

# ◆ Prep Summer School ◆

Summer 2010

## Take the Prep Summer Challenge!

Learn Something New, Meet New Friends, Keep Cool

*Scranton Prep is a Jesuit high school in the Ignatian tradition dedicated to forming a learning community distinguished by its commitment to competence, conscience, and compassion. The hallmark of this education is cura personalis, the care of and concern for the individual student.*

*Prep Summer School offers students of divergent backgrounds the opportunity to explore and enhance their talents and abilities as they experience the best that Scranton Prep has to offer.*

Challenge yourself this summer with some great courses at Scranton Prep. You are invited to participate in a program of educational and personal enrichment, where you will develop academic skills as you interact with students from all

all over Northeastern Pennsylvania.

This summer you can do this in Prep's new air-conditioned classrooms. You will also be learning in a technology-rich environment. Each classroom is equipped with a Smart Board and the latest multi-media technology to enhance your experience.

Prep's teachers are dedicated to providing you the opportunity to sharpen your skills through enlightening programs that you will find described throughout this newsletter.

**Prep  
Summer School  
June 21-July 23  
\$120.00 / course  
Registration  
Deadline:  
June 16**

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**Classes meet  
Monday through  
Friday  
(except Monday, July 5)**

**Period I 8:30-9:20  
Period II 9:25-10:15  
Period III 10:20-11:10**

## Prep Summer School Courses

### Pre-Eighth Courses

Arithmetic  
English Grammar  
Study Skills  
Write On!  
Seminar in Sciences  
Critical Reading

### Pre-Ninth Courses

Introduction to Algebra  
Introduction to Latin  
English Grammar  
Study Skills  
Seminar in Sciences  
Critical Reading

### High School Courses

Algebra I Review  
College Board Preparation

### Pre-Sixth and Seventh

Passwords  
Science Surfers  
Bridges to Junior High

# Pre-Eighth Grade Courses

## English Grammar

Classes at 8:30, 9:25, & 10:20

This basic skills course in English grammar helps students prepare for high school entrance exams. Students continue to develop their abilities to work with the English language through the study of the function of individual words, phrases, and clauses in an English sentence. In the process students develop a more sophisticated understanding of the sentence. This course reinforces grammatical concepts learned through seventh grade as it introduces concepts often encountered on the eighth grade level.

## Study Skills

Class at 9:25

"Work smarter, not harder!" is the motto of this program. Most parents will agree that if their child is struggling or could do better in school, study skills are the problem. The foundations of learning are explored in this course. Motivation, concentration and focusing, organization, memorization, and test taking are the heart of this program. Due to the nature of the pre-eighth grade student, this program is designed to be hands-on and practical. Students will have a game plan, a strategy to be successful for the beginning of their eighth grade experience.

## Arithmetic

Classes at 8:30, 9:25, & 10:20

This program offers a complete overview of the major areas of arithmetic and helps students prepare for high school entrance exams. The focus is on material covered in the seventh and eighth grade curriculum. The basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers, fractions, and decimals are reviewed. Ratio, proportion, and percent are investigated since these are new concepts for junior high students. The course emphasizes the integration of critical reading with the skills of arithmetic in solving word problems.

## Pre-Eighth Write On!

Class at 8:30

Sharpening students' writing skills without dulling their senses is the goal of this pre-eighth grade writing course. This program focuses students on the essentials of the writing process through interesting and stimulating writing activities. Students engage in flow writing, theme writing, persuasive writing, and journal writing. They learn to be aggressive with a writing assignment and to approach writing with confidence.

# High School Courses

## College Boards

Math at 9:25

Verbal at 10:20

This College Board preparation course offers students an opportunity to increase their competency on the S.A.T. Students will explore the various types of questions on both the math and verbal sections of the test. Students will diagnose areas of weakness and learn a plan of attack to improve their scores. They will also take a full S.A.T. at the end of the course and have a realistic sense of what they need to do to reach their goals. Students may enroll in the math or verbal class or both.

## Algebra I Review

Class at 9:25

Algebra I Review offers students an opportunity to strengthen any skills that may need some work before they begin their study of Algebra II next year. This course reviews all the major concepts covered in Algebra I. Students may take this course for enrichment or to clear up a failure. This course is designed for students who have already taken a full year of Algebra I. It may be too difficult for students who have only completed a pre-algebra course.

