THE CLASSICAL ORCHARD

1st-12th Class Catalog



OVERVIEW

How it works

High school students meet on Thursdays and choose from an à la cart schedule. Parents are not required to stay on campus, though they are welcome. Attending the HS portion of Orientation is required.

The lower grade Orchard program (grades 1st–8th) meets on Thursdays and requires that a parent stay on campus and serve in several classes. Roles include lead content teacher or homeroom teacher. When moms are not serving, they are free to fellowship for the remainder of their time at the Orchard. Attending Orientation is required.

Our Costs

High school classes are typically \$150 per semester. The majority of the class fee goes directly to the hired instructor. Some classes have a class materials fee listed. Each family pays tuition in full at the beginning of each semester. For those families of high school-only students, a \$75 nonrefundable fee is charged per family. We offer a supervised study hall available for any student not in class but wanting to stay on the church premises. The cost is \$30 per study block (90 minutes), per student, per semester.

1st – 8th grade families pay by grade per student. They are considered full time families with a parent onsite. Grade fees are directly invested back into the student's needs covering supplies and most curriculm needed for community day. Full time families attending the Orchard are charged \$300 annually for the Family Fee. A limited selection of class drop-off options may be available this coming year to MS students depending on enrollment of full time families.

The Orchard director and grade directors are volunteer positions.

Who should I contact for additional questions?

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Our Mission

The Classical Orchard exists to support Christian homeschool families in a classically-minded educational cooperative.

Where We Meet

Faith Manhattan Church 1921 Barnes Rd, Manhattan, KS 66502

Only Full Day Families w/Annual family Fee

Early Education

Homeschooling families must be a full day Orchard family to enroll in the following classes. Student will be lead by hired preschool teams. All personnel are trained and background checked. The Early Education Director is a volunteer position. The Director provides over site of a crucial part of the Orchard that need extra nurturing, attentiveness to detail, predictable routines, and flexibility.



Nursery Class

\$300 Student Fee

The nursery serves younger siblings 6 months to 2 years. Our student to nursery teacher ratio is 1 to 4. It is a full day of calm, caring, and restful routine. Nursery provides allergen friendly snacks. Parents provide lunches, a diaper bag, blanket, and pack-n-play. This full day will require time and preparation to be certain students have what they need weekly



Preschool Class

\$300 Student Fee

This class serves younger siblings using the Gentle and Classical Preschool program. Students enjoy a full Orchard day routine including: circle time, snacks, sensory learning, craft time, recess, lunch, play learning, and more. Parents pack a nap mat and nut-free snacks and lunch. Assuring students have what they need for the full day will require parental preparation of 15-20 minutes weekly



Pre-Kinder Class

\$300 Student Fee

Pre-Kinder serves younger Orchard siblings. Students enjoy an Orchard day routine including: circle time, binder time, cutting and pencil skills, show and tell, sensory learning, snack time, craft time, recess, lunch, play learning, and more. Parents pack a nap mat and nut-free snacks and lunch. Student having what they need for the full day will require parental preparation of 15-20 mins weekly



Kindergarten Class

\$300 Student Fee

While serving younger siblings, this class enjoys an Orchard day routine similar to first grade. They will have additional play breaks built into their day. Parents pack lunch and nut-free snacks. Students bring a presentation to share. Students having what they need for the full day will require parental preparation of 15–20 mins weekly

\$300 Full Day Class Fee w/ Annual Family Fee

1st-2nd

Students will be shepherded by a homeroom teacher and instructed by content teachers. Daily work at home includes 10–15 minutes for memory links, 5–10 minutes for practicing presentation. Cursive sheets (provided) and regular read alouds are encouraged. Parents choose a math and reading curriculm best suited for their student at home. Orientation is required for parents.



Claritas Memory Links

Student will learn weekly memory links for Math, Latin, Grammar, Science, History, Geography, and Scripture. These memory links become the roadmap for what students learn the rest of the day. Families purchase a \$45 guide or join cross seven.



