



Parent Information

2009-2010

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PLEASE BRING: EVERY Thursday, your student should bring a backpack, lunch, PENCILS and required class materials.

COMMUNICATION: In order to save money on postage and copying, and for efficiency; homework, notices, upcoming events etc. will be e-mailed and also will be posted on our website (www.HomeEdOnline.com, click on "Homeschool Academy" to go to specific info). When needed, we will also hand out notices at each location. It is your responsibility to be sure that you are up-to-date on all information. Please check your e-mail or the website regularly for updates.

LUNCH: All students should bring a sack lunch (Please, because of the mess they make, NO pizza lunchables and no RED or PURPLE juice!) There is no access to a refrigerator or microwave. Please send everything that your child needs for their lunch – cup, bowl, spoon, fork, and drink. We CANNOT provide utensils, plates, straws etc. for your child, so please be sure that they have everything they need for their lunch. *****Because of the prevalence and potential severity of peanut allergies, and to protect our students who are at risk, we ask that students in grades K-5 NOT bring peanut butter in their lunches.*****

GRADES: Each semester, **students in grades 3-5** receive marks for both **Class Conduct** (behavior, respect for teacher and students, talking etc.) and for **Class Participation** (participating in class, turning in homework, etc.). Grades given for each are: E (Excellent), G (Good), S (Satisfactory), U (Unsatisfactory). **Students in grades 6-12** receive a letter grade for class work and homework.

LOST AND FOUND: Please be sure your child has all their belongings each week. Our lost and found pile becomes HUGE and we cannot keep items indefinitely.

SOUTH HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH generously allows us to use their facility for our classes. However, the Academy is NOT AFFILIATED with this church in any way. Their staff is not equipped to handle Academy inquiries. Unless you need to contact us on a Thursday, PLEASE direct all of your communication to Academy (academy@homeedonline.com; Tamara-224-3934; Jill-228-0943; Terri-851-7911)

SHADOWING: Since we only meet once a week, and since the number of requests for shadowing became overwhelming, we do not allow students to shadow at Academy at any grade level. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to visit with their children, but we cannot have children shadow Academy students in classes.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT in the Academy is not required on a day-to-day basis. However, we do welcome questions, observations, parent-teacher meetings etc. From time to time, we also need substitutes due to teacher absences. To help with this, we would like to offer a "substitute plan" in which we would keep a list of parents who would like to serve as a substitute in any of the classes. In return for your help, we would provide pre-school child-care (if needed) and a reduction in tuition for each day you substitute. We will also provide you with curriculum for the class you teach. Since we often don't know about teacher absences until the morning of classes, this does require flexibility. Please let us know if you are interested.

CLOSURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER will be posted on the 3 local news stations (look for "Little Rock Homeschool Academy") and on our website. Usually, we will follow the same schedule as the Pulaski County School District.

STUDENT GUIDELINES

The following rules have been established at the Academy in order to create and maintain an academically, morally and socially healthy atmosphere for your children, These guidelines are non-negotiable and will be enforced by both teachers and Academy directors.

DRESS CODE (applies to teachers as well as students)

Bottom of shirt and top of pants must overlap, even when bending over

Shirt straps must be at least 2 inches wide

No skintight pants or shirts

Shirt should show no cleavage

No offensive language/symbolism on t-shirts

No mini skirts (skirts should be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee)

Shorts must be of modest length

If in dispute, Academy directors maintain the right to have the final say about appropriate dress.

HOMEWORK POLICY

On occasion, the teachers will assign homework to your child. When possible, we will list assignments on the announcement board and on the web site. We do expect homework to be completed as assigned. The first instance of missed homework will result in the student being given a warning. The second missed homework assignment will result in parental notification. If a third assignment is missed, possible dismissal will be discussed.

BEHAVIOR

No foul or borderline language allowed.

No name-calling allowed.

No hitting or other physical aggression allowed.

Students are expected to show respect to teachers and other students.

No public display of affection between boys and girls.

Academy staff maintains the right to discipline for any other behavior seen as dangerous or inappropriate.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

The first time a child is disciplined, the teacher will talk to the child. The second infraction will result in the teacher bringing the child to the appropriate director. The third time will result in a director - parent - child conference. In extreme situations the parent may be called in the first time.

ALSO . . .

Please notify Academy Directors *in writing* if your child will be leaving Academy with another adult.

We do not allow: CD players, IPODS (even during study hall or recess) electronic games, roller blades or shoes, skateboards, scooters, weapons or potential weapons of any type (guns, knives, explosives etc.)

Students may not make or receive calls or text messages from their cell phones while they are in class.

We reserve the right to confiscate any of these items if it becomes necessary.

TUITION INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Change this year!! In order to simplify the payment schedule, we have moved from 9 monthly payments to 8. Your total amount is still the same, you will just begin payments in September, rather than August, so your monthly amount will be slightly higher. PAYMENTS (if you are paying monthly) are due on the first Thursday of each month, starting September 10th. NOTE: Payments are made monthly, even during months like December, when Academy only meets for one week. This is necessary for us to be able to break your payments into 8 increments, otherwise your monthly amount would be higher.

