



Jterm 2025

Trip Offerings

Welcome to January Term 2025!

Our January term sessions increase opportunities for learning and exploration that challenge our students in areas of interest and encourage deeper faculty-student relationships through enrichment electives, educational travel, service, mission trips, and Career Experience Opportunities (CEO).

Jterm will take place January 6-10, 2025.

The **Middle School Jterm** programs (grades 6-8) are designed to cultivate spiritual, educational, and personal growth in each student. Each middle school grade participates in a unified Jterm experience, allowing students a unique and developmentally appropriate time of experiential learning and class bonding.

Participation in Jterm is a graduation requirement for all students. **High school students must enroll in one of the following options:**

- All-day class
- Morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) class session
- Domestic or International Trip
- Career Experience Opportunity (grades 11-12)

Winter Athletes and Trips: Winter **athletes** are expected to select a local Jterm opportunity, provided their team is not offering a team Jterm, so they can participate in practices and games as outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook. Any questions or concerns regarding this policy should be directed to the athletic department.

This preview of January term trip offerings is provided for those interested in travel during Jterm 2025.

- **Registration for Jterm trips through our partner travel companies, EF Tours, Joshua Expeditions, and WorldStrides, begins on Sunday, May 19, 2024, through their respective online portals.** A deposit and trip insurance are due at the time of registration. While families may choose between the types of insurance offered (basic or Cancel for Any Reason), trip insurance must be purchased for these trips at the time of registration with the tour companies. Payment for these trips is made directly to the travel company. Schedules and final payment due dates (typically 60 days prior to departure) are set by each travel company.
- **Registration for all other trips takes place on June 11 and June 12.** An email with the registration link will be sent to families. A deposit will be required at the time of registration. The trip balance will be billed through FACTS accounts.

Please note items in this preview are subject to change.

Jterm Trip Overview – January 6-10, 2025

TRIPS – Local/Domestic/International

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Please Note: All travel, outside the contiguous US, is limited to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 unless otherwise noted. Trips within the contiguous United States, are open to all students in grades 9-12.

LOCAL/DOMESTIC	INTERNATIONAL
Disney's Imagineering Through Story*	Costa Rica Science Adventure – Joshua Expeditions
Encouragement and Community Girls Retreat*	Experience Japan– WorldStrides Tours
Experiencing God in South Florida – Joshua Expeditions	Peru – EF Tours
Golf Industry in Florida*	School of Classics in France – EF Tours
Hiking in the Smoky Mountains*	Serve in Quillota Chile*
Livin' Out Loud: The Art of Storytelling*	STEP Norway*
Passion Conference*	The Alps and the Mediterranean Coast – EF Tours

NOTE FOR WINTER ATHLETES:

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TRIPS ~ \$3500+

Peru: Cuzco, Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca – TRIP (EF Tours)

Registration opens Sunday, May 19, 2024

Register online with EF Tours – \$95 deposit and trip insurance required

Leader: Mr. J Morales, Mrs. E Sims

Cost: \$4200-\$4400 + travel insurance

Grades: 10-12

Embark on an adventure of a lifetime with EF Tours and discover the heart of the Incan empire! Join us on a school trip to the enchanting lands of Lima, Cuzco, Machu Picchu, and Lake Titicaca.

- Lima – Dive into the vibrant culture of Peru's capital. Explore the historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and taste the world-renowned Peruvian cuisine.
- Cuzco – Step back in time in this city nestled among the Andes. Visit Cuzco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire. Visit ancient ruins and colorful markets and immerse yourself in the rich history and traditions of the local people.
- Machu Picchu – Witness the awe-inspiring lost city of the Incas, perched between the mountain peaks of the Andes. Machu Picchu is one of the most spectacular archaeological sites in South America and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Lake Titicaca – Sail across the highest navigable lake in the world and meet the Uros people, indigenous communities who have lived on the floating islands of Lake Titicaca for centuries.
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Don't miss out on this educational journey filled with history, culture, and natural beauty. Secure your spot and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Experience Japan – TRIP (WorldStride Tours)

