

Middle School Mini-Term 2024



Information

Middle School Mini-Term will be held from Tuesday, January 3, to Friday, January 12, 2024.

MS Small Group Sessions - Wednesday, January 3 - Friday, January 5, 2024

Please make your child's Mini-Term selections by completing the on-line registration form via your FACTS Family portal. Please make selections for both a morning and an afternoon session.

*Students may not register for Middle School Mini-Term via their Student - FACTS Family Portal.

Log into your FACTS Family Portal:

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 Middle School Mini-Term Course Registration Form for your student(s).

Important Middle School Mini-Term Registration Deadline Dates:

- Online mini-term registration may be completed between Monday, October 23rd and Friday, November 3rd by 3:00 pm.
- Registration forms are considered late if turned in after 3:00 pm on Friday, November 3rd.
- Payment collection for mini-term courses will be issued through FACTS incidental billing on December 15, 2023.

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

1. Grade level - 8th grade, 7th grade, 6th grade, and then 5th grade.
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 as a Middle School student. Students are not permitted to repeat Mini-term courses they have done in the past.
3. Availability.
4. On time and completed registrations - student registration is received by the November 3rd 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, Administrative Assistant for Academics at priscillas@centralchristianschool.org.

AM Sessions

CAD - Woodworking with a CNC - Zach Kooker

Cost: \$10

CAD will put imaginations to work and computer design skills to the test. Students will electronically design a project and watch how a CNC transforms their work into a masterpiece....maybe. Brains no brawn required!

Chess CAN be Fun! - Jason Lones

Cost: \$15

Chess is an ancient game that is played every day around the world and has been bringing people of different cultures together for centuries. Learning to play chess helps students improve concentration and memory, enhances problem-solving skills, and encourages creativity. Due to recent global events, chess is once again gaining in popularity and is played in many different formats on-line and over-the-board. Students will learn the rules of chess, how to move the pieces, some basic opening and end-game strategies, and will learn both on-line and over-the-board. techniques. Various snacks will be offered each day and students will receive a roll-up chess set to take home.

Connected: God, Self, Community - Kristan Ellington

7th and 8th grade

Cost: \$40

We will spend time each morning growing our relationships with God, ourselves, and our community. Get ready to engage in a Bible study at Pioneer coffee, care for yourself through exercise in our weight room followed up with meditation at a spa, and a service project. We will be doing this and more!

Drama Workshop - Kelly Morber

Cost: \$10

Calling all actors with and without stage experience! Do you love participating in skits, jumping into character situations, using props, and playing games? Can you think on the spot? This drama workshop may be for you. Learn how to get into character, use your senses for the space around you, practice blocking and stage directions, perform small-group, creative skits, and play improvisational games to improve your stage presence and develop your drama technique.

Fitness Expression: Mental, Physical, & Spiritual Well-Being Through Exercise & Art - Nicole Myers

Cost: \$30

If you are interested in a relaxing, stress-relieving mini-term, Fitness Expression is for you! We will explore physical well-being through movement with strength, stretching, and breathing. To change things up this year, we will also explore mental and spiritual expression through painting. Each class will involve both movement, painting, and of course snacks! To close the mini-term, our last day will involve a field trip to our farm to do some Goat Yoga, and experience the therapeutic qualities of my delightful herd of Nigerian Dwarf goats! The goats and I can't wait to see you!

Indoor Games - Logan Schrock

Cost: \$15

Spend Mini-term playing games! Students will learn new games, play old favorites, and enjoy being active in the great indoors. Be prepared for the unexpected. Come ready to have fun, compete, and end the day extremely tired!

Knitting and Crocheting - Barb Endsley

Cost: \$45

We will be making a variety of things in this class with knitting or crocheting the items.

Latin Cooking - Alexandra Slabaugh

Cost: \$20

Explore the ingredients and cuisines commonly enjoyed in a Mexican household. Students will make tortillas (corn & flour), salsas, and various desserts.

Makin' Jammies - Allison Seymour

Cost: \$10 (*in addition, students will need to purchase their own fabric*)

Love being comfy and showing off your style? Students will learn how to use a sewing machine to make their own pajama/lounge pants. Students will bring material of their choosing for their project(s). Channel your inner designer and bring your willingness to learn a new skill.