# Pre-Ninth Grade Courses

## **Seminar in Sciences**

Class at 10:20

This course offers pre-eighth and pre-ninth grade students an opportunity to investigate fascinating topics in three areas of science - biology, chemistry, and physics. Students will investigate such topics as DNA and cloning in biology, pollution and environmental conservation in chemistry; black holes, the big bang theory, meteorology, and bubbleology in physics. All activities in this course are designed to capture the interest of the young science student.

## **Study Skills**

Class at 10:20

Many students encounter problems in high school due to a lack of refined study skills. The study skills program works to insure that all students will meet with success in their high school experience. The program identifies individual strengths and develops strategies and techniques that help students succeed in their studies by focusing and sharpening these strengths. Skills developed in this course include time management, organization, goal setting, memory techniques, note taking, and test taking strategies.

## **Critical Reading and Thinking**

Class at 9:25

The single most important skill needed throughout education is critical reading. Educational Testing Service indicates it is the number one way to increase S.A.T. scores. This course attacks the area of critical reading by giving students the opportunity to engage in critical reading and discussion of challenging material. The aim of this course is to encourage students to develop the critical thinking skills of analysis, synthesis, integration, and application. This course is designed for pre-eighth and pre-ninth grade students.

## **English Grammar**

Class at 8:30

The ability to communicate effectively is an essential life skill, and grammar is a key component of this ability. Also, many students who face a foreign language for the first time struggle because they lack an understanding of grammar. This course is designed to help those students who need additional work with the basics of language. Students will examine the structure and function of the English language so that they will be better equipped for high school language requirements.

## **Introduction to Algebra**

Classes at 8:30, 9:25, & 10:20

The work of Algebra requires a higher level of abstract thinking. Many students who have found success in arithmetic struggle in algebra due to the different skills the subject requires. Introduction to Algebra is designed to give pre-ninth grade students an introduction to the abstract nature of algebraic concepts.

## **Introduction to Latin**

Classes at 8:30, 9:25, & 10:20

This course offers students an orientation to the study of foreign language in general through elementary work in basic Latin. It also offers students an introduction to vocabulary building and form recognition through the use of aural, oral, and visual techniques. There is an emphasis placed on conversational Latin and word derivation. The course also offers an introduction to Roman life and culture.

# Middle School Courses

## Passwords

Class at 8:30

A course designed for pre-sixth and pre-seventh grade students who are looking for a fun way to learn words and their usage. Students will increase their knowledge of vocabulary, their ability to use words correctly, and their understanding of the way the English language works. This course employs fun methods to engage students in some serious learning. Passwords uses lessons involving word games, puzzles, and computer programs to assist students in achieving the goals of the course.

## Science Surfers

Class at 9:25

Science Surfers is a course for pre-sixth and pre-seventh grade students. Students will use the computer lab to explore fun topics in computers, math, and science. The activities for this course are designed to entertain as they educate the middle school student in the scientific process. Students will also conduct some hands on experiments and use such programs as Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Internet Explorer.

## Bridges to Junior High

Class at 10:20

This is a course for pre-seventh grade students who want to learn techniques that will help them study more independently. Using material from junior high language arts and mathematics curricula, this course offers students an introduction to junior high school as it teaches them how to study most effectively.

*All courses and times are subject to change due to enrollment considerations. Class sections will be added as enrollment necessitates. Classes with fewer than ten students enrolled will not be scheduled.*  
*Since advance registrations determine the number of sections needed for each course and the size of the faculty, there can be absolutely no tuition refunds.*

### Prep Summer School Registration Form

Summer Session June 21 - July 23  
Registration Deadline: June 16

Scranton Preparatory School  
1000 Wyoming Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18509  
Phone: 570-941-7737

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Please enroll me in the following courses: (Use course names and indicate grade level and class time preferred. Preferred times are honored where possible.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check box if any courses are being taken to clear up a failure.

Payment Enclosed (\$120.00 per course). Make check payable to Scranton Prep. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

School Attended (2009-10) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade ('09-10) \_\_\_\_\_

For enrichment students only: If you are aware of any day(s) on which you must be absent from class, please list here. \_\_\_\_\_ **Students who are taking courses to clear up a failure may not miss any days.**