

DVD TUESDAY/THURSDAY SEMINAR OPTIONS

Yearbook	Are you a photographer? An artist? A writer? A creative person? WE WANT YOU! We are Yearbook. We are readers, writers, athletes, artists, musicians. We come together to run a business and create a lasting memory of the Da Vinci Experience each year. The yearbook brings us together, and the time we spend working and collaborating makes us family. This is also a great addition to your college application and resume! Please note: this is a YEAR LONG seminar.
Improv	Improvisational acting ("Improv") requires fast-paced collaboration and thinking skills as actors create scenes in real time, often based off of suggestions made from the audience. In this course, you are not expected to master the art of acting or comedy. You are expected to participate fully in every exercise, every game, and every competition either as an on-stage actor or as an active audience member. Students will learn the skills and rules necessary to perform improv games in front of a live audience. THIS SEMESTER: We will focus on learning "long-form" Improv skills in addition to our short-form games and warm-ups. Each student must perform for a live audience at least once during the semester.
Lyrical Legacy	This class is for those who are interested in combining both poetry and the style of hip-hop through various exercises and creative writing techniques. This class will also delve deep into the music production aspect of modern day Hip-Hop, stretching content over DJ-ing and mixing Hip-Hop songs plus various other genres on a live turntable; and the production side to beat making, sampling and much more on sophisticated programs i.e. Serato DJ, FL Studio 12, Audacity and more! Curriculum includes: Creative Writing/Poetry, Music Production Mastery, DJ Mastery, Song Structure/Creation, Music Promotion, and Performance Practice
Not a Perfect World	Through literature and cinema, students will explore the connections and disconnections between today's society and fictional dystopian society. Each day, students will read and/or watch events occurring in a dystopian society then complete a quick survey expressing their observations and interests. Concluding the literary read or cinema viewing, students will participate in a group discussion of similarities and differences with our world today.
Digital Photography	Digital Photography is an integration of technique, intuition and creativity. While observing our environment we will experiment with composition, color, and shapes. We will explore portraiture, still life's, location shooting and lighting techniques. We will have discussions about photography, art and have open class critiques. Connect with other creative students in a playful environment of personal style and expression.
High School and Pop Culture Film	In this seminar, we will be watching various American films that portray high school from different decades. Students will then engage in discussions about how high school is portrayed in film versus their experiences as high school students. Note: Some of the films will be rated R. Students need parental consent to watch these films.
SAT Prep Math	This seminar will focus on preparing students for the Math section of the SAT/ACT. We will discuss test-taking strategies, complete practice tests, and build overall math skills. Open to 11 th and 12 th graders.
Work Experience	For 11th-12th graders, or 10th graders with admin approval: DVD 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. Businesses include large corporations, retail stores, hotels, small businesses, medical facilities, schools, and non-profit organizations.
3D Design	In this course you will create 3D art through a variety of mediums. You will use newspaper clippings, bits of colored or hand-made papers, portions of other artwork, photographs and other found objects, glued to a piece of paper or canvas. You will also have the opportunity to salvage items around the house and turn them into completely awesome projects! This will be a fun class to help get your design juices flowing!

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.
Anime & Manga	In this seminar, students will be exploring the popular medium of anime (Japanese animation) and manga (Japanese comics). Students will assess various series through distinct cultural lenses and discuss the impact they have on our global society. The seminar will culminate with the students developing their own anime or manga series and eventually producing physical media. Topics of study will include: -The mediums' origins in Japan, anime's rise in popularity, both the positive and negative impacts on society and how anime has shaped a nation and developed its own unique fan base.
Ceramics	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. *Suggested Lab Donation of \$20 for cost of clay.
Cross Country	This course is designed to introduce the basic fundamentals of track & field. 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.
SAT II Spanish Prep	Taking the Spanish Subject Test is a great way to highlight your knowledge of Spanish and demonstrate your interest in the Spanish language during the college-admission process. Plus, it could give you a head start in college by allowing you to fulfill basic language competency requirements or place out of introductory-level Spanish courses.
Walkercise	The Walkercise seminar will incorporate various methods of fitness such as walking exercises, body weight fitness, and yoga. Participation and dressing appropriately for this seminar is mandatory.
Vehicle Design II	This course will focus on students learning how to create their own, unique vehicle designs. This will be accomplished through their application of three dimensional sketching techniques, using perspective, value shading with markers and line quality to communicate form. Prior exposure to the basics of perspective and understanding of value shading required for class entry.
Jewelry Making	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.
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.
Music Production	"Music Production" is a seminar where students with no prior musical experience can acquire a basic musical understanding, and generate original music for commercials, soundtracks, and songs. More advanced students will have access to Apple Logic Pro X, a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) widely used by professionals in the audio recording, television, and film industries.
Krav Maga and Self Defense	Teen program - learn Krav Maga and Self-Defense offered by the owner of Systems Training Center right here in Hawthorne! Visit http://systemstrainingcenter.com/classes/Krav-Maga for more detailed information on owner Marcus Kowal and his programs.