

Fall 2022

Monday / Wednesday Period 7 Seminar Classes

Day	Title of Seminar	Seminar Description
M/W	<i>Outdoor Basketball / Knock Out</i>	Students will engage in vigorous activity and friendly competition playing basketball. We will play traditional basketball, Knockout, HORSE, and Around the World Tournaments. This is a great opportunity for students who want to decompress with some exercise and fun.
M/W	<i>Ceramics: Hand Building</i> <i>*Application Required</i>	This course will focus on ceramics handbuilding, casting and screen printing on ceramic slabs through several projects over the course of the semester. Students will learn slab building, coil building, slip casting and underglaze printmaking. <i>You must apply for this seminar; please see Ms. Christy in Room 4106 for details or check the application link on the school blog: dvd.davincischools.org</i>
M/W	<i>Walking Club</i>	Do you like physical activity and enjoy being outside? Join the walking club! Walking is a great low impact activity that helps reduce stress, prevents weight gain, increases energy and improves mental clarity and peace. We will explore the neighborhood, set goals and play games while we walk.
M/W	<i>Weightlifting</i>	Each day will begin with a short warm-up and stretch before moving to one of our three core lifts: squat, bench, or deadlifts. We will also rotate through additional auxiliary lifts (bicep curls, tri-cep extension, shoulder press, etc.) To finish class, we will do some minor conditioning and core workouts. Come work on your fitness!
M/W	<i>Math Support Study Hall</i> <i>(Statistics/Calculus OR Integrated Math 1)</i>	Do you need extra help with math? Do you want a space to work on your homework and get extra practice? Would you like FREE one-on-one tutoring for more difficult concepts? If so, sign up for Math Support! You will get to do all those things and more. Please only choose this option if you have *Ms. Rebecca* OR *Ms. Verran* as a teacher.
M/W	<i>Music Exploration</i>	Music is a beautiful aspect of humanity. We have created music throughout the entirety of human existence. Soundscapes have filled our environments in times of celebration and in times of mourning. Music is everywhere and fits everywhere. It helps us focus, learn new things, enjoy spaces and people. In this seminar you will listen to and explore music weaving in and out of various genres and artists. You will get in touch with various histories and cultures and in the process embrace and learn about the diversity of sound.

M/W	<i>Wiffle Ball and Tunes</i>	Baseball and softball fans! Get ready for your seasons with that wonderful thin yellow bat and the ball that curves. We will play in teams of three throughout the semester and figure out how to have playoffs towards the end. Music can accompany our games. It'll be good times with tunes, laughter, and home runs!
M/W	<i>Sewing / Upcycling Clothing</i>	Students will learn basic sewing skills as well as have an opportunity to upcycle and tailor their clothing. This seminar will be a fun way to learn a valuable skill and to update your wardrobe.
M/W	<i>Chicano Studies Through Film</i>	The class focuses on Chicano studies with an emphasis on the arts. We would look at the Latino experience in the United States through the gaze of painting, film, comics, music, literature and various other avenues.
M/W	<i>Get up and dance! (Dance Studio - in Blackbox)</i>	Come finish your day learning new moves while doing a fun cardio routine! We will follow videos with a trainer that combines easy-to-follow dance moves with a short session of High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT). Fitness clothing optional.
M/W	Studio Orchestra <i>*Students must have one year or more of experience playing a wind or string orchestra instrument.</i>	Attention musicians! <u>If you have at least 1 year experience playing a Wind or String Orchestra instrument</u> , please join us in the 1st floor Music Room for our DV Studio Orchestra Seminar. This full-year class performs a diverse repertoire of classic and popular music for several concerts, events, and multimedia productions each semester. <i>Contact Toby at tharwell@davincischools.org with any further questions.</i>
M/W	<i>Character Design for Story</i>	Character Design will focus on designing characters, drawing challenges, building and improving designs for stories, etc. The class will be less about learning to draw from scratch, and more about how to harness the skills you already possess to become excellent designers! Students will take this class in the digital art studio and use both digital art and hand drawing.