Tuition for the 2009-2010 school year:

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| • 1 student | \$61.88 (8 monthly payments) | \$495 (total) |
| • 2 Students | \$118.13 (8 monthly payments) | \$945 (total) |
| • 3 Students | \$168.75 (8 monthly payments) | \$1350 (total) |
| • 4 Students | \$216.00 (8 monthly payments) | \$1728 (total) |

Tuition Policy: Payments (checks, please, NO CASH) can be put in a box on the table in the Fellowship Hall entryway at South Highland. If payment is not received, we will have to assess a \$5.00 late fee per week. In consideration of our agreement to provide educational service(s) to your child(ren), you agree to the following:

- 1) Tuition will be paid by the 1st Thursday of each month, beginning in August and ending in April, unless prior arrangements are made.
- 2) Two weeks prior, written notice will be given in the event a student is going to drop from Academy. If no such notice is given, you will be responsible for any tuition payment incurred until notice has been given.
- 3) You agree to pay \$2.00 per month billing charge for each month that there is a balance on your account. This charge is intended to cover our cost for billing you each month.
- 4) In the event that you do not pay your account as agreed, you agree to be responsible for all costs of collecting your account so that Little Rock Homeschool Academy will receive 100% of the charges incurred, even if this account is turned over for collections. As a result, if this account is placed for collections, you will be responsible for the original tuition amount, plus court costs, services, fees and the fees charged to LRHA by the attorney to collect this amount. The collection fee is currently 40% of the tuition amount owed.
- 5) You agree that, in the event suit must be brought to collect on this account, the proper jurisdiction and venue for suit will be Pulaski County, Arkansas.
- 6) You agree that Little Rock Homeschool Academy or its agent may request information from credit reporting agencies for all purposes it deems necessary in order to collect your account.

SCHEDULE / DROP-OFF and PICK-UP INFO

DAILY SCHEDULE

Drop off:	8:45 am
Assembly:	9:00 am – 9:15 am
Classes start:	9:15 am (6 th -12 th grades) 9:20 (K-5 th grades)
Pick-up:	2:15 K-2 nd Students <i>who have no older siblings</i> 2:30-2:45 All other students

DROP-OFF and PICK-UP:

Parents can drop students off in the following areas:

- K-2nd grade students can be dropped off at lower glass doors (far side of parking lot)
- 3rd-8th grade students can be dropped off at double glass doors at upper level of parking lot.
- 9th-12th grade students can be dropped off or enter at door under overhang. High school students who are driving should park along the street on the church side ONLY

Unless special arrangements have been made PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF EARLY. In the mornings, we are busy setting up the classrooms and preparing for the day, so no one is available to supervise your child until 8:45 am.

Pick-Up is as follows:

- You will need to drive through the parking lot (stay in your car!) in order to pick up your children. Please enter the parking lot at the second driveway entrance and exit through the first driveway entrance. Upon entrance to the lot, you will be given a card. Quickly write your last name and the grades of your students on the card and hand it back. The cards will be taken inside and used to help get your children ready to come to the car.
- **For students in K-8th grades**, a teacher will call your student to come to your car once you approach the entrance. None of these students will be allowed to cross the parking lot.
- **K-2nd grade students** should be picked up at the lower glass doors. If you have no student older than 2nd grade, we ask that you **pick up at 2:15** in order to help traffic flow. If you have other students who are older than 2nd grade, we ask that you **begin pick up at 2:30**.
- For their protection, students in grades K-8 will NOT be able to leave the building until their ride (parent or assigned carpool) is in front of the carpool line. A student in one of these grades can ride home with a sibling ONLY with written permission from the parent and only if the sibling comes to pick them up at the door or in carpool line. **NO K-8th GRADE STUDENT IS ALLOWED TO LEAVE UNSUPERVISED – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **Students in grades 9-12** will be allowed to leave directly from class.
- If at all possible, please avoid coming to the doors to pick up your students. Also, this is a really bad time to try to talk to those of us who are helping with pick-up. We want to hear your concerns and **PROMISE** that we will talk to you once pick-up is over OR return phone calls or e-mails once we get home.

We want to honor the time of our teachers and allow them to go home on time AND there is a lot of clean-up that has to be done at the end of the day. Therefore, we ask that you honor the pick-up times. Except in case of emergencies, a late pick-up fee of \$1.00 for every 5 minutes late will be assessed.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE DRIVE-THRU AREA –
THIS BLOCKS OTHER CARS AND IMPEDES TRAFFIC FLOW.

NO SKATE BOARDING IN PARKING LOT DURING DROP-OFF OR PICK-UP OF STUDENTS!!!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

FALL SEMESTER

Aug 20	New Parent Meeting/Fees Due (5:45 pm)
Sept 10	First Day of Classes/Fall Semester
Sept 17	Regular Classes
Sept 24	Regular Classes
Oct 1	Regular Classes
Oct 8	Regular Classes
Oct 15	Regular Classes
Oct 22	Regular Classes
Oct 29	Regular Classes
Nov 5	Regular Classes
Nov 12	Regular Classes
Nov 19	Regular Classes
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 3	Last Day of Classes/Fall Semester/Craft Sale (High school choir performance 9:20-9:50am)

SPRING SEMESTER

Jan 7	First day of classes/Spring semester
Jan 14	Regular Classes
Jan 21	Regular Classes
Jan 28	Regular Classes
Feb 4	Regular Classes
Feb 11	Regular Classes
Feb 18	Regular Classes
Feb 25	Regular Classes
Mar 4	Regular Classes
Mar 11	Regular Classes
Mar 18	NATIONALS BREAK
Mar 25	SPRING BREAK
Apr 1	Regular Classes
Apr 8	Regular Classes
Apr 15	Regular Classes
Apr 22	Last Day of Classes/Craft Sale (High school choir performance 9:20-9:50am)
April 29	Academy Picnic (High school drama 1:30-2:30pm)

KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Teachers: Stephanie Caldwell & Kelita Skinner, Nancy Boykin & (TBD)

Parents,

We are so excited to have your child in our class! We have so many new friends to make, field trips to take, and fun things to learn about. Your child will work on an enrichment unit each week. Some of our units focus on: the four seasons, plants and flowers, community helpers, Thanksgiving, the solar system, and the five senses - just to name a few!