Fine Art

Students will study art and music theory, appreciation, and skill. Throughout the year, students will be exposed to the language and hands on experience needed to understand each discipline, as well as artists and composers of the modern history studied in Claritas and whose work impacted the cultures around them.



Science

Students will further their understanding of the science statements taught each week in Claritas. Topics will be supported in the class through books, experiments, activities, and videos. For Cycle 4, we will be studying physics.



Cursive / Spelling

Students will begin with writing all 26 phonograms lowercase in cursive, then move on to spelling words. Our goal is to equip them with phonograms in spelling, writing, and reading to aid what students are learning at home through your reading program of choice. Cursive 1st sheets provided.



Read-a-loud / Recess

Students practice listening skills while enjoying a snack as their homeroom teacher reads a chapter from Story of the World, corresponding with the Claritas Cycle 4 History statements. Families are encouraged to read aloud often at home



Presentation (Speech)

Students receive weekly practice speaking in front of an audience. They'll prepare presentations, learn body language, and vocal skills. Listeners will practice listening skills. In the 2nd grade, during the 2nd semester, students will perform readers' theater for practice in fluency and prosody.

3rd-4th

\$400 Full Day Class Fee w/ Annual Family Fee

Students are shepherded by a homeroom teacher and instructed by content teachers. Daily work at home includes reviewing memory links (10 mins), daily grammar (15 mins), and IEW assignments (15–20 mins). Families choose their own math curriculm. Orientation is required. Owning the IEW training or attending an 8 hour IEW training (free) is required.



Claritas: Memory Links

Student will learn weekly memory links from Cycle 4 for Math, Latin, Grammar, Science, History, Geography, and Scripture. These memory links become the roadmap for what students learn the rest of the day. Families purchase a \$45 guide or join Cross Seven. Daily review is encouraged for 10–15 minutes



Fine Art

Students will study art and music theory, appreciation, and skill. Throughout the year, students will be exposed to the language and hands on experience needed to understand each discipline, as well as artists and composers of the modern history studied in Claritas.



Science

Students will further their understanding of the science statements taught each week in Claritas. Topics will be supported in the class through books, experiments, activities and videos. For Cycle 4, we will be studying physics.



Writing: IEW

Class includes style practice, vocabulary review, key word outlines, writing, and editing as directed by the Orchard instructor and assignment checklist. An End of the Year project is included. Student Curriculm included. Reading papers aloud to classmates replaces 1st and 2nd grade presentations.



Read-a-loud / Recess

Students practice listening skills while enjoying a snack as their homeroom teacher reads a chapter from Story of the World, corresponding with the Claritas Cycle 4 History statements. Families are encouraged to read aloud often at home.



English Grammar: Fix-it

This class will include a grammar lesson, reinforce Claritas grammar memory work, poetry memorization, chart memory, and an at-home daily grammar book for home days (approx 15 mins daily). The workbook and teacher guide is provided. This class replaces cursive and spelling from 1st and 2nd grade.

5th-6th

\$450 Full Day Class Fee w/ Annual Family Fee

Students will be shepherded by a homeroom teacher and instructed by content teachers. Daily work at home includes reviewing memory links (10 mins), daily grammar (20 mins), and IEW assignments (30-40 mins). Students are given one class of their choosing. Families choose their own math curriculum for home. Orientation is required. Owning the IEW training or attending an 8 hour IEW training (free) is required.



Claritas: Memory Links

Student will weekly learn memory links for Math, Latin, English Grammar, Science, History, Geography, and Scripture. These memory links become the roadmap for what students learn the rest of the day. Families purchase a \$45 guide or join Cross Seven. Daily memory links is encouraged for 10–15 mins.



Fine Art

Students will study art and music theory, appreciation, and skill. Throughout the year, students will be exposed to the language and hands on experience needed to understand each discipline, as well as artists and composers of the modern history studied in Claritas and whose work impacted the cultures around them. No weekly assignments.



Science

Students will further their understanding of the science statements taught each week in Claritas. Topics will be supported in the class through books, experiments, activities, and videos. For Cycle 4, we will be studying physics. No weekly assignments.



