



*"There is an obvious connection between involvement in arts courses and higher academic achievement. These findings are consistent with decades of research revealing that studying music and other arts disciplines improves cognitive abilities that are used in academic areas such as mathematics, reading and science."*

The First Academy offers an expanded after school program to include performing and fine arts classes as well as enrichment classes for students. The Royal Academy of Arts and Enrichment (RAAE) is an extra-curricular program. This program is implemented to meet the requests of families and to expand offerings and participation in the Fine Arts program and other areas of enrichment.

The *Royal Academy of Arts and Enrichment* classes are offered after school on a semester basis (generally 10-12 weeks or 8 months) with registration and course fees. Each course will include weekly classes (1 day per week) and will be approximately one hour in length, beginning after the school day ends. A course fee is required for any student enrolled in a class and generally covers all supplies and materials. Classes begin within the first weeks of each semester.

The courses offered are dependent on the availability of an instructor. We continually seek qualified instructors to teach classes, which may include TFA teachers, parents, or other qualified persons. If you have questions regarding the program or are interested in teaching a course next semester, or would like to recommend an instructor, please contact: Debi Savage, Program Director at [debisavage@thefirstacademy.org](mailto:debisavage@thefirstacademy.org).

Thank you for your interest in the Royal Academy of the Arts! We are pleased to offer a variety of courses! RAAE provides students in Kindergarten through 8th grade with an opportunity to participate in programs focusing on the Arts. We hope you will be a part of the Royal Academy of Arts and Enrichment with exciting opportunities for children to develop their God-given talents and learn new skills.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration will be held online beginning Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017. The link is [www.thefirstacademy.org/RAAE](http://www.thefirstacademy.org/RAAE)

Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Courses will be closed when capacity is reached. After tallying registrations, families will be informed as to their specific class(es).

#### COURSE FEE

The course fee must be paid as listed in the online registration form. The fees are set for all students, staff/non-staff.

#### REFUND POLICY

**The course fee must be paid with each registration. The student will receive a full refund less expenses incurred (processing fee) if withdrawing from a program offering before Friday, Aug. 25, 2017. No refunds will be made after this date.** If a student is asked to leave the course for disciplinary reasons no refund will be permitted.

#### CANCELLATION & WITHDRAWAL

The First Academy reserves the right to cancel any program for which there is insufficient enrollment. The designated participation maximum is listed under the course description. All fees will be refunded in the event that the course minimum is not met. This application is made with the understanding that The First Academy reserves the right to request withdrawal of any student whose conduct, influence, attendance, or progress is regarded as undesirable or unsatisfactory, or who fails to conform to rules and regulations. No refund will be made to any student who withdraws or is dismissed from the Royal Academy of the Arts after the program has begun.

#### DRESS CODE

The dress code for the Royal Academy of Arts and Enrichment is TFA school uniform unless instructed otherwise.

# 2017 FALL SEMESTER

## MONDAY

### **CLASSICAL BALLET Grades 1-2 (15 max.) 3:20-4:20**

8 months

Children will be developing skills on which to build a solid dance foundation through the Royal Academy technique. Alongside technical exercises students will also be learning dances and repertoire from some of the most popular ballets. The Royal Academy of Dance is one of the world's most influential dance education and training organizations, leading in Classical Ballet. Children will have the opportunity to present their classwork to parents, perform in an end of year RAAE recital. *Students will require pink leather ballet shoes.*

**Ms. Kelsey Wapinsky, Instructor**

**Cost: \$480 (Full Year Course) Recital/Costume Fee is included (student will keep the costume)**

### **MUSICAL THEATRE/JAZZ DANCE GRADES 4-6 (15 max.) 3:20-4:20**

Semester I

This exciting dance class has been designed to help build dance confidence and musical theatre performance skills through the development of jazz technique and learning combinations from well-known musicals. This class will also cover audition techniques for Musical Theater, and is ideal for those looking to perform in staged productions. This class not only focuses on stretching and across the floor work, but works on center technique, leaps, turns and choreography. Students will have the opportunity to perform in a costumed recital number during the Christmas Program. *Students will require Tan Jazz Shoes.*

