



Spring 2011 Class Schedule



Come and Join the Fun!



Welcome to Project S.O.A.R.! Project S.O.A.R. is designed to provide children in foster care, adoption and subsidized guardianship the opportunity to develop and explore a variety of interests. The classes offered range from music, art, media, dance and drama and are held weekly. Eligibility for enrollment is now open to children in foster care, adoption, and subsidized guardianship.

To keep the children involved and active in their home communities, we ask that the children enroll in classes that are in close proximity to their homes. To help make it easily identifiable, class offerings are grouped according to the DCFS Cook County geographic regions. Students will be able to register for a maximum of **TWO** classes.

Transportation will be based on need, availability and class location. In an effort to reduce travel time for any child eligible for transportation, Project S.O.A.R. has implemented new transportation guidelines. If you have a need for transportation, please ask for details when you call for registration.

This catalog identifies the following classes that are available during the Spring session.

- **After school in the Arts**
- **Ballet**
- **Chorus**
- **Clarinet**
- **Dance Forms**
- **Drums**
- **Flute**
- **Movie Making**
- **New Directions/ Black Ensemble**
- **Photography**
- **Piano**
- **Percussion**
- **Teen Program**
- **Violin**
- **Visual Art**

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Enrollment Checklist

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Please Remember:

- In order to speed up the enrollment process, please have all the information ready **BEFORE** you call. This includes child's name, birthday, case ID number and medical information.
- Be aware of the age range listed by each class.
- All SOAR Program classes are **NOW offered to OPEN adopted, subsidized guardianship and foster children**, and are **free** of charge.
- Classes in this schedule will meet from Monday, January 24, 2011 - Friday, May 13, 2011, unless otherwise stated in the book.
- Classes in this schedule will **NOT** meet on holidays observed by Chicago Public Schools. These holidays are:
 - December 21-January 1 – Winter Vacation
 - January 18 – Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
 - February 12 – Lincoln's Birthday
 - February 15 – Presidents' Day
 - March 1 – C. Pulaski's Birthday
 - March 29-April 2 – Spring Break
- TRANSPORTATION WILL BE BASED ON NEED, AVAILABILITY AND CLASS LOCATION. WE DO NOT TRANSPORT YOUTH BEYOND EIGHT MILES FROM THE PICK UP AND DROP OFF LOCATION. ALSO, ALL YOUTH AGES 7 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT (18 YEARS OR OLDER) ON THE BUS.**

Central Region

Visual Art I (Ages 7-15) Capacity 12

Taught By Arts Excel

Class begins: January 26, 2011

Class Ends: May 11, 2011

If you like art, this class is for you. Draw, paint, create with clay and participate in many new and exciting art activities. Learn from an experienced teacher who is a professional artist. Develop skills and techniques needed to express your ideas and feelings as you experiment with chalk pastels, oil pastels, colored pencils, watercolors, acrylic paints, fabric markers and much more.

C1 **Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.**
Neighborhood United Methodist Church
1817-19 Washington Blvd., Maywood



Ballet

Taught by The School of Ballet Chicago

218 S. Wabash, Suite 300, Chicago

Class Begins: Week of January 25, 2011

Class Ends: Week of June 5, 2011

Students must be potty trained to sign up for Creative Movement/Ballet Classes.



- Spring Repertory Children's Audition- January 24, 2011 (For older students Ballet 1 and up-talent based auditions)
- Second Semester begins: January 25, 2011
- Presidents Day: February 15, 2011 (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- Spring Break: March 29, 2011 - April 4, 2011 (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- Spring Repertory Performances: May 21-23, 2011 (Athenaeum Theatre, professional performance, tickets must be purchased)
- Memorial Weekend Break: May 28-31, 2011 (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- End of Year School Performance: June 5, 2011

Visual Art I (Ages 10-16) Capacity 12

Class Begins: January 28, 2011

Class Ends: May 6, 2011

Taught by Arts Excel

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N1 **Fridays, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**
Uhlich Children's Advantage Network
3737 N. Mozart, Chicago



North Region

New Directions (Ages 13-19) Capacity 5

Taught by the Black Ensemble Theater

Class Begins: January 22, 2011

Class Ends: June 30, 2011

This is a year-round program

****Students will be provided with costumes and makeup (for performances), breakfast and writing materials.***

This class will enhance and increase transitional skills helping to propel youth towards independence and adulthood. This is a theater arts class that provides a positive forum for expression through acting. There are three stages of the curriculum: Training, Creativity and Performance. Topics covered include concentration, public presentation, acting, writing and developing scripts. Skills that are enhanced through the class include developmental skills such as focus, motivation and self-discipline.

