Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders

Since 1975!

Fall B 2015 Session
October 31, November 7, 14, 21 & December 5, 2015

Class Brochure

Classes: 9:00AM-12:00PM
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**October 23, 2015 – DEADLINE FOR FALL B 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) 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 October 23, 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, October 23, 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 one week 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.

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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
Primary I (K & 1)

Matter Magic!

Primary II (2-3)

Learning Chinese Basic Language and Culture in Fun and Meaningful Ways

Reading and Writing Dojo

Shark Frenzy

Middle (4-5)

A Travel in the World of Science

Acting & Movie Making

Game Design Coding*

Reading Right

Scratch Coding

Youth Business Club

Upper (6-8)

Game Design Coding*

* - Classes may include mixed age groups.
A Travel in the World of Science (M) During this hands-on activity based course, students will have fun with science experiments, problem based learning activities and critical thinking skills. Students will explore topics ranging from DNA, sustainability, genetics to forensic science (topics change per session). Each experiment will provide them with a deeper understanding about the world of the science including a concluding multimedia presentation by the students. They will enjoy this course by creating an original experiment by using the scientific method, extracting DNA, learning the biography of famous scientists and having in depth scientific discussion using the Socratic Method. Instructor: Marcia Pecot (Science Instructor) Middle (4 & 5)

Acting & Movie Making (M) Are you interested in acting, movie making, music videos, animation and other types of media projects? Then this is the class for you. Learn the basics of producing media programs and acting for appearing on camera. From ideas to scripts, recording to editing, designing to programs. You will work with small groups to create fun movies. On the last session there will be a “Media Showcase” where we can show class projects to an audience. The class video will be available via a private dropbox account. Places… Ready…. Roll Camera… Action! Instructor: Frank Mastrogiacomo (Media Arts Teacher) Middle (4 & 5)

Game Design Coding (M&U) Have you ever wondered why some websites are so successful and others are not? Do you know the differences behind the scenes of Blogs, Wikis, and photo hosting sites such as flickr? Develop an understanding of the history of the Internet and the evolution of web design. Learn the ins and outs of designing and implement a properly functioning website. Through this hands-on, project-based course you will be in charge of all aspects from website purpose, design, page layout, navigation and the intricate technology behind the page. Whether you are a novice or a veteran web designer, this course has something for you! Instructor: Samuel Bell (Technology & Engineering Chair) Middle (4 & 5) & Upper (6, 7 & 8)

Learning Chinese Basic Language and Culture in Fun and Meaningful Ways (PII) This class is offered by an experienced professor and expert in teaching Chinese language and culture to international students. A great variety of fun, hands-on, and effective instructional strategies and materials will be used to help young and gifted students to develop interests and basic Chinese language skills and cultural knowledge. Instructor: Xiang Liu (Associate Professor) PII (2 & 3)

Matter Magic! (PI) Alright scientists….get ready! Through five weeks of hands on activities, including eight exciting experiments, you will gain an understanding of the three states of matter that surround us every day! Experience how applying heat, cooling, and combining elements can make molecules move! We will work through the scientific method, sing, act, and sharpen our writing and discussion skills during our time together. What can bubbles, soda, ice cream, and pop rocks teach us about the three states of matter? Come join me for some matter magic and find out! Instructor: Katie Bergeron (Elementary Educator) Primary I (K & 1)
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**Reading Right (M)** In my proposed course proficient, young readers will hone their skill of reading and connecting with various texts. We will explore the fundamentals of text features, identify what makes a text complex and how to convey our synthesis of text meaning in creative and expository writing. This course will also explore current digital literacies and their relevant use for students’ appropriate academic use. Instructor: Jennifer Moore (Gifted Endorsed Teacher, M.Ed. Reading & P-12 Endorsement in Reading) Middle (4 & 5)

**Reading and Writing Dojo (PII)** Have you ever read a story about a faraway place and wished you could go there? Have you ever thought your life was so amazing that you could make a movie based on it? Have you ever watched a movie or cartoon and one of the characters reminded you of yourself or someone you know? Do you like to create, imagine, design, and play games? If you answered yes to any of those questions this is the class for you! Come take a journey with us and learn about some cool places that are right in our own communities as well as some far-away places. Come explore the world of reading and writing in a new and awesome way that will teach you skills that you can share with your friends and teachers! Instructor: Brandyce Colon (Instructional support teacher / M.S Ed.S) PII (2 & 3)

**Scratch Coding (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’ experience in Dekalb Co. Schools and 2014-2015 at The Children's School teaching technology) Middle (4 & 5)

**Shark Frenzy (PII)** Let’s dissect a real shark! Biology will come alive as we find out about the anatomy, habits, characteristics and legends of sharks. We will also explore the importance of sharks to our environment. Come and get into a frenzy about sharks! Instructor: Gail Boynton (Retired teacher Gwinnett Schools) PII (2 &3)

**Youth Business Club (M&U)** Students will learn real world business concepts from: brainstorming for ideas, marketing, legal aspects of business, understanding handshakes, eye contact and social entrepreneurship to creating their own logos on business cards. They will leave with a business idea, make money and have fun while they learn. A networking event is held at the end of each class. Instructor: Karrimah Muhammad (Program Coordinator) M (4&5)
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