**Ms. Krista Kline, Instructor**

**Cost: \$260 (Fall Semester Only) Recital/Costume Fee is included (student will keep the costume)**

### **STEM SIZZLIN' SCIENCE & IMAGINATION MASTERBUILDERS CLUB - Grades 3-5 (20 max) 3:20-4:20 10 weeks**

This STEM/STEAM course is designed to challenge your genius, junior engineer! The students are introduced to the *Engineering Design Process* and learn how to apply those principles as they build, race, and modify 10 builds and awesome experiments - including cool pullback motorized cars, a pink/blue cabriolet, and dinos that they will take home! The STEM concepts will include problem solving, collaboration, data collection, hypothesizing, testing and re-engineering, design. Student themes include *High Tech Race Cars* and *Deep SEA Exploration!!*

**Mrs. Martin, Instructor**

**Cost: \$225 (including take home builds)**

### **CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH- Grades 4-8 (6 max.) 3:20-4:20**

12 weeks

Increase language skills, make friends and be ready to travel the world! Learning a new language opens new worlds of learning- art, music, history, and culture! This class will focus on conversational and listening skills and basic Spanish grammar and vocabulary. Whether you want to be ready for high school Spanish or travel the world- this class can benefit you!

**Mrs. Blair Charles, Instructor**

**Cost: \$220**

### **LEARN TO CODE: GAMING AND STORYTELLING - Grades 3-6 (16 max.) 3:20-4:20**

12 weeks

Learn basic coding skills while having fun with gaming and storytelling. The ability to code computer programs is an important part of literacy in today's society. We will use Scratch, a drag and drop coding program. Scratch helps students learn important strategies for solving problems, designing projects, and communicating ideas. With Scratch, you can program your own interactive stories, games, and animations. Scratch helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively — essential skills for life in the 21st century. Scratch was developed at MIT to help kids learn to code in fun and engaging ways. No computer science experience required.

**Ms. Deanna Harrison, Instructor**

**Cost: \$210**

### **STRINGS Grades 3-5 (10 max.) 3:20pm-4:05**

12 weeks

Students will be established in fundamental basics of the instrument which will allow him/her to acquire an adequate level in reading music, applying techniques to play the violin and over all, have fun learning this beautiful stringed instrument. Students will be encouraged to be responsible and develop a passionate interest for music. Methodology will be Suzuki with Book I being used. Students are to lease or provide their own instrument. The instructor will be happy to help guide in this process.

**Mr. Eric Diaz, Instructor**

**Cost: \$260 Private lessons available for \$300 with instructor to handle individual appointments.**

## TUESDAY

### **STEM SIZZLIN' SCIENCE & PLAYGROUND KIDZ CLUB - Grades K-2 (15 max.) 3:20-4:20**

**10 weeks**

This STEM/STEAM course is perfectly designed for your little, genius engineer! The students are introduced to the *Engineering Design Process* and learn how to apply those principles to 10 different themed builds that they will take home! The concepts will include problem solving, collaboration, data collection, observations, re-engineering, design. Student themes include, *Animal Farm, Treasure Hunt and more!!*

**Mrs. Martin, Instructor**

**Cost: \$225 (including take home build)**

### **CHESS – Grades 3-8 (12 max.) 3:20-4:20**

12 weeks

Sunny Chess will provide students with online lessons using TFA iPads, incorporating United States Chess Federation certified coaches. Our students have won the Best of Phoenix, the Governor's Cup of Arizona as well as many medals during the Orlando National tournament. We have the utmost patience and love for teaching as well as the knowledge of the game, which makes us perfect for coaching students. Teaching online has been our specialty and we have developed methods that focus on the student. This methodical approach makes sure we understand every student as an individual and is reflected in the enthusiasm that students show for learning of the game. Join the fun and be part of the TFA's Chess class.

**Mrs. Coffman, facilitator**

**Cost: \$190**

### **TAP/JAZZ Grades 3-4 (15 max.) 3:20pm-4:20pm**

8 months

A fun dance technique class, with lots of high energy routines and exercises for your budding dancers. Classes will focus on basic tap and jazz dance steps, progressing across the year into intermediate steps and combinations. Children will have the opportunity to present their classwork to parents and perform in an end of year RAAE recital. *Students will require black tap shoes and tan jazz shoes.*

**Ms. Kelsey Wapinsky, Instructor**

**Cost: \$480 (Full Year Course) Recital/Costume Fee is included (student will keep the costume)**

### **GYMNASTICS Grades K-2 (15 max.) 3:20pm-4:20**

8 months

An introduction to Gymnastics, led by Jillian Soden, certified USA Gymnastics coach. This class will focus on developing flexibility, strength and coordination via floor exercises and drills. Skill development will progress over the course of the program to include forwards and backwards rolls, handstands, cartwheels, walkovers and more! A high energy, fun class for those looking to develop basic gymnastic skills.

