

# High School Mini-Term



2024



**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN** HIGH SCHOOL  
Kindergarten - 12 Christ-centered education



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# Information

The purpose of Mini-term is to provide a learning experience different than a traditional classroom setting. Intentional focus is given to one content area for eight days. During this experiential setting, students have opportunities to experience Central Christian's distinctives of Faith Formation, Multi-Age Relationships, Service, Academic Excellence, Fine Arts, and Athletics with a Purpose.

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 for the 2023-2024 school year are offered either January 3 - 12, 2024, or sometime between June 1-9, 2024.

- Students are required to have a mini-term credit for each high school year of attendance at CCS.
- All students must be present for a minimum of 6 of the 8 days to receive credit.
- Students are graded on a Pass/Fail system, determined by the mini-term teacher.
- Each mini-term experience is worth 0.25 high school transcript credits.
- To ensure students have varied mini-term experiences during their high school career, students may not select mini-terms in which they have previously participated.

As students and families discern which mini-term experiences to choose, please consider the following factors:

- Cost of desired mini-term selections
- Dates of mini-term offerings – students who register for a mini-term are committing to participate during the stated time frame
- Grade levels or age – certain mini-terms have grade level or age requirements
- Winter athletes must remember that games and practices continue during mini-term, and therefore should register for local mini-term courses.

## Art from the Heart with Glass and Clay

January 3-12

**Terry & Kay Shue**

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$110

Credit: .25



To observe local hobby artists and experience the benefit of creativity for our wellbeing using the medium of glass and clay. We will take five field trips to talk with local hobby artists to learn how and why they do what they do.

### Students will:

- make several projects in both glass and ceramics.
- write one 2-page research paper and will present it orally to the class.

## Backpacking in WV

June 1-7

**Nate Gundy**

Grades: 9-11

Cost: \$270

Credit: .25



The seven-day trip will include 45-60 miles of backpacking and hiking in West Virginia's Dolly Sods Wildernesses and other backcountry areas. In addition to the physical education aspect, the course will contain wilderness survival and ecology/geography skills.

### Students will:

- practice perseverance in primitive conditions.
- develop an appreciation and stewardship of God's creation.
- learn to self lead and work with others in the wilderness.

## Bored Gaming

January 3-12

*Curt Howells*

**Grades:** 9-12

**Cost :** \$65

**Credit:** .25



Students will have fun and experience community, be engaged spiritually with devotionals, experience new and old board games.

### **Students will:**

- learn what it is that makes board games.
- learn how to play games with others and experience teamwork.
- learn what strategy is and how to use one.
- build/design a board game.

## Cooking 101

January 3-12

*Inga Troyer & Jennifer Shue*

**Grades:** 11-12

**Cost :** \$225

**Credit:** .25



This course allows students to acquire basic and technical cooking skills and will allow for creative expression while cooking. Students will learn cooking techniques and food and cooking safety tips. Students will gain knowledge of ingredients as well as acquire recipes and gain confidence working in a kitchen. The course will include several guest instructors as well as some off-site learning experiences. Breakfast and lunch will be included with the mini-term. Students will need their own transportation.

### **Students will:**

- learn basic food technology and safety.
- learn a variety of culinary skills, techniques and recipes.
- work together to create food and experience the sense of community that cooking, learning, and eating together can foster.



## **Foxfire**

**January 3-12**

***Tim Shue***

**Grades: 9-12**

**Cost: \$150**

**Credit: .25**



Step back in time in a Foxfire Mini-term. Students will experience life as it was for early settlers and natives in this area in the early 1800's. Students will weave baskets, dip candles, play harmonica, crochet rugs, brew sassafras tea, carve a spoon, and more. There are possibilities for an evening of folk dancing and an old-fashioned chicken-butchering experience to round out the Mini-term. Students will learn an appreciation for nature, history, hand skills, and possibly discover a new hobby or gift. Students will need their own transportation. If transportation is an issue, please communicate with Principal Craig Martin.

### **Students will:**

- learn the rich rewards of creating something using only hand tools.
- develop a unique appreciation of American history.
- explore simple entertainment by making music and folk dancing.

