfortable clothing that does not restrict movement (t-shirt and sweatpants or long athletic shorts are suitable; Gi is completely optional). Students will be barefoot in class, so no shoes are required. Instructor: Joe Champagne, Sensei

### **Middle Eastern Dance**

With an impressive background of performance and teaching experience, Alia Thabit, a dancer and choreographer of Lebanese and Palestinian descent, incorporates traditional and contemporary influences and dynamic music to present a wide range of Middle Eastern dance styles. Alia empowers students, bringing out their individuality and personal expression. Working with choreography and improvisation, she develops students' understanding of dance structure and musical interpretation. Students respond to her warmth, humor, and energy as well as her focus on technical excellence and evocative joy. Students should wear comfortable clothing that does not restrict movement – dance pants and a tank top would be appropriate, but are optional. Students will be barefoot in class, so no shoes are required. Instructor: Alia Thabit

### **Latin Dance**

Learn the moves so popular now in dance clubs across America! A native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Isabel Costa has studied Latin Dance both in South America and the United States and brings a wide range of teaching experience to this exciting class. Students will concentrate on tango and salsa, and gain a basic exposure to merengue, cha cha cha, cumbia and bachata. Students should wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes that hold their foot well – no sandals, clogs, flip-flops, etc.). Dance shoes and dance sneakers are optional. Instructor: Isabel Costa

### **Rock Climbing**

Capitalizing on our location in the foothills of New Hampshire's beautiful White Mountains, this class challenges students both mentally and physically. Students will develop strength, endurance, agility, balance, and self-control while gaining confidence and having fun. Specialized equipment provided. Instructor: Mike Sallade

### **Hiking**

Explore the New Hampshire countryside! This class allows students to have fun and exercise while exploring the natural flora and fauna of the area. Students should wear hiking boots and outdoor clothing listed on the 'What to Bring' list. Instructor: Mike Sallade

### **Trail Running**

Try this exhilarating sport which is steadily gaining popularity in the United States and worldwide. Students will run on single-track trails and get a close-up look at New Hampshire's amazing countryside. This class offers great exercise and builds self-confidence as well as stamina. Students should wear running sneakers with good traction. Instructor: Mike Sallade

## Academic Survey

This survey will be the basis of students' schedules for the summer session. Some parents and students know which classes they need; others may be unsure. If you are unsure which academic core courses your student should choose, please email [mbarth@oliverianschool.org](mailto:mbarth@oliverianschool.org). We will review your student's file to see which courses would be beneficial.

Please complete this survey and return it as soon as possible via email to [mbarth@oliverianschool.com](mailto:mbarth@oliverianschool.com) or via mail to Mindy Barth, Oliverian School, PO Box 98, Haverhill, NH 03765. You may also fax it to: (603) 989-3055.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose from the following academic core courses. You can choose all, none, or something in between. Circle your choices.

- English (English credit)
- Algebra (Math credit)
- Geometry (Math credit)
- Algebra with Trigonometry (Math credit)
- Pottery (Fine Arts credit)
- Summer Art (Fine Arts credit)

Supplementary courses will fill out your schedule once core courses are chosen. Please rate the following supplementary programming courses on a scale of 1 to 10, with "1" being your first choice and "9" being your last choice. We will do our best to match you with your favorite activities while allowing for the core courses you need.

\_\_\_\_\_ Organic Gardening

\_\_\_\_\_ Martial Arts

\_\_\_\_\_ Voices Workshop

\_\_\_\_\_ Intro to Theatrical Arts

\_\_\_\_\_ Rock Climbing

\_\_\_\_\_ Middle Eastern Dance

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\_\_\_\_\_ Trail Running

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