



Fall 2020 Flipside Class Descriptions

Centralized Classes

Achievers: Exploring Future Plans

Instructor: Darius Lyles

Community Partner: YMCA

Class Description: Join us for an interactive class exploring your future plans and what it means to be an Achiever! We will explore different professions, chat with current college students, and prepare a resume!

Art

Instructor: Ms. G and Ms. Petra

Class Description: We will paint and sketch with professional artists around St. Paul. Students will receive art supplies and be able to keep and/or exhibit whatever they create.

Astrid And Apollo Virtual Book Club

Instructor: V. T. Bidania and Ms. Carroll

Community Partner: Saint Paul Public Library

Class Description: Join this fun virtual book club to read the new ASTRID AND APOLLO series! The books take place right here in St. Paul and star Hmong American twins Astrid and Apollo Lee. Read about the twins' adventures as they go camping, fishing, and attend the Hmong soccer festival and the Hmong New Year celebration. Read the books together, participate in discussions, practice your creative writing, and meet the author (a Saint Paul Public Schools alumna)! Students will receive their very own set of books, writing supplies, an Astrid and Apollo tote bag, and more!

Basic Job Prep

Instructor: Kelley Murray

Class Description: This is a basic course that will teach skills for finding your first job, from requesting a job application to closing out the interview. The course will emphasize how to fill out an application and start a practice resume as well as what to wear to a job interview and how to answer questions while in the interview. The information up to this point will include an opportunity to participate in a question/answer meet and greet with a hiring manager and expectations of a job applicant. Preference will be given to 8th graders.

Board Game Club

Instructor: Austin Kennedy

Class Description: Learn new games, develop strategy, and have fun playing a variety of games with peers!

Breaking the Ice

Instructor: Sean Stewart

Class Description: Meet the author or the book "Breaking the Ice", Sean Stewart, and the inspiration behind the story, Johnny Allen! This story will likely resonate with you. Mr. Stewart will help young people develop their own stories through poetry writing.

Computer Coding

Instructor: Jamerson Fields

Community Partner: Freedom School Express

Class Description: Learn fundamentals of coding based on all programming languages through activities and apps. We work with various experience levels and scholars advance at their own pace.

Dakota Language Club

Instructor: Lisa Yankton

Community Partner: American Indian Family Center and Interfaith Action

Class Description: This class will focus on learning Dakota language, culture, and ways of life.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Instructor: Rick Wilder

Class Description: Join in and live the legends! Build a unique adventurer and breathe life into a story where the only limits are the roll of dice and your imagination! Become a mighty barbarian, a cunning rogue, or a mysterious sorcerer to work with your fellow party members to overcome mazes, traps, and monstrous foes. Will you fall to the challenges head or will your tale be sung by the bards of ages yet to come? The only way to find out is to play. Students will receive their very own set of dice, a dice rolling mat, and other gaming materials to play.

Film Appreciation

Instructor: Austin Kennedy

Class Description: Students will learn the origins of movies starting with early silent films, to how they evolved to talkies, and then color. We will explore films of every genre and era, studying iconic filmmakers. We will watch films while discussing their meaning and importance, teaching students to watch movies with a more critical eye. We will be showing films ranging from G to PG13 (no R ratings). Some films have been shown in the past are: The Gold Rush, Singin' in the Rain, In The Heat of the Night, Some Like it Hot, Tootsie, Kramer Vs. Kramer, Green Book, A Quiet Place, Crooklyn. Students will also be assigned a filmmaker to research and present a critique of a favorite film.

Fitness Class

Instructor: Chris Haider

Class Description: It is time to get UP and MOVE! Working with a fitness trainer, we will do a variety of workouts and develop nutritional plans. We will develop our goals for having a healthy lifestyle!

Folding Campfire Chair

Instructor: Liam DelMain

Community Partner: Urban Boat Builders

Class Description: Using hand tools and a variety of materials, build and decorate your very own folding Campfire Chair! An instructor from Urban Boatbuilders will guide you through the construction of this compact and portable chair, introducing you to woodworking, construction, tool use, and design. Once you have built your Campfire Chair, use provided paints and finishes to customize it using design principals that you have learned. Whether or you take it out to sit by a campfire or carry it around the house so you always have a seat, the folding Campfire Chair can go with you anywhere and always impresses!