N2 **Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
Black Ensemble Theater
4520 N. Beacon, Chicago



After School in the Arts

Taught by Boulevard Arts Center

400 W. 76th Street, Suite 204, Chicago

Class Begins: January 17, 2011

Class Ends: April 11, 2011

S1 Mondays, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Ages 6-9) Capacity 10

S2 Mondays, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Ages 10-12) Capacity 10

A. Basic Computer Literacy

Students will learn the basic steps to computer learning. Don't wonder how they did it, learn to do it yourself. Create things of interest to you. Make your own personal note paper, plugger, posters and much more. Create letters, notes, and copy pictures, design your own project, and learn how to use the format painter, fonts, shading and more. Then print it! This class will teach you how and why in basic computer literacy. The class will conclude with students creating their own project for display in a slide show.

B. Drawing and Painting

Students will be introduced to the fundamental skills of making art. They will discover a variety of shapes and form, from still life to figures and learn to develop form and space with cross-matching and shading.

C. Readers Theatre

Do you love reading and the theatre? Then this is the class for you! You will learn to develop scripts, perform in groups, and practice using your voice to act out characters from a story. You will have the chance to enjoy humor, comedy, drama, fantasy, tales from various cultures and more. You will also tap into the classics. You will become excited and motivated to read. You will also develop your reading comprehension and fluency skills and have fun, fun, fun. Why not pick a book, become a character and come into our "Readers' Theatre." Our Readers' Theatre also has a puppet show, music and dance. A Master Storyteller conducts this class with various authors and other Master Storytellers as guests. This class will conclude with a selected performance in our Readers' Theatre.

South Region

Teen Program

Taught by Boulevard Arts Center

400 W. 76th Street, Suite 204, Chicago

Class Begins: January 19, 2011

Class Ends: April 13, 2011

This program is offered to students who are currently in high school. Teens will be able to join with peers of like minds for arts learning and enjoyment in various forms of interest: Creative Writing/Poetry, Digital Photography, Performing Arts/Acting and Visual Arts. Teens will be able to participate in our monthly peer filled “Open Mic” at the “Teen Speak Arts Café” to showcase their creative talents in all of the above arts. A “Teen Idol” contest will be held at the end of the semester. Their peers, based on the variety of artistic talents, will select contestants. Classes will conclude with final performances, slide show gallery display and exhibits. Snacks will be served.

S3 **Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** (Ages 13-15) Capacity 10

S4 **Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.** (Ages 16-18) Capacity 10

A. Creative Writing/Poetry Club

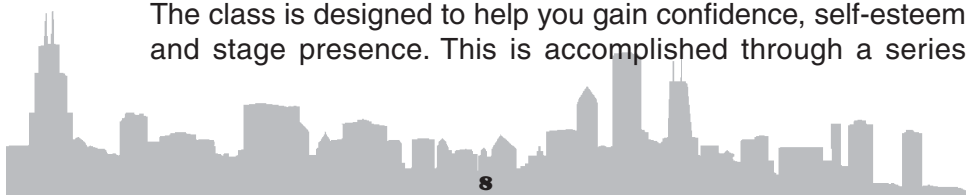
You will think, create, exhibit and perform creative writing techniques, utilizing reading skills and hands-on instruction for presenting and or performing a variety of writing styles. You will create your own collection of poetry for the introduction to writing and self-publishing your own poetry book.

B. Digital Photography Club

You will develop practical skills in digital camera operation and photo techniques. You will also study various lighting techniques as they apply to flash photography. You will execute professional style photo shoots and create a photo gallery exhibit and slide showcase.

