



**Virtual Summer Academy
July 6-31, 2020**

Saint Francis International School has always been committed to continued learning opportunities through summer programming. For ten years we have offered intensive academic review and enrichment classes for all grade levels at our Summer Academy.

As our community works to recover from the Covid-19 crisis, many health and safety restrictions remain in place this summer, so we are not able to offer any on-site classes.

Nevertheless, we are doing our very best to provide families with a wide range of age-appropriate academic resources, which will be shared with you in separate communications from teachers and administration.

At SFIS we also believe in educating the whole child, and that individual, academic work is not enough. The social interaction and connection with classmates and teachers, and the thrill of self-discovery, is just as important.

That is why this summer we are offering several interactive, virtual classes to help stimulate intellectual curiosity and build skills beyond academics.

- Each course will run through the four weeks of July (**July 6th-31st**).
- Each course will have a low cost of **\$50 per student, per course** in order to cover expenses and pay teachers.
- Some courses may require that you purchase a few easy-to-find materials and supplies (like items from the grocery store). **All courses will require computer and internet access in the home.**
- There will be no grades or progress reports associated with these courses. They are purely elective and for educational "fun."
- Each course will be light, with one or two live meetings per week, and *you may enroll your child in more than one if you wish. We will try our best to schedule live classes that do not overlap, but we can't promise this will always be the case.*

To apply to enroll your child in one of the below courses, please fill out the form at this link:

<https://forms.gle/9cC6k7BDeVq4wZAo6>

There is also a paper registration (attached), but we ask that you complete the online form so that we can be certain of the correct email contact information to reach you. Payment instructions are detailed below on the paper application. **Please register by Thursday, July 2nd.**

Students who were enrolled in Archdiocese of Washington Catholic schools outside of SFIS through the 2020-2021 school year, and remain in good standing, are also eligible to apply.



Virtual Summer Academy course listing:

Young Scientists

Grade range: Students must have **completed PreK4 through 5th** grades

Teacher: Kelly Paniker

Virtual Meeting Times: 1-2 days per week TBA

Course Summary: Hands-on science for younger students. Easy experiments and scientific “crafts,” using items easy to find in the home.

Materials needed: Computer and internet access. A few easy-to-find items TBD.

Arts & Crafts with Ms. Gabby

Grade range: Students must have **completed Kindergarten through 2nd** grades

Teacher: Gabby LePore

Virtual Meeting Times: 1-2 days per week TBA

Course Summary: Ms. Gabby will lead students through some fun arts and crafts projects including reading and related drawing, salt art, making play dough, and more!

Materials needed: Computer and internet access. basic art supplies like coloring utensils (crayons/colored pencils/markers), scissors, glue (stick and liquid), and paper. A few other easy-to-find items TBD.

Young Coders

Grade range: Students must have **completed Kindergarten through 3rd** grades

Teacher: Kevin Fosko

Virtual Meeting Times: 1-2 days per week TBA

Course Summary: Using the online tool “CodeMonkey,” students will learn the basics of computer coding.
Note: for younger students, parent involvement will be needed at least to get them started.

Materials needed: Computer and internet access.

Running and Fitness

Grade range: Students must have **completed 2nd-5th** grades

Teacher: Mariya Berge

Virtual Meeting Times: 1-2 days per week TBA

Course Summary: If possible for the students, they will be coached in a healthy running routine. Topics covered and discussed: history of running, famous runners, events/distances, benefits of running, Olympics, common injuries, etc.

Materials needed: Computer and internet access

Principles of Design

Grade range: Students must have **completed 3rd - 8th** grades

Teacher: Catalina Hernandez

Virtual Meeting Times: 1-2 days per week TBA

Course Summary: A hands-on digital arts course using color, shapes, and typography

Materials needed: Computer and internet access. Other materials TBA.

Drawing

Grade range: Students must have **completed 3rd - 8th** grades

Teacher: Catalina Hernandez

Virtual Meeting Times: 1-2 days per week TBA

Course Summary: A hands-on drawing and sketching course.

Materials needed: Computer and internet access. Paper, pencils, colored pencils.

Stop-Motion Animation

Grade range: Students must have **completed 3rd - 8th** grades

Teacher: Catalina Hernandez

Virtual Meeting Times: 1-2 days per week TBA

Course Summary: A hands-on digital arts course using online apps to create animated videos using stop-motion.

Materials needed: Computer and internet access. Other materials TBA.

Healthy Living

Grade range: Students must have **completed 4th through 7th** grades

Teacher: Alicia. Fisher

Virtual Meeting times: 1-2 days per week TBA

Course Summary: This will primarily be a hands-on cooking class, but Ms. Fisher will use it to explore other areas of a healthy lifestyle. *Students will be asked to work on cooking projects in their home kitchen and to prepare food with parent permission.* Ms. Fisher will teach them culinary skills using pre-recorded videos and live meetings.