Writing: IEW History Based

Instruction in this class includes: writing structure, writing style, proofreading, and presentation of typed final copy written work. The End of the Year Project will be a biographical history research paper and display board, as well as a binder including 17–18 finished pieces of writing. This class will require daily work at home. Student IEW book provided.



Mastery/Recess

This 25 min class will utilize study skills and games to support students who desire to attempt the Mastery Award for Cycle 4.



History/Recess

This 25 min class will require weekly at home audio/reading from Story of the World. Student will learn test taking skills and take a weekly Story of the World test



English Grammar

This class will teach the fundamentals of the English language, including the parts of speech, analyzing sentences, learning composition rules, practicing sentence diagramming, and parsing sentences. Families can expect at-home practice. Class fee includes cost of books.

\$450 Full Day Class Fee w/ Annual Family Fee

7th-8th

Students will be overseen by a homeroom teacher and instructed by content teachers. Daily work at home is expected and varies by class. Families choose their own math curriculum for home. Orientation is required. Owning the IEW training or attending an 8 hour IEW training (free) is required.



Drama

An acting and production class with high schoolers which exposes students to many aspects of a theatrical experience.



Math Lab

Math tutor is present to support students complete their math assignments.



Logic: Art of Arguement

This informal Logic course will introduce the students to the art of science and reasoning, specifically logical fallacies. Its focus is everyday language arguments. At home work will be required. English grammar is a strongly recommended prerequisite.



Science

Students are taught on a two year rotation for science. We provide all the student classroom materials. Students will be expected to participate in class, complete at-home work, and take tests. This class will impact work load at home.



Writing: IEW History Based

Instruction in this class includes: writing structure, writing style, proofreading, and presentation of typed final copy written work. The End of the Year project will be a biographical history research paper and final project, as well as a binder including 17–18 finished pieces of writing. This class will require a 30 –45 minute workload daily at home. Student supplies provided.



History: Story of the Word

Using the award-winning series, Story of the World volume 4 as a backbone, this class will study modern history and promote engaging dialogue through socratic circles. The class is designed to help logic students fall in love with history. At home work will be required. The test manual will be provided.



Class tbd

The sixth period is still to be determined based on several factors. Possibilities being considered are vocabulary from Latin Roots, Memoria Press Litature, or a class taught by a favorite teacher if they are able to return. All supplies would be provided.

Block 1



Drama (7-12th)

Kendra Campbell

Full Year I \$300

An acting and production class which exposes students to many aspects of a theatrical experience. The course has regular exercises in impromptu acting, dramatic interpretation, and character development, as well as experiencing what's required behind the scenes. Students will learn how to use a variety of sources and multimedia to research, create, perform and refine dramatic and theatrical interpretations. Sacrifice of personal goals and input is a constant necessity for the sake of working together to create honest art. Students will be involved in weekly dramatic experiences which will enrich the Orchard community. Students should leave this class with an understanding of how art can be selfless, humble, and collaborative while bringing glory to God. *Counts as 1 elective credit*.



Spanish 1
Andrea Osorio

Full Year | \$300 Class Materials fee | \$50

This class will present a unique opportunity to learn the Spanish language from a native speaker. Ms. Osorio will be joining us weekly online from her home in Colombia. Students will be practicing conversational Spanish, grammar, learning culture (including cooking and art), and practicing self-reflection. Ms. Osorio describes her teaching style as "personal and learning through stories" with a Christian perspective. The uniqueness of this class is sure to produce questions. Please contact Mrs. Estes for more information and to learn about an online Sample Class to be scheduled during the open enrollment period.



Speech & Debate

Speech – Fall Semester | \$150 Debate – Spring Semester | \$150

Speech (Fall Offering) – We'll be using IEW "Introduction to Public Speaking". From the publisher: "Students learn memory and delivery techniques as they write and present five speeches: self-introductory, narrative, expository, persuasive, and impromptu. Students evaluate recorded speeches in preparation for self-evaluation." Prior IEW families will enjoy continuity building on current knowledge, though NO PREVIOUS IEW experience is needed.

