

THE PILLAR FOUNDATION

Revised 5/20

COURSES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

MANDATORY CLASS FOR ALL FIRST-TIME PILLAR STUDENTS

CHRISTIAN SELF-GOVERNMENT

THURS. SEPT. 3, 7:00 - 9:00pm – OR – SAT. SEPT. 12, 10:00am - 12:00noon

ALL NEW STUDENTS & PARENTS

Individual self-government is the essential foundation for all levels of liberty-based government—local, state, and national. This was recognized by our Founding Fathers as the basis for the decentralized and limited form of government they established. It is learned in the family and practiced in public. Pillar students are expected to understand and practice individual Christian self-government, and as such, ALL FIRST-TIME STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS 2-HOUR CLASS.

FULL YEAR COURSES

Annual Core Classes

WORLDVIEW FOUNDATIONS

WED. 11:30 - 1:30, SEPT. 9 - MAY 12 — INSTRUCTOR: DANIEL HITE

9th-12th GRADE

This course is unique to The Pillar Foundation and a must for every American student. It will lay a solid foundation for a consistent Christian worldview in all academic disciplines as well as promote our Christian civic responsibility as American citizens. *WVF* will examine the essentials of absolute truth, the reliability of the Scriptures, origins, purpose, and other theological and philosophical roots that are necessary for a Biblical worldview. The Christian worldview will be compared and contrasted with other worldviews prevalent in American culture today (Marxism/Socialism, Secular Humanism, Islam, New Spirituality, and Postmodernism) as expressed in law and government, science and education, and the arts and media. This course will sharpen critical evaluation skills as well as promote the expression of individual Christian self-government in the home, church, civil arena, and society.

UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES

THURS. 10:00 - 12:00, SEPT. 10 - MAY 13 — INSTRUCTOR: DANIEL HITE

10th-12th GRADE

This course is a continuation and application of *Worldview Foundations*. The men of the Hebrew tribe of Issachar understood the times and knew what Israel should do (1 Chronicles 12:32). There are many worldviews with a foothold in American culture and some are on an explosive collision course for control. *Understanding the Times* will examine contemporary issues and the historical and worldview perspectives that create and affect them -- Christianity, Marxism, humanism, progressivism, and militarist Islam. In the light of the Biblical Christian worldview, students will learn to recognize, research, analyze, understand, and proactively respond to the issues of our day. *UTT* will culminate in a collaborative group project for public presentation. PREREQUISITE: *Worldview Foundations* or approval from the instructor.

AMERICAN HISTORY: AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

TUES. 10:00 - 12:00, SEPT. 8 - MAY 11 — INSTRUCTOR: DANIEL HITE

10th-12th GRADE

This course is unique to The Pillar Foundation and a must for every American student. Every American Christian needs to know the true nature and extent of America's Christian heritage. We are commanded in Scripture to remember the great things the Lord our God has done. "In God We Trust," though not always official, has always been America's motto. Students will study the heritage of our nation as one wrought in the struggle to find and defend truth, liberty, and justice. Tracing the development of civil liberty through the Reformation and its subsequent establishment and development in America, we will see the providential hand of God in our history, the spiritual roots of our liberty, as well as the duty to understand, appreciate, and defend it. This course will continue to trace America's decline through the 20th and into the 21st Century--exchanging exceptionalism for pragmatism, republicanism for progressivism, and theism for humanism in its many forms. The restoration of America begins with knowing our providential history and heritage, and praying for spiritual awakening.

ALGEBRA 2

MON. 1:00 - 3:00, SEPT. 14 - MAY 10 — INSTRUCTOR: SHIRLEY MORRIS

9th-12th GRADE

As a continuation of Algebra 1, Algebra 2 will review solving simple linear equations and simultaneous equations and graphing linear and simple quadratic equations. In addition, we will solve proportions, graph quadratic and exponential equations, simplify radicals, and solve radical equations. Also addressed will be negative exponents and some geometric functions like angles, perimeters and proportional segments. PREREQUISITE: Algebra 1.