Horror Story Writing 101

Instructor: Don Allen

Class Description: Often considered low-brow entertainment, the horror film has been a staple of film history before Nosferatu stalked the screen during the silent movie era. Horror Literature and Film not only makes the case for the horror genre as serious art, but it also addresses adaptations of classic 19th Century Gothic fiction, such as Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, and Edgar Allan Poe's short stories. The course will also feature contemporary horror, such as Stephen King's best-selling novels and the TV adaptations of several popular comic books and film. Not only will this course cover techniques and styles of horror literature and film, it will also illustrate how the genre has served as a platform to address more serious issues, such as race, gender, class, social unrest, religion, and science.

Inspirational Songs for Social Justice

Instructor: Annette Lee

Community Partner: Freedom School Express

Class Description: Music is a very powerful means of expression. We will explore and sing the songs written by diverse musicians and others who showed their commitment to respecting human rights, equity, freedom, and justice for all.

Metal Jewelry Making

Instructor: Sam Hirte-Runtsch

Class Description: We will learn to make metal chainmail jewelry, weaving individual rings into bracelets or necklaces.

NASA

Instructor: Mr. Good

Community Partner: NASA @ US Department of Education

Class Description: Through a unique partnership with NASA you will choose from 6 different real space challenges that astronauts face and work as a team to solve the challenge.

Ojibwemowin! (Ojibwe Language Club)

Instructor: Cyndi Bergloff

Class Description: This class will focus on learning Ojibwe (Anishinaabe) language, culture and lifeways! Much of the program will be using materials that are used in Ojibwe Quiz Bowls, so students interested in competing should attend. There will be approximately 10-15 minutes of Ojibwemowin immersion each week with related lessons to the season, current events or what students are doing in schools

Outdoor Survival

Instructor: Alexander Aman

Class Description: We left the house, with our backpack to start a normal school day. As we stepped outside the front door, it locked behind us. Oh No! We realized we forgot our cell phone, money, and keys inside. The school bus never showed up, and our parents are already gone for work. Worst of all, our neighbors won't answer the door because of Covid. It's on us to find food, water & shelter. Together we will learn some basic survival skills in both urban and rural settings with Mr. A.

Phenomenal Young Men's Club

Instructor: Gregory Fairrow

Community Partner: Freedom School Express

Class Description: What is in your future? Do you have a dream and plan to reach your goals? Guys Let us Keep It Real!

Pursuing Pollinators with Urban Roots

Instructor: May Vang

Community Partners: Urban Roots & Local Crate

Class Description: Students will explore pollinators and pollination through cooking, conservation, and gardening. Virtually explore a beehive and get all the buzz about honeybees. Plant fresh food indoors and learn about why pollinators are important for the food you eat. You will also get a chance to cook vegetarian meals for your family. Meals kits will be delivered directly to students during the course of the 7 weeks.

The Art of Photography

Instructor: Tomas Leal

Community Partner: In Progress

Class Description: The Art of Photography with Tomas Leal Students will learn to take professional looking photographs using phones, ipads and other photo devices available from home. They will learn the language of lighting, composition and formal elements as they build a portfolio of photographs with writing.

The Art of Digital Storytelling

Instructor: Tiana LaPointe

Community Partner: In Progress

Class Description: Students will learn to create short video stories using phones, ipads and other video devices available from home. They will learn how to write a script, the language of film, and production techniques as they work to tell a short personal story. Teaching will begin online but may move to classroom interaction later in the school year.

Tunes & Tech (coding)

Instructor: Eileen King

Community Partner: MN Computers For Schools

Class Description: Coding isn't just for making apps and websites - it can also be used for making art and music! We'll learn about programming by creating a dance party, DJ mixer, musical art, and more, using a combination of video tutorials and Google Meet sharing time. No coding experience required.