

The Homeschool Academy of South Jersey

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www.homeschoolacademysj.org

“We can help you Homeschool your child.”



Cumberland County Community Church

Are you feeling a little overwhelmed with all the academic subjects you need to teach your child?

Location: 1800 E. Broad St., Millville, N.J. 08332

The Homeschool Academy of South Jersey provides small classes in academic and enrichment subjects with highly qualified teachers. The Academy has had five successful years with many students participating in the graduation ceremonies. Because of the increased enrollment, we are enlarging the school to be able to accommodate more students. This will require that we add another day to our schedule. Monday will be for the Elementary Division and Tuesday will be for the Secondary Division. The Elementary Division takes in Kindergarten to 6th grade. The Secondary Division is 7th through 12th grade. This change will allow more students to attend our school which provides a unique learning experience.

The Academy will offer classes from 9 am to 4 pm each Monday for Elementary or Tuesday for Secondary students. The schedule is for 36 weeks. **Orientation Day for the Elementary Division is Monday, September 10th. Orientation Day for the Secondary Division is Tuesday, September 11th.** **Orientation Day is *mandatory* to prepare parents and students for The Academy experience. You will pick up your books and your schedule and meet all your teachers. It will be a full day.**

The school year will be divided into four nine-week quarters, with a two-week break in late December. All classes will start on the hour and last 55 minutes, followed by a five-minute break. The teacher provides the instruction for a week of lessons. The students complete the homework/tests at home with their parents' guidance and return their assignments on the following week for the teacher to grade. There will be a one-hour lunch break at noon. Students have the option of bringing a bag lunch or ordering pizza with The Academy. The playground is open for lunch hour.

Many of the classes offered at the Academy are geared for high school credit, for Homeschoolers intending to earn a Diploma. Students may do so through the Homeschool Academy of South Jersey High School Diploma Program. For more information about the [Diploma Program](#), visit the website www.homeschoolacademysj.org. The Elementary Division will provide classes for "enrichment" or for a grade. Report cards are provided.

The HASJ is a "low tuition"-based school. Each 55-minute class is \$11.00 or a full day for \$50. Payments are on a four-week, prepayment system and there is notification when payments are due. The registration fee is \$40 per student, which covers the cost of insurance. The cost of textbooks and supplies varies with each class. Our Cancellation Policy states that classes may be cancelled up to 14 days after the first day of school to receive a prorated refund. The deadline for registration is August 31st. The classes are limited to 10 students, so it is not advisable to wait until September to register. **Register during in the month of June and save. Full-time tuition is \$40 per week and part-time classes are \$9 per hour.** We have discounts for families registering three or more children.

Secondary Contact: Rose Sias 609-805-2548 or staff@homeschoolacademysj.org

Elementary Contact: Myriam Mooney or Sanya Brown 609-805-7242

The Homeschool Academy of South Jersey admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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Principal of HASJ: Rose Sias

Director of Student Affairs :

Secretary: Lei Felmey

Treasurer: Dennis Sias

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The Academy offers educational perspectives far beyond the confines of reading, writing, and arithmetic. Students gain a panoramic view of the world through enriching, inspiring instruction.

Each level is a suggestion of the grade content. Students may enroll in other levels by passing a placement test or with the consent of the teacher. **All families must have access to a computer with internet capability.**

Courses are subject to change or cancellation without notice due to teacher availability or student enrollment.

****New Courses for 2007-2008**

7th & 8th GRADE CLASSES

Basic English 3

The focus will be on the fundamentals – vocabulary, spelling, grammar and writing. The writing process will progress from how to write a great paragraph to a five-paragraph essay.

****Literature Adventure**

Read great works in Literature. The focus will be on reading comprehension, vocabulary and literary analysis. Students will read six works and cover a unit on short stories. The short stories will include The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka, The Telltale Heart by Edgar Allan Poe and more.

****Earth/Space Science**

Join the adventure and learn about our vast universe and Earth's place in it, from stars to galaxies to our solar system. Next learn about the Earth and all its glory, from Geology to the water cycle and everything in between. Students will combine knowledge from the text with exciting experiments that are sure to capture their imaginations.

Math Review (pretest required)

This has been designed for the student who needs a thorough review in basic math skills. It will cover addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and percent review. After completion of this course, students will be prepared to enter Pre-Algebra.

****Art for Enjoyment**

A variety of mediums will be used to explore color, design, drawing, commercial art, cartooning, painting and three-dimensional arts and crafts. Students will enjoy a nice variety of projects, concepts and history of famous artists. Art supplies will be discussed during the first class.

8th & 9th GRADE CLASSES

****General Science**

This course is designed to be a student's first systematic introduction to the sciences. The course will cover such topics as a brief history of science, the scientific method, designing experiments, simple machines, archaeology, geology, paleontology, biology, and human anatomy and physiology. Its scope is wide. There will be many hands-on experiments to do.