Any class notes, other communication, or finished work will come home in your child's folder. Please make sure to check this folder every week. It means a lot to the children when you make a big deal out of the hard work they have completed. It is also helpful to keep you up to date on approaching field trips, assemblies, etc.

We love to celebrate your child's birthday in class! If you wish to bring cupcakes or other treats, please try to let us know a week in advance. This helps us plan accordingly and you can better schedule your time if you would like to be there.

Every week we have Show and Tell. Help your child pick out something special to bring in and show everyone. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, the children get a kick out of seeing pictures of their friend's grandparents and pets!

Your child will bring home a list of class rules on the first day of class. Please review these rules with your child and sign the paper. Make sure the paper is returned the next week in your child's folder. We will go over the rules again in class the next week and want them to know each one by heart.

It is a privilege to work with your child. We look forward to getting to know each one. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. The easiest way to get a hold of us is by email.

Supply fee: \$30 (covers all classroom supplies, activities, field trips)

Sincerely,
Stephanie Caldwell, Kelita Skinner
Nancy Boykin,

COLOR SCHEDULE:

Week 1 - None
Week 2 - Blue
Week 3 - Orange
Week 4 - Pink/Purple
Week 5 - Red
Week 6 - Yellow
Week 7 - White
Week 8 - None
Week 9 - Black
Week 10 - Green
Week 11 - Brown
Week 12 - Any color

FIRST GRADE CLASS

Teachers: Holley White and Terra Mueller

Dear Parents of Academy First Graders:

We are thrilled to have the opportunity to share Thursdays with your child. In first grade we use a theme-based curriculum that will allow us to cover a variety of topics. We will be using an additional resource with our curriculum from Scholastic Books. They publish an excellent weekly magazine that coordinates with our topics.

Other Items

Allergies: Please let us know if your child is allergic to any food item. At times we will have snacks or treats for the children.

Show and Tell: We will have Show & Tell each Thursday. Show and Tell items must be kept in their backpacks until time for Show and Tell.

Scholastic Book Orders: Periodically we will send home a book order form. Make all checks payable to "Scholastic Books." All orders and checks should be given to your child's teacher. You are not obligated to order any books. This is just an offer that we make available to you.

Field Trips: First graders will take two field trips (one each semester). With all field trips, we need 5 to 6 volunteer drivers. All fieldtrips will be on Thursdays during class time.

Folders: Please check your child's folders weekly. This is our main way of communicating with each other. One side will be labeled "take home:" and the other side "send back" We will check your child's folder each Thursday morning.

Activity/Supply Fee: We are asking each child to pay a yearly fee of **\$30**. This will include all field trips, our end-of-year pizza party, your child's scholastic booklet and all classroom supplies. We have found this works easier for the parent and the teacher. It eliminates trying to remember to send money and making sure each student has paid.

Thank you for sharing your child with us! We look forward to a wonderful year. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

Supply and field trip fee: \$30

Thank you for sharing your child with us! We look forward to a wonderful year. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

Holley White 219-1027
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Terra Mueller
mueller.lr@sbcglobal.net

SECOND GRADE CLASS

Teachers: Jill Von Edwins and Krista Spoon

Dear Parents:

Jill and I are both very excited about second grade this year! We are both so thankful to the Lord to be given this opportunity.

This year in second grade we will be covering several different topics. We will “Discover” many things about Christopher Columbus, learn how the pioneers lived, and even feast like the pilgrims. We will do science experiments, learn about molecules, study planets, and learn about primary and secondary colors. We will also have music, art and sign language.

We will also be taking some field trips throughout the year. These, along with several holiday parties, will include parent participation.

Each child will be given a pocket folder. Pay close attention to this folder. This folder will go back and forth with your child and will contain homework and letters to the parents. It is very important that you check this folder weekly, otherwise you and your child might miss out on some very important information.

We look forward to having your child in our class this school year. Please pray for us as we teach your children.

Supplies: \$30 supply and field trip fee (covers all expenses including classroom supplies and all field trips)

Sincerely,
Krista Spoon
920-5250

Jill Von Edwins
228-0943

FORM
Field Trip Permission Slip
For Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Students

*(**Must be turned in by All K-2nd students)*

I, _____, give my permission for my
child(ren) _____ to ride to and
from designated field trips with a Little Rock Homeschool Academy
representative. I also understand it is my responsibility to provide a car seat
should one be needed for my child(ren). In the event of an emergency, I give my
permission for said representative to seek medical care for my child(ren).

Signed _____ this day _____

3rd-5th GRADE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & SUPPLIES

Art (Bethany Allison, Tamara Belcock):

This year, the 3rd-5th graders will be study a series called "Meet the Masters". The artist we will learn about include: Vincent VanGough, Mary Cassatt, Piet Mondrian, Pablo Picasso, Claude Monet, Winslow Homer and Leonardo Da Vinci. We will have a dual approach to our study this year, art history and art projects with many different mediums. We will have a test each semester, covering the artist's life and style.

(supplies: \$7 art fee, notebook or folder with loose leaf paper for taking notes, pen or pencil each week)

History (Michelle Younkman):

We will be taking a walk through the history of the world this year and studying geography as we go along.

(supplies: \$13 copy/periodical fee, notebook with notebook paper, 8 dividers, colored pencils, 8.5x11 size world map)

Science (Lanette Stewart): This year, the students will study Simple Machines

(supplies: \$5 supply fee to be paid at Parent Meeting, sharpened pencils, notebook paper, folder for papers/homework)

Sign Language (Pamela Taylor):

Students will learn ways to communicate with persons who are deaf, including the manual alphabet and American Sign Language. The class will learn to sign various songs throughout the year and learn signs to allow them to have conversations with deaf individuals. Discussions will also help students see what life is like for people who are deaf and how they cope with everyday situations.

