

Mini-Term



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CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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*Growing leaders.
Building the church.*

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Purpose

The purpose of mini-term is to build Godly character not easily identified and developed in traditional classroom settings. Each course offering lists personal qualities and the opportunities involved which help students grow in character and leadership. Teachers are encouraged to answer the question: What will students learn that enriches traditional curriculum?

In the context of mini-term students have the opportunity to share their faith journey with others, to give to others in concrete ways through service, to learn more about themselves in new settings, and to build new relationships.

Students choose classes designed by faculty to provide enriched learning on and off campus. Mini-term courses are offered the first eight days in January and the beginning of June.

Adriel School

Lisa Otto

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$50

Credit: .25

Learn about and participate in the mission of Adriel School in West Liberty, Ohio. Adriel School is home to children and teens who have suffered the trauma of neglect and abuse and need healing, nurture and stability in their lives. Students will spend several days on campus and then volunteer at Adriel School for the remainder of the time.

Students will:

- Gain an understanding of the behavior of children
- Understand themselves better
- Gain a view of all people through the eyes of God

Heart of Central link:

- Building leadership qualities
- Spiritual growth
- Career possibilities

Avian Adventure

Tim Shue

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$800

Credit: .25

Students will become acquainted with a variety of birds and their habitats in North America. Included will be basic anatomy, families, identification by sight and ear, and issues regarding habitat and environment. A combination of different field trips in different seasons and habitats make this a unique learning experience. Included are three days of academic preparation in January. A waterfowl study excursion on Saturday, March 24 with another excursion in May. The class concludes with a trip to the Rocky Mountains from June 4-9.

Students will:

- Develop a sense of wonder and appreciation for the variety of life
- Identify songbirds and waterfowl in Ohio
- Explore different habitats; marsh, woods, grasslands, mountains
- Begin a personal nature journal or log of species seen

Heart of Central link:

- Building leadership qualities
- Spiritual growth
- Career possibilities

Ceramics
Wanda Beattie

Grades: 9-12
Cost: \$100
Credit: .25

Students will study ceramics at CCS and at Wayne Center for the Arts. They will learn how to make bowls, mugs and plates either hand built or on the wheel.

Students will:

- Develop a positive working atmosphere
- Create ceramic pieces
- Provide a devotional for the rest of the group

Heart of Central link:

- Building relationships
- Spiritual growth
- Career possibilities

Comparative World Religions
Henry Beun

Grades: 11-12
Cost: \$85
Credit: .50

The course utilizes a comparative approach of Christianity and world religions. As students gain knowledge of the history, beliefs and practices of the major religions of the world they will increase in understanding Christian salvation, faith and practice and be equipped to engage people of other faiths. This mini-term is an academic adventure. Participants will be expected to read a textbook, write essays, complete tests and write a comparative religions paper. We will visit local worship and gathering sites of other religions.

Students will:

- Learn the purpose for religions and the reason for their emergence
- Learn the historical context of the emergence, the core teachings and typical practices of the major world religions
- Understand others' religious thought and experience

Heart of Central link:

- Learning in community
- Global awareness
- Compassionate Kingdom citizenship

Culinary Creations

Bonnie Weaver

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$125

Credit: .25

This mini-term will allow students to express themselves creatively while acquiring cooking skills and knowledge that will benefit them long after high school. Students will learn a variety of cooking and baking skills and experiment with food presentation. Students will spend a day at the West Side Market in Cleveland as well as compile and assemble a collection of recipes. Students will have the opportunity to learn to smoke meat outdoors, try their hand at cake decorating and plan, taste and serve each other as well as invited guests. Who knows what else will transpire.

Students will:

- Learn basic food terminology and safety
- Learn a variety of culinary skills
- Assemble a collection of recipes

Heart of Central link:

- Building relationships
- Career possibilities
- Serving others with a willing heart

Games Till You Drop

Zach Kooker

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$230

Credit: .25

Games till you drop is a PE class that offers an opportunity for students to participate in various physical activities. Students will learn new games, (such as water polo, skiing, wallyball, ice hockey and rock climbing) and participate in familiar sports and activities. Mental stamina and physical fitness will be challenged through the activities. Weekend activity to be determined.

Students will:

- Develop an appreciation for multiple sporting venues
- Understand the rules that govern each activity
- Develop an understanding about tournament make-up and play

Heart of Central link:

- Building leadership qualities
- Working as teammates
- Improving communication skills

Government in Action

Don Nussbaum

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$350

Credit: .25

This mini-term will examine government at the local, state and national levels. The first week of mini-term students will visit local government agencies. The emphasis will then shift to the National Government and we will travel to Washington D.C. to visit Capitol Hill, the Supreme Court, and possibly the White House. We will attend the National Cathedral for our Sunday morning worship, visit Smithsonian museums and numerous Federal government sites, and travel to Columbus to visit the State Capitol.

Students will:

- Explore their faith beliefs alongside US citizenship ideas
- Experience God through worship in the National Cathedral
- Learn how problem solving occurs in government branches

Heart of Central link:

- Marketing oneself
- Calling to a life of service
- Career possibilities

Laurelville Service and Skiing

Dave Risser

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$325

Credit: .25

Students will work at Laurelville Mennonite Retreat Center in Mt. Pleasant, PA for four days and ski in the mountains of western Pennsylvania for three-and-a half days. Work at Laurelville will involve outside (cutting, splitting, and stacking firewood, winterizing the camp, and other maintenance jobs) and inside (cleaning, secretarial, etc.) options. Skiing will be at Hidden Valley and Seven Springs Resorts. Departure from Central will be Jan. 3, with a return date of Jan.10, 2012.

