

Fall 2014 Monday/Wednesday Seminars

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| Drama | Here is a chance to use your imagination when we are often told to "get real" or "stop pretending". This seminar will teach you to think differently, as you will learn to focus on yourself, objectives, the voice and body, trust, instincts, performance, emotions, the joy of acting, and more. Anyone is welcome, regardless of experience but please come with an open mind, a desire for fun, and a commitment to hard work. |
| Murals | Students will learn a variety of mediums and techniques used in modern murals, including brushes, rollers and spray paint. Our goal will be to cover the concrete block walls of Da Vinci Design with art, and exhibit this art at a culminating event. |
| Physical Education | This class is designed for those of you have wanted to start to work out but have not really had the chance to. Also, designed for those who have already started working out but want to maybe get an extra work out into your day. We will be going through an exercise program that will help you reach the goal you will set on the first day of class. In addition to exercising there will be games that will be played that involve working as a team. Be ready to come in and work hard! |
| Spanish Language and Culture through Latin American Film | This course will offer students an opportunity to be involved in discussions and conversations emphasizing cultural components of countries of the Hispanic world. Selected films from the Spanish-speaking world are used as starting points for Spanish-language classroom discussion. Countries explored through film include Mexico, Cuba, Spain, Argentina, Chile, and Colombia. Films viewed for this course present a wide variety of themes, genres, and the day-to-day cultural experiences, such as life in Castro's Cuba, the Spanish Civil War, the Mexican Revolution, and dictatorships in Argentina and Peru. It also offers participants an opportunity to view expression of affection, feelings, nonverbal communication, and body language of the Hispanic world through the lens of film. |
| WoodShop Design | This course provides entry level of woodworking. Instruction includes safety on all equipment, machine operations, and maintenance of equipment. Proper use of hand & power tools. We will be designing a skateboard deck and using a wood burning tool and stains to add designs to the board |
| Glass Working | Glass fusing and slumping is the process of creating unique glass pieces and bending or slumping the glass into or over a mold through use of a kiln. During the Roman period open vessels, such as bowls and plates, could be produced by forming a glass sheet over a core or former. Most contemporary fusing methods involve stacking, or layering thin sheets of glass, often using different colors to create patterns or simple images. The stack is then placed inside the kiln until the separate pieces begin to bond together. In this seminar students will get the opportunity to create various vessels such as coasters, plates, bowls, and jewelry using the fusing and slumping process. *Suggested \$20 lab donation for the cost of art glass. |
| ASL | This course is facilitated by Mr. Hendrix, and ASL 2 students are available for tutoring and reinforcement. This course includes daily conversation in ASL, a mini project, and a final video project. |
| Chinese 1 | Interested in adding another language to your repertoire? In this seminar, we will learn the basics of conversational Mandarin Chinese. The course will begin by laying a foundation for pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar fundamentals before moving on to dialogues and common expressions, with an extended focus on reading and writing. |
| Amine and Manga | In this seminar, students will be exploring the popular medium of anime (Japanese animation) and manga (Japanese comics). Students will be investigating a myriad of questions through the lens of a different series every two-four weeks. The seminar will culminate with the students designing their own anime or manga series. Topics of study will include: -The mediums' origins -Anime's rise in popularity in the West and its subsequent impact on Western culture (especially Disney) -Differences between Manga and Anime adaptations -Character Archetypes and Genres |
| Art Portfolio Development | In this Studio Art seminar you will work on fine tuning your art skills. You will have the opportunity to work on independent art projects of your choosing. You will also have the opportunity to develop a strong professional art portfolio, which you can submit to future jobs or for college interviews. |

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| Volleyball | This course is designed to introduce the basic fundamentals of volleyball - passing, setting, hitting, and blocking. Students also learn the rules, strategies, and proper etiquette as well as an appreciation for a lifetime activity. The scientific foundations of strength training will also be included in this course. The ability to perform the fundamentals will be demonstrated in game situations |