(supplies: none needed)

Writing (Cathy Lee): *3rd-4th Grade:* 3rd-4th graders will study grammar, sentence structure and paragraph writing using the book Wordsmith Apprentice from Common Sense Press. "An easy to use writing course encouraging students to develop their writing skills as they participate in every role on a newspaper staff: editor, reporter, writer, etc. Children develop a love for writing as they express themselves through sentence and paragraph writing, persuasive writing, and much more." **5th Grade:** The fifth graders will be diving into the area of editing using the book, The Great Editing Adventure Series Book I, also from Common Sense Press. "Students learn and review grammar as they search for the errors in these exciting stories. Volume I contains three separate stories with a total of 90 lessons. Editing exercises teach and review grammar, writing mechanics, spelling, vocabulary, finding synonyms with a thesaurus, and dictionary use. Written by the creators of Learning Language Arts Through Literature."

(supplies: 3rd-4th grade - Wordsmith Apprentice; Common Sense Press, one newspaper to use throughout the year; 5th grade - Great Editing Adventure Series Book I; Common Sense Press; all-pen or sharpened pencil, notebook, access to dictionary and thesaurus)

LRHSA CLASS SCHEDULE (2009-2010)
GRADES 3 –5

Time	Class A (3rd)	Class B (3rd)	Class C (4th)	Class D	Class E (5th)
9:20 – 10:05	ART (Allison)	HISTORY (Younkman)	WRITING (Lee)	SCIENCE (Stewart)	SIGN LANGUAGE (Taylor)
10:10- 10:55	HISTORY (Younkman)	SIGN LANGUAGE (Taylor)	ART (Bellcock)	WRITING (Lee)	SCIENCE (Stewart)
11:00- 11:45	SIGN LANGUAGE (Taylor)	SCIENCE (Stewart)	HISTORY (Younkman)	ART (Allison)	WRITING (Lee)
11:50- 12:50	Recess/ Lunch	Recess/ Lunch	Recess/ Lunch	Recess/ Lunch	Recess/ Lunch
12:55- 1:35	SCIENCE (Stewart)	WRITING (Lee)	SIGN LANGUAGE (Taylor)	HISTORY (Younkman)	ART (Allison)
1:40- 2:20	WRITING (Lee)	ART (Allison)	SCIENCE (Stewart)	SIGN LANGUAGE (Taylor)	HISTORY (Younkman)

6th GRADE DESCRIPTIONS & SUPPLIES

Art (Lisa Thomas): Introduction to art, understanding basic art concepts and will be exposed to various art projects from different countries using a variety of art mediums. Plus seasonal projects will be sprinkled throughout the year.

(supplies: \$10 art fee to be paid at Parent Meeting; composition notebook, pocket folder, 4 sharpened pencils.)

History (Enid Valentine): This year we will focus on ancient Roman and Greek history and culture.

(supplies: folder with prongs and pockets; paper; pen or pencil)

Math (Debbie Hopper):

The class covers the math involved in shopping with sales, eating out & tipping, budgeting, and household bills, (electric, gas, phone, & credit cards).

(supplies: \$3 copy fee to be paid at Parent Meeting, pencil, paper, simple calculator, folder for work)

Science (Melody Castrellon):

Ecology with an emphasis on ecology in Arkansas and the local community. Students will learn about different types of ecosystems, bio-counting, and how ecosystems are affected by their members. Students will make journal notes from time to time. There will be occasional quizzes and a couple of projects during the year, as well as occasional homework.

*(supplies: \$5 supply fee; any notebook, pencil or pen, and a few colored pencils. *This class will meet outside several times during the school year, so appropriate dress for the weather is recommended.*)*

Writing (Debbie Hopper):

History based writing lessons in structure, style, vocabulary and grammar.

(supplies: \$5 copy fee to be paid at Parent Meeting, folder for work, pen, paper, highlighter)

7th GRADE DESCRIPTIONS & SUPPLIES

Art (Lisa Thomas): Students will be exposed to famous artists through different time periods from the Renaissance through Modern Art. Projects depicting the artist style or form will be completed. In addition, seasonal projects will be scattered throughout the year.

(supplies: \$10 art fee to be paid at Parent Meeting; composition notebook, pocket folder, 4 sharpened pencils.)

History (Enid Valentine): This year we will focus on ancient Rome and Greek history and culture. *(supplies: folder with prongs and pockets; paper; pen or pencil)*

Math (Tracy Cochran):

This class will be studying a mixture of pre-algebra. We will start with problems with fractions as a review and then build up to solving a variety of equations. If time permits towards the end of the school year, we will also work on some graphing problems.

(supplies: \$5 copy fee, pencils, notebook paper, pocket folder, NO PENS OR CALCULATORS)

Science (TBD):

We will be studying life science with an emphasis on classification of living organisms. The study will begin with the definition of life and the structure of the cell. We will then study of all the major groups of living organisms. Students are expected to take notes, show their work, and study their notes at home. There will be quizzes/tests from time to time, a couple of projects, and occasional homework during the school year.

(supplies: \$5 supply fee, any notebook, pencil or pen, a few colored pencils)

Writing (Debbie Hopper):

History based writing lessons in structure, style, vocabulary and grammar.

