The Cathedral School of St. John the Divine
Virtual After School Program
Class Catalogue
Spring 2021

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Cathedral Virtual After School Program Information and Guidelines

Welcome
Because of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and out of an abundance of caution, the Cathedral School After School Program will continue to be conducted entirely on-line during the Spring 2021 semester. The classes, taught by Cathedral’s vetted vendors, are developed to provide educational and social creative fun for the students, using Zoom and other appropriate technology on their laptops. With few exceptions, they are designed to require little to no adult engagement aside from the initial set up and our instructors are available to help you through that.

General Information
The Spring term of the Virtual After School Program runs from Monday, February 1 to Friday, May 28, 2021 (unless otherwise noted). Classes are held Mondays through Fridays, on regular full school days. Classes are NOT held on days when school is not in session. Class fees vary depending on the number of class sessions, vendor costs and materials involved. Unless otherwise noted, all classes meet once a week, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Registration
Registration for After School classes is available online. Most classes require a minimum enrollment of five students to run and availability of a course depends on sufficient enrollment. Please note that in order to help meet the minimum registration requirements for the classes run, some may include students from other NYC independent schools. You are welcome to invite non-Cathedral School friends and siblings to register for this program.

Please follow the link on our website, www.cathedralnyc.org to register. There is a non-refundable one time registration fee of $30 per semester. You will be billed by the Business Office for the tuition after the start of the term.

Enrollment is limited and classes are filled on a first-enrolled basis. Registration cannot be accepted without payment of the registration fee. Children are automatically enrolled in their chosen classes unless parents are otherwise notified by email.

If your child is particularly interested in a class that is full or may not be listed for their age group, please contact the After School director and we will try to help.

Financial Aid
• After School Program classes will be eligible for a 20% financial aid discount. Aid will be provided for one class per semester.

• To be eligible for aid, the family must have been awarded a financial aid discount for general tuition. Only the application submitted for general tuition aid is required. A separate TADS application for the ASP is not required. In addition, there must be no past due student billing invoices and the account must be current.

Please contact the Business Office with questions and for more information.

Refunds
Except for the non-refundable registration fee of $30, course fees are fully refundable until the second class. You will be billed for the classes by the Business Office. Payment may be made by check or by credit card. We regret that, because of vendor commitments, there can be no refunds after the second class. There are also no refunds for snow days or other emergency closures.
Spring 2021 VIRTUAL AFTER SCHOOL SEMESTER –
Mondays through Fridays, 2/1 - 5/28, 2021

**Monday**
DJ & Music Makers  
Musical Theater Builders  
Grades 3-5  
Grades 2-5

**Tuesday**
Circus Arts at Home  
The Mystery of Magic  
Grades 2-8  
Grades 2-4

**Wednesday**
Karate I  
Minecraft and Coding Fun  
Sewing Fun – *New Class*  
Grades K-2  
Grades 2-5  
Grades 1-5

**Thursday**
Fairy Tale Ballet and Jazz Combo – *New Class*  
Chess  
Video and Digital Media Production  
Grades K-4  
Grades K-4  
Grades 4-5

**Friday**
Karate 2  
Current Events – *New Class*  
Grades 3-8  
Grades 4-8
MONDAY

**DJ & MUSIC MAKERS**  
(Grades 3-5, $365)  
*With Ms. Solis*  
In this unique music and coding class, students are invited to design, build and play as they learn about fundamental music concepts. We will explore music apps to make original beats and remix our favorite songs. We will design an app interface and write block-based code on Scratch to make original digital music instruments. Each session engages participants in the creative process while discovering new ways to produce, mix and record music. Throughout the semester, participants will compile a series of projects that will include original songs, music videos, and digital instruments.  
*Required Technology:* iPad (for apps and projects) and Computer (for Zoom).  
*Recommended Inventor Tools:* Makey Makey and Specdrums. These are flexible inventor tools that can be used even after the class is over. They are easily available for purchase from Amazon and other sources.

**MUSICAL THEATER BUILDERS**  
(Grades 2-5, $390)  
*With Ms. Bender and Creative Stage*  
In this fun, interactive and inventive class, students experiment with theatrical improv to develop original stories and characters to create an original screenplay. Next, they rehearse and film their performances right on Zoom. Finally, they will help edit the result into an awesome Comic Short Film (you’ve seen our film from last term at Assembly)！We’ll even build our own soundtrack using Soundtrap to record musical numbers created by setting new lyrics to famous tunes by great composers from Mozart to Freddie Mercury-- with very comic effect!
TUESDAY

CIRCUS ARTS AT HOME!
(Grades 2-8, $375)
With T-Dog
Circus at Home! Start or continue to learn and practice the art of circus in your very own living room! We will need enough space to do some basic warm-ups (jumping jacks), stretches (pike position), and creative movement (silly walks). We will get inventive with making props from items found around the house (socks, books, plastic grocery bags, baseball cap) as we continue to explore new ways of juggling, balance, spinning objects, and clowning. We will also present a fabulous “Cathedral Circus” show at Assembly for everyone to enjoy! Links will also be provided for circus props, should the family/student want to purchase anything, but this is not required.