Pre-Algebra (pretest required)

This course will fulfill 8th grade or high school level math and will cover polynomials, area, circumference, volume, ratios, Pythagorean theorem, positive and negative numbers and probability. This course combines the strength of systematic review and hands-on manipulatives to teach at a conceptual level. The Math U See program will be utilized for this course.

U.S. History 1 (prehistory to 1860)

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materials. Students will be expected to read assigned chapters in preparation for class discussion. Short research papers and project work will be assigned.

****English 4**

This course is designed for both reluctant and eager writers. Students will learn to write opinions, persuasive papers, many types of expository papers, descriptions, narration and poetry. Grammar, vocabulary and public speaking will be covered.

****World History I**

Introduction to World History will give a basic overview of the history of all nations. The course will focus on world geography, major events, famous people, their culture and other interesting happenings since time began.

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVES

American Sign Language I

This course is designed to fulfill a high school level foreign language course. There will be drills, exercises and over 1,000 signs and 100 useful phrases to further the knowledge in ASL. A website will be available for students to practice at home. Students will practice sequencing, conclusion drawing, summarizing, and answering short questions and fill-ins. Readings about culture and language are also included to enhance your understanding of ASL and the Deaf experience.

American Sign Language II

This course is designed to fulfill a high school level foreign language course. ASL I is the prerequisite with a passing grade. There will be drills, exercises and vocabulary given to the student on a weekly basis to further their knowledge in ASL. More attention will be paid to proper grammatical expression and dialog. There is more advanced vocabulary and more conversational dialogues to change meaning, how and when facial expressions occur, and how body, head, and eye movements are used in phrasing an agreement.

Ultimate Spanish 1 Adventure

This program will start out with familiar stories and weave in bits of Spanish, a little at a time, until you're reading entire stories in Spanish. This course has an interesting format and will instill in the student a desire to go on, to master the language and communicate in Spanish. Students will listen to the Spanish CD during the week and be prepared to converse in Spanish in the classroom. Students will become fluent in Spanish with The Power Glide Foreign Language Course.

Ultimate Spanish 2 Adventure

The adventure story will continue as students gain more vocabulary and grammar skills in a memorable format. There will be exercises in speaking, reading, comprehension and listening. Students will become fluent in Spanish with The Power Glide Foreign Language Course.

Art Projects 1

Techniques in canvas painting, oil pastels, chalk pastels, colored pencils, etc. are taught along with appreciation. Thirty famous prints from University Prints are also included with corresponding lessons. Impressionism is discussed in a lesson on sponge painting and the lesson concludes with a color picture by the Impressionist Pissarro and corresponding art project. Advanced techniques using oil pastels, chalk pastels, watercolor, acrylic painting and mixed

media are given. Lions, Cathedrals and Churches, Storms, Inventions, Trees, Maps and Land Pictures are just some of the lesson titles. Cost of art supplies will be discussed during first class.

Healthy Living I

This class will teach you about healthy living. Topics include building a healthy foundation, physical activity and nutrition, mental and emotional health, and personal care and body systems. You will be required to read online lesson excerpts and complete weekly homework assignments and quizzes.

****Healthy Living 2**

This is a continuation of Healthy Living 1, but can be taken independent of the previous course. Topics include: building a healthy foundation; physical activity and nutrition; mental and emotional health; and personal care and body systems. You will be required to read online lessons and complete weekly homework assignments and quizzes. There will be a unit exam at the end of each unit, with the last containing your final exam.

****Sociology - The Way We Live**

The Way We Live is a comprehensive introduction to Sociology. Our students will explore the rich tapestry, diversity and commonality of the human experience, learn to think critically about the challenging issues of our time and develop a solid understanding of the groups, organizations, and societies which form the contexts for "the way we live."

****Shakespeare: Chill with Will in a Drama Production**

This class will provide an overview of Shakespeare that is both easy to comprehend, yet thoroughly researched in order to make learning about Shakespeare enjoyable. The focus is not on learning everything you can about the great Bard, but on discovering different aspects of Shakespeare that appeal to teenagers. Instead of providing extensive information on all of his works, we focus on a few works that high school students are most likely to enjoy. Students will enact a portion of one of Shakespeare's plays for Graduation night.

****Natural Science History of South Jersey**

This course will fulfill your curiosity about the natural world and its human participants. Your enthusiasm for South Jersey's flora, fauna, people, places and natural forces will come through contagiously. The natural wonders of South Jersey pines and shores are guaranteed to inspire, surprise and delight. This class is for anyone who loves the natural history of southern New Jersey. We want to encourage our students to work hard to save the natural treasures of the Pine Barrens and coastal estuaries. This class will require participation in several field trips.

**** Computer Lab**

Independent self-paced tutorials will be available for Microsoft Office (Word, Power Point, Excel, Access, Front Page, Publisher and Speed Typing). Students may sign up for this class any hour during the school day and a teacher will be available for assistance. This is limited to six students or you may bring your own lap top computer. There will be a technology fee.

****Knitting**

The basic knitting stitches will be taught along with the history of the craft. Several projects planned are a Seaman's Scarf, a cap, fingerless gloves and even circular knitting. Instructions for crocheting will be available. It is guaranteed fun for both guys and girls.

