



Fall A 2017 Session

September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 2017

Class Brochure

Classes: 9:00AM-12:00PM

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****– DEADLINE FOR Fall A 2017 REGISTRATION
August 25, 2017**



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Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders

ABOUT SATURDAY SCHOOL FOR SCHOLARS & LEADERS

Saturday is not your usual day for school, and the participants in the 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 \$195 (5 Saturdays). 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 August 25th, 2017. 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 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 5-10 days prior to the beginning of the session. Please feel free to call us if you wish to confirm earlier. Late registrations may not receive a confirmation letter and parents should 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 2017 REGISTRATION CALENDAR

Registration Opens: July 19, 2017

Registration Deadline August 25, 2017

Session Begins: September 9, 2017

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS FOR FALL A 2017

Primary I (K-1)

Adventures in Learning: Journey to Reading and Math Excellence Want to learn some tips and tricks to improve your reading and math skills? This course will help students learn better math and problem solving skills in a common and fun process using strategic thinking. They will build a strong understanding of mathematical concepts and developing critical reading skills. We use simple & quick ways to strategically understand passages which makes students become more critical, savvy readers and thinkers. This is all done using games, puzzles, activities and projects to promote critical thinking skills. **Instructor: Dhanu Krishnamurthy, Teacher, Primary I (K-1).**

Around the World in 5 Saturdays! Have you ever wondered what life is like in other countries? What foods do they eat? What games do they play? What is it like to go to school in China? If you have asked yourself these questions, this class is for you. Each week, we will “visit” a different country, get our passport stamped and experience life across the globe. If this sounds fun to you, register!!!! **Instructor: Laura Orozco, Elementary School Teacher, Primary I (K-1).**

Primary II (2-3)

Who’s Eating Who in the Zoo? Who will survive in the land of predators and prey? Come explore the awesome city of Zootopia. Investigate why rabbits shouldn’t be next door neighbors with foxes. Design food chains and food webs. Use STEM to plan and build your own city with edible predators and prey. This engineering process will incorporate literature, real-world problem solving, collaboration, exploration, parts of the movie itself, and down-right exciting fun. Join us! **Instructor: Nicole Trimble, Gifted Program Teacher, Primary II (2-3).**

Haywire for Habitats Come one! Come all! Join us for an animal kingdom ball! We will take an adventure through all types of lands, explore habitats, and create food chains. During this adventure you will investigate a variety of organisms and recreate a habitat. Observe habitats around the world through virtual field trips and study the effects of weather on habitats. Use your investigative skills to research adaptations and determine how animals use them to survive. Join us for a WILD time! **Instructor: Jocelyn Daniels, Math Specialist, Primary II (2-3).**

Middle (4-5)

Scratch Coding 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 at the MIT Media Lab. 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 digit world. **Instructor: Patrick Edmondson (Gifted certification and 33 years' experience in Dekalb Co. Schools and at The Children's School), Middle (4-5).**

Food Science In this class, your curious mind will engage in science that may have very well happened in your very own kitchen at home. You can become a scientist with the foods that you encounter everyday. Imagine taking strawberries and extracting DNA from it or doing an experiment with potato chips (no worries, I'm sure we will snack on a few as well)! Come ready to engage in research, the scientific method, and yes....food!. **Instructor: Jessica Harden, 4th Grade Teacher, Middle (4-5).**

Upper (6-8)

The Geometry Behind Origami Love Math? Yes? Hate Math? Yes? Then you have come to the right place. Here we remove barriers around math and strengthen the Love and enjoyment of this subject through the art of origami. It has been shown that the process of doing origami aids in hand eye coordination, patience and self esteem. Some of the topics in geometry explored are congruent figures, similar figures, applications of triangles (trigonometry), right triangle discussions, circles, measurements, solving equations, real world applications and more. Some popular origami designs covered include (but are not limited to) the crane, the star box, the octagon box, animals, lotus flowers, modular origami and more. **Instructor: Charles Phifer, Mathematics Professor, Upper (6-8).**

Classical Drawing Learn drawing techniques utilizing a variety of mediums in this fun and challenging class. From humans to still life, we will learn how to observe and manipulate materials to express our creativity. **Instructor: Camilla Kubasu, Fine Arts Teacher, Upper (6-8).**

Computer "Fun"-damentals Students will use their creativity while learning how to format and create brochures, posters, presentations, and web design/blogging. Learn the fundamentals of using MS Office and Google Docs. (Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, and others). Online Web Design using Yola software. Other topics included -- online safety, ergonomics and keyboarding techniques, and document formatting. Students will need a flash drive, email address, and parent permission to use online software. **Instructor: Oscar Scott, Middle School Business and Computer Science Teacher - 15 Years Fulton County. Graduate of Florida A&M University, University of West Georgia, and Mercer University, Upper (6-8).**

Registration for the Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program is now completely online. We will no longer be accepting paper applications. In addition, we are no longer accepting checks as a form of payment for any of our classes. Class tuition must now be paid by credit card only. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Please visit our online application link given below for registration:

<http://saturdayschool.education.gsu.edu/>

You can now donate all or a portion of the Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program tuition to enable a child whose family is struggling financially to participate. For more information and to donate, click on the link below:

<https://netcommunity.gsu.edu/give-to-coe?fid=Ud5zLe5HEEY%3d&fdesc=3XhkLtQeWq9XaKIQvsuteZY0idZZeE5bUWPDU%2fAs9oE%3d>

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