

# THOMAS JEFFERSON'S SUMMER DISCOVERY ACADEMY 2014

TJ's Summer Discovery Academy runs from June 2 – August 8, and includes courses in fine arts, theater, and music. Most courses are half-day classes that run a full week – either 9am–Noon or 1–4pm. Some courses are a full day (9am–4pm) and some courses are two-week courses. In addition to the arts-related courses, TJ's Summer Discovery Academy offers academic enrichment courses for students in any school and in all grades. All registration can be done online at [www.tjeffschool.org/summer](http://www.tjeffschool.org/summer) - call Robert Carlson at TJ at (417) 781-5124 x240 for additional information.

## For students entering Kindergarten – 2nd grade in the fall:

### Showtime for Kids (Grades 1 & 2)

#### Mon–Fri | July 21–25 | 9am–Noon at Thomas Jefferson IDS

Lights! Camera! Action! Prepare for this summer's musical production. The young thespians will ready themselves with musical run-throughs, costume-making, stage-blocking, and choreography. Participants must commit to auditions from 4-6 p.m. on Fri., July 18, a dress rehearsal from 9-11 a.m. on Sat., July 26, and the public performance at 6 p.m. on Sat., July 26. This course is not open to rising Kindergarten students. Sign up now, as there is a 30-actor limit. *Cost: \$300/\$150 for TJ students*

### Studio Art Academy (Pre-K–2nd Grade)

#### Mon–Fri | July 21–25 | 1–4pm at Thomas Jefferson IDS

Open to all students entering grades Pre-K-2 in the fall. Students will create works of art in various media, using a variety of techniques, to learn the principles of design and the elements of art. *Cost: \$300/\$150 for TJ students*

## For students entering grades 3-5 in the fall:

### Intermezzo Piano Academy Basic Course (Grades 3-5)

#### Tue–Sat | July 8–12 | 9am–1pm at Thomas Jefferson IDS

\*On Saturday time changes to 11am–Noon for the final recital

The Intermezzo Piano Academy Basic Course is designed to be a fun way for students at the beginning -- early intermediate level to learn exponentially about piano, music and the arts. Students will be instructed in piano, music theory, music history, rhythm, and ensemble playing. They will be given the opportunity to learn and perform in both private and group settings. *Cost: \$300/\$150 for TJ students*

### Ceramics (Grades 3-5)

#### Tue–Sat | July 8–12 | 9am–Noon at Thomas Jefferson IDS

In this beginner ceramics course your child will learn not only the “how” in creating a beautiful ceramic piece, but will also learn some of the historical significances that ceramics has held over the years. We will be exploring the many possibilities that hand building techniques can allow in creating a ceramic work of art and create several priceless pieces that you will cherish for years to come. *Cost: \$300/\$150 for TJ students*

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### **Studio Art Academy (Grades 3-5)**

**Mon–Fri | July 28–August 1 | 1–4pm at Thomas Jefferson IDS**

Open to all students entering grades 3-5 in the fall. Students will create works of art in various media, using a variety of techniques, to learn the principles of design and the elements of art. *Cost: \$300/\$150 for TJ students*

**For students entering grades 6-12 in the fall:**

### **MoShakes – Summer Shakespeare Academy**

**Mon–Fri | June 2–6 | 9am–Noon at Thomas Jefferson IDS**

For Middle and Upper School students -- Drama, Literature, History: History/Shakespeare's Life, Monologues and Scenes, Stage Combat, Theater Components: sets, costumes, etc., and a Final Performance. *Cost: \$150*

### **Summer Choral Music Institute with Dr. David Sharlow**

**Mon–Fri | June 23–27 | 9am–Noon at Thomas Jefferson IDS**

For Middle and Upper School students -- This one-week choral academy is for students entering grades 6-12 who want to grow in their vocal training. The course features musical and non-musical activities such as team-building, sectionals, choreography, and rehearsals. Students will perform during a concert on June 27 in the TJ Concert Hall. *Cost: \$175*