Expectations: A ½ credit course with daily homework assignments outside of class. Can be counted as a ½ credit elective or ½ English/language arts course.

Debate (Spring Offering) – Students will learn Lincoln–Douglas style debate, studying the parts of an argument, how to evaluate sources and evidence, Lincoln–Douglas style, and argument formulation. We'll end the year with in–class debates. This class will teach both the thought process for persuasive arguments as well as how to debate.

Expectations: Students will have weekly homework assignments. Students should plan to bring a pencil and paper for taking notes.

Block 2



Horticulture Morris Crisler

Fall Semester | \$150 Class Supplies fee | \$10

The fundamentals of horticulture and landscape management: This is a 9th-12th grade class. Class topics will cover brief introductions to subjects related to the horticulture field of landscape maintenance with emphasis on plant identification, turf grass, tree care, bedding plants, soils, fertilizer, and time permitting, landscape design. Students will have classroom and hands-on opportunities to explore the above subjects for everyday home use or a possible future vocation. Basic knowledge of plant biology would be helpful but not essential. We will cover a brief review of plant parts and function, but the majority of the class time will be spent on professional care and maintenance of plant materials. Field trips, weather permitting will be a valuable tool for students to discover their degree of interest in the horticulture field.



One Year Adventure Novel

Jessica Crespino

Full Year | \$300 Book fees | \$125

What makes a story a story? Whether your highschooler loves or dreads writing, OYAN offers an inviting change of pace from traditional English courses. Over the course of a year, they'll develop excellence in writing, learn to analyze stories for quality and theme/message, and more — all through creating an original, compelling novel of their own. The program's unique approach begins where many writing courses don't go at all, with an exploration of Story.

In addition to one high-school English credit, this course also offers many free extras including a student forum community, monthly webinars by the award-winning founder (and Christian) Dr. Daniel Schwabauer, and an annual cash-prize novel contest. Textbooks, materials, and online access will be coordinated by The Orchard.



Photography
Laura Estes

Fall Semester | \$150 Photo Printing fee | \$10

Topics include light, color, composition, still life, action shots, photojournalism, phone cameras, famous photos and photographers, storytelling, editing, and presentation. A specific "fancy" camera is not required. Participants may bring any digital camera available to them, as it is most useful to learn and practice with your own equipment.

Block 3



American Literature

Laura Estes Full Year | \$300

This class will be a taste of the wide scope of American Literature: novels, poetry, playwrights, historical speeches and letters, short stories, tall tales and fables, and children's books. Students will study a wide range of works. We will discuss the story line, author's purpose, and historical context. Mrs. Estes will communicate with students regarding the book list. Students may provide their own, use e-books, or library books.



Worldview

Hannah Stewart

Full Year I \$300

Using Summit ministries "Understanding the Times" curriculum, this course will cover topics such as moral relativism, truth, the reliability of the Bible, and other issues that collegebound highschoolers are likely to encounter- all from a biblical worldview.

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Physics (2:00-3:30)

Terri Keelev

Full Year | \$300

Apologia describes this course as follows: "Exploring Creation with Physics" is a college-prep course that provides a detailed introduction to the methods and concepts of general physics. Heavily emphasizing vector analysis, this text is ideal preparation for a university-level physics course. It provides the student with a strong background in one-dimensional and two-dimensional motion, Newton's laws and their application, gravity, work and energy, momentum, periodic motion, waves, optics, electrostatics, electrodynamics, electrical circuits, and magnetism."

Prerequisites: Algebra, plus familiarity with the definitions of sine, cosine, and tangent. Use Saxon free math placement tests to determine readiness - your student should test into Advanced Math or higher to be prepared to study physics.



Biology Matthew Basel

Full Year | \$300 Lab fee | \$60

The textbook for this course is *Exploring Creation with Biology, 3rd Edition*, written by Vicki Dincher and published by Apologia. It is a creation-based biology course that explores God's living creation in a systematic way. Topics included are cells, ecology, energy, DNA, genetics, evolution, classification of living things and examining their structures. In lab, students will learn how to use microscopes, write lab reports, dissect animals, and more.