## **Games Unlimited**

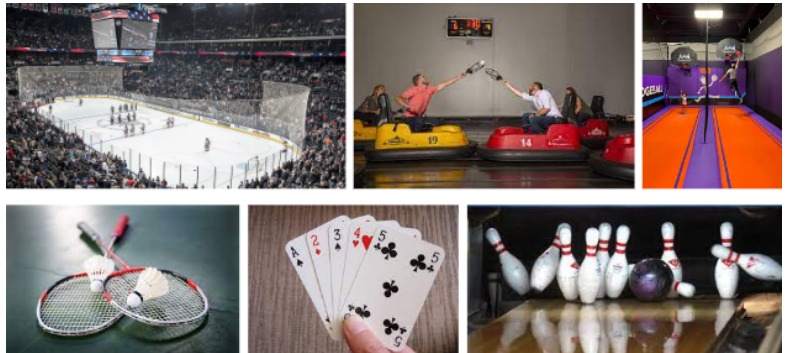
**January 3-12**

***Brock Holmes***

**Grades 9-12**

**Cost: \$280**

**Credit: .25**



Play games, go places to play games, or attend a professional game. This mini-term is designed to keep kids active and introduce them to new concepts and games.

### **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.
- building and grow relationships with peers, mentors, and within one's faith.

# Independent Study

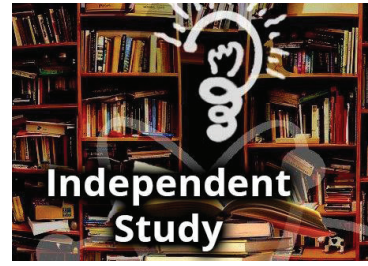
January 3-12 (or dates as determined by proposal)

**Craig Martin**

**Grades: 9-12**

**Cost: \$25**

**Credit: .25**



**\*Before registering, please see Craig Martin if you are interested in pursuing this mini-term option. The appropriate proposal paperwork must be submitted no later than Friday, October 27, to be considered for the Independent Study mini-term. Students who do not complete the correct paperwork and meet with Craig Martin will not be eligible for the Independent Study mini-term and will be placed in a course based on their other mini-term selections.**

Independent Study is designed to allow students the opportunity to develop and engage in a self-directed study that will help them learn about a particular career field or topic of interest. An Independent Study provides a way for well-motivated students to pursue a topic of interest that does not necessarily fit into a traditional academic curriculum or classroom setting. Students may learn specialized material or gain authentic real world or research experience outside of the classroom.

An Independent Study mini-term course requires three steps for proposal and completion:

1. Develop a goal statement for the purpose of the Independent Study.
2. Select and/or develop learning objectives related to the goal statement.
3. Develop a timetable for implementation of activities and completion of course requirements.

## **Students will:**

- demonstrate the ability to study independently.
- plan and complete an extended learning activity.
- learn about career options of personal interest.

# Laurelville Service, Skiing & Snowboarding

January 3-10

**Brandon Conn**

**Grades: 9-12**

**Cost: \$410-\$500 (plus approximately \$100 for meals)**

**Credit: .25**

Students will work at the Laurelville Retreat Center in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania for four days and ski or snowboard in the mountains of western PA for three-and-a-half days. Lodging and most meals will be in a cottage at the retreat center. Laurelville service 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. Because of the skiing and snowboarding components of this mini-term, this course may also serve as a PE credit.



## 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.

# Lifeguarding

January 3-12

**Lisa Otto**

**Grades: 10-12**

**Cost: \$180**

**Credit: .25**

Students will complete required exercises and course work to obtain a valid lifeguarding certificate through the Red Cross. This allows them to serve their communities in a new and skilled way. It gives students a marketable, employable skill. Because there is a fitness test component, this course may also serve as a PE credit.



## Students will:

- study under the tutelage of trained, qualified, licensed instructors.
- learn and be tested in water safety and emergency prevention.
- learn and be tested in CPR and emergency care.
- learn basic first aid skills.
- learn to recognize dangerous situations around water and prevent accidents and injuries.



