



Benjamin Franklin
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**CLASSICAL ENRICHMENT
BLOCK CATALOG
2011-2012
GRADES 6-8**

Classical Enrichment Block Class Descriptions
and Registration Form

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BFCCPS 2011-2012 Classical Enrichment Block Course Catalog Grades 6-8

The Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School is pleased to announce the 2011-2012 Classical Enrichment Block Grade 6-8 Course Offerings! Classes are offered by BFCCPS faculty and staff members as well as Artists in Residence hired by BFCCPS.

Course Descriptions:

The classes are divided by trimester and cover a multitude of topics across all Content areas. All classes are offered at BFCCPS.

A class description, teacher, and other information is listed for each class.

Registration Information:

Parents please review the class offering and discuss them with your child. Registrations are offered on a 1st Choice-2nd Choice-3rd Choice method. We make every attempt to give every student their first choice. If the 1st Choice cannot be given we use grade seniority to fill the class and go the student 2nd and 3rd choices. Some courses will be offered more than one time in a school year.

Please Note:

Students may not take a particular course more that 3 times in a three year period. This is to allow students to get a broader experience of the courses offered in all of the arts.

Student changes in enrichment block classes can **only** be made with permission of parent **and** Mr. Benjamin

Students auditioning for the Spring Musical:

Students that are auditioning for the Spring Musical SHOULD choose a Trimester 2 Elective. If you are chosen to be in the cast.....you will be assigned to musical rehearsals during the trimester 2 block. The only exception will be those students assigned to the Geometry Class. These students will remain assigned to Geometry to complete their requirements.

Please return the registration form with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for each trimester and return to **BFCCPS Form Night on Wednesday, September 7, 2011.**

Classes will be canceled or changed if needed and Parents will be notified.

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TRIMESTER
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OFFERINGS

Beginning Keyboard Workshop

Instructor	Mr. Patrick Dreier
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E-mail	pdreier@doubledstudio.com
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Text:

Beginning Keyboard Workshop

Description:

Learn how to play the keyboard/piano

Goals:

Familiarity with the piano/keyboard as an instrument

Since everyone learns music differently, I work individually with students at their own pace.

Keyboards will be provided at school.

Forensic Science

Instructor	Mrs. Kelsey Kolic
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E-mail	kkolic@bfccps.org
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Text:

No required texts.

Description:

Students will study topics within forensic science and learn techniques used in crime scene investigation – such as fingerprint, handwriting, and DNA analysis – through a variety of laboratory and critical thinking activities. They will then use these skills to solve a staged crime at BFCCPS at the culmination of the class.

Goals:

To build critical thinking skills.

To learn and use crime scene investigation techniques.

Requirements:

Participation in weekly labs and activities

Submission of case reports

Toy Company

Instructor	Mr. Artur Duque
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E-mail	aduke@bfccps.org
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Text:

No required texts

Description:

Plunging into the highly competitive toy market with just enough time to design a line of products for the regional trade show, managers of a new company – you- must organize, develop toy ideas (in project groups), do market research, present their ideas at a board meeting, and showcase prototypes for toy buyers.

Goals:

In this simulation, students work cooperatively towards a common goal and, in the process, hone their writing and speaking skills.

Greek Exiles

Instructor	Mrs. Marjorie Ward
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E-mail	mward@bfccps.org
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Text:

No required texts

Description:

As Greek exiles from the land of Podium, student "families" journey back to their homeland by completing speech and Family Fate activities. The amount of cargo families take with them is determined by how well they do on pantomimes, word definitions, and listening-skill activities. After studying the elements of speech writing, students write their own presentation, introduction, acceptance, informative, and persuasive speeches, all in different settings.

Goals:

Greek culture
Speech writing
Public speaking

Mask Making

Instructor	Ms. Wolfe	E-mail	awolfe@bfccps.org
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Text:

No required texts

Description:

In this class the students will observe and discuss examples of masks created throughout the world. They will use paper mache, plaster, and clay to design and construct their own masks. They will then share their final pieces with the class.