Culinary Arts

Spring Semester | \$150 Class Supplies Fee | \$25

Topics include kitchen safety, nutrition, food science, kitchen tools and equipment, food safety, table setting, baking techniques, food preparation and presentation, basic event planning, employment, and further education opportunities. Students also will have the opportunity to request a class lesson theme. Field trips may include local restaurants and KSU campus visits.

$Block\ 4$ (continued from page 8)



Melissa Basel Full Year | \$300

This class is an introductory course to the art of sewing. This class is open to 7th-12th grades. Students will learn beginning sewing skills such as: how to use a sewing machine, how to preform sewing machine maintenance, and how to sew safely.

Mrs. Basel is also offering a lab option: Is your student more advanced than Sewing 1 or needing guidance on a particular sewing project? Take the sewing lab option and receive weekly sewing instruction for your specific needs! This option will be at the same class time stated above.

The Orchard: High School at a Glance

BLOCK 1: 8:00-9:30

Drama

Speech (Fall)

Debate (Spring)

Spanish 1

BLOCK 2: 9:45-11:15

One Year Adventure Novel

Horticulture

Photography (Fall)

BLOCK 3: 11:45-1:15

American Literature

Worldview

BLOCK 4: 1:30-3:00

Biology

Physics (2:00-3:30)

Culinary Arts (Spring)

Sewing

We have supervised study hall available for any high school student not in class but wanting to stay on the church premises. The cost is \$30 per study block (90 minutes), per student, per semester.



Basel Family

Matthew Basel is a professor of Physiology at the Kansas State College of Vet Med and holds a K-State Teaching License with endorsements in secondary Chemistry, Physics, and Biology. A teaching pastor for 13 years, he's taught systematic theology, Biblical Theology, and Hermanuetics. He's also been part of multiple choirs including the USNA Glee Club and an international traveling choir performing at national events.

Melissa Basel has been homeschooling her four children since 2012. She enjoys watching her children progress from skill to skill and celebrating each tiny step of learning. Melissa began sewing as a small child with her mother. She has studied pattern design, history of clothing, apparel construction, and tailoring. Melissa has taught sewing classes for six years and looks forward to watching her students excel in their skills with each project.



Kendra Campbell grew up in Olathe, earned her Masters in Music Education at KU, and has called Abilene home for the last 21 years. She taught for 8 years at public schools and has been home with her kids since, homeschooling for the last 15 years and graduating 2 so far. She enjoys relaxing in the sun, reading, talking with others, and welcoming change. Pouring into her family is her favorite thing. Kendra has been married to Kyle for 24 years. They have 5 children: Edith, 21, Lela, 19, Warren, 18, Margaret, 16, and George, 12



Jessica Crespino grew up in the Manhattan KS homeschool community and graduated from Oklahoma Christian University in 2020, with a major in English Writing, a minor in Communication, and a heart for stories and others. She currently works as a writer & consultant at a marketing agency, and as a librarian at MPL. She loves plants, swingdancing, and traveling to places like Austria and Japan.

A student of One Year Adventure Novel herself in 2011, the curriculum and its student community changed her life, and she's so excited to now share it with others.



Morris Crisler has lived in the Wamego area for over 55 years. After receiving a BS in Horticulture from K-State, he held a position as Wamego department head for 39 years, plus 34 years in the Army Reserve. During his time of municipal employment, Crisler was responsible for numerous parks, athletic fields, and streetscape developments.

As a certified Kansas arborist, he was caretaker of all public property trees including street trees, park and cemetery trees, and trees along easements and right-of-ways. Routine maintenance included planting, fertilizing, pruning, disease diagnosis, value assessments, and removal as necessary. Landscape maintenance areas included hardscapes, turf grass, annuals (6,000-8,000 yearly), perennials, woody plants, and planting 8,000-15,000 tulips every fall for the annual Wamego Tulip Festival.