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

MON. 1:00 - 3:00, SEPT. 14 - MAY 10— INSTRUCTOR: WILL RODGERS

9th-12th GRADE

This course will combine instruction and interactive assignments to help students gain a deeper understanding of the earth's natural systems and the relationships between the lithosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere. Topics covered will include the earth's energy balance, weather and climate, rocks and minerals, soils, weathering and landforms, ecosystems, and map reading. In addition to covering basic scientific principles that require logical reasoning and the evaluation of cause and effect relationships, the material presented in the course is relevant to the student's everyday experience as a steward of God's creation.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)

TUES. 12:00 - 1:00, SEPT. 8 - MAY 11 — INSTRUCTOR: AMBER SOBERY

9th-12th GRADE

This year-long course in American Sign Language (ASL) introduces students to the language and culture of Deaf people in the United States and Canada. This course will focus on expressive and receptive language skills along with Deaf culture, community, literature, and history. In order to demonstrate ability in signing skills, students will be asked to record videos of themselves signing to submit to the instructor for evaluation and feedback. Students should expect 10 to 15 minutes of daily practice of vocabulary, grammar and fingerspelling in addition to weekly assigned homework. Internet access will be needed for the completion of many homework assignments. Students will be assessed each class period on expressive and receptive language and participation in group activities and discussions. This is a good class for those who are interested in studying sign language as a foreign language, want to be involved in ministry to the deaf in their church or community, or just want to learn something new.

GETTING INTO GREEK

TUES. 1:00 - 2:30, SEPT. 8 - MAY 11 — INSTRUCTOR: LEAH HITE

9th GRADE-ADULT

This course is for those who don't have time to take full Greek, but would like a Greek primer. Using syntax and grammar rules together with modern Greek interlinear references, you will become familiar with the tools to translate the original New Testament language without the memorization of Greek vocabulary. By the end of the year, we will have translated the epistle of 1 John, and you will have a reference notebook to use for years to come. ADULTS ARE WELCOME!

MUSICAL THEATER

WED. 2:00 - 5:00, SEPT. 2 – MAR. 20 — INSTRUCTOR: KATHY SIDE

High School Ages 14 – 19 (on 7-1-20)

Take 3 Christian Theater's goal is to educate, edify, and entertain to the glory of God by preparing a Christmas outreach show and a large musical theater production in March of 2021. To "register" for Musical Theater means to sign up for an audition for Take 3's 2020-21 company. There is a limited amount of audition slots, and a limited number of company members accepted. Not all who audition will be in the company. Rehearsals will be uniquely structured according to the production's needs; the **fall rehearsals (2-5pm)** will include production preparation as well as general theatrical training. Rehearsal times will be extended in the weeks leading up to the production (**spring semester 2-5pm and Fridays 2-5pm**). The production week will require attendance at dress rehearsals each night prior to the opening show. Rehearsals will conclude at the end of the spring production. Production expenses will be shared by the families of the participating company members enrolled (anticipated fees are \$175 - \$200 per cast member). Please note: We do not accept high school graduates, but 13-year-old 8th graders may audition for a provisional consideration. For more information visit Take3christiantheater.com.

PRE-ALGEBRA

THURS. 10:00 - 12:00, SEPT. 10 - MAY 13 — INSTRUCTOR: SUE HANCOCK

8th GRADE

Pre-Algebra is a standard 8th grade math course or honors 7th grade course. It will cover positive and negative integers, absolute values, graphing on the coordinate plane, solving multi-step equations with variables, writing equations for word problems, ratios and proportions, percents, linear functions, powers and exponents, right triangles, Pythagorean theorem, distance formula, and pre-algebra applications in basic geometry. If there is time, we will cover probability and statistics. Four lessons will be taught each class. Homework will be required for each lesson, and parents will be required to grade it with a supplied answer sheet. Calculators will be utilized, but basic arithmetic skills are assumed and required. The textbook to be used is Bob Jones Pre-Algebra Second Edition.