Materials needed: Ms. Fisher provide a small weekly or bi-weekly shopping list in advance so parents can pick up needed ingredients. SFIS may also be able to provide some needed supplies for pickup through our food distribution program - TBD.
Computer and internet access.

Astronomy & Stargazing

Grade range: Students must have **completed 4th through 7th** grades

Teacher: Michael Shults

Virtual Meeting Times: 1-2 days per week TBA

Course Summary: Mr. Shults will guide students through an interactive study of the Solar System, outer-space, and do some collaborative stargazing. *Some live meetings may need to be at night, after dark, and may be dependent on weather, so may be announced at short notice.*

Materials needed: TBA. A few basic supplies for journaling and modeling may need to be purchased at under \$20 estimated.

Coding and Website Building

Grade range: Students must have **completed 4th through 8th** grades
15 students

Teacher: Kevin Fosko

Virtual Meeting Times: 1-2 days per week TBA

Course Summary: Students will build websites using free online tools, and explore HTML coding to customize their websites.

Materials needed: Computer and internet access

Greek and Roman Mythology

Grade range: Students must have **completed 5th through 7th** grades

Teacher: Anne Freeman

Virtual Meeting Times: 1-2 days per week TBA

Course Summary: An “immersion” course in which students will learn about Greek and Roman gods/goddesses, History, culture, geography contexts, Contributions to modern culture, and reading, research, presentation skills.

Materials needed: Computer and internet access. Other materials TBA.

Creative Writing Workshop

Grade range: Students must have **completed 5th through 7th** grades

Teacher: Virginia Davis

Virtual Meeting Times: 1-2 days per week TBA

Course Summary: Under the tutelage of middle school language arts teacher and published author, Ms. Davis, students will create short stories with dynamic characters, poetry, and other literature.

Materials needed: Computer and internet access. Composition notebook, colored pencils/crayons, another notebook for drawing.

History of Sport

Grade range: Students must have **completed 6th or 7th** grades

Teacher: Mike Fazio

Virtual Meeting Times: 1-2 days per week TBA

Course Summary: The aim of the class is to look at the history of how sport in America helped transform our society. Look at "Games" that were played by the early trappers and settlers in America and how those games and traditions transformed into what we consider our "Modern" games such as baseball, basketball, and football. Also, we will look at the history of ball games played by the Aztec and Native Americans prior to European colonization and during colonization.

Materials needed: Computer and internet access. Other materials TBA. 1 or 2 books, TBA, purchased online or borrowed from library.

HSPT Preparation

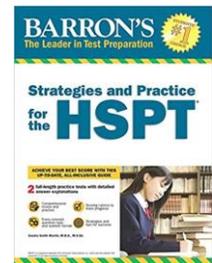
Grade range: Students must have **completed 7th** grade.

Teacher: Multiple middle school teachers throughout

Virtual Meeting Times: 1-2 days per week TBA - *Might extend into August.*

Course Summary: This course is for those who have completed 7th grade, and will be taking the High School Placement Test next Fall, only. Each SFIS student returning as an 8th grader in Fall 2020 will receive a free copy of *Barron's Strategies and Practice for the HSPT*, which they can work through on their own. However, by enrolling in this course, teachers can help guide them through the Summer so they can be better prepared.

Materials needed: Computer and internet access. *Barron's Strategies and Practice for the HSPT* workbook.





Virtual Summer Academy Registration Application
July 6-31, 2020

Child Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Current School: _____

Current Grade: _____

Please select the program(s) you are interested in: *(you may choose more than one, but be advised of the grade level limitations, we cannot promise classes will never overlap, and class sizes are limited, so some may fill quickly):*

- Young Scientists** - Must have completed PreK4 through 5th grades.
- Arts & Crafts** - Must have completed Kindergarten through 2nd grades.
- Young Coders** - Must have completed Kindergarten through 3rd grades.
- Running & Fitness** - Must have completed 2nd through 5th grades.
- Principles of Design** - Must have completed 3rd through 7th grades.
- Drawing** - Must have completed 3rd through 7th grades.
- Stop-Motion Animation** - Must have completed 3rd through 7th grades.
- Healthy Living (cooking)** - Must have completed 4th through 7th grades.
- Astronomy & Stargazing** - Must have completed 4th through 7th grades.
- Coding and Website Building** - Must have completed 4th through 7th grades.
- Greek and Roman Mythology** - Must have completed 5th through 7th grades.
- Creative Writing Workshop** - Must have completed 5th through 7th grades.
- History of Sport** - Must have completed 6th or 7th grades.
- High School Placement Test (HSPT) Prep** - Must have completed 7th grade.

Contact information

Primary Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone #: _____ email: _____

Second Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone #: _____ email: _____

To complete registration, please mail or drop off this form to:

**Saint Francis International School
1500 St. Camillus Dr.
Silver Spring, MD 20903**

*Include your non-refundable **one-time registration fee of \$50 per course**, in the form of check or money order made out to Saint Francis International School. Once registration is received and optional programs are confirmed you will receive notification of how to access the courses.*