Students will:

- Develop leadership skills working with others in service assignments
- Appreciate God's winter creation through working and playing in the Laurel Highlands region of the Allegheny mountains
- Share their spiritual journey through devotions

Heart of Central link:

- Service opportunity
- Building leadership skills
- Problem solving skills

Paper Galore

Melissa Rodhe

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$120

Credit: .25

Paper Galore is a mini-term that allows the student to be creative in many different ways. Students will make a variety of items using paper. Some of the projects will include scrap booking, card making, rubber stamping, tins, calendars, gum wrappers, journals, bows, gift boxes and much more. The group will also take trips to a craft store and a scrap booking store. Students will need to purchase a scrapbook before mini-term starts.

Students will:

- Recognize creativity as a means of self expression
- Discover how their God given talents bless and encourage others
- Build relationships with each other

Heart of Central link:

- Developing creativity
- Promoting faith-infused opportunities
- Building relationships

Serving Leaders

Terry Shue and Bruce Hummel

Grades: 11-12

Cost: \$75

Credit: .25

Serving Leaders is a mini-term created specifically to grow servant leaders. Drawing from John Stahl-Wert's book "The Serving Leader," students will look at the contemporary leadership theory through the lens of a servant leader. Students will be exposed to material that integrates our faith tradition and best practices of business leadership theory. Each participant will complete a full student version of the LPI, (leadership practice inventory) specially designed for high school students by Kouzes and Posner, who are highly acclaimed in the business world in leadership development.

Students will:

- Embrace and develop their personal style of leadership
- Recognize personal strengths and growth areas needed
- Cultivate interest in business careers

Heart of Central link:

- Career possibilities
- Integrating faith with leadership
- Marketing oneself

Teaching Apprenticeship

Joyce Taylor

Grades: 10-12
Cost: \$20
Credit: .25

Teaching apprenticeship provides opportunities for high school students to experience the world of teaching. The opportunities include reading to children, grading papers, making bulletin boards, teaching mini-lessons, and playing. Students will be given responsibilities with small groups of children for projects and activities.

Students will:

- Lead children's activities
- Develop teamwork strategies
- Work with a supervisor

Heart of Central link:

- Career possibilities
- Building leadership skills
- Building character strengths

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Backpacking in West Virginia

Nate and Jessica Gundy

Grades: 9-11

Cost: \$200

Credit: .25

This mini-term is a wilderness backpacking experience in the mountains of West Virginia. Students will learn back country hiking and camping skills while carrying all of the gear and food and sleeping in tents along the trail. Participants need to be prepared to hike 7-10 miles per day in mountainous terrain while carrying a 20-30 pound backpack. The trip will be seven days in length, running June 2-8. Students will need sturdy hiking boots for the trip, all other camping gear will be provided.

Students will:

- Practice perseverance in primitive conditions
- Develop appreciation and stewardship of God's creation
- Learn to lead themselves and work with others in the wilderness

Heart of Central link:

- Building leadership skills
- Building character strengths
- Improving communication skills

Marine Biology

Von Schrock

Grades: 10-11

Cost: \$775-\$825

Credit: .25

This course is a study of the flora and fauna of marine life surrounding Long Key, Florida. We will study the following habitats: rocky coast, channel, soft coral flat, patch reef, and a barrier reef. While snorkeling in these areas we will also study the relationship between different alga specimens, as well as marine invertebrates. Each member will be placed into a devotional group and food group, working together to prepare a meal for the entire group.

Students will:

- Gain an appreciation of the ocean and its wealth of resources
- Study plants and animals of the ocean and their various habitats
- Observe and understand ecological relationships that exist between organisms

Heart of Central link:

- Building community
- Spiritual growth
- Career possibilities

Registration

Registration for mini-term will be done on Edline. The registration form will only be accessible to parent accounts. *(If you are unable to register this way, detach and fill out the registration form on the next page and return it to the Welcome Center.)*

The online registration form is located in the NEWS section under GUIDANCE.

Registration will be accessible on Edline starting Friday, October 28.

All registrations need to be submitted by November 7, before 9 a.m. Registrations are processed by grade – seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen.

Name (first and last) _____ Grade _____

Remember, if you are able to register via Edline, we prefer you choose that method. Thank you.

2012 Mini-Term Course Registration

This registration form can be turned in at the Welcome Center from October 28 through November 7. **They are considered late if turned in Monday, November 7, after 9:00 a.m.** Consider carefully your interest, the cost of the course, and the time it is offered. Your parent or guardian must sign below. If you choose a course costing over \$100, your tuition payments must be current.

1. Please list the previous Mini-Term classes you have taken. If you have not taken a Mini-Term course, write "none" in the space.

Previous grade	Previous course name
Grade 9	
Grade 10	
Grade 11	

2. Please select three courses you are willing to take and list them in order of your preference. (You generally cannot repeat courses.) We will try to give you your first choice, but we may need to give you your second or third choice. **(Register online from Edline if possible)**

	Course Name	Course Fee
First choice		
Second choice		
Third choice		

Seniors are generally given first preference (though we do look at how many times a student has received their first choice). Secondly, we look at course enrollment to make sure there are enough students to offer all courses. As course enrollments are met, older students are given preference. **If your form is not completely filled out or is late, you will be assigned a class after all other students have been assigned.**



Parent signature

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- teaching Biblical values
- practicing Christian discipleship and community
- promoting academic excellence
- encouraging a faith commitment to Christ and the Church.