

# Stella Maris Academy Summer Classes 2010



## ***Summer Learning Loss –***

### **What is it?**

As documented in Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell, It's well into the middle of the summer, and everyone is into that "out of school" relaxation mode. There's no homework to be done and life seems to be more laid back. However, the effects of being away from school for such a long period of time are often detrimental to academic achievement. Harris Cooper, Professor of Psychological Sciences at the University of Missouri, states that "summer loss in knowledge is approximately one month overall". So, taking three months off in the summer cuts the school year down to 8 months. In math, students lose 2.6 months (Center for Summer Learning (jhu.edu)).

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Primary/Intermediate Summer Literacy—Cancelled  
Algebra Enrichment—Cancelled  
Art Adventures with Mrs. McGarry—Grades 2-8  
Learning to Sew—Grades 3-8  
Get Ready for School—Grades Kindergarten & 1  
Study Skills for School Success—Grades 4-8  
SMA Gourmet—Grades 3-8

**Last day to sign up for summer  
classes is Friday, May 28.**

## General Information

Sessions 1 and 3 have morning and afternoon classes. If your child is enrolled in morning and afternoon classes, please pack a lunch.

Earliest drop-off for morning classes is 8:45 am.  
Earliest drop-off for afternoon classes is 12:00.  
Students who are enrolled in morning and afternoon classes will have lunch on campus and supervised play.

Confirmation emails will be sent out in mid-May.

To register, complete the enclosed registration form and return with payment to Stella Maris Academy.

## **August 9-20**

### **Supervised lunch for students attending morning and afternoon sessions**

#### **Get Ready for School! - 9:00-12:00**

*Cost: \$325*

*Students: entering grades K-1*

Time is passing, your child is growing, but how can you get a jump start on all they should be knowing? This summer join us for the "Get Your Brain in Gear for the Upcoming Year"

summer program. We would love the opportunity to not only get to know our incoming students, but also start introducing them to some of the content area they will be learning in Reading, Writing, and Math in the upcoming year.

In reading we will be using children's picture books to start getting them to think like a reader by introducing some comprehension skills as well as a look into the world of phonics. In writing, your child will use pictures and print to interact and respond to different stories, prompts, and

activities. We will also introduce your child to the world of math through the manipulation of numbers and interactive activities which will start to build a foundation of number sense in your child. This will also

be a great opportunity to acclimate your child to the social and academic norms of the primary grades.

#### **SMA Gourmet - 9:00-12:00 or 12:30-3:30**

*Cost: \$360 (supplies and ingredients included)*

*Minimum 10 students*

*Students: entering grades 3-8*

Have you ever found yourself wishing you could whip up a tasty after school snack or delectable dessert for your family? Señora Girmann has teamed up with SMA's very own renowned culinary artist, Eva Sanchez, to offer a culinary arts class for even the most inexperienced young chefs! In addition to preparing delicious food, students will also learn how to choose healthy, fresh ingredients, work with a budget, and stay safe in the kitchen. Students who are joining us for the second year in a row will enjoy new and exciting recipes, techniques and lessons! This class is offered to aspiring chefs entering grades 3-8.

#### **Art Adventure with Mrs. McGarry—12:30-3:30**

*Cost: \$325 (Materials Fee: \$25)*

*Students: entering grades 2-8*

This two-week art exploration will give interested students the opportunity to expand beyond our school curriculum as they try new things, experiment with different methods and materials, improve their skills, and experience the joy of creating. The theme for this session will be "**Art through the Ages.**" We will look to the art of the peoples of Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Asia, Australia, Europe and the Americas for our inspiration in the following activities:

- **Drawing,**
- **Painting on canvas,**
- **Printmaking,**
- **Lots and lots of ceramics,**
- **And more.**

The session will culminate with a student art exhibition

## **August 16-20**

### **Study Skills for School Success—9:00-12:00**

*Cost: \$225 (only \$150 if you have taken this course in previous summers)*

*Students: entering grades 4-8*

What is your learning style? Do you study actively? How do you take tests? This course with Miss Cantillon will pursue a variety of questions such as these. Students will learn ways to make information more meaningful, thus more memorable. Enhance the skills you learned in the Study Skills Workshop held during the school year! This course is a great way to start the school year every year!

They will learn:

- strategies for recalling information more quickly.
- the vital skills of studying and test taking.
- study guidelines that will enhance home reviewing for tests.
- note taking strategies.
- questioning techniques to improve review.
- how to create games to make studying fun!