Goals:

1. Students will observe and analyze examples of masks throughout the world.
2. Students will gain perspective on the functions or roles masks play in a variety of cultures.
3. Students will design and construct their own masks.
4. Students will explore different types of materials to help spark their creativity.

Graphic Design

Instructor	Mrs. Dionne Katinas	E-mail	dionnekatinas@comcast.net
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Text:

No required texts

Description:

Do you want to have your own business one day? In this class, you will learn the elements of effective design to market your business. We will discuss and analyze designs from existing companies. Your assignments will be to create a logo, advertisement, website design, and more. You will learn the process of concepts to producing computer generated designs. Photoshop basics will be taught to create your assignments.

Goals:

1. Learn how to design effective pieces for marketing a product or business.
2. Learn the fundamentals of design and vocabulary terms.
3. Develop skills on understanding successful logos and advertisements.
4. Teach the basic tools in Photoshop Elements.
5. Explore the use of color through learning color theory.

Music Writing Software

Instructor Mr. Chris Heater

E-mail cheater@bfccps.org

Texts:

-Students will use the program Finale Songwriter, which will be provided.

Description:

-Students will learn to input music into the computer in order to print professional-looking sheets of music, which can be used for classroom assignments or personal projects.

Goals:

-Students will learn the basics of computer music notation.

-Students will use a MIDI connection to input music.

-Students will learn to manipulate music files to alter playback in order to create mp3 files.

Geometry

Instructor Ms. Sharistanian

E-mail bsharistanian@bfccps.org

Text: Holt Geometry 2007

Description: This is a High School Geometry class.

Pre-Requisites for this class are: Students must be enrolled in the Algebra 1 class AND have completed the Geometry class during the summer or earned an 80% or higher on a cumulative test covering chapters 1-4 in the text.

Goals:

- To complete the Holt Geometry Text
- To cover all of the standards for Geometry as outlined in the Massachusetts Frameworks/Common Core Curriculum
- To prepare students to enter high school to take Algebra 2

Requirements: Students should come prepared to class. This includes a graph paper notebook, pencils, and completed assignments.

Cartooning

Instructor	Mr. Bret M. Herholz	E-mail	herbertzohl@gmail.com
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Text:

No required texts

Description:

This art block will focus on everything to do with cartooning, comic art and the basics for traditional drawn animation, as well as helping to build the students writing skills.

Goals:

Students will learn the fundamentals of creating their own original characters.

Students will learn the value of fleshing out and scripting out their own comic book and comic strip stories.

Students will learn the basics for creating traditional drawn animation while utilizing many of the current computer technology (i.e Flash and Photoshop) as well as the history of traditional animation.

Students will learn how to take their comic book pages and comic strips and use the computer technology available to make them ready for print.



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Beginning Guitar Workshop

Instructor Mr. Patrick Dreier

E-mail pdreier@doubledstudio.com

Text:

Beginning Guitar Workshop

Description:

Learn how to play the guitar

Goals:

Familiarity with the guitar as an instrument

Since everyone learns music differently, I work individually with students at their own pace.

Guitars will be provided.

Jazz Ensemble

Instructor Mr. Chris Heater

E-mail cheater@bfccps.org

Texts (Provided):

- Standard of Excellence Jazz Ensemble Method by Dean Sorenson and Bruce Pearson
- Various performance selections

Description:

-Students will study the playing techniques, history, and various styles of jazz music. This is a performance based course open to students who have at least two years of experience playing on one of the following instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, Guitar, Bass, Piano, or Percussion.

Goals:

- Students will demonstrate, through performance, a variety of jazz techniques.
- Students will combine their individual parts to create a sense of ensemble playing.
- Students will perform one or two jazz selections in the winter band concert.

BFCCPS Musical: Behind the Scenes

Instructor	Ms. Wolfe	E-mail	awolfe@bfccps.org
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Text:

No required texts

Description: In this class the students will work together to design and construct set pieces and props for the schools musical, *Honk*. They will also learn about character creation through costuming and makeup. Students will have the chance to explore a variety of tools and materials using 2-D and 3-D design elements.