## Marine Biology

June 3-9 (there may be a two-day variance on either side of these dates)

*Von Schrock & Jolene Jaquet*

Grades: 11

Cost: \$1400

Credit: .25

This course is a study of the flora and fauna of marine life surrounding the Florida Keys. Students will study the following habitats: rocky coast, channel, soft coral flat, patch reef, quarry, and a barrier reef. While snorkeling in these areas, students will also study the relationship

between different algae specimens and marine invertebrates. In addition to study, each student will be placed in a devotional group and a food group, where they will prepare a meal for the entire group. Because of the science content, this course counts as a science credit.



### Students will:

- gain an appreciation of the ocean and its wealth of resources.
- study plants and animals of the ocean and their various habitats.

## Peace and Justice Pilgrimage

January 5-12

*Shawn Hilliard*

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$675-\$720

Credit: .25

Students will engage with stories of racial-reconciliation as a way of exploring their call as followers of Jesus, to the ongoing work of reconciliation.



### Students will have their imagination stirred through:

- community building
- cross-cultural engagement
- faith formation
- worship
- critical thinking

# Sustainability - The Good News from Ohio

January 3-12

*Joanna Miller*

Grades 9-12

Cost: \$110 (plus approximately \$60-\$120 for meals)

Credit: .25



Each day learn about some aspect of our environment.

## Students will:

- see their part in the flow of materials and energy into and out of our communities
- the good things people are doing to manage this flow.
- how they can contribute to it in a positive way.

# Teaching Apprenticeship

January 3-12

*Shelly Bilderback*

Grades: 9-12

Cost: \$35 (plus money for breakfast one day)

Credit: .25



This mini-term provides a unique opportunity for high school students to explore the field of education and gain hands-on experience in becoming a teacher. Students will be able to observe elementary educators while they teach to understand the best practices in classroom instruction. The teacher apprentices will participate in various teacher-led activities including reading to children, grading papers, and working in small groups.

## Students will:

- attend an elementary classroom each day before meeting as a group to share observations and ideas.
- receive and explore the book *The Classroom Management Secret* by Michael Linsin.
- create and teach mini-lesson(s) or supervise projects and activities.
- go out for breakfast on the last day of the mini-term to reflect.

# Registration Information

## What to do:

Please make your child's mini-term selections by completing the online registration form via your FACTS Family Portal:

FACTS Family Portal Login: <https://ctl-oh.client.renweb.com/pwr/>

1. Access the **SCHOOL** tab from the menu on the left hand side of the page.
2. From the **SCHOOL** tab, access the **WEB FORMS** tab.
3. In the **WEB FORMS** tab, select and complete the **2024 High School Mini-Term Course Registration Form** for your student(s).

*\*Please note that by the FACTS default settings, a Web Form for High School Mini-Term will appear for any student that is linked to your families account. This is true even if your child is not in High School. Please only complete a Web Form for your child enrolled in High School.*

## Important Mini-Term Registration Deadline Dates:

- Online mini-term registration may be completed between **Monday, October 16 and Friday, October 27, 2023 at 3:00 pm.**
- Registration Forms are considered late if turned in after 3:00 pm on Friday, October 27, 2023.
- January Mini-Term courses will be invoiced through FACTS incidental billing on Friday, December 15, 2023. Payment will be due Friday, January 15, 2024.
- A 50% down payment collection for June Mini-Term courses will be issued through FACTS incidental billing on Friday, December 15, 2023.

The selection process for assigning Mini-Term courses to students is processed by the following criteria:

1. Grade level - Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and then Freshmen.
2. Past Mini-Term selection(s) order - how often has a student received their 1st choice, 2nd choice, and then 3rd choice for Mini-Term.
3. Mini-Term age requirement, grade level, and or availability.
4. On time and completed registrations - student registration is received by the October 27, 2023, 3:00 pm deadline.

If your registration form is submitted late, you will be assigned a Mini-Term class after all other students have been assigned.

If you have any questions, please contact Priscilla Spiker, Academic Administrative Assistant at [priscillas@centralchristianschool.org](mailto:priscillas@centralchristianschool.org)