Morris and his wife, Michelle, have been married 49 years and have two grown children, Laura Estes and Drew Crisler. They have 8 grandchildren. Morris and Michelle have spent 35 years as volunteers in youth ministry teaching classes and sponsoring Bible Bowl teams. Morris enjoys outdoor chores, competitive target-shooting, one-on-one conversations, Bible studies, and volunteer work at the Manhattan Good Shepherd Hospice House. He has maintained his passion for working with God's created plant materials despite his retirement in 2015.



Laura Estes is a life-long resident of the Manhattan-Wamego area. She graduated from K-State University with a degree in Elementary Education and emphasis in special education. She taught 6th grade at Flint Hills Christian School prior to being a stay-at-home mom. Laura has been married to her husband, Ray, for 24 years. They have four children: Rachel, 20, Jonathan, 18, Abigail, 15, and Matthew, 11. They also have a black lab, Max, and 6 chickens. 2023- 2024 is the Estes family's 10th year of homeschooling. Laura loves baking bread and decorating sugar cookies, reading, antique hunting with coffee in hand, Mexican food, photographing her kids' sporting events, feeding a crowd, and leading ladies Bible study.



Terri Keeley's educational background includes a BS in Physics and completion of all required biology and chemistry premed science courses. She is a bonafide science nerd! In addition, her teaching experience includes: student teaching physics at the Air Force Academy High School, teaching high school physics at St. Mary's High School in Colorado Springs, Graduate Teaching Assistantship at Colorado State University for the Computer Information Systems department, tutoring several IEW writing groups, various Sunday School classes, VBS, and 27 years of homeschooling their own seven children. She loves to learn about God's creation, and is excited to be part of your children's educational journey.

If you have any questions about her Physics course, you can reach her at 785-317-2641 or keeleyterri79@gmail.com. She hopes that Orchard students enjoy their summer, and she looks forward to seeing them in the fall.



Hannah Stewart is a Manhattan native and wife to Kirk. Together, they have two little boys -- Elliot (3) and Jack (1). Hannah was homeschooled from grades K-12 and graduated from Kansas State University with a B.S. in Dietetics in 2019. She has worked doing nutrition counseling, college dining foodservice operation, and child nutrition foodservice operation prior to having children. She believes creation reveals God's handiwork and is excited to explore this with students in the field of biology this year. In her free time, Hannah enjoys playing the piano, working out, going on dates with her husband, and drinking plenty of coffee.



Andrea Osorio is a Colombian Visual Artist and Educator. Her life has been immersed in the world of art, particularly in printmaking, which she started exploring at a young age. She studied art under the guidance of masters such as Jaime Osorio, David Manzur, Angel Lokkart, Margarita Monsalve, and other artists. She also pursued photography with Javier Sandoval in Bogota. She completed two years of History at Universidad Javeriana in Bogota. Her printmaking studies took her to the Pyramid Atlantic workshop in Maryland, USA. Throughout her life, she has participated in various national and international exhibitions.

In the field of education, her experience includes:

- Printmaking teacher at El Claustro workshop in Bogota.
- Art teacher at Gimnasio los Caobos in Bogota.
- Conducted art and Spanish workshops at Fort Bliss Military Bases in Texas, USA.
- Spanish teacher for homeschool communities in Fort Bliss, Texas.
- Homeschooling her daughter who is 21 and has already finished her college degree in the USA.
- · Art teacher at ECA in Bogota.
- Certified teacher of English and Spanish as a second language (TPRS online) for groups and individuals.

Currently, she works as an ESL teacher and homeschool counselor. As a homeschooling expert, she leads personalized programs for families nationally and internationally. She supports youth transitioning to college, working with them to identify strengths and weaknesses and develop personalized learning plans. She conducts individual tutoring sessions as an ESL teacher and helps students improve their academic performance, track progress with assessments, and adjust their learning plans accordingly. Collaborating with teachers, she develops effective teaching strategies for students facing challenges. She maintains regular communication with parents to update them on student progress and address their concerns. Additionally, she facilitates professional development sessions for teachers for best practices.

Ready to start your semester with us?

To learn more and get registered for the 2023–2024 school year, use the QR code below, or visit www.classicalorchard.com/3595/signup. We look forward to learning with you!