(supplies: \$5 copy fee to be paid at Parent Meeting, folder for work, pen, paper, highlighter)

8th GRADE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & SUPPLIES

Art (Lisa Thomas): 1st Semester will be filled with art projects from different continents with a core concentration on north and South America. 2nd Semester will follow a study of classic artists and their techniques. Additional seasonal projects will be inserted throughout the year. *(supplies: \$10 art fee to be paid at Parent Meeting; composition notebook, pocket folder, 4 sharpened pencils.)*

History (Janet Rogers): 1st Semester: World War II – from beginning of the War until D-Day; 2nd Semester: World War II – D-Day until the end of the War. *(supplies: \$5 copy fee to be paid at Parent Meeting; folder with pockets, pen and/or pencil, colored pencils, ruler, small glue, pencil sharpener, plastic bag to hold items)*

Oral Presentation (Josie Upson): Students will become familiar with the types of speech by presenting and becoming more comfortable in front of their classmates, giving them a jump-start for their required high school course. *(supplies: notebook (any type) with pockets, loose-leaf paper, pencil, props for various speeches)*

Science (Lyn Gladden): We will be studying astronomy and earth science. Earth science will be the main focus of the first semester. We will classify rocks and study earth forms. We will also begin to use a planisphere to identify constellations in the fall and winter evening sky. Astronomy will be the main focus of the second semester. We will learn more about the other planets in our solar system, and we will study deep space objects and astro-physic theories. There will be an opportunity to go to the Episphere in April. Students will be expected to take notes and complete homework. There will be occasional quizzes, a project, a report, occasional homework, and students will also need to practice star and planet identification as it is taught in class. *(supplies: \$7 supply fee for planisphere - to be ordered by Academy, any notebook and a pen or pencil)*

Writing (Nancy Wheeler/Tracy Cochran): This class will focus on creative writing all year. In the fall we will be writing tall tales, fables, folk tales, and poetry. In the spring we will be writing fractured fairy tales and talking about the elements of a good story. *(supplies: Bound composition book, notebook - 3 ring or spiral, 2 pocket folder)*

LITTLE ROCK HOMESCHOOL ACADEMY 6th-8th Schedule

Time	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade A	8th Grade B
9:15-10:05	Writing (Hopper) <i>Room 126-128</i>	Math (Cochran) <i>Rm 125</i>	Oral Presentation (Upson) <i>Rm 127-129</i>	Science (Gladden) <i>Upstairs Rm 202</i>
10:10-11:00	History (Valentine) <i>Choir Room</i>	Art (Thomas) <i>Rm 126-128</i>	Writing (Cochran) <i>Rm 125</i>	Oral Presentation (Upson) <i>Rm 127-129</i>
11:05-11:55	Math (Hopper) <i>Rm 127-129</i>	History (Valentine) <i>Choir Room</i>	Science (Gladden) <i>Upstairs Rm 202</i>	Art (Thomas) <i>Rm 126-128</i>
11:55-12:40	LUNCH/RECESS	LUNCH/RECESS	LUNCH/RECESS	LUNCH/RECESS
12:45-1:35	Art (Thomas) <i>Rm 126-128</i>	Writing (Hopper) <i>Rm 127-129</i>	History (Rogers) <i>Choir Room</i>	Writing (Wheeler) <i>Rm 125</i>
1:40-2:30	Science (Castrellon) <i>Rm 125</i>	Science (TBD) <i>Rm 127-129</i>	Art (Thomas) <i>Rm 126-128</i>	History (Rogers) <i>Choir Room</i>

FORM
K-8th Grade Class Fees

(Amount includes supply/copy/activity fee for all classes taken by these students. Needs to be filled out for all students in grades K-8 and turned in by Sept. 11, along with corresponding fees)

Student _____ Grade _____

_____ Kindergarten \$30

_____ 1st Grade \$30

_____ 2nd Grade \$30

_____ 3rd-5th Grades \$25

_____ 6th Grade \$23

_____ 7th Grade \$20

_____ 8th Grade \$22

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Accountability - Because our high school students will be coming and going throughout the day, it is **required** that they **sign in** upon arrival and **sign out** when they leave the campus. Students may enter through the middle door, come down the hallway, and sign their name in the notebook at the table in front of the library.

Responsibility - We hold the high school students responsible for knowing what is required in each class. If parents have questions, please inquire first of your student, then of the teacher or director. Assignments and notices will be posted on the website; always check there first to verify information. In regard to the science labs, it is the parents' responsibility to make sure the student is reading and answering questions as outlined by the syllabus.

Part Time Students - Because many of the students will not attend our 9:00 a.m. assembly time, we will send important announcements to all students via their parent's e-mail. Just a reminder - part time students are not allowed to stay on campus for the entire day.

Study Hall - A student is not allowed to take two consecutive hours of study hall, unless there are extenuating circumstances and it has been cleared with the Director. Lunch is not counted as a study hall. Any high school enrolled student may come for the lunch hour, regardless of their class schedule. Visitors may come **only** at lunchtime, must be approved by the High School Director, and must sign in and out.

Pizza - There will be no student ordering of delivered pizza this year. If you have a friend, teacher, or parent coming on campus and they want to bring you a fast food lunch, that's fine.

Off-campus lunch - 11th & 12th graders ONLY will have the privilege of going out for lunch once a month. Students are expected to sign out and return to classes **on time**. Tentative dates for off-campus lunch are: September 24, October 22, November 19, January 21, February 18, March –none due to breaks, April 15. No student will be allowed to participate unless they have a parent-signed form on file.

Parking - For safety reasons, students who drive should not park in the main parking lot. High school students should park their cars on the gravel lot or on the street that runs besides the building, with the exception of parking in front of the church office sidewalk. High school students are not allowed to sit in their cars during lunch or at any other time during the day. Students must use EXTREME CAUTION and slow speed when driving in the parking lot - younger students are going to and from recess! We cannot overemphasize the need for caution at all times when entering and leaving the parking lot!!!

End of the day - High school students may exit through either hallway and wait for their parents to pick them up, or proceed to their cars. High school students are to stay out of the fellowship hall where younger students are being summoned for pick-up.

Cell phones/text messaging - Students will be required to put phones on silent during class time. There will be no text messaging allowed in class. Phones that are taken out during class may be confiscated at the teachers' discretion.