Movie Making - Bob Troyer

Cost: \$10

Students will learn to create a movie using Adobe Premiere . Adobe Premiere is a professional movie editing software, students will also be introduced to the free version they can access from their home computers. Students will follow a tutorial to learn the tools available on Adobe Premiere. Students will begin with the basics of importing footage, creating a sequence, adding a title, adjusting audio levels, and exporting videos. Once students become familiar with initial processes they will explore additional features of this professional video software.

Photography - Phil Raber

Cost: \$20

We will explore the technical and artistic aspects of photography. In other words, what makes a good picture and how to take them!

We will be learning and doing: Taking pictures: Camera functions, positioning, timing, lighting. Composing interesting pictures: Foreground and background, color and contrasts, using blur to your advantage. C. Editing pictures: Basic buttons (even on cell phones), light balancing, cropping, landscape vs portrait orientation.

You will need a camera of some type - a decent cell phone should do the trick. Or perhaps you can borrow a full sized camera. Our goal is to produce 2 nice shots we can print.

Soaping 101 and Bath Bombs - Delight Howells

Cost: \$35

Learn about the basics of soap making including cold processed, hot processed, re-batched, melt and pour soap and how to make bath bombs. In addition to making things, we will talk about how to source ingredients, tools to create recipes, and concepts related to marketing products. At LincWay Art Studio.

PM Sessions

Baking - Leah Thomas

Cost: \$30

In this mini-term you will learn to bake brownie stuffed chocolate chip cookies, cake pops, soft pretzel twists.

Beautiful Bottles - Kelly Morber

Cost: \$20

During this craft project based mini-term, students will draw names and develop a list of positive words about another member of the course. They will then use these descriptors to create a beautiful, positive keepsake for each student to take home. Students will use various types of bottles, tissue paper, mod podge, and lights to create their end products. Samples are available to view upon request.

Board Games, Card Games, Dice Games, & Fun! - Barb Endsley

Cost: \$15

What's your favorite board game? In this mini-term, students will play a variety of games. If there's interest, students may participate in a chess or checker challenge or euchre tournament. Students will also learn strategies to help them win games. Take the challenge, play, and enjoy!

Crafty Fun - Allison Seymour

Cost: \$40

Students will tap into their creative sides as they tie dye shirts, make candles, and learn to cross stitch.

For the Birds - Bob Troyer

Cost: \$25

We will learn about different birds and their habitat. Based on the habitat available to the student, we will choose a specific type of bird to build a birdhouse for. Students will learn a variety of skills as they use hand tools including a tape measure, speed square, hammer, and drill. Birdhouses will be made with rough cut cedar and make excellent gifts for a parent or grandparent.

Outdoor Games - Logan Schrock

Cost: \$20

Learn new games, play childhood favorite games, and be very active outside. Be ready to have fun and compete with your peers as we play lots of different games. Make sure to dress for the snow!

Paint Your Own Pottery - Delight Howells

Cost: \$35

Enjoy a relaxing time of listening to worship music while glazing pottery. As time allows we may work on additional creative projects such as acrylic pours. At LincWay Art Studio.

Volleyball - Lori Miller

Cost: \$5

Learn the basic skills and how to play the game of volleyball in this fun, active mini-term. Boys and girls are encouraged to sign up for this mini-term.

What Should I Read Next? - Sherah-Leigh Gerber and Jolene Jaquet

Cost: \$20

Students will explore ways to enrich their reading lives. This experience will include a field trip, reading time, and delicious snacks. Learn different ways to track your reading, figure out your reading style, and experience the joys of a literary society. Curl up by the fire with your favorite book, hear great stories, and make friends with others who enjoy great books in this new and unique mini-term.

All Day Session

Skiing and Snowboarding - Alex Steiner

7th and 8th grade

Cost: \$225 - \$275 *(additional cost may include meals and any rentals)*

In this all-day mini-term, students will head to Snow Trails each day to spend their time learning or practicing the sport of skiing or snowboarding.