ALGEBRA 1

THURS. 12:30 - 2:30, SEPT. 10 – MAY 13 — INSTRUCTOR: DARLENE FALLON

8th-12th GRADE

A typical Algebra 1 class is 8th grade or higher. Using Saxon Algebra 1 (3rd edition) textbook, we will cover signed numbers, order of operations, algebraic expressions, areas, surface area, volume, exponents and roots, fractional parts of numbers, ratios, graphs of linear equations, finite and infinite sets, factoring, probability and scientific notation. Four lessons will be taught each class period, and students are required to complete given assignments at home and bring them to class. PREREQUISITE: Completion of Pre-Algebra, knowledge of all addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts up to 12s, and the ability to multiply/divide multi-digit and decimal numbers along with a basic understanding of fractions.

REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 18, 2020

Please visit us at 15820 Clayton Road or call 636-386-7722, Monday-Thursday, 9am-5pm

Pillar does not charge tuition; however, students are responsible for the cost of books and supplies.

These classes are available to all mature students who are serious about learning, have a positive attitude, and are respectful to teachers, fellow students, and the facilities.

1st SEMESTER COURSES

GENEALOGY: DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY'S HISTORY

MON. 9:30 - 11:00, SEPT. 14 - DEC. 14 — INSTRUCTOR: MARTIE MEADOR

[9th-12th GRADE](#)

Did you know there are about 25 genealogies listed in the Bible? The first one is in Genesis chapter 5, and they continue throughout the rest of the Bible. God wanted His people to know who had gone before them and to be reminded of His hand of protection and provision over them. What, if anything, can we learn from our family's past? Would history be more interesting if you knew you had a family member fighting in World War I or traveling with Daniel Boone to start a settlement in Kentucky? What if you had family at Plymouth, MA for the "first Thanksgiving"? Would that make you take a second look at who was on the Mayflower and the compact they established? Learn about finding census records, death certificates, military and other records to discover the family tree God created for you. Hopefully, you will discover more than just random names and dates, but also some amazing stories along the way! **Internet capable device required in class (preferably a laptop or tablet).**

INCREASING PERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS

10 WEEKS - MON. 2:00 - 4:00, SEPT. 14 - NOV 16 — INSTRUCTOR: LARRY DARBY

[10th-12th GRADE](#)

In this 10-week course, we will learn and practice some of the most important skills (and attitudes) that lead to greater personal effectiveness. In other words, we will increase your ability to reach your goals and influence people. Topics include: the importance of affirming others; specific affirmation techniques; conversation skills; active listening; non-verbal communication; conflict resolution; taking initiative; time management and positive attitude. The final class will focus on applying these skills to a job interview.

CHRISTIAN CLASSIC LITERATURE: DEVELOPING GODLY CHARACTER

TUES. 9:30 - 11:00, SEPT. 8 - DEC. 15 — INSTRUCTOR: CATHY RUCHE [9th-12th GRADE](#)

This course will focus on the interpretation and application of classic Lamplighter literature. Utilizing 3-4 books during the semester, students will read and discuss these creative, 19th Century stories woven with Biblical truths that cultivate Christlike character in attitudes, self-image, and relationships. Students will evaluate character strengths and weaknesses, handling adversity and challenges, and discerning good and evil, truth and justice, and personal priorities. Students will also participate in weekly discussion, take comprehension quizzes, and will be encouraged to apply in their own lives the Christian virtues modeled in each story.

SEWING

9 WEEKS - TUES. 2:30 - 4:30, SEPT. 15 - NOV. 10 — INSTRUCTORS: JAN PETZOLDT & SANDY SPENCE

[9th-12th GRADE](#)

This 9-week beginner class focuses on the basics of sewing, covering: how to begin sewing on your own; learning how to use your sewing machine; and learning to read and follow a pattern. We will complete simple, in-class projects to learn basic skills. Students are required to bring their own working sewing machine and basic sewing supplies and cover the cost of their fabrics.