Registration opens Sunday, May 19, 2024

Register online with WorldStrides – \$95 deposit and trip insurance required

Leader: Mrs. K McSparran, Miss S Slovisky

Cost: \$6,595 + travel insurance

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Have you ever wanted to experience the art, food, shopping, and culture of Japan? Come explore with us from January 2-10! Share the fantastic local cuisine and historical architecture, and get a hands-on understanding of life in Japan. We will take classes, go on museum visits, shopping trips, see traditional temples, and ride a bullet train. Our tour will take us to four different cities in Japan. Starting in Osaka we'll visit the Manga Museum, shopping district, and participate in a traditional tea ceremony. Our next stop is Kyoto where we will have a mix of traditional sightseeing, including the Golden Pavilion and the Heian Shrine with memorable experiences like the Nara Deer Park and an authentic calligraphy class. Travel by bullet train to the beautiful Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park in Hakone to see Mt. Fuji. Our last few nights will be spent in Tokyo! We will have a guided tour, visit the National Museum, and have a night of Karaoke. Our time in Tokyo doesn't end there. We will also visit a Japanese school, learn from a professional chef at a Japanese cooking class, and shop at the Nakamise Street Market. We can't wait to travel to Japan with you. Arigato!

Note: Students need money for lunches as they are not included. Also, for snacks and souvenirs. We will collect money for tipping the tour director and drivers.

School of Classics in France – TRIP (EF Tours)

Registration opens Sunday, May 19, 2024

Register online with EF Tours – \$95 deposit and trip insurance required

Leader: Miss M Prentis, Miss L O'Brien

Cost: \$4079 - \$4249 + travel insurance

Grades: School of Classics Students Only

As the curriculum of Humanities 1 and 2 studies the history, art, literature, and philosophy of the Western Tradition, there is one city that captures, represents, and displays the core of our study: Paris, France. In Paris, every cobblestone street tells a story and every corner holds artistic inspiration. On this trip, the readings, discussions and images of the classroom will come to life as SoC students walk the halls of museums and the streets of the city.

Through the planning and coordination of EF Tours, students will spend a week in Paris visiting sites such as Sacre-Coeur, the Louvre, Champs-Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, The Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Latin District, Versailles and the nearby town of Chartres.

Note: Students need money for snacks, souvenirs & checked baggage on the flights.

The Alps and the Mediterranean Coast – TRIP (EF Tours)

Registration opens Sunday, May 19, 2024

Register online with EF Tours – \$95 deposit and trip insurance required

Leader: Mr. J Young, Mrs. H Young

Cost: \$4079-\$4139 + travel insurance

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Experience four countries in eleven days! Each stop on our journey will leave you awe-inspired – from the grandeur of the Swiss Alps and the tranquility of lakes Lucerne and Como, to the Mediterranean shores of Cinque Terre and Nice, to the culture and architecture of Provence and Barcelona. We will begin in Switzerland, where we'll ride to the top of a Swiss mountain, take a boat excursion on Lake Lucerne, and enjoy an authentic fondue dinner. Next, we will head to Italy to experience picturesque Lake Como before exploring Cinque Terre by train. Our travels will take us to the French Riviera through Monaco, where we'll visit a palace and a cathedral before enjoying tours of Nice and Provence. Our journey will end in Barcelona, Spain, an art lover's dream city, and we'll stroll the famous Las Ramblas before heading home. Along the way, we will take time to appreciate the culture, food, and breathtaking views of this beautiful area of Europe!

Note: Students need money for snacks, souvenirs & checked baggage on the flights.

TRIPS ~ \$2500-3000

Costa Rica Science Adventure – TRIP (Joshua Expeditions)

Registration opens Sunday, May 19, 2024

Register online with Joshua Expeditions – \$200 deposit and trip insurance selection required

Leader: Mr. D Kamp, Mrs. C Kamp

Cost: \$2530 + travel insurance

Grades: 10, 11, 12

The great Costa Rican science adventure awaits... Are you ready? Come recognize God's design firsthand as you experience this amazing country. We will begin with a thrilling White water rafting trip on the Sarapiquí River, paddling our way through the rapids and jungle scenery. If the rapids wet your taste for adventure, get ready for Arenal Volcano National Park, comprising two volcanoes. Hot springs dot the foot of the volcano on the thermal Tabacón River. Dormant Chato Volcano has a crater lake and rainforest trails leading to La Fortuna Waterfall, with its natural pool. We will have the opportunity to explore it all. If you want to take a walk on the wild side, we will trek over the hanging bridges of La Fortuna where we will discover the wonderful secrets hidden in this forest. If you still have the desire for more, there will be a night hike in the nocturnal rainforest where you might see the red-eyed frog and a snake or two. Did you say that you have the need, the need for speed? Get your heart pounding by taking a zipline ride through Costa Rican forest canopy where you'll whizz along cables slung between canyons and fly over and in between trees to feel an adrenaline rush. If you are craving more adventure, come on board the catamaran as we cruise in search for dolphins, sea turtles, and manta rays. We will spend the day in paradise where we can explore the island, kayak, or swim. With each activity, we will be able to see God's creation. This adventure will surely bring science to life in a real and tangible way. You will not be able to walk away without giving God the glory.