**Ms. Jillian Soden, Instructor**

**Cost: \$480 (Full Year Course) Recital/Costume Fee is included (student will keep the costume)**

### **VOCAL WORKSHOP Grades 6-8 (10 max.) 3:20-4:40**

12 weeks

Get ready to sing your heart out! In this Vocal Workshop we will develop and sharpen your skills in the following areas: ear training, singing harmony, performing and worship leading. There will be opportunities to perform selected songs, solo in front of your peers, as well as small group performances for each other.

**Mrs. Christie Bruno, Instructor**

**Cost: \$190**

### **ADVENTURER'S CLUB – Grades 3-5 (15 max.) 3:20-4:20**

12 weeks

Do you love learning about different people and places? Do you want to explore new food, music, art, cities, nature and cultures? Then join the Adventurers Club! In the Adventurers' Club you will experience the world with National Geographic, Google Earth, Expeditions and GoPro. We will experience music, art, foods and culture with many hands on activities, visitors and virtually. On our expeditions, we will focus on practical problem solving to help students understand how to better communicate and compete in our global society.

**Mrs. Blair Charles, Instructor**

**Cost: \$190**

### **BEGINNER ACOUSTIC GUITAR FOR WORSHIP – Grades 6-8 (12 max.) 3:20-4:20**

12 weeks

This is a class geared towards beginner acoustic guitarists. Pastor Roberto will be teaching on the fundamentals of playing guitar. You will learn everything from chords to strumming to playing in a worship band and music theory. After taking this course, your personal worship time is sure to be enriched. No experience necessary! Students will need to provide their own acoustic guitar. *Private lessons may be arranged with the instructor through the Royal Academy of Arts and Enrichment.*

**Mr. Roberto Bruno, Instructor**

**Cost: \$240**

## WEDNESDAY

### **CHESS – Grades K-2 (12 max.) 2:45-3:45**

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**Mrs. Coffman, Facilitator.**

**Costs: \$190**

### **BEGINNING CERAMICS Grades: 3-6 (20 max.) 2:45-3:45**

10 weeks

Students will explore hand building, throwing, and glazing techniques. Projects are all new so previous RAAE Ceramics students are welcome! The entire Christian walk can be shared through creation of a pot on the potter's wheel! Students will witness the kiln firing process, and relate it to the refining fire of the Holy Spirit. Students will gain understanding of our walk with the Potter, while creating with the Clay!

**Mrs. Cynthia Collins, Instructor.**

**Cost: \$200**

### **ANYONE CAN DRAW! Grades: 3-6 (16 max.) 2:45-3:45**

12 weeks

In this class, students will learn the basics of drawing using shapes. When you learn this you can draw ANYTHING! They will draw animals like dogs, cats, lions, carousel horses, owls and more! We will even master ZENTANGLES! If you like to draw and would like to create colorful creatures, sign up today!

**Ms. Patti Duresky, Instructor**

**Cost: \$185**

### **BALLET/LYRICAL DANCE Grades 3-5 (18 max.) 2:45-3:45**

8 months

This class focuses on classical ballet technique alongside lyrical dance, to develop graceful movement with artistic expression. This class will use both classical and praise music during classes, and will culminate in a performance piece at the end of the program, drawing upon all the techniques learned within class.

Students will have the opportunity to present their classwork to parents and perform in an end of year RAAE recital. *Students will require pink leather ballet shoes or canvas lyrical shoes.*

**Ms. Tori Sarau**

**Cost: \$480 (Full Year Course) Recital/Costume Fee is included (student will keep the costume)**

## THURSDAY

### **BALLET/TAP COMBO Grades: Preschool 3-4 yr. olds. (12 max.) 2:15-3:00**

8 months

An introduction to Ballet and Tap for your tiny dancers. This class will develop a love for dance and music through beginner's ballet and tap steps! A fun class, filled with creative dance exercises and props such as scarves, ribbons, hula hoops, butterfly wings and tiaras this class is ideal for any little dancer looking to learn Ballet and Tap! Students will also have the opportunity to present their classwork to parents and perform in an end of year RAAE recital. *Students will require pink leather ballet shoes and black tap shoes.*