C. Performing Acts/Acting Club

Do you love to perform? Would you like to learn how? Come and develop your practical skills needed for theatrical performance. The class is designed to help you gain confidence, self-esteem and stage presence. This is accomplished through a series



of group readings and individual speeches or monologues. You will learn how lighting and sound are used to enhance a theatrical production. You will work with peers to develop a final performance piece.

D. Visual Art Club

Would you like to become the artist that you are? Come out and learn about color, shape and form. You will study different styles and periods of visual artwork to teach and bring understanding of how artists describe the world around them. You will have the opportunity to create your stories through the media of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture, learning how to express how through visuals. You will be able to create your own masterpiece by the end of the session.

Photography (Ages 11-18) Capacity 8

Taught By Arts Excel

Class Begins: January 26, 2011

Class Ends: May 11, 2011



Unlock the mysteries of photography. Discover the science behind taking pictures. Shoot, develop and print your own photographs! Take pictures of your family and friends. Learn from an experienced teacher who is a professional photographer. Each student is assigned his/her own camera.

S5 **Wednesdays, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.**
Washington Park Field House
5531 S. Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago



South Region

Visual Art I (Ages 7-15) Capacity 12 (each class) *Taught By Arts Excel*

If you like art, this class is for you. Draw, paint, create with clay and participate in many new and exciting art activities. Learn from an experienced teacher who is a professional artist. Develop skills and techniques needed to express your ideas and feelings as you experiment with chalk pastels, oil pastels, colored pencils, watercolors, acrylic paints, fabric markers and much more.

- S6** **Wednesdays, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Class Begins: January 26, 2011
 Fernwood Park Class Ends: May 11, 2011
 10436 S. Wallace, Chicago
- S7** **Thursdays, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Class Begins: January 27, 2011
 Calvary Baptist Church Class Ends: May 12, 2011
 8247 S. Jeffrey, Chicago
- S8** **Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.** Class Begins: January 27, 2011
 Hazel Crest Community Class Ends: May 12, 2011
 United Methodist Church
 17050 California Ave., Hazel Crest

Visual Art II (Ages 11-16) Capacity 12 *Taught By Arts Excel*

Class Begins: January 24, 2011
Class Ends: May 9, 2011

In this class you will learn how to draw people in action and make portraits that are life-like. You will develop skills with colored pencils, oil pastels, acrylic paints and much more. Learn from an experienced teacher who is a professional artist. All that is needed to succeed in this class is an interest in art.

- S9** **Mondays, 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.**
 Hazel Crest Community United Methodist Church
 17050 California Avenue, Hazel Crest



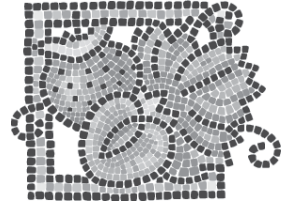
Mosaic Art (Ages 10-18) Capacity 8 *Taught By Arts Excel*

Class Begins: January 24, 2011

Class Ends: May 7, 2011

Create beautiful mosaics! Invent your own designs with pieces of colored tile. Make a mosaic photo frame and other individual projects. Be part of a team that will design and construct a large wall mosaic for public display. Learn the art of mosaics from an experienced teacher who is a professional mosaic artist.

S10 Mondays, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
St. James United Methodist Church
4611 S. Ellis, Chicago



A Chance to Dance (Ages 10-14) Capacity 20 *Taught By the Willingham Project*

Class Begins: January 29, 2011

Class Ends: May 7, 2011

A Chance to Dance is designed to make dance accessible to all Chicago area youth. Youth will be taught Ballet, Hip Hop and Modern Dance. A Chance to Dance hopes to provide its participants with an opportunity to experience dance as a performance art. Influenced by the vision of Alvin Ailey, we developed this program to create a world in which "...the youth are not afraid to take chances and can hold onto their values and self-esteem, especially in the arts of dance." – Alvin Ailey

S11 Saturdays, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Fuller Park
331 West 45th Street, Chicago



South Region

Movie Making (Ages 9-14) Capacity 10 (each class) *Taught by Community TV Network*

Do you like movies? Have you ever wondered how they are made? In Moviemaking, you will make your very own movie from start to finish. Along with your fellow students, you will write, storyboard, direct, shoot and edit a film using professional cameras, microphones and editing software. Each class will also have fun games and activities in help you learn all about the process. At the end of the school year, you can show off your masterpiece at a special SOAR event.