HIGH SCHOOL MATH (All incoming students will take a Math placement test.)

Math Review

This has been designed for the student who needs a through review in basic math skills. It will cover addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and percent review. After completion of this course, students will be prepared to enter Pre-Algebra.

Algebra I

This is a basic course in Algebra, which includes homework and tests. An entrance test is required. The Math U See program will be utilized for this course.

Algebra 2

This is an advanced course in Algebra, which includes homework and tests. An entrance test is required. The Math U See program will be utilized.

Geometry

This is a basic course in Geometry, which includes homework and tests. Prerequisite is Algebra 1 with passing grades. The Math U See program will be utilized for this course.

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Physical Science

This course will be taught at a high school level using ABeka curriculum. The topics to be covered are Atomic World, Volume, Mass, Density, Geology, Health, Astronomy, Oceanography and Science Application. Students will complete reading and testing at home. Class time will be devoted to discussion and lab experimentation. The ABeka textbook provides in-depth coverage of this course.

Biology Science

This course will be taught at a high school level using ABeka curriculum. The topics to be covered are Taxonomy, Basis of Life, Microbiology, Cells, Plants, Human Anatomy, Genetics, Inheritance, Cell Division, Reproduction, Ecology and Application. Students will complete reading and testing at home. Class time will be devoted to discussion and lab experimentation. The ABeka textbook provides in-depth coverage of this course.

Chemistry Science

This course will be taught at a high school level using ABeka curriculum. The topics to be covered are Chemical Units, Gasses, Moles, Atomic Models, Chemical Formulas, Chemical Reactions, Equilibrium Systems, Hydrocarbons, and Carbon Chemistry. Students will complete reading and testing at home. Class time will be devoted to discussion and lab experimentation. The ABeka textbook provides in-depth coverage of this course. There is a prerequisite of Algebra 1.

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HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH

Themes in Literature Overview

Concepts to be mastered during the school year:

- +Review of basic grammar concepts, eight parts of speech, sentence structure, etc.
- +Vocabulary and spelling
- +Reading comprehension and reading speed
- +Discovering the literary elements of a story
- +Identification of writing genres
- +Poetry
- +Literary devices
- +10 types of written assignments
- +Summary writing
- +Organization of writing
- +Writing a research paper

Always come to class with at least 2 pens or pencils, erasers, binder and a comprehensive dictionary and thesaurus. **THIS IS A TWO-HOUR CLASS AND IS READING INTENSIVE. IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT A READER, PLEASE DO NOT ENROLL HIM/HER IN THIS CLASS.**

Creative Writing

- +Study elements of creative writing
- +Explore various genres of writing: drama, poetry, narratives, short stories, free writing, creative journalism, critical analysis
- +Plot development, dialogue, character analysis, themes, etc.

Prerequisite: Must have completed the Themes in Literature Course OR new students must submit a sample of their writing to: staff@homeschoolacademysj.org

HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY

History of United States I (prehistory to 1860)

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History of United States 2 (1860 to present)

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biographical vignettes, and other interesting “asides” – pieces of history lost in many standard school textbooks. For Part I, students will need books 6 through 10 (U.S. Civil War to present day). Students will be expected to read assigned chapters in preparation for class discussion. Short research papers and project work will be assigned. Prerequisite is History of United States 1.

****World History I**

This is a comprehensive overview of world history focusing on ancient civilizations and critical events throughout history. We will also focus on world geography as we study these events, famous people and other interesting happenings since time began.

World History 2 (I-Class)

This class will be an intensive view of world history. This course will utilize internet sites with video clips and independent internet research. Lively class discussions will be based on internet-guided homework. This is a project-based class. World History 1 is recommended, if the student doesn't have a general knowledge of world history. **MUST HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET.**

Economics and Civics (Economics will be taught during the 1st and 2nd quarters. Civics will be taught during the 3rd and 4th quarters.)

The Economics course will weave economics, history, current events, social studies, government, math and a little science into a delightfully revealing look at the foundations and workings of our monetary system. This class is for the students who think the business of money is beyond them and should be left to the experts.

The Civics course will explore briefly the origins of our country and the Constitution. It will cover how and why the national government came into being and examine the Constitution in detail to understand what it stands for and the means by which it operates. Other topics include history of law, the difference between scientific law (how our government was intended) and political law (what we've ended up with), components of common law, reasons for government, and unsolved legal problems. This is an excellent introduction to law and justice.

NOTES

*All high school students desiring to receive a **high school diploma** from The Academy need to check the appropriate box on the registration form. Our high school consultant will be assigned to you to ensure you complete all the New Jersey requirements. There is a \$200 annual fee for this additional service and the payments can be spread across the payment plan.

New Jersey High School Requirements for graduation

- 4 years English
- 4 years Physical Education with Health
- 3 years of Math
- 3 years of Science
- 2 years of U.S. History
- 1 year of World History
- 1 year of a Foreign Language

1 year of the Arts
1 year of Practical Arts
4 Electives