RISING ABOVE CULTURAL MIEDOCRITY

WED. 10:00 - 11:30, SEPT. 9 - DEC. 16 — INSTRUCTOR: JIM HANCOCK

[9th-12th GRADE](#)

An in-depth book study and question-guided discussion class through two excellent books: *Do Hard Things* by Alex & Brett Harris, and *The Third Alternative* by Bill Burnett. This study will help students recognize their unique potential for excellence and impact in a culture that underrates teenagers, and will emphasize the value of embracing responsibility and developing Christian self-government. Through open discussion, students will uncover their own personal strengths and convictions, as well as confront areas of compromise, disorder, and fear. Students will also look at ways to develop character, direction, and a principle-based life in an unprincipled society.

BASIC CAR CARE/AUTO MAINTENANCE

6 WEEKS - WED. 12:00 - 1:00, SEPT. 9 - OCT. 14 — INSTRUCTOR: JIM HANCOCK

[9th-12th GRADE](#)

This weekly one-hour course will familiarize students with basic automotive operating systems, use of the owner's manual, routine maintenance procedures, and recommended tools for the garage at home. Learning to check fluids and filters, interpret dashboard warning lights, change bulbs and fuses, change the oil, jump start a battery, and change a tire will help equip students to keep their car safe and reliable, and make informed decisions regarding any professional service and/or repairs.

COLLEGE PREP STUDY SKILLS

12 WEEKS - THURS. 1:00 - 3:00, SEPT. 10 - DEC. 3 — INSTRUCTOR: VICKIE WELLER

[9th-12th GRADE](#)

An important component of a college prep home education is to develop effective study skills. This class will provide practical how-to information and exercises which will help equip students to be successful in their post high school educational choices. Students will learn many study skills including: classroom etiquette, time management and organization, listening and note-taking, how to use textbooks, writing skills, memorization strategies, and quiz, test, and long-term project preparation strategies. Many of these skills when implemented will not only help students academically and spiritually, but they will help students to become confident and productive in their future personal and professional lives. *Semester grades will be provided based on application-related homework and test scores earned.* **Minimum age 14 by 9/1/20 and a high school student.**

2nd SEMESTER COURSES

GENESIS 101: UNDERSTANDING CREATION, THE FLOOD, AND BABEL

MON. 9:30-11:00, JAN. 4 - APR. 26 – VARIOUS INSTRUCTORS

[9th-12th GRADE](#)

This is a survey course taught by members of the Missouri Association for Creation. From a Biblical worldview, *Genesis 101* will examine the creation vs. evolution controversy from the authority of the Word of God. It will address a young earth, the worldwide flood of Noah's day, animal "evolution," fossil evidence, dinosaurs, races and genetics, as well as a Biblically consistent and coherent view of other related sciences. This course will equip the student with a basic Christian apologetic for our origins, an understanding of how to evaluate scientific evidence, and a deeper commitment to the authority of Scripture from the very first verse.

U.S. CONSTITUTION & GOVERNMENT

MON. 11:00 - 1:00, JAN. 4 - MAY 10 — INSTRUCTORS: DANIEL HITE & ANDREW MULLER

[9th-12th GRADE](#)

This course will lead the student into a study of the U.S. Constitution and the principles and patterns of American government. We will discover the tapestry of American exceptionalism woven by the framers and superintended by the hand of Divine Providence. Based on Rick Green's and David Barton's fast-paced video curriculum, *Constitution Alive!*, students will also read founding-era primary documents (i.e. Declaration of Independence, Federalist Papers, etc.) as well as other supporting historical documentation. We will examine the principles of liberty, their source, and the personal and political process by which our liberty is maintained. This course will require weekly class discussion and assignments, quizzes, and tests. This course will equip students to understand and articulate our God-given rights and responsibilities, our civic duty, and the Godly principles which sustain and protect them.

CHRISTIAN CLASSIC LITERATURE: DEVELOPING GODLY CHARACTER

TUES. 9:30 - 11:00, JAN. 5 - MAY 11 — INSTRUCTOR: CATHY RUCHE [9th-12th GRADE](#)

See 1st semester course description. Different books will be studied each semester.

