



WASHINGTON LATIN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Word of the Week

arcane \ar-KAYN\,

adjective

- Understood or known by only a few.

Arcane comes from Latin arcanus, "shut, closed, secret," from arca, "chest, box."

August 27, 2009

Dear Parents,

The school year is underway! It was wonderful both to see returning students greet one another after a summer apart and to welcome our newest Latinians to our community. The first few days at Decatur have gone smoothly; having all of our Upper School students together in the library for Morning Meetings has been especially nice. The excitement about the new Upshur campus with its bright, wide hallways, myriad windows, and large courtyard was palpable today.

Those who would like a tour of the Upshur campus are invited to stop by this Sunday afternoon anytime between 3:00 and 5:00. At 4:30 I plan to say a few words to parents and to answer any questions you might have about the new campus. Please stop by if you can.

Once again I encourage you to take time to review the Family Handbook which is posted on the website and is being distributed to students through homerooms. I want to call your attention to the Middle School dismissal time of 3:15. This is correctly printed in the handbook but was misprinted in some of our earlier communiqués. **To reiterate: The school day at Upshur is from 8:00-3:15.**

Students will have a few weeks to try out the school lunches and be charged on a daily basis. After that we will ask families to make a commitment for the remainder of the semester. Details will be forthcoming about prices and how to sign up.

Paulo Lopes, the executive director of Alliance Premier Bus Company, has asked that if parents have concerns about the bus or if the bus is late in arriving, they call him directly at (202) 641-5470. He can contact the drivers quickly and get your questions answered more expeditiously than we at school can.

I thank in advance all those who will be helping to beautify the courtyard at Upshur on Saturday.

With warm regards

Martha C. Cutts
Head of School

After-School Activity Descriptions

Monday (10 Mondays in this season of after-school)

Study Hall

Description: Students may come to study hall to work silently on work during the after-school period. This should not be viewed as a tutoring session but as a quiet area for students to begin their homework.

Cost: \$100

Martial Arts

Description: Please see the attached flyer for description and pricing information.

Please note: Students should sign up for both the Monday and Wednesday sessions if interested.

Create a Talk Show!

Description: Have you ever seen Oprah or the Tyra Banks Show? Would you like to create a talk show and discuss topics that are interesting for people your age? Join us to create, plan, and perform for an audience. Space is limited.

Cost: \$100

Math Tutoring

Description: These tutoring sessions will be run by Washington Latin Faculty and are geared towards homework help and studying for tests and quizzes. Monday is for 7th and 8th graders. Space is limited.

Cost: \$100

English Tutoring

Description: These tutoring sessions will be run by Washington Latin Faculty and are geared towards homework help, paper construction, and studying for tests and quizzes. Monday is for 5th and 6th graders. Space is limited.

Cost: \$100

Tuesday (12 Tuesdays in this season of after-school)

Study Hall

Description: Students may come to study hall to work silently on work during the after-school period. This should not be viewed as a tutoring session but as a quiet area for students to begin their homework.

Cost: \$120

Forensics

Description: Have you seen shows like CSI and NCIS on TV? Do you ever wonder about how they use what they find to determine the guilty person involved? Come join the Forensic Gumshoe program this season to find out how. Students will study fingerprinting, bones, insects and many other crime scene investigation topics. In the end, students will get the chance to solve their own mystery. Space is limited.

Cost: \$120

(Tuesdays cont'd)

HypeExposed: Hip Hop Dance

Ages 11 & Up: This new get Hype attitude has been dominating and taking over the Hip Hop scene. Learn the latest Music Video style dance moves while breaking a sweat. Step out of your shell with the confidence to come off the walls and "get it in" on the dance floor. Hype Exposed a fusion of DC, Atlanta, New York and LA all in one room! No dance experience necessary, however a positive attitude is always key. Please bring a water bottle. Feel free to e-mail the instructor, Ms. Wims, with questions at nwims@hotmail.com. Space is limited.

Cost: \$120 (Payable to Natarsha Wims)

Wednesday (11 Wednesdays in this season of after-school)

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School Magazine

Description: The club will develop, research, write, edit and publish stories for a magazine format publication, *The Tomato*. We will define an audience and focus on areas of interest. The club writers will learn how to use desktop publishing software to do layout, and we will publish the completed magazine in hard copy and, perhaps, as a web site. Space is limited.

Cost: \$110

English Tutoring

Description: These tutoring sessions will be run by Washington Latin Faculty and are geared towards homework help, paper construction, and studying for tests and quizzes. Wednesdays are for 7th and 8th graders. Space is limited.

Cost: \$110

Thursday (12 Thursdays in this season of after-school)

Study Hall

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Cost: \$120

(Thursdays Cont'd)

Math in Photos

Description: In this program, students learn about photography while also engaging in mathematics. A lot of math is involved in taking pictures, and in this program, students are able to learn how. Students will build pinhole cameras, take digital pictures, complete assignments, and will finish the season by putting up their own photography show. Students will also be given a digital picture keychain so they can show their work to their friends and family. All supplies are provided. Feel free to contact the instructor, Mr. Pearman, at Mathinphotos@aol.com. Space is limited.