| Soccer | This course is designed to introduce the basic fundamentals of soccer - passing, dribbling, shooting, and communication. Students also learn the rules, strategies, and proper etiquette as well as an appreciation for a lifetime activity. The scientific foundations of strength training will also be included in this course. The ability to perform the fundamentals will be demonstrated in game situations. |
| Mad Science | Explosions, bubbles, and fires, oh my! Create colorful, weird, gooey, and explosive projects in the Mad Science seminar. Each day we will conduct awesome experiments that can be recreated at home (although your parents might not be as excited as your mad scientist teacher is). You'll become a scientist who is curious about the world around them, but entirely without all the awful lab reports and tedious homework (phew!). It's all about the best parts of science—I'll see all the truly mad scientists in seminar! |
| Spanish Support | This class is to provide additional help with introductory topics learned in a beginning level Spanish class. |
| Cultura Latina | This class will help you understand Latin Culture to the fullest through its literature, art, architecture, film, music, food, etc. If you ever wanted to learn about the Spanish speaking countries and its people in a fun way, this is the class to join. Basic knowledge of Spanish is recommended but not required for this class since many documentaries, songs, recipes, etc. will be presented in Spanish. This is a great opportunity to practice your listening, comprehension and speaking skills. ¡Vamos a estudiar la Cultura Latina! |
| Dance Team | This seminar offers a healthy, fun, energetic way to express yourself and let off some steam! It will boost your confidence, and you'll be part of a team of skilled performers. Be prepared to perform at CD and other community events! Bring water and clothes you can move in |
| English Support 9 | The goal of this seminar is to provide support for students' core English course. Students may find extra work time for homework or projects, organization, peer support, or extra lessons/practice. This will be a small group of students, allowing one-on-one attention between the teacher and student. |
| Hip Hop Culture | The Hip Hop Culture Class will teach students about the history of Hip Hop culture and rap music while helping them become media-literate, socially responsible citizens. Students will have the opportunity to write, produce, and perform their own songs while learning about current events, history, social issues, the music business, ethnic studies, healthy relationships, and many more age-relevant topics. Guest speakers and artists will also drop in to share their experiences in the world of Hip Hop. If you're a rapper, producer, or Hip Hop fan, this class is for you! |
| Work Experience Program | For 11th-12th graders, or 10th graders with administrator's approval: Da Vinci Design students have the opportunity to participate in the Work Experience Program, whereby they spend a semester working after school at a local business two days a week (unpaid). This assignment teaches students the discipline and professionalism needed to seek and succeed in a first-time job, and gives students real world learning to include on their college applications and resumes. The 45 businesses that host Da Vinci students are large corporations, retail stores, hotels, small businesses, medical facilities, schools, and non-profit organizations. |
| Marathon Running | This seminar is for those who run at any level and seriously want to improve their running/jogging skills. We will follow a training program, and prepare students for the wonderful accomplishment of a marathon. |
| Pursuit of Happiness | In this seminar, we will explore the question of , "What is right with people and how can we build on that?" We will work to answer the question, "What is happiness?" We will compare perspectives of happiness through the ages as well as construct our own by comparing findings from religion, positive psychology, psychiatry, and explore the idea that pleasure and happiness are our purpose in life. |
| DirecTV Computer Programming | Learn computer programming with DirecTV engineers – at the DirecTV offices. This seminar will meet Tuesdays at DirecTV, and Thursdays here on the DVC/DVD campus. Students will learn the fundamentals of programming and create programs and apps – come start your path to becoming the next tech innovator! |
| Crocheting | Whether you have been sewing for years, or have never threaded a needle, come sew and crochet with us. We will be learning and working on individual sewing projects as well as sewing something as a class. |

Fall 2014 Tuesday/Thursday Seminar Descriptions