- S12** **Mondays, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Class Begins: January 24, 2011
 Washington Park Class Ends: May 9, 2011
 5531 S. Martin Luther King Dr., Chicago
- S13** **Thursdays, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Class Begins: January 27, 2011
 Memorial Park Class Ends: May 12, 2011
 12750 Highland Park, Blue Island



African Dance: Creative Dimensions

Capacity 25 (each class)

Taught by Muntu Dance Theatre

Students will learn traditional dance and music vocabulary, while investigating historical and geographical origins of the dances taught during class sessions. Each session will include rhythm and percussive exploration, traditional African songs and language, visual art project and a field trip to one of Muntu's concerts. *Muntu will provide African Dance and music instruction, clothes for the closing presentation, percussive instruments for rhythm sessions. (Supplemental activities may include video presentations of the company, map study skills, puzzles and historical literature.)*

S14 Mondays, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Ages 7-12)

South Shore Cultural Center
7059 S. Shore Drive
Dance Studio 2nd Floor

Class Begins: January 24, 2011

Class Ends: May 9, 2011

S15 Thursdays, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Ages 10-14)

Palmer Park
201 E. 111th Street
Back Gymnasium

Class Begins: January 27, 2011

Class Ends: May 12, 2011



South Region

Arts=Smarts Program (Ages 11-19) Capacity 30

Class Begins: January 3, 2011

Class Ends: May 26, 2011

Parents MUST attend Orientation session on either January 4, 5 or 6 from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Arts=Smarts® After School Program offers teens ages 11-19 a solid foundation in the “business of art” focusing on integrated disciplines in Painting and Drawing, Multi-Media, Pottery/Ceramics, and Performance Poetry. Each module also includes Business Development. The Arts=Smarts program allows students to explore the connection between art and business through a creative learning environment. In addition, students have the opportunity to work on special projects for a variety of civic, community and business organizations. Little Black Pearl students are welcome to relax, do homework, utilize tutors, and enjoy a warm and healthy lunch served out of our Kids Café until 4 p.m. Studio time (art classes) begins at 4 p.m. and last’s until 6 p.m. Regularly-scheduled teen forums are facilitated which serve to engage and enrich our students. Broadened experiences through collaborations with community partners offer exposure to special performances, health and nutrition information, guest speakers, culture, world/community issues, current events, and field trips. All activities provide opportunities for students to be artists, entrepreneurs and well rounded citizens. Program participants:

- Form partnerships and collaborations with national and citywide organizations
- Are served a hot and nutritious meal each day
- Earn service learning hours, achievement recognition, and awards
- May attend high attendance recognition and skating parties
- Have an opportunity to work as a Little Black Pearl intern at Creativity Camp (summer)
- Will participate in field trips and enrichment outings

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO THIS PROGRAM ONLY.

S16 Mondays - Thursdays, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Little Black Pearl

1060 E. 47th Street



Labor of Love Academy After School Program (Ages 5-13) Capacity 25

Class Begins: January 3, 2011

Class Ends: June 17, 2011

We provide *educational enrichment*: homework assistance and test-taking skills; *physical fitness training*: tap and hip-hop dance; *literary arts*: drama, story writing and poetry; *music*: choir, voice training and instrumental/band; and *character building*: self-esteem and morality. Children will be placed in grade level-appropriate groups.

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO THIS PROGRAM ONLY.

S17 Mondays - Fridays

Youth not receiving transportation: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Youth receiving transportation: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Third Baptist Church

1551 West 95th Street, Chicago



Upcoming Events

SOARing with the Stars End of the Year Event

Friday, May 13, 2011

Summer Camp Pre-Registration

(Cook and Suburban Camps) – April 2011