Cost: \$150 (\$30 supplies fee included) (Make checks payable to PhotoMath c/o Reginald Pearman)

Environmental Club

Description: In the past, this club has examined waterways and our effect of them and has raised money to help make our building more "green." This year, students will continue to have fun while learning about ways to protect and preserve the environment. The specific focuses of this season will be determined once the participants' interests have been discussed. Space is limited.

Cost: \$120

Math Tutoring

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Cost: \$120

Parents and Students,

This form, as well as the attached documents, explain the options for the after-school program season running from the week of 9/31/09 through Monday, 11/23/09. There will be no after-school on half-days. Activities run from 3:20pm until 4:35pm. Please fill out and return this form. If possible, feel free to reply by e-mail (AfterSchool@latinpcs.org) with your child's choices. Otherwise, your child should return this form to the main office ASAP. Be sure to read and sign the statement at the end of the document. Send payment attached with this form. The costs for the activities are listed with the descriptions. Pay in the form of check or money order. Please make the payment to Washington Latin PCS **unless otherwise noted in the course description**. If picking up your child, arrangements should be made to pick your child up no later than 5pm after activities. All students should be off-campus by this time.

(Choose one option for each day)

Monday (10 Mondays in this season)

- Go home (not participating in after-school activities)
- Participate in WLPCS sports (7th and 8th Grade students only)
- Study Hall (\$100)
- Martial Arts (Flyer attached with pricing)
- Create a Talk Show! (\$100)
- Math Tutoring: Grades 7 and 8 (\$100)
- English Tutoring: Grades 5 and 6 (\$100)

Tuesday (12 Tuesdays in this season)

- Go Home (not participating in after-school activities)
- Study Hall (\$120)
- Hip Hop Class (\$120 to Natarsha Wims)
- Forensics (\$120)

Student Name: _____

Wednesday (11 Wednesdays in this season)

- Go Home (not participating in after-school activities)
- Participate in WLPCS sports (7th and 8th Grade students only)
- Study Hall (\$110)
- Martial Arts (Flyer attached with pricing)
- The Tomato* (\$110)
- English Tutoring: Grades 7 and 8 (\$110)

Thursday (12 Thursdays in this season)

- Go Home (not participating in after-school activities)
- Participate in WLPCS sports (7th and 8th Grade students only)
- Study Hall (\$120)
- Math in Photography (\$150 to PhotoMath)
- Environmental Club (\$120)
- Math Tutoring: Grades 5 and 6 (\$120)

Student Name: _____

Student Agreement

I, _____, understand that I am expected to behave, pay attention, and respect the adult in charge during all after-school activities. If I prove that I am unable to exhibit appropriate behavior at these activities, I will not be able to return and will not receive a refund.

Signed,

Date: _____

Parent Agreement

I, _____, understand that if my child does not abide by the above student agreement, consequences will apply. After the first offense, a warning will be issued and I will be contacted. If the student continues to disrupt the after-school program, he or she will not be allowed to return to after-school activities and I will not receive a refund. I also understand that if picking up my child, arrangements must be made to do so by 5pm.

Signed,

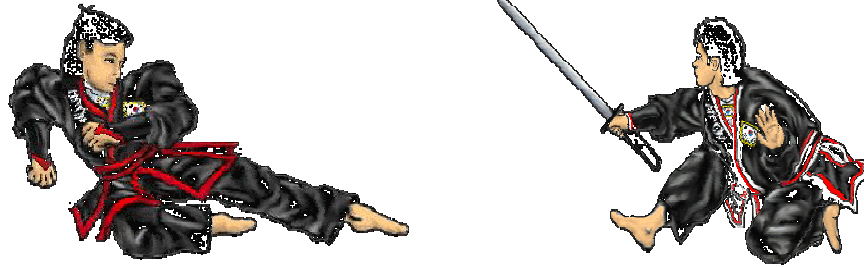
Date: _____

Contact Number: _____

Student Name: _____

Martial Arts

After School Program



For Washington Latin Students

Free Trial Week
Monday August 31 / Wednesday September 2
3:25p.m. – 4:25p.m.

Cost: **Regular Program:** \$110/month
Registration Fee: \$100

(Onetime fee: covers the cost of Uniform, Patches, T-Shirt and Lifetime Membership with WKSA)

Program Outline

The Korean language will be used for all basic commands, so your child will learn many functional Korean words. The students will be introduced to the rules of Discipline and Respect for Martial Arts Students. These include how to correctly show respect and address one's Instructor and fellow classmates, how to give and receive items and how to enter and exit the Dojang (Martial Arts school). Students will be taught the World Kuk Sool Association (WKSA) curriculum, and will be taken through an hour-long class including warm-ups and Kuk Sool (Korean Martial Arts).

Kuk Sool Won™ is a comprehensive Martial Arts system that is derived from the rich and varied martial arts techniques and traditions that have arisen in Korea through the ages. The basis of Kuk Sool is the development of "Ki" (internal power). For self-defense, Kuk Sool is unsurpassed. It combines kicking, punching, self-defense takedowns, joint locking and a myriad of weapons techniques into a beautiful and dynamic "hard-soft" style, which focuses on Discipline and Respect.

Please visit us online at WWW.KUKSOOLWONWDC.COM for more information.