Changes in elective choices - Students will be given two weeks to make changes in their schedule. Students will only be allowed to switch classes if there is room in the desired class.

Academic Participation - Any student who refuses to complete three assignments will be given a warning. Five missed assignments will signify that the student does not desire to be in the class; the student will be required to drop that elective. We understand there can be extenuating circumstances; the Director will consider cases on an individual basis.

Dropped classes - If a student drops a class after nine weeks, the student will be given an "F" for that class on their semester report card.

Credit for transcript - We issue grades each semester; we do not issue transcript credit. Parents are to determine, based on the work done both at Academy and home, how much credit should be assigned to each course.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

9th Grade Composition (*Tanya Smith*)- The 9th grade class will develop their writing skills as they respond to various prompts including literature, poetry, and current events. They will be challenged to respond to one another's work and to look closely at how they can improve their own written expression using examples of great writing and brief lessons in form and grammar.

10th Grade Composition (*Nancy Wheeler*) - The fall semester will consist of more traditional types of writing (descriptive, persuasive, etc). The spring semester will be creative writing, story writing, and writing to entertain.

11th Grade Composition (*Tanya Smith*) - The 11th grade class will spend the first semester in creative writing exercises including the practice of description, explanation analysis, narration, and journaling. The students will focus on writing a research paper in the 2nd semester and will complete a poetry unit.

12th Grade Composition (*Terri Oxner*) – The class will focus on developing the students' abilities to put their creative thoughts on paper. They will cover essays, writing and analyzing short stories, keeping a journal, mystery writing and various styles of poetry. They will be graded on content as well as grammar, usage, and mechanics of writing. Keeping their journal is a requirement, not optional, and will be a portion of the overall grade, but it is a minimal requirement --minimum three entries per week and a minimum five sentences per journal entry.

20th Century History (*Nancy Wheeler*) – This is an American history class, covering the decades between 1900 and 2000. The emphasis will be on American history, but we will also discuss how America was involved in world politics.

Advanced Biology (*Lyn Gladden*) - DUE TO TIME DEMANDS, THIS CLASS WILL COVER 2 CLASS PERIODS. This course is an in-depth anatomy and physiology course which thoroughly covers the workings of the human body. Because it is an upper-level course with college-level subject matter, regular biology is a definite prerequisite, and chemistry is a recommended pre-requisite. This will be a great course for any senior (or strongly science-minded junior) who is considering a career in the medical / science field. In class, students will have the opportunity to use microscopes to look at slides of various body tissues; practice bone identification with a small, plastic skeleton; and dissect a cow eye, a sheep heart, and a fetal pig. We will also discuss the material covered in each chapter of the textbook. There will be tests every few weeks, plus a final each semester.

American Government/Civics (*Debbie Sadler*) - We will cover government, civics, and economics principles in this course. The first semester will primarily be studying the foundations of American government and the Constitution. Students will need access to the Internet. The second semester will primarily be focused on local government and civic responsibilities, as well as basic economics. Students should sign up for both semesters to count this as either a civics course or an American government course, since there is some overlap in subjects.

American Literature (*Debbie Hopper*) – Introduces students to works by America's prominent writers from several different periods. We will read approximately 15 American classics throughout the year. Students will be responsible for own books. Books to be read are: *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*, *The Scarlett Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne, *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau, *Billy Budd* by Herman Melville, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain, *Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane, *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton, *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Nora Neale Hurston, *The Unvanquished* by William Faulkner, *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck.

Art (*Rebekah Holloway*) –Many different mediums will be taught to help encourage the use of the student's creativity, with the students choosing their own medium the second semester. No talent required!

Biology (*Enid Valentine*) – This is Apologia's biology course, Exploring Creation with Biology. Students will learn about life science topics like cell structure, genetics, ecosystems, the five kingdoms, creation and evolution, and more.

Chemistry (*Cary Hiatt*) – This is Apologia's chemistry course, Exploring Creation with Chemistry. Students will learn about topics like atoms and molecules, chemical equations, solutions, kinetics, energy & heat, and more.

Choir (*Nancy Wheeler*) – This class is performance based. Basic music theory will be covered within the context of the music that we will be performing. There will be a concert in December (Dec 3; 9:20am-9:50am) and in April (April 15; 9:20am-9:50am).

College Test Preparation (*Rebekah Holloway*) - Get prepared to take your college entrance exams. Recommended for juniors. Focus on preparing to take the ACT, with test taking hints, practice test and developing critical thinking skills.

French 1 (*Tanya Smith*) - French I is an introduction to the French language and culture. Students will be introduced to new vocabulary and grammar each week and will practice both written and spoken expression. Class time will include practice of pronunciation by repetition and by participating in conversations.

Concepts of Algebra (*Tracy Cochran*) – This class will consist of working with the basic algebraic equations to the more in-depth equations. It will start out with Algebra I type problems and work up to Algebra II.

Latin I (*Linda Allison*) – This course is based upon Wheelock's Latin, *Latin Made Simple, So You Really Want to Learn Latin?*, and Canon Press's *Latin Grammar* and meets the requirements for a first year Latin course: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd noun and adjective declensions; all 5 verb conjugations in the present, imperfect, future, perfect, pluperfect, and future perfect tenses; imperatives of verbs; comparison of adjectives; formation of adverbs; English derivatives; translations; weekly quizzes; and semester finals.)