Goals:

1. Students will read and discuss the musical script.
2. Students will learn about set design, props, and character creation.
3. Students will gain perspective on the variety of jobs/roles that contribute to behind the scenes of a theater production.

Toy Company

Instructor	Mr. Artur Duque	E-mail	aduque@bfccps.org
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20th Century History

Instructor	Mr. Callahan	Email	ecallahan@bfccps.org
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Text:

No required texts

Description: This enrichment block will study the twentieth century. The focus will be on the role of the United States in what could be called the busiest century in the history of man. We will look at each decade and the changes that occurred, beginning with the very first airplane flight and going forward to the 1990's. The world wars along with all of the inventions that have drastically changed the lives of all of us will also be examined.

Goals: Students will have an understanding of how the world we live in was shaped by world events and events within the United States.

Requirements: Students will need to attend class and complete assigned work associated with the class.

Photoshop Skills (Beginner)

Instructor	Mr. Kim Ng	E-mail	kng@bfccps.org
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Text:

No required texts

Description:

This course teaches beginners the essential concepts and knowledge of Photoshop techniques. Students will learn various tools and the layer concept using Adobe Photoshop Elements (v.3) for editing and manipulating digital images. The course is suitable for Grade 6 - 8 students without having prior knowledge of how to handle digital photos.

Goals:

1. To learn the basic Photoshop skills to modify and enhance the quality of digital images.
2. To practice all the learned skills through the class exercises and to utilize them in the final project.

Geometry

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Art Explorers Around the World

Instructor Mrs. Dionne Katinas

E-mail dionnekatinas@comcast.net

Text:

No required texts

Description:

Explore the traditions and designs found in the art and artifacts from other cultures around the world. Understand some aspects of different cultures while creating your art. In this class students will have the opportunity to explore a variety of media. They will receive a base foundation in visual arts through instruction in drawing, painting techniques, and three-dimensional art.

Goals:

1. Gain a foundation of design principles and techniques.
2. Create 2-D and 3-D assignments
3. Discussing artists and their work
4. Express self through art

Creative Writing

Instructor	Mr. Jake Lewis
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E-mail	jlewis@bfccps.org
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Text:

No required texts

Description:

Have a story somewhere in the back of your mind that you want to get written? Don't even have an idea? Whether you got an idea or not, this course will foster your imagination and get you to pen one short story.

Goals:

Learn how to come up with ideas for stories

Add great details to your stories to make them come alive

Get to the point in your stories without too much wandering

Drawn Animation

Instructor	Bret M. Herholz
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E-mail	herbertzohl@gmail.com
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Text:

No required texts

Description:

This art block will be dedicated to the students learning how to create traditional drawn animation.

Goals:

Students will learn a little bit of the history of animation and learn what it takes to create their own short animations to share with friends or post on the web and how to use new technology such as Photoshop and Flash to bring those animations to life.



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Fitness Workout

Instructor	Coach Diane Simpson/ Coach Margie Burke	E-mail	dsimpson@bfccps.org mburke@bfccps.org
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Text:
No required texts

Description: High energy fitness class will include music and several different pieces of fitness equipment. Students will participate and learn several different activities that promote lifetime fitness and recreation.

Goals: Students will enjoy activity while improving on their own personal fitness level.

Intermediate Guitar Workshop

Instructor	Mr. Patrick Dreier	E-mail	pdreier@doubledstudio.com
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Text:
Intermediate Guitar Workshop

Description:
Learn how to play the guitar better

Goals:
Increased familiarity and skills with the guitar as an instrument
Since everyone learns music differently, I work individually with students at their own pace.

Guitars will be provided.

20th Century History

Instructor	Mr. Callahan	Email	ecallahan@bfccps.org
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Requirements: Students will need to attend class and complete assigned work associated with the class.

Photoshop Skills (Intermediate)

Instructor	Mr. Kim Ng	E-mail	kng@bfccps.org
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Text:

No required texts

Description:

This course is for Grade 6-8 students who had taken the Photoshop Skills (Beginner) and want to practice the learned skills in various class projects. The projects will start from simple to complex. Students will be using their creativities to manipulate their own digital photos by Photoshop Elements in creating unique compositions. Students will present their works in the class.