THE MYSTERY OF MAGIC
(Grades 2-4, $435)
With magician Ben Nemzer from RollAmerica
Be part of the mystical and exciting world of magic! Beginners and experienced magicians are welcome! Every week our Magic Gurus will introduce the apprentice magicians to a few tricks, building up the magicians’ repertoire. They will soon be able to impress their friends and family with various card tricks, disappearing coins, sleight of hand and more. The materials used for the class can be easily found around the house, such as coins, pencils or pens, tissues, stackable cups, sheets of paper, tape, rubber bands and playing cards. Look forward to an amazing virtual performance at Assembly at the end of term!
KARATE I
(Recommended grades K-2, $365)
With Shihan David Sheeger
Develop strength, stamina and higher skill levels through warm up and stretching exercises. We will practice our basic punching and kicking techniques and we will do combinations of the techniques with a view towards being able to implement these techniques in sparring when in class together in the future. No special equipment is necessary, just enough space to move comfortably. Please wear your karate uniforms, if possible. Otherwise, comfortable clothing is fine. No shoes!

MINECRAFT AND CODING FUN
(Grades 2-5,$450)
With Mr. Horton
Minecraft and Coding is an interactive, project-based course, in which we walk students through the basics of programming logic via a series of in-game challenges and team-building exercises. In this class, students will build machines, instruments and mechanisms working towards a complete and fully-functioning townscape. We will introduce new Redstone circuits weekly to be incorporated by each individual student into tasks that bolster comprehension and encourage creativity. Requirements: Computer (Mac or PC); Minecraft Standard Edition (fully updated); Discord (in browser or via application). We request that all students create a Minecraft and Discord account before the first session.

SEWING FUN – New Class!
(Grades 1-5, $280, including materials and delivery)
With Sew Happy teachers
Have fun with Sew Happy's latest project, a Hedgehog House. Students will construct an adorable square basket which is decorated with trees and woodland flora and fauna on the outside but becomes the cozy home of a hedgehog family on the inside complete with a hedgehog stuffie. A decorative carrying handle makes the project transportable. Kids in grades 1 thru' 5 will learn how to thread a needle, tie a knot, pin, and stitch with our trained instructors. Beginners are welcome at this class and experienced sewers will love working on a new project! All projects and the sewing tools needed will be supplied prior to the start of the program. Some students may need adult assistance during the classes. Please note that this class concludes April 28 and has a firm minimum of 5 students.
THURSDAY

DRAMAZONE®'S FAIRY TALE BALLET/ JAZZ DANCE COMBO CLASS

Featuring: Sleeping Beauty and Descendants 1 – New class!
(Grades K-4, $415)
Taught by the experts at The DramaZone®, this virtual class offers classical ballet and technical jazz dance training without needing much space. All dance is taught moving directly in front of your child’s computer. Beginners and experts welcome! Come waltz at the ball as Sleeping Beauty or learn a cool jazz rhythmic combination to Be Our Guest as Belle and Lumiere from Descendants 1! Comfortable clothing and suggested Ballet Slippers recommended. While not necessary, any Fairy Tale prop, dress, costume or any clothing that your child would like to wear is welcome. Leather ballet slippers are highly recommended and may be purchased at Capezio.com.

CHESS!
(Grades K-4, $340)
With Nicholas Chatzilias
Ready Set Chess is excited to offer Cathedral families remote chess classes as part of the after school program. Through a Zoom connection and a free account to the online chess platform, lichess.org (totally free, open source, no ads, parental controls), we are able to offer interactive group instruction, manage a virtual classroom, track player progress, and organize online chess playing and chess tournaments. No chessboard or materials necessary! All games and lessons are handled online. Come sharpen your chess skills and join the virtual fun in this always popular class.

VIDEO and DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION
(Grades 4-5, $415)
With Carter Horton
As apps like Tik-Tok and YouTube introduce a new generation to the creative potential of video, there has never been an easier time to become a filmmaker! Students enrolled in this class will learn the basics of filmmaking and editing to supplement their creativity with form. Using simple tools and tricks, a skit or dance can be elevated to a more universally understood, and potentially viral, video. Learn to develop a screenplay, storyboard, cast, act, film and edit your very own film! Requirements: iOS device (Macbook, Ipad, etc...), stable internet connection, iMovie downloaded and up to date (free for all iOS devices), and Zoom.
FRIDAY

LET'S TALK; LET'S LISTEN – An Exploration of Current Events – New class!
(Grades 4-8, $365)
With Mr. Nusbaum and Maya Jasinska, Cathedral ’13
An odd name for a class, right? But if you are curious about what’s going on in the world, have questions or opinions, this is the place for you! We'll discuss topics like our new president and why about 50 million Americans believe his election was won dishonestly. Or our thoughts on the NBA and athletes' political activism. Is sharing one’s views a good idea for athletes? For teachers? For police officers? For Uber drivers? Or at what age is it appropriate to join social media? As platforms like Facebook have facilitated international interference in our elections, can we still say that technology is a neutral tool? Please join us on Friday afternoons to dig into whatever interests you most in that week's news cycle! No special requirements except for a vibrant mind, curiosity, and a willingness to explore issues in depth.

KARATE 2
(Grades 3-8, $365)
With Shihan Martial Arts
Intended for students with some prior experience with karate, this class aims to develop strength, stamina and higher skill levels through warm up and stretching exercises. The class will practice punching and kicking techniques and do combinations of the techniques with a view towards being able to implement them in sparring when in class together in the future. No special equipment is necessary, just enough space to move comfortably. Please wear your karate uniform and no shoes.