Note: Students need money for snacks, souvenirs, and checked baggage on the flights.

Golf Industry in Florida – TRIP

Registration opens Sunday, June 11, 2024

CVCA Deposit \$250 (applied to trip balance)

Leader: Mr. A Armstrong, Mr. M Brower

Cost: \$2500

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 - Boys only

Come with us to Florida where we will play on a variety of golf courses and learn about the golf industry. Golf is a sport you can enjoy for a lifetime and a wonderful chance to be outside in God's creation walking with friends. Since COVID, golf has exploded in popularity and with it has come an increased opportunity for employment in the golf industry. The hope of this trip is that you can play some golf and learn more about the various aspects of the industry.

Note: Students need money for their own lunches and souvenirs.

Serve in Quillota Chile – TRIP

Registration opens Sunday, June 11, 2024

CVCA Deposit \$250 (applied to trip balance)

Leader: Mrs. G Hutt, Mrs. H Bartel

Cost: \$2800-\$3000

Grade: 10, 11, 12 in Spanish 2 and above

¿Estás listo? This trip offers a unique opportunity to serve in the town of Quillota, Chile through the ministry of a local church while immersing yourself in the Spanish language and culture. We will visit the beautiful city of Santiago, learn about its history, hike the Andes Mountains, and taste wonderful local dishes. Educational experiences related to agriculture are offered through staying at an avocado farm and exploring the scenic beauty and cultural richness of Chile, including the coastal region of Valparaíso and surrounding beaches.

Note: Students need money for souvenirs, meals at the airport, and checked bags for flights.

TRIPS ~ \$1000-\$2499

Experiencing God in South Florida – TRIP (Joshua Expeditions)

Registration opens Sunday, May 19, 2024

Register online with Joshua Expeditions – \$200 deposit and trip insurance selection required

Leader: Mrs. L DiPaolo

Cost: \$2350 + travel insurance

Grades: 9-12

Kayak in the mangroves, visit the home of Ernest Hemingway, take part in an alligator encounter, and snorkel in the beautiful Everglades! We will aim for the perfect blend of exploration, service, and worship on this five-day adventure as our Creator – God – reveals Himself amidst the beauty and diversity of South Florida. This is a Joshua Expeditions Encounter.

Note: Students need money for souvenirs, meals at the airport, and checked bags for flights.

Disney's Imagineering through Story – TRIP

Registration opens Sunday, June 11, 2024

CVCA Deposit \$250 (applied to trip balance)

Leader: Mr. J Fairfax, Mr. L Newland, Mr. D Ramey

Cost: \$1500

Grades: 10-12

The strongest tool we have as believers is our story of how God changes our lives. The story that He has given us encourages, bears witness, comforts, and so much more to the body of believers. This term is built around learning from one of the master storytellers, Walt Disney. Walt Disney played a key role in changing film, entertainment, media, park experience, and technological innovation. The moment you walk into their parks, Disney is telling you a story with all five senses. The Disney Imagination Campus offers several classes. We will take classes on storytelling and Engineering in the Park. The experience will allow students to take a behind-the-curtain look at the magic of Disney storytelling and give them practical workshops to improve their skills. Learning how the magic happens helps us use our greatest tool of story to communicate the gospel more effectively. Join us in the "happiest place on earth." We will spend three days in the parks during which we will have two classes on the backlot of the Disney campus with some of their cast members.