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| The Flow: a spoken word creative collaborative workshop | <p>If you've seen <i>Brave New Voices</i> or <i>Def Poetry Jam</i> then you've seen the power of spoken word, an art form older than hip hop with roots deeper than words. The Flow goes beyond jams, slams and battles into a deeper way of listening to yourself, learning to speak and express your story in your voice, and finding the courage to share with heart. The Flow focuses on the spoken word experience. This is an active, hands-on workshop where you will get immediate feedback on your work in a safe, respect filled environment. Some techniques to help the Flow include: The Rite of 'Riting 'Rong, Beyond freestyling: a multi-dimensional Flow, Breath and Beats: live drumming and breath work for focus, Overcoming FOPS: fear of public speaking, Mic Technique, and Coffeehouse Style Presentations.</p> <p><i>Adwin David Brown (course teacher) is a Billboard Top Ten spoken word recording artist, author and speaker. He created flowskool to help reimagine education and learning as creative adventures of discovery where all are free to find their Flow.</i></p> |
| Hand Building Clay Sculpture | <p>Handbuilding is the oldest and most primitive form of working with clay. Long before the invention of the pottery wheel, these ancient techniques were employed to create the necessary tools for everyday living. With a rich history stretching back to the beginning of the civilized world, hand built ceramics are amongst the earliest artifacts found on earth. Explore all aspects of creating with clay off the wheel. You'll become very comfortable working with coils, pinch pots and slabs, then using these techniques in combination to model your work. Learn to use underglazes and color additives for decoration.</p> <p>*Suggested Lab Donation of \$20 for cost of clay.</p> |
| Vehicle Design | <p>This class is an introduction into the fun world of vehicle design seen in the the Auto Industry to Video games and Movies. It will equip students with the fundamentals of proper reference gathering, perspective, proportion, and design in visually constructing vehicle of all sorts- automotive, military and Sci- Fi, etc. The primary emphasis of the class will be on cultivating strong sketching ability. We will be generating multiple ideas quickly from preliminary ideation through the more refined conceptual phase.</p> |
| Garden Club | <p>Grow your veggies and eat them too. Is there any better feeling than seeing the fruits of your labor? Yes, knowing your hard work is edible and can be enjoyed by everyone. DVD Garden Club is a seminar that explores the benefits of urban gardening and community beautifying. We will take time to research and tinker with the best planting seasons, gardening methods and aesthetics for our community. When we're not researching, we'll be playing with dirt, planting, harvesting and sharing our bounty. #dirtndonthurt</p> |
| Self-Image and Real Life Skills | <p>Join this class if you're open to opening up your own eyes to different styles of life around you, while helping yourself gain confidence. From the creators of Healthy is the New Skinny, we will discuss everything from communication skills, nutrition, budgeting, to body image and more! This class is built upon trust and confidentiality, so only those who are serious about these issues should sign up!</p> |
| Art Center Architecture | <p>Investigate basic architectural concepts while designing your ideal environment. Find spatial definition of your ideas and acquire skills to communicate them through drawings and models. Jumpstart the creative process with class exercises crafted to inspire and stimulate imagination.</p> |
| Bodyweight Fitness | <p>This class will focus on strengthening your muscles and improving your flexibility using the weight of your own body. Body weight exercises are ideal for all individuals who are interested in fitness but do not have access to equipment. Through the intensity of the exercises your body will improve its range of motion, its endurance, and overall health. This class is for beginners and intermediate fitness.</p> |
| Yearbook | <p>Students in this seminar are responsible for the design and publication of the DVD Yearbook! Students should have a background or interest in one of the following areas: photography, desktop publishing, art/design or written language. They must design a new or improved product that meets the need and review the success of this product. Students must produce quality work, work together in groups, must be able to handle deadlines and should expect to spend some additional time outside of the class working on the publication.</p> |
| Cross Country | <p>This course is designed to introduce the basic fundamentals of cross country with a focus on running and stamina. Students also learn the rules, strategies, and proper etiquette as well as an appreciation for a lifetime activity. The scientific foundations of strength training will also be included in this course. The ability to perform the fundamentals will be demonstrated in competitive situations.</p> |
| Math Support 9 | <p>Extra support for 9th grade Integrated Math I. We will be reviewing, building foundational skills, and doing a lot of practice.</p> |

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| Math Support 11 | This seminar is designed to provide consistent, additional support for Integrated Math III students to expand and reinforce their learning. |
