Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders

Since 1975!

Fall A 2015 Session
September 12, 19, 26, October 3 & 10, 2015
Class Brochure

Classes: 9:00AM-12:00PM & 1:00PM-4:00PM
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**September 6, 2015 – DEADLINE FOR FALL A 2015 REGISTRATION

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ABOUT SATURDAY SCHOOL FOR SCHOLARS & LEADERS

Saturday is not your usual day for school, and the participants in Saturday School program are not usual students. Our wide variety of enrichment classes are designed to challenge participants, K-8th grade. All classes are held on the downtown main campus under the supervision of the Department of Early Childhood Education. The diverse curriculum is structured to offer educational opportunities emphasizing leadership, scholarship and cultural awareness.

Application Process
Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders is designed to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented children. Students may either receive Provisional or Full admission.

Provisional Admission is offered to all students for 1 year. Students receiving provisional admission may register for classes, but have one year from the date of initial application to provide evidence of meeting the admission criteria. Students who do not provide this evidence within the year time limit will not be allowed to remain in the program.

Full Admission to the program requires meeting the specific criteria for admission at the time of first application. In order to receive full admission, all students must have:

- Test Scores indicating a 90th percentile or above on a nationally normed ability or achievement test, or an IQ of 120 or above.
- A recommendation by school personnel or the testing psychologist.
- The recommendation and test scores must be submitted with the application and fee payment. All four components must be received before applicants can be admitted.

Students who have attended previous Saturday School sessions do not have to resubmit test scores and recommendations. Applications will only be accepted by online submission at http://education.gsu.edu/saturdayschool

Tuition Fee
The cost for the session is $175 (5 Saturdays) (i.e. if you register for both, morning and afternoon class, the fees will be $350). Please note that a 15% discount is available to Faculty, Alumni and Students of GSU. Only one discount may be applied per class. The Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program is no longer accepting checks as a form of payment for our classes. Class tuition must now be paid by credit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Please visit our online application and register there.

Registration/Cancellation Deadline
All applications must be received by September 6, 2015 you are encouraged to submit applications before the deadline. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Cancellations must be received in writing before the registration deadline, September 6, 2015, in order to receive a full refund, (minus a $25 processing fee). There will be no partial refunds after the deadline or for missed classes.

Acceptance Confirmation
Confirmation letters will be e-mailed about prior to the beginning of the session. Please feel free to call us if you wish to confirm earlier. Late registrations will not receive a confirmation letter and may call for a confirmation.

Photo Release
By completing the registration form, parents give permission to the Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program, to take photos and videos of their child for use in the program’s promotional activities and on the program’s website.

Fall A 2015 REGISTRATION CALENDAR
August 1, 2015 – Registration Opens for Fall A 2015 Session
September 6, 2015 – Registration Deadline for Fall A 2015 Session
September 12, 2015 – Fall A 2015 Session Begins

Classes have been divided according to grade level and time in the next page. Following the class list, you will find the class descriptions in alphabetical order
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CLASS LISTINGS FOR FALL A 2015

Morning Classes

Primary I (K-1)

Awesome ME!

Primary II (2-3)

Creating Comics

Middle (4-5)

Scratch Coding

Upper (6-8)

Engineering in Motion
Awesome ME! (AM, PII) In our class, we explore ways to communicate effectively, relate and socialize with others through fun, interactive activities. Some of the skills that we explore include identifying and dealing with bullying, effective verbal and nonverbal communication, being a friend, positive attitudes, feelings and ways to cope with them, responsibility, and building character. Instructor: Nakki Rials (Teacher) Primary I (K & 1)

Creating Comics (AM, PII) Discover how to create a graphic novel! Using paper and various art supplies, you'll bring your graphic novel to life through the amazing illustrations you will create. Graphic novels are similar to comic books because both use art to tell a story. The fun doesn't stop there. Using a digital platform, you'll also create your own comic strip. You'll work solo on your comic strip and be a part of a team for the graphic novel you will help create. Your work will culminate in an exciting, vibrant graphic novel that will be debuted to your family and friends on the last day of class. Power buttons on, colored pencils up, and thinking caps on, we have illustrations to create. Instructor: Karen Shabazz Gifted Educator, Primary II (2 & 3)

Engineering in Motion (AM, U) Lesson plans will allow students to delve deeper into career options within the engineering career field through hybrid pedagogy. Ever wonder how chemical, mechanical, electrical, aeronautical, and civil engineers solve real world problems? Students will learn basic engineering principles regarding stability of structures, buoyancy, heat phenomena, and electricity. Students will use their interest in scientific and mathematical principles to design towns, factories, airplanes, toys, or other concepts to enhance life in the future! Students will be inspired to pursue one of the many great career opportunities available in engineering! Instructor: Samuel Bell (Engineering & Technology Teacher) Upper (6, 7 & 8)

Scratch Coding (AM, M) Coding is part of literacy for students in the 21st Century. Scratch, a coding (programming) language and an online community where children can program and share, was designed by the Lifelong Kindergarten group at the MIT Media Lab to code interactive media such as stories, games, and animation. As students create with Scratch, they learn to think critically and creatively, work collaboratively, and reason systematically. Students will be introduced to Scratch while learning the basics of computer science through activities including creating a personal vector-drawn sprite and coding versions of games such as Pong and Snake to gain an appreciation of the work behind apps and games in the digital world. Instructor: Patrick Edmondson (Gifted certification and 32 years of experience in DeKalb Co. Schools and 2014-2015 at The Children's School teaching technology) Middle (4 & 5)
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http://saturdayschool.education.gsu.edu/