*Notes: Students need money for souvenirs, meals at the airport and checked bags for flights. Students **must** travel with the group and stay with the school group at all times.*

Livin' Out Loud: The Art of Oral Storytelling – TRIP

Registration opens Sunday, June 11, 2024

CVCA Deposit \$150 (applied to trip balance)

Leader: Mrs. A McGough, Mrs. T Willison

Cost: \$1250 - \$1500

Grades: 9-12

What if the story God is writing through our lives doesn't only shape us, but affects others? In the tradition of oral storytelling, a unique bond is created between the teller and the audience, and on this Jterm experience, we'll travel to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to see how a unique form of entertainment is transforming audiences in groups and person-by-person. We'll take in several dinner theaters and a trip to Dollywood (a faith and family-themed amusement park), hear from the Cherokee Indian story traditions, and explore once-small towns that have grown bigger thanks to storytelling. To quote Dolly Parton, "The Smokies have a heart of their own. It's the way the water flows, the way it sounds, and the way it feels when you get in it. I don't know if it's just because it's my home – but I really don't think so. I think it's just one of those special places that God put here for us to enjoy." We'll spend time sharing and being encouraged by each other's stories as we seek to glorify Him with our lives.

Note: Students need money for travel day lunches, snacks, and souvenirs.

STEP Norway – TRIP

Registration opens Sunday, June 11, 2024

CVCA Deposit \$250 (applied to trip balance)

Leader: Mr. S Kasiguran

Cost: \$2200

Grades: 9-12

Norway is a beautiful country! Bergen, the second largest city, sits on the western coast and is considered the gateway to the fjords. A highlight of the trip is the "Norway in a Nutshell" tour by train, bus, and boat through the mountains and fjords. The Norway Short Term Exchange Program (STEP) provides the opportunity for home-to-home exchanges between students from Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy and the Danielsen Videregaende School in Bergen, Norway. Students from both schools learn about the customs and culture of the exchange country. Our students experience first-hand the commonality of faith we enjoy in Christ as we typically attend church and youth group services while we are in Bergen. They also develop a measure of independence as they learn how to deal with a different currency and with people whose native language is not English. Although not a strict requirement, students interested in STEP Norway should expect to host a Norwegian student from Danielsen School for nine or ten days in the fall (Homecoming week). During the trip to Norway, CVCA students typically stay with the family of the Danielsen student they host in the fall.

Note: Students need money for travel day lunches, snacks, and souvenirs, and charges for extra baggage, etc.

TRIPS ~ \$999 and Under

Encouragement and Community Girls Retreat – TRIP

Registration opens Sunday, June 11, 2024

CVCA Deposit \$150 (applied to trip balance)

Leader: Mrs. J Cavanaugh

Cost: \$400

Grades: 9-10 Girls Only

The tongue has the power of life or death (Proverbs 18:21). Our words matter! During this three-day, two-night local retreat, we will spend time exploring what it looks like to be an encourager of others in order to deepen relationships and community around you. You'll have an opportunity to learn the art of hand lettering (a style of calligraphy) to make encouraging cards and put into practice what you've learned! We will dive into this topic and deepen our relationships with each other while resting and recharging.

Note: While you will be able to bring your cellphone, you will be asked to turn it in during the day so that we're able to block out the words of the world that tear us down rather than build us up.

Note: Students are responsible for their own lunch one day.

Hiking in the Smoky Mountains – TRIP

Registration opens Sunday, June 11, 2024

CVCA Deposit \$150 (applied to trip balance)

Leader: Mr. J Samsonas, Mr. D Gifford

Cost: \$650

Grades: 9-12

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most visited national park in our country. This is your opportunity to come and see why it is a national favorite! Come spend three days with us as we hike various trails in the park which will take us near rivers, through caves, and to one of the tallest peaks in the park. We will stay in Gatlinburg, Tennessee – a fun town on the outskirts of the park with plenty to do in the evenings. If you love being outside and love to hike, come along with us to the Smoky Mountains.

Notes: Cost for meals; there are many restaurant options to choose from in Gatlinburg. Also, a potential cost of \$400 for gear assuming that the student owns no gear (jackets, boots, backpack, etc). Most families spend less than \$400.

Passion Conference – TRIP

Registration opens Sunday, June 11, 2024

CVCA Deposit \$150 (applied to trip balance)

Leader: Dr. M Koons, Mr. T Schofield, Miss M O'Keefe

Cost: less than \$899

Grades: 12 only

This conference is designed for college students and high school seniors. The story of the conference is "rooted in the confession of Isaiah 26:8 – Passion exists to glorify God by uniting students in worship, prayer, and justice for spiritual awakening in this generation." Come enjoy an amazing trip to Atlanta, Georgia to attend the Passion Conference. It will be an amazing trip.

Notes: The cost covers several meals, travel, hotel accommodations, and ticket to attend the conference.