Latin 2 (*Linda Allison*) - This course is based upon Wheelock's Latin, *Latin Made Simple, So You Really Want to Learn Latin?* and Canon Press's *Latin Grammar* and meets the requirements for a second year Latin course: 4th and 5th declension nouns; pronouns: personal, intensive, reflexive, and relative; locative case; expressions of time and direction; passive voice in all the tenses; deponent verbs; semi-deponent verbs; participles; ablative absolutes; all tenses of infinitives; indirect statements; subjunctive mood; jussive subjunctive; irregular verbs; causal clauses; English derivatives; translations; weekly quizzes; and semester finals.

Personal Finance (*Rebekah Holloway*) –Using Dave Ramsey's *Personal Finance Curriculum* for teenagers, students will learn about income and expenses as well as assets and liabilities. They will learn how to budget for short and long term expenses.

Photography (*Kim Magnus*) – Teaches basic photography techniques. Students will work throughout the year to build a portfolio and compete for cash prizes at the end of the year.

Physical Science (*Lyn Gladden*) —This is a science dealing with non-living matter. We will cover subjects such as motion, chemistry, earth science, and astronomy. Using the textbook *Exploring Creation with Physical Science* by Dr. Jay L. Wile, we will cover the experiments from each chapter and briefly discuss the topics covered in the chapter. Students will read one chapter each week at home and come to class ready to do the experiments for that chapter. There will be a test every third week covering the experiments and some of the subject matter from the previous two chapters.

Spanish I & II (*Melody Castellon*) - A conversational approach will be taken in teaching the students, with a goal of having the students understand and speak with a vocabulary used in everyday Spanish. An English/Spanish dictionary is required.

Speech (*Terri Oxner*) – The goal of this class is to teach students the basic skills needed for making public speeches, and to help them overcome fear of public speaking. Note: Participation in speeches is NOT optional in this class and is a major part of the grade.

Theatre (*Nancy Wheeler*) - Whether it's acting, costuming, lighting, sets or sound. All aspects of theatre will be taught in class with a final performance at the end of the year (April 22; 1:30pm-2:30pm).

World Religions (*Debbie Sadler*) –We will be studying the history, foundation, and basic tenets of the major world religions (Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Eastern religions and tribal religions). The first semester we will discuss the religion of Islam more in-depth than some of the other religions so that students may have a better understanding of this religion that so greatly affects the world in which we live today.

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

9th Grade Writing – One-subject notebook with perforated edges, notebook or journal (student’s choice) to be used solely for journaling, one folder, two pens of different colors (green, purple...), in addition to black ink pens and pencils. A copy of “**A Writer’s Reference**”, **5th edition with 2003 MLA update** by Diana Hacker - to be purchased by student.

10th Grade Writing – \$3.00 copy fee; bound composition book; notebook (3-ring or spiral); 2 pocket folder

11th Grade Writing – One-subject notebook with perforated edges, notebook or journal (student’s choice) to be used solely for journaling, one folder. Two pens of different colors (green, purple ...), in addition to black ink pens and pencils. A copy of “**A Writer’s Reference**”, **5th edition with 2003 MLA update** by Diana Hacker - to be purchased by student.

12th Grade Writing – Paper and pencil/pen, a spiral notebook for journaling only, a dictionary. Not required, but recommended: **The Writer’s Toolbox: A Writing and Grammar Handbook, by Bob Jones Univ. Press.**

20th Century History - \$15 copy /supply fee; 3-ring notebook; 2-pocket folder

Advanced Biology – \$35.00 lab fee, *The Human Body, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!* by Dr. Jay L. Wile and Marilyn M. Shannon, M.A. (absolutely required for class), the Solutions Manual to this text (highly recommended), any notebook, pen or pencil. Additionally recommended, but not required: *The Anatomy Coloring Book* by Wynn Kapit and Lawrence M. Elson. This is a good tool, which is used by many college-level anatomy classes, and it is highly recommended by the author of the book.

American Government/Civics: thisnation.com - an on-line textbook which is free of charge. To be purchased by second semester: *Whatever Happened to Penny Candy* and *The Money Mystery: the Hidden Force Affecting Your Career, Business, and Investments*. Both of these books are part of the "Uncle Eric" by Richard Maybury; Blue Stocking Press and are paperbacks, which can be purchased for around \$10.00 or less

American Literature- \$3.00 copy fee; *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*, *The Scarlett Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne, *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau, *Billy Budd* by Herman Melville, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain, *Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane, *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton, *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Nora Neale Hurston, *The Unvanquished* by William Faulkner, *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck.)

Art – Students will use various mediums first semester, which will be covered by paying a \$15.00 art fee.

Biology – \$25.00 lab fee; spiral notebook that has both paper & pockets, pencils. Please purchase the Apologia text by Dr. Jay Wile (*Exploring Creation with Biology* – 2nd edition).

Chemistry – \$25.00 lab fee ; a ½- to 1-inch, 3-ring binder to be used as a lab notebook, pens (blue or black and red), lined paper or graph paper, & calculator. Students must bring to class by **October 6th**: a white, cotton t-shirt, washed and dried without fabric softener (please write student’s name on label), a large coffee can (cleaned, with lid), and a 2-L soda pop bottle (cleaned). Parents are responsible for purchasing 1st or 2nd edition of *Exploring Creation with Chemistry* by Dr. Jay Wile (Apologia Publishers).

Choir – \$20.00 sheet music fee; black 3-ring notebook; pencil - NO pens please!

College Test Preparation – \$20 for ACT book and copy fee; section in notebook, or a folder for taking notes, paper, and pens.

Concepts of Algebra–\$7 copy fee, paper, pencil, folder to hold papers, NO calculators or pens

High school supply list (cont.)

French – *Allez, viens!* copyright 2000 by Holt, Rinehart and Winston (I found several cheap copies at Amazon.com). Also, *Allez, viens! Grammar and Vocabulary workbook Level 1*- Please buy NEW!