Spring 2022
Tuesday / Thursday Period 8 Seminar Classes

Day	Title of Seminar	Seminar Description
<i>T/TH</i>	<i>Futsal (Gym)</i>	Students will learn the rules, fundamentals of the game, and some basic strategies for futsal (aka: indoor football). Then, they'll get a chance to play and compete in teams in a fun environment.
<i>T/TH</i>	<i>Art 21: Makerspace</i>	Want to be an artist? Not sure what you're looking at when you're at museum? Then this seminar is for you! In this seminar we will be covering how to understand, interpret, and make art. There may be guest artists from in and around Los Angeles throughout the seminar, along with time to build you portfolio for college.
<i>T/TH</i>	<i>Walking Club</i>	Do you like physical activity and enjoy being outside? Join the walking club! Walking is a great low impact activity that helps reduce stress, prevents weight gain, increases energy and improves mental clarity and peace. We will explore the neighborhood, set goals and play games while we walk.
<i>T/TH</i>	<i>Comics and Zine Making</i>	Learn how to use words and pictures together to tell a story. We will be doing comics and cartooning exercises that will teach you how to make your own self published zine or comic. Comics hand techniques will be taught as well as how to use InDesign to compile work into book files for print.
<i>T/TH</i>	<i>Book Club</i>	Students have a chance to unwind at the end of the school day by bringing and reading a book. Students can bring whatever book they would like, as long as they bring something to read each day.
<i>T/TH</i>	<i>DVD Black Student Union</i>	EVERYONE IS WELCOME. BSU is a safe space for anyone curious about Black culture, Black history, and wants to learn to become a better advocate for the community. Expect to think critically about cultural films, analyze 2pac lyrics, learn about natural hair care, hear from guest speakers, and make friends. It's Black History Month all year here.
<i>T/TH</i>	<i>Weightlifting</i>	Each day will begin with a short warm-up and stretch before moving to one of our three core lifts: squat, bench, or deadlifts. We will also rotate through additional auxiliary lifts (bicep curls, tri-cep extension, shoulder press, etc.) To finish class, we will do some minor conditioning and core workouts. Come work on your fitness!
<i>T/TH</i>	<i>Improv Seminar</i>	Feeling stuck? Bored? Let's have fun and learn how to be silly and appropriately impulsive. Improvisation is a fun, life skill that can help in schools, careers, interviews and in all social settings. All are welcome!

T/TH	<p align="center">Math Support Study Hall <i>(Integrated Math 2 or 3)</i></p>	<p>Do you need extra help with math? Do you want a space to work on your homework and get extra practice? Would you like FREE one-on-one tutoring for more difficult concepts? If so, sign up for Math Support! You will get to do all those things and more. Please only choose this option if you have *Ms. Shinn* OR *Ms. Christy* as a teacher.</p>
T/TH	<p align="center">Horror Movie Analysis</p>	<p>In this seminar, students will watch classic films from the horror genre and will pick them apart to analyze directing styles, special effects, and themes incorporated. Students will be learn how to write film reviews and film analysis reviews as part of their participation in this seminar. No background in analyzing movies is needed, however, this seminar will require parent approval.</p>
T/TH	<p align="center">Music Exploration</p>	<p>Music is a beautiful aspect of humanity. We have created music throughout the entirety of human existence. Soundscapes have filled our environments in times of celebration and in times of mourning. Music is everywhere and fits everywhere. It helps us focus, learn new things, enjoy spaces and people. In this seminar you will listen to and explore music weaving in and out of various genres and artists. You will get in touch with various histories and cultures and in the process embrace and learn about the diversity of sound.</p>
T/TH	<p align="center">Mystery & Detective Fiction</p>	<p>Students will don their detective caps as they watch “who done it” style films and TV shows as well as take a stab at solving some cases. Movie/TV show options include Knives Out, Death on the Orient Express, Sherlock, etc.</p>
T/TH	<p align="center">Yearbook <i>*Application Required</i></p>	<p>Imagine looking back years from now and reminiscing about your Da Vinci experience. Be in charge of shaping everyone's Da Vinci memories by being on the Yearbook staff. You should be a strong writer, full of creativity and overflowing with Da Vinci Spirit! <u>You must apply for this seminar</u>; please see Mr. White in Room 4205 for details, check the school blog, or check out one of the flyers posted around the school.</p>
T/TH	<p align="center">Photography Exploration</p> <p><i>*Students may bring and use their own DSLR cameras, or will use cameras provided by DVD.</i></p>	<p>Do you have an interest in taking photos? Would you like to improve your photography skills and knowledge? Then this course is for you! This course covers basic concepts and practice of digital photography, including understanding and use of the camera, lenses, and other basic photographic equipment. The course will address aesthetic principles as they relate to composition, space, exposure, light and color. Technological requirements of digital formats will be addressed, such as formats and resolution. Basic digital manipulations of images will be taught in preparation for creating a photo portfolio of images. You will have access to digital cameras provided by the school and you are also welcome to bring your own.</p>