

## Shauna Manfredine's Online Academy

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Dear Parents and Students,

It is hard to believe that only a little under six weeks remain in this school year. It has been a good year and I have been happy to take this educational journey with you and your children! Naturally, we are all looking forward to the up-coming summer break with the change in pace that summer provides.

But even with our thoughts of summer, in order for me to be a more effective educator, it is also time for me to do some pre-planning for the courses I expect to offer for next school year. With everything going on in our world-and with the awareness that the hour is growing later, in terms of End-time Bible prophecy-none of us knows if the times will allow for a full school year in 2020-2021. But, **because Scripture encourages us to "occupy" until our King returns (Luke 19:13), I do intend to prayerfully go forward and offer my teaching services for next year.**

Of course, I do not know what your educational interests or goals will be for this next year. But, as we have done classes together this year, I thought I would at least let you know of the options I am making available. If you have an interest in any of these courses and would like to consider continuing to have your child(ren) take a class (or classes) from me in the coming school year (2020-2021), please check the boxes next to the courses in which you may be interested. *Note: this does not serve as a registration form, but only gauges areas of interest.*

With this in mind, I am prayerfully planning to offer my teaching services for the 2020-2021 school year in the following new courses:

**CONSUMER MATH COURSE:** (suitable for grades 8-12) – In this course, students will learn basic math skills for *real life situations* like shopping, calculating taxes, estimating monthly budget, calculating interest rate for a loan, etc. I will also be teaching the students in this class about spending, saving and other aspects of "money math" to prepare them to make better financial decisions.

- ***Class Frequency*** - *this course will meet twice a week (time will be arranged based upon student schedules). This course will last for the full school year (2 semesters).*
- ***Monthly Tuition for Course*** – *\$100.00 / month (in addition to the monthly tuition, there is a one-time registration fee and a materials fee, which will be due upon registration)*

**LIFE SKILLS COURSE:** (suitable for grades 6-12) – this course will involve teaching students a variety of "life-skills" which are needed for their future adulthood. This course will truly be a varied class covering a wide range of skills which are needed in life, in the following subjects

including any or all of the following (please check all the units of study you would enjoy seeing taught in this Life Skills Course):

- Nutrition** – Students will learn the principles of nutrition, what foods do for the body, vitamins, and the principles of healthy menu planning. There will be some cooking and baking (including instruction on making bread and *challah* bread).
- Relationships** - guidance in building healthy relationships with family and friends, and the principles of godly courtship (vs. dating)
- Sewing/Mending** – Students will learn to operate a sewing machine (sewing machine is required for this optional unit of study). Students will create a basic sewing project (a simple, but beautiful quilt-style blanket).
- Habits of Highly Effective Teens/Adults** – Students will learn to improve their self-image (in a godly way), resist peer pressure, set and achieve their goals, principles of self-discipline and the basics for making good choices for now and later in life.
- First Aid and Home Health-Care** – Students will learn basic first aid skills, how to use herbs, hydro-therapy, and other natural remedies, including essential oils for healing and optimum natural family health.
- Basic Job Skills** – Students will learn how to write a resume, prepare for and perform in a job interview, as well as the Scriptural principles (and character development) that it takes to be a good and effective employee.

*Note: if you are interested in having your child(ren) take the Life Skills course, please know that we can fit all of the above optional units into the course over the full year. I can also teach only 1 or 2 of the above listed items, altering the subject matter according to your specific interest. If you choose all of the above options, I will give less study time to each of the subject units, in order to fit them all into the school year. If you choose only a few of the above options, I will give more study time to each unit, spreading them out over the course of the school year.*

- **Class Frequency** - this course will meet twice a week (time will be arranged based upon student schedules). This course will last for the full school year (2 semesters).
- **Monthly Tuition for Course** – \$100.00 / month (in addition to the monthly tuition, there is a one-time registration fee and a materials fee, which will be due upon registration)

**FUNDAMENTALS OF FAITH COURSE:** (suitable for grades 6-12) – this course is prayerfully designed to help students become well-rounded, Biblically-rooted Christians with a Biblical world-view. To accomplish this, three units of study will be taught over the course of the year, as follows:

- **Unit 1: How to Personally Experience and Get to Know Yahweh** – this unit will involve teaching students how to have a thriving personal relationship with Yahweh on a deeper level than before. We will be using Henry Blackaby's, *Experiencing God* Course for Teens

(which is an in-depth 18-week course during which the students will learn to have a powerful prayer life, develop a personal, daily devotional life and learn the fundamentals of how to really get to know God, from the life-patterns of Yahshua and Moses).

- **Unit 2: Demolishing Strongholds** – this unit will involve preparing students to stand firm on the authority of God’s Word, and each will equip and challenge them to activate their faith in effective witnessing! Students will learn the Biblical world-view and discover powerful evidence of Creation. Students will also see why Creation is true vs. Evolution. Key questions about science are addressed in order to demonstrate the Bible’s reliability as both a History and Science Book – and beyond.
- **Unit 3: Rooted in the Word** – this unit will involve teaching students the family trees of all Bible versions – and which family tree is reliable. Students will also learn vital principles of effective Bible study, and how to study the Bible to find ultimate Truth. Students will also learn to chain reference and mark their Bibles in order to be able to give Bible studies with their Bibles alone.
- ***Class Frequency*** - *this course will meet twice a week (time will be arranged based upon student schedules). This course will last for the full school year (2 semesters).*
- ***Monthly Tuition for Course*** – *\$100.00 / month (in addition to the monthly tuition, there is a one-time registration fee and a materials fee, which will be due upon registration)*

☐ **ACRYLIC PAINTING COURSE:** (suitable for grades 6-12) – this course will be focused on developing painting skill through doing paintings. We will choose our painting subjects based upon student interest. It is expected that students will complete 1 painting every 2-3 weeks.

- ***Class Frequency*** - *this course will meet once a week (time will be arranged based upon student schedules). This course will last for the full school year (2 semesters).*
- ***Monthly Tuition for Course*** – *\$50.00 / month (in addition to the monthly tuition, there is a one-time registration fee, which will be due upon registration). Art supplies may need to be purchased throughout the year. Parents will be asked to make these purchases as needed. Of course, I will work to keep the cost reasonable.*

☐ **COMPUTER ART/WEB DESIGN COURSE:** (suitable for grades 6-12) – this course will be focused on developing marketable computer skills. Students will learn graphics design skills through creating artistic works in Photoshop (which you all already have the software for). Students will also learn the basics of web design, ultimately though actually creating a website.

- ***Class Frequency*** - *this course will meet once a week (time will be arranged based upon student schedules). This course will last for the full school year (2 semesters).*
- ***Monthly Tuition for Course*** – *\$50.00 / month (in addition to the monthly tuition, there is a one-time registration fee, which will be due upon registration). There are*

*no materials needed for this course, so there will be no additional costs beyond those already listed.*

Please know, this form is only to gauge initial interest. **Again, please note that this is not meant to serve as a registration form.** However, as it is helpful to me to know (by the beginning of summer) where to target my preparation efforts, I do ask that you please think about next school year, pray about it, and then **let me know which (if any) areas are of interest to you for next year.** Please also let me know which of your children you are thinking would be taking each course of interest. Based upon your areas of interest, I will prepare specific course details, determine a full course materials (and cost) list and will send all of this information with the actual registration form for you to complete later on this summer.

If you have already made other plans for next year, and would not like to have your child(ren) participate in any of these listed classes, please also let me know that you are not interested. I appreciate you letting me know either way.

May the Heavenly Father bless you,

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