MANAGEMENT 101

12 WEEKS - TUES. 1:00 - 3:00, JAN. 5 - MAR. 30 — INSTRUCTOR: MIKE FORD

[9th-12th GRADE](#)

This course will explore the definitions, philosophies, principles, applications and functions of management. The takeaway will be how management can be used in everyday life. Topics of application will be resumé preparation, budgets (departmental & personal), and job interviewing.

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP

WED. 10:00 - 11:30, JAN. 6 – MAY 12 — INSTRUCTOR: JIM HANCOCK

[9th-12th GRADE](#)

True Leadership is essential for the family, the church, and the civil government to operate properly. In this class we will examine Biblical principles of leadership through assigned reading, homework questions, biographies, and guided discussion using two excellent books: *Be the Leader You Were Meant to Be* by LeRoy Eims and *Spiritual Leadership* by J. Oswald Sanders.

MONUMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY

THURS. 9:00 - 11:00, JAN. 7 - MAY 13 — INSTRUCTOR: NANCY SANDER

[8th-10th GRADE](#)

Based on the popular documentary movie *Monumental* by Kirk Cameron, this class will study the enduring principles of our Pilgrim and Founding Fathers, which led to the intentional creation of the freest, most prosperous nation on Earth. Students will discuss short video lessons hosted by actor Kirk Cameron and historian Stephen McDowell as well as be guided through an informative study guide/text to discover the seeds of liberty in Old World history, liberty's growth in English and American History, and the seeds of destruction that threaten our liberty today.

ETIQUETTE

THURS. 2:00 - 4:00, JAN. 7 - MAY 13 — INSTRUCTOR: VICKIE WELLER

[MINIMUM AGE 14 by September 1 & IN HIGH SCHOOL](#)

An important component of a college prep home education is to develop social skills that promote confidence, character, and leadership while glorifying God. The Etiquette class will be an interactive and participatory classroom where principles and the practical application of etiquette will be presented, discussed and practiced. Students are encouraged to step out of their comfort zones to practice and further develop their etiquette skills to help others to feel comfortable and valued, all the while not compromising their own moral beliefs. During this semester course, students will learn many skills including: warm introductions, the art of conversation – including listening skills and body language, written correspondence, technology etiquette – including social media and cell phone use, etiquette of a gentleman/lady, illness and disability etiquette, scholarship and job interviewing, work manners, citizenship, community manners, dance etiquette, personal presentation, hospitality, and dining etiquette. There will be a casual luncheon and a semi-formal dinner (cost \$50) which all students are required to attend. This must be paid by December 10, 2020. (Make checks payable to The Pillar Foundation and deliver or mail to the Pillar at 15820 Clayton Rd., Ellisville, MO 63011.) Homework: There are required assignments outside of class to enhance the student's learning experience – not many and nothing difficult. For some weeks, no homework will be assigned. **Auditing the class is not an option.**

Full year courses are UPPER CASE.

SCHEDULE SUMMARY

Semester courses are lower case.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genealogy (1st sem) 9:30-11:00 • Genesis 101 (2nd sem) 9:30-11:00 • U.S. Const. & Gov't (2nd sem) 11:00-1:00 • ALGEBRA 2 1:00-3:00 • PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY 1:00-3:00 • Pers. Effectiveness (1st sem/10 wks) 2:00-4:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature (1st & 2nd sem) 9:30-11:00 • AMERICAN HISTORY 10:00-12:00 • AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 12:00-1:00 • GETTING INTO GREEK 1:00-2:30 • Management 101 (2nd sem/12 wks) 1:00-3:00 • Sewing (1st sem/9 weeks) 2:30-4:30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising Above (1st sem) 10:00-11:30 • Bib. Leadership (2nd sem) 10:00-11:30 • Automotive (1st sem/6 wks) 12:00-1:00 • WORLDVIEW FOUND. 11:30-1:30 • MUSICAL THEATER 2:00-5:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monumental (2nd sem) 9:00-11:00 • UNDERSTANDING TIMES 10:00-12:00 • PRE-ALGEBRA 10:00-12:00 • ALGEBRA 1 12:30-2:30 • Study Skills (1st sem) 1:00-3:00 • Etiquette (2nd sem) 2:00-4:00