Goals:

1. To refresh the Photoshop skills in modifying the quality of digital photos.
2. To practice and utilize all the skills in class projects.

Design Challenge

Instructor	Mrs. Katinas Ms. Wolfe	E-mail	dionne@katinas@comcast.net awolfe@bfccps.org
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Text:

No required texts

This class we will design our own downtown center. The students will be challenged to design and create their own business prototypes (models) such as a food or candy shop, a sporting or music company, or a clothing boutique. They will establish a business concept two-dimensionally (2D) and take the process through to a three-dimensional store. They will be using mixed media materials.

Goals:

1. To gain a foundation of design principles which apply to real world challenges
2. To create and understand 2-D to 3-D art concepts
3. To discuss trends and why items sell

Color Guard (Flag Line)

Instructor	Mr. Chris Heater	E-mail	cheater@bfccps.org
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Text:

No required texts

Materials:

-Students will be provided a flag and flag pole with which to practice at home. Students must bring his/her flag to school for class and must wear sneakers or other closed-toe comfortable shoe.

Description:

-Students will learn the basic techniques of performing flag work to music, as well as the basics of marching and maneuvering.

Goals:

- Students will learn flag techniques such as spins, tosses, and one-handed manipulation.
- Students will perform basic and intermediate flag routines while moving.
- Students will design their own routines to a short selection of music.

A Historical Exploration of Film Genres

Instructor	Bret M. Herholz	E-mail	herbertzohl@gmail.com
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Text:

No required texts

Description:

This class will study various films and film genres from the 1930s up through the 90s. Students will be expected to take extensive notes and write concise 500 word essays when assigned explaining (in more than just "I liked it" or "I hated it" terms) their impressions of the films shown, the subjects discussed and any other assignment given by the instructor.

Creative Writing

Instructor	Jake Lewis	E-mail	jlewis@bfccps.org
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Forensic Science

Instructor Mrs. Kelsey Kolic

E-mail kkolic@bfccps.org

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Greek Exiles

Instructor Mrs. Marjorie Ward

E-mail mward@bfccps.org

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Goals:

Greek culture

Speech writing

Public speaking

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Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT

Student's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Grade _____ Is Student on an IEP? YES _____ NO _____

Please use one registration form per Student: Check off your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Choices for each Trimester

Trimester 1

1- Beginning Piano Keyboard

1st 2nd 3rd

2-Forensic Science

1st 2nd 3rd

3-Toy Company

1st 2nd 3rd

4-Greek Exiles

1st 2nd 3rd

5-Maskmaking

1st 2nd 3rd

6-Graphic Design

1st 2nd 3rd

7-Music Writing Software

1st 2nd 3rd

8-Geometry

1st 2nd 3rd

9-Cartooning

1st 2nd 3rd

Trimester 2

1-Beginning Guitar

1st 2nd 3rd

2-Jazz Ensemble

1st 2nd 3rd

3-Musical: Behind the Scenes

1st 2nd 3rd

4-Beginning Photoshop

1st 2nd 3rd

5- Toy Company

1st 2nd 3rd

6- Geometry

1st 2nd 3rd

7-Animation

1st 2nd 3rd

8-Art Explorers

1st 2nd 3rd

9-Creative Writing

1st 2nd 3rd

10-20th Century History

1st 2nd 3rd

Trimester 3

1-Fitness Workout

1st 2nd 3rd

2-Intermediate Guitar

1st 2nd 3rd

3-20th Century History

1st 2nd 3rd

4-Intermediate Photoshop

1st 2nd 3rd

5-Design Challenge

1st 2nd 3rd

6-Color Guard

1st 2nd 3rd

7-Historical Exploration Of Film

1st 2nd 3rd

8-Creative Writing

1st 2nd 3rd

9-Forensic Science

1st 2nd 3rd

10-Greek Exiles

1st 2nd 3rd