**Ms. Tori Sarau, Instructor**

**Cost: \$420 (Full Year Course) Recital/Costume Fee is included (student will keep the costume)**

### **TAKE A BOW ACTING Grades 3-5 (15 max.) 3:20-4:20**

Semester I

This fun acting class has been designed to help build creativity and confidence through the use of improvisation, imagination, theatre games, script work and other acting exercises. The class will cover improvisation, comedy, drama, short monologues/scenes, and even take a foray into Film and Commercial acting. This is a great class for building self-confidence and acting skills in your young performer! Over the course of the semester the students will be involved in an acting project to showcase at the end of the program.

**Ms. Krista Kline, Instructor**

Cost for \$190 (Fall Semester Only)

### **HIP HOP/JAZZ Grades K4-1 (12 max.) 3:20-4:20**

8 months

This class focuses on developing fun and funky routines, it is perfect for the budding performers. Along with the warm-ups, technical aspects such as turns and leaps are taught, in addition to original routines.

Students will have the opportunity to present their classwork to parents and perform in an end of year RAAE recital. *Students will require tan jazz shoes.*

**Ms. Tori Sarau, Instructor**

Cost for program \$480 (Full Year Course) Recital/Costume Fee is included (student will keep the costume)

### **STEEL DRUMS Grades 4-5 (17 max.) 3:20-4:20**

8 months

The Steel Drums is a fun and exciting class using the non-traditional instrument from Trinidad! Students will learn basic music skills and songs that have a taste of the islands!

**Mr. James McKey, Instructor**

**Total Cost: \$300**

### **ADVENTURER'S CLUB – Grades K-2 (15 max.) 3:20-4:20**

12 weeks

Do you love learning about different people and places? Do you want to explore new food, music, art, cities, nature and cultures? Then join the Adventurers Club! In the Adventurers' Club you will experience the world with National Geographic, Google Earth, Expeditions and GoPro. We will experience music, art, foods and culture with many hands on activities, visitors and virtually. On our expeditions, we will focus on practical problem solving to help students understand how to better communicate and compete in our global society.

**Mrs. Blair Charles, Instructor**

**Cost: \$190**

### **ODYSSEY OF THE MIND – Grades 3-6 (20 max.) 3:20-4:20**

12 weeks

Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving program that engages students in learning by allowing their knowledge and ideas to come to life in an exciting, productive environment. It helps students go beyond conventional thinking, build self-confidence, and develop skills in public speaking and collaboration. Each week, students will respond to STEAM related challenges and performance problems (STEAM = Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math), which require problem solving, creativity, innovation, design, artistic expression, acting, and sometimes even a closer look at history and classic literature. There is not a competition for Odyssey of the Mind this semester, so this group will be focused on weekly exploration of Odyssey of the Mind projects and challenges, to gain STEAM skills while having fun. Check out the Odyssey of the Mind website to learn more ([www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com)).

**Ms. Deanna Harrison, Instructor**

**Cost: \$210**

### **WORD Art Class Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (15 max.) 3:20-4:20**

12 weeks

Students will learn how to interpret passages of Scripture into finished pieces of art to glorify the Lord. The lessons will include instructions in drawing skills, composition and watercolor, and oil painting techniques. Students will pray and consider the two major pieces of art that they will produce from Scripture. One piece during the first six weeks from the Old Testament in watercolor and the second piece during the last six weeks of the course from the New Testament using the medium of oil paint.

**Mr. Jon George, Instructor**

**Cost: \$200**

## FRIDAY

### **BALLET/TAP COMBO Grades K4-K (12 max.) 3:20-4:20**

8 months

A great introduction to Ballet and Tap dance techniques for any budding Ballerinas and Tappers! A fun class that will be split to learn aspects of both techniques, this program is ideal for children who like to learn a wide variety of steps in a fun, creative and energetic class! Students will have the opportunity to present their classwork to parents and perform in an end of year RAAE recital. *Students will require pink leather ballet shoes and black ballet shoes.*

**Ms. Krista Kline, Instructor**

**Cost: \$480 (Full Year Course) Recital/Costume Fee is included (student will keep the costume)**