

LIFE

2010-11 Summer Class Listings Gainesville Presbyterian Church (Gainesville, VA)

Six 2-hour sessions – three sessions per week (M/W/F) for two weeks.

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Week 1: August 2, 4, and 6 — Week 2: August 9, 11, and 13

\$125 per student, price includes handouts and materials

9:30–11:30am - SAT Essay Prep: Strategies, Tips, and Practice (JR/SR)

This 12-hour class will prepare your student for the 25-minute timed SAT essay. The class is broken into three parts. First, by combining College Board guidelines and materials with proven effective writing techniques, your student will learn how to understand and use the official SAT essay scoring methodology to receive “outstanding” evaluations on their essays. Second, students will review and analyze actual student SAT essays. And third, students will learn specific tips geared to their existing writing skills, then practice four SAT essays based on actual essay prompts from prior years. The benefits of this class exceed SAT essay writing and are useful not only throughout high school and college, but later in their personal and professional lives. Prerequisites: get that writing hand and fingers loosened up – SAT essays are hand-written, not typed! Finally, this is a great prep class to the year-long Effective Writing 101 class. Minimum class size: 4.

12:30–2:30pm - Mini Mock Trial: Developing a Voice for Public Speaking and Drama (JR/SR)

This unique 12-hour class introduces students to the interactive power of teams and effective speaking techniques. Using a courtroom backdrop, this highly-interactive class is less formal and structured than organized speech and debate classes, combining drama and an introduction to our court and legal system. Benefits: your students will enjoy a compelling academic experience that will help them develop competence, confidence, and collective creativity. This class is broken into three parts. First, students learn effective communication principles. Second, student learn the rules governing criminal and civil trials. And third, students participate in a mini mock trial. Prerequisites: appropriate reading speed and comprehension skills for age level, can use Microsoft Word or equivalent, and has a willingness to speak publically to small groups and student/parent juries. Finally, this is a great prep class for the year-long Mock Trial class. Minimum class size: 6.

Registration: A \$50 deposit is required by May 1. First come, first serve. Reserve a spot for your student now.

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