Latin 1 and Latin 2 – \$15 manual fee; 2 inch 3-ring binder with a front plastic sleeve, optional Latin/English dictionary - text will have Latin to English glossary in the back.

Personal Finance – \$20 book fee, pen/pencil, single subject spiral notebook, calculator

Photography – \$15.00 fee, plus some additional developing costs throughout the year; a 1”, 3-ring binder with dividers, pens/pencils, a camera (preferably digital). *Camera and developing cost not included in fee.*

Physical Science – \$25.00 lab fee ; notebook or section of notebook, pencil/pen. *Exploring Creation with Physical Science* by Dr. Jay Wile (Apologia Publishers) must be purchased by the individual.

Spanish I and Spanish II –\$10 copy fee; English/Spanish dictionary

Speech – Paper and pencil/pen, plus note cards for each speech given (the larger size works better for speeches).

20th Century History- A 3-ring notebook; 2-pocket folder

Theatre – \$30.00 performance materials fee, 3-ring notebook, 2-pocket folder, pencil

World Religions - paper, pen, TEXT: *World Religions: the Great Faiths Explored and Explained* by John Bowker. This book can be purchased as a paperback for around \$10.00 and students should have a copy by the first day of class.

2009-2010 High School Schedule

	Downstairs Rm 114	Downstairs Rm 116	Downstairs Library	Downstairs Sanctuary	Upstairs Rm 202	Upstairs Rm 203	Upstairs Rm 206	Kitchen Hallway
First Block 9:15-10:05	Latin 1	College Test Prep	Spanish 1	Choir	8th Grade Science	World Religions	French	Study Hall
Second Block 10:10-11:00	Latin 2	Personal Finance	Spanish 2	Speech	Physical Science	20th Century History		Study Hall
Third Block 11:05-11:55	Art		11th Grade Composition	Civics/ Government	8th Grade Science	10th Grade Composition	12th Grade Composition	Study Hall
Lunch	11:55-12:15 all lunches to be eaten in Fellowship Hall							
Recess	12:14-12:40							
Fourth Block 12:45-1:35	Chemistry		Concepts of Algebra	Speech	Advanced Biology	Biology	9th Grade Composition	Study Hall
Fifth Block 1:40-2:30			Photography	Theatre	Advanced Biology	Biology	American Lit	Study Hall

FORM: High School Fees

Student _____ Grade _____

_____ 10 th Composition	\$3 Copy Fee
_____ 20 th Century History	\$15 Copy-Supply Fee
_____ Advanced Biology	\$35 Lab Fee
_____ American Literature	\$3 Copy Fee
_____ Art	\$15 Supply Fee
_____ Biology	\$25 Lab Fee
_____ Chemistry	\$25 Lab Fee
_____ Choir	\$20 Sheet Music Fee
_____ College Test Preparation	\$20 –SAT book and copy fee
_____ Concepts of Algebra	\$7 Copy Fee
_____ Latin I	\$15 Manual Fee
_____ Latin II	\$15 Manual Fee
_____ Personal Finance	\$20 Book Fee
_____ Photography	\$15 Supply Fee (Does not include camera and film. Student will be required to supply these)

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_____ Physical Science	\$25 Lab Fee
_____ Spanish I	\$10 copy fee
_____ Spanish II	\$10 copy fee
_____ Speech	No fee
_____ Theatre	\$30 Performance Fee
_____ World Religions	No fee

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED _____

* PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT IN ORDER FOR EACH STUDENT TO ENROLL IN ONE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE LABS, EACH INDIVIDUAL FAMILY MUST PURCHASE THE SPECIFIC TEXT LISTED. OF COURSE, SIBLINGS MAY SHARE SCIENCE TEXTS.

FORMS AND APPROPRIATE FEES ARE DUE AT THE PARENT MEETING ON AUGUST 20 or SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

Tamara Bellcock
2224 Pear Orchard Dr
Little Rock, AR 72211

Fees are due prior to the first day of class and are non-refundable. Students registering for additional classes will need to pay any fees associated with those classes.

FORM
LITTLE ROCK HOMESCHOOL ACADEMY

PERMISSION SLIP FOR OFF-CAMPUS LUNCH
11TH & 12TH GRADES
2009-2010

*(**Must be turned in by 11th-12th grade students who want to take advantage of off-campus lunch)*

My child, _____, who is enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade class, has permission to drive off-site or ride with the following students/drivers on the designated off-campus lunch dates.

Parent Signature/Date

DATES FOR OFF-CAMPUS LUNCH FOR THE FALL SEMESTER

September 24
October 22
November 19
January 21
February 18
March –none due to breaks
April 15

Please complete, sign, and return this form to Tamara Bellcock or Terri Oxner by **September 17**.
A student will not be allowed to go off-campus for lunch unless this form is on file at Academy.

FORM
Little Rock Homeschool Academy
2009-2010

Assumption of full responsibilities for all risks of bodily injury, death or damages

As a parent or legal guardian of _____, I give my consent for the above stated children to participate in the programs at The Little Rock Homeschool Academy. I am aware that there are certain risks to participating in playground activities: including, but not limited to, height, running and jumping.

I understand that it is The Little Rock Homeschool Academy's expressed intent to provide for the safety and protection of my child and in consideration for allowing the above named minor child to participate in activities at The Academy, I waive any and all rights or causes of action against The Academy or South Highland Baptist Church or its staff members for any injuries suffered by my child and other damages suffered by the child or myself while under the supervision or control of The Academy and it's employees.

I have read this acknowledgement of risk and WAIVER OF LIABILITY, understood completely and signed voluntarily.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Acknowledgement and Support of All Policies

I have read, understand, and agree to comply with all of Homeschool Academy's policies and procedures and agree to abide by them.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

MUST HAVE ON STUDENT'S FIRST DAY OF CLASS