| Basketball | This course is designed to introduce the basic fundamentals of basketball - passing, dribbling, shooting, and communication. Students also learn the rules, strategies, and proper etiquette as well as an appreciation for a lifetime activity. The scientific foundations of strength training will also be included in this course. The ability to perform the fundamentals will be demonstrated in game situations. |
| Puzzles | Do you like to problem solve? Do you like to struggle with a problem and will not give up until you solve the problem? Join us for this fun seminar. We will solve a variety of puzzles that will engage and challenge you! |
| Custom Ink | If you like to doodle, draw, and paint on things this is the seminar for you. We will create one of a kind custom culture art. We will take old worn out objects such as shoes, shirts, jeans, backpacks, purses and anything else you can find and re purpose it into amazing art. During this seminar you will also have the opportunity to help design the shoes that we create for the Custom Culture Vans Shoes competition. |
| Archery | In the seminar you will learn how to participate in Archery. The fundamentals of archery and how to use and care for equipment, basic safety, techniques and fundamentals of shooting but best of all have fun! |
| Meditation through Movement | Come relax your body and mind through movement. Class begins with mediation, focuses on breath, moves through postures in yoga, pilates, and tai chi, as well as the alexander technique, and concludes with relaxation. In class, you will tone the body, lengthen muscles, release tension, and strengthen core. After class, you will leave feeling calm, physically strengthened, and happy after having the opportunity to escape from the hectic world. |
| Journalism and Media Literacy 101 | In this seminar, you will learn the basics of writing/producing news reports within multiple platforms (print, online, video), go over the basic history of Journalism and discuss the current role in the age of digital info, learn how to digest current and popular media images/info so as to become critical thinkers, and analyze current news stories and look for differing angles. |
| Caring Crafts | Show you care! Make cool, fun and pretty items that will cheer up people in need of a hug. In this seminar we'll make craft items such as decorated picture frames, recycled magazine bowls and vases, artsy cookies, personalized cups and more. We'll give them to people in retirement homes, hospitals, shelters and other local institutions. Giving can be fun and it feels so good! |
| DirecTV Computer Programming | Learn computer programming with DirecTV engineers – at the DirecTV offices. This seminar will meet Tuesdays at DirecTV, and Thursdays here on the DVC/DVD campus. Students will learn the fundamentals of programming and create programs and apps – come start your path to becoming the next tech innovator! |
| Introduction to Jewelry/Metals | In this seminar, students will learn an introduction to jewelry making using cold connections. Taught by two up-and-coming jewelry designers, this class will explore the step-by-step process of taking a concept and bringing it to fruition. Students will gain familiarity and expertise in a variety of hand tooling techniques, such as sawing, riveting, texturing, filing, and chain making. There will be a semester long project where students will create a necklace and gain an understanding of the design process from start to finish. |
| Acapella/Glee | Do you like singing in the shower or in your car hoping that someday, you will get a chance to sing in front of everyone? Do you want to nurture your ability to sing and harmonize in a group? Did you watch Pitch Perfect and thought it was amazing? Well, you might be interested in joining the Acapella / Glee group. In this Seminar, you will nurture your ability to sing, covering popular songs ranging from Beatles to Beyonce and Michael Jackson to One Republic, and showcase your talent in front of others. If you are interested, start preparing for the auditions now! |
| Work Experience Program | For 11th-12th graders, or 10th graders with administrator's approval: Da Vinci Design students have the opportunity to participate in the Work Experience Program, whereby they spend a semester working after school at a local business two days a week (unpaid). This assignment teaches students the discipline and professionalism needed to seek and succeed in a first-time job, and gives students real world learning to include on their college applications and resumes. The 45 businesses that host Da Vinci students are large corporations, retail stores, hotels, small businesses, medical facilities, schools, and non-profit organizations. |
| Golf | This course is designed to introduce the basic fundamentals of golf – mainly swinging the golf club and hitting the ball effectively. Students also learn the rules, strategies, and proper etiquette as well as an appreciation for a lifetime activity. |
| US Documentary | Explore social, cultural, political, and economic issues of the United States through the lens of a documentary. Every week we will explore a new topic that will explore and critique various topics of the United States. |