### **Intermezzo Piano Academy Advanced Course (Grades 6-12)**

**Tue–Sat | July 8–12 | 9am–5pm at Thomas Jefferson IDS**

*\* Time change on Saturday to 11am–Noon for final recital.*

The Intermezzo Piano Academy Advanced Courses are for students who already have a secure knowledge and familiarity of the piano and wish to deepen their musical understanding. *Cost: \$300/\$150 for TJ students*

### **Digital Filmmaking (Grades 6-12)**

**Mon–Sat | July 7–11 | 1–4pm at Thomas Jefferson IDS**

Students will explore their world through the lens of a camera, and learn different ways to tell a story using video. They will also explore technical aspects of video production including storyboarding, lighting, composition, and editing on a computer. *Cost: \$300/\$150 for TJ students*

### **Joplin Jazz Camp (Grades 6-12 on all instruments)**

**July 16-19 | 9am-3pm at Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School**

The Joplin Jazz Camp will provide each student with a foundation in the jazz idiom through classes/rehearsals that emphasize improvisation, theory, jazz history, ear training and transcription of solos, melodic patterns, and jazz style and interpretation. Students will be encouraged to think creatively and truly dig in and experience the music through active learning rather than just practicing patterns out of a book. The faculty strives not only to mentor these young students but also to foster a positive learning environment where they aren't afraid to take risks in their playing. The Joplin Jazz Camp's ultimate goal is to make each and every student a better person, a better performer, and to inspire them to carry on the wonderful legacy of the music we call jazz, while simultaneously continuing to innovate and seek out new forms of artistic expression. Courses/Activities: History of Jazz, Music Theory, Jazz Combo, Ear Training/Transcription, Rhythm Exercises/Percussion, Jazz Techniques. Please mail all registration forms to camp director Levi Randolph (3109 S Tyler Ave, Joplin, MO 64804 - (417) 434-5779). Registration forms and more information can be found online. *Cost: \$150*

### **Advanced Drawing & Painting (Grades 6-12)**

**Mon–Fri | July 14–18 | 9am–Noon at Thomas Jefferson IDS**

In this course, your child will garner a better understanding of drawing and painting. We will explore different techniques in both fields and create a better understanding of the medium, allowing your child to more effectively bring his or her imagination to life. Some of these techniques will include more effective shading techniques, how to render objects more accurately, and thoughts on how composition can help or hinder a piece of artwork. *Cost: \$300/\$150 for TJ students*

### **Ceramics (Grades 6-12)**

#### **Two Week Course | Mon–Fri | July 14–25 | 1–4pm at Thomas Jefferson IDS**

In this more advanced look into ceramics, we will explore how different cultures have an effect on the particular styling of ceramic pieces. We will create more intricate hand built pieces, and students will also be learning about and utilizing different glazing techniques. They will create several pieces, including a historically influenced piece, and a unique set of three functional pieces. This is a two-week course. *Cost: \$500/\$250 for TJ students*

### **Showtime – Behind the Scenes (Grades 6-12)**

#### **Mon–Fri | July 21–25 | 9am–Noon at Thomas Jefferson IDS**

Lights! Camera! Action! In addition to scene design, students will explore the behind-the-scenes activity that brings a musical or stage performance to life. With the state-of-the-art sound, lighting, and rigging systems in the new TJ Concert Hall, you'll learn how to make the magic happen on stage. This course has a 15-student limit, so sign up early. Students who sign up for this course need to commit to participation in preparation and performance of the musical during the weekend following the class. *Cost: \$300/150 for TJ students*

### **Poetry (Grades 6-12)**

#### **Mon–Fri | July 21–25 | 9am–Noon at Thomas Jefferson IDS**

The poet C.D. Wright has said that "Poetry is a necessity of life." G.K. Chesterton commented that "The poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese." Whatever the experts are saying, there's something to be said of poetry. At least, there is something to be said in poetry. In this class, you will start by reading works from famous poets and digging your fingers into the foundational aspects of poetry. You will then write and share your work in a poetry workshop. You will perform your work for an audience of your peers. If you like playing with words, saying clever things, or finding a unique and colorful way to tell about your experiences, this course may be for you. *Cost: \$300/150 for TJ student*

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