



## **Celebration Learning Community Membership Handbook 2023/2024**

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### **CLC Mission**

A community of families that are like-minded with these goals:

- To cultivate in our children a **love for learning**
- Create a platform for each child to discover and develop his or her **passion, skills and gifting**
- To facilitate **inquiry**, independent **learning** and effective **communication** to a community of peers
- To **resource families and provide support** through their homeschool journey

## **Topic Based Group Learning**

A variety of classes will be offered and facilitated for homeschool families to participate in. These will be one hour classes, class topics will rotate on a quarterly or semester basis. These classes can be integrated into any homeschool curriculum.

## **End of Year Presentation**

Every year we showcase all that our students have learned through our End of Year Presentation. Each student is given 3-5 minutes to present their topic. Families are encouraged to invite guests to attend and support their student(s). Students can use their unique interests and learning styles to communicate and show what they have learned through a three step process of:

**1. Inquiry:** What is he or she interested in? What does he or she want to know more about on the given theme?

**2. Discovery:** collecting data, doing research, reading, doing interviews, field trips.

**3. Communication:** Students can choose the ways they want to communicate what they have learned: writing, speaking, art, drama, use of technology, graphs, project boards, shadow boxes, costumes, etc.

Specific information & presentation topics are given out after Spring Break.

## **Character Development**

- Character development will be integrated into the facilitation of each aspect of the Learning Day.
- The student led Chapel Time, Peer Discussion Groups, and Project Events will emphasize **Servant Leadership**, **Respect** for those who are presenting, **Responsibility** for students to manage their work and come prepared to share and present, **Perseverance** to develop new skills and overcome insecurities, and how to be **Caring** in group work and supporting peers with project development.
- Other character traits that we emphasize throughout the year are: **Gratitude**, **Forgiveness** and **Honesty**.

## Membership Guidelines

- Membership fee should be payed monthly, by semester or Sept-May program year.
- Monthly membership fee should be paid on the 1st of every month.
- Attending and Volunteering Parents should provide oversight for children who are non-members and are not in 1st through 8th grade while on the property and during Learning Community hours.
- Members should be provided with his or her own snacks, lunch and project materials.
- Members should come prepared to the Weekly Peer Discussion groups to share with their peers something they have learned, accomplished, a project they have completed, a paper they have written, etc.

## Cancellation Policy

Please note our cancellation policy for CLC Membership

- Seats are reserved once the registration form is submitted and payment is made. Membership can be cancelled at any time.
- There are no partial month refunds.

## Important Dates - Thursday Co-Op

|                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Orientation</b>                | September 7, 10am       |
| <b>CLC Year Begins</b>            | September 7             |
| <b>School Pictures</b>            | October 19              |
| <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>         | November 23-24          |
| <b>Winter Break</b>               | December 25 - January 5 |
| <b>Spring Break</b>               | April 1-5               |
| <b>CLC Year End Presentations</b> | May 30, 7pm             |

## 2023/2024 Field Trips & Parties

Attendance is optional, field trip cost is not included in tuition. Families can choose to pay a monthly field trip fee to cover all field trip costs.

September/October (Thursdays) - Fall Hiking Spree

October 12th - Cleveland Zoo

November 16th - Thanksgiving Meal Potluck & Akron Children's Tree Festival

December 21st - Christmas Party & Presentation, 1-3pm

January 25th - Cleveland Art Museum

February 15th - Valentines Party, 1-3pm

March 12th - Tentative: Cleveland Charge Basketball Game

April 11th - Hale Farm

May 2nd - Playhouse Square

May 30th - End of Year Presentation, 7pm

**Total Full Year Field Trip Expense: \$45/student annually or \$5/student monthly (Sept-May)**

## Membership & Other Fees

| Membership Type  | Cost                         | Payment Plan | Includes   |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|--|
| <b>General Registration Fee:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single Child</li> <li>• 2 Children</li> <li>• 3-4 Children</li> <li>• 5+ Children</li> </ul> | \$15<br>\$20<br>\$25<br>\$30 | One time fee | Paid at the time of registration and covers registration for all CLC Programs.   |
| <b>Thursday Only Membership:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single Child</li> <li>• 2 Children</li> <li>• 3-4 Children</li> <li>• 5+ Children</li> </ul> | \$35<br>\$55<br>\$65<br>\$75 | Monthly      | Students 1st grade through 8th grade. <i>Kindergarteners are taken on a case by case basis. Please consult administration.</i> |
| <b>Learning Community (Mon - Thurs)</b>  | Variable                     | Monthly      | Pricing based on parent volunteering & student needs.  |
| Monthly Field Trip Fee   | \$5                          | Monthly      | This fee covers all field trip expenses.   |

## Thursday Schedule and Descriptions

| Time    | Program                        | Program Description   |
|---------|--------------------------------|---|
| 10:00am | Chapel                         | Character Based, Biblical principles, memory verses, stories, drama and object lessons will be used to teach practical character development  |
| 10:30am | Peer Discussion & Book Student | Students will be divided into Peer Groups according to grade level. Students will be encouraged to present something they have accomplished or learned from that week to share and present to their peer group. Students may also bring topics, questions or inquiry to the group to allow for peer discussion. Older students will have a required book to read and discuss each week as a portion of the peer group.<br><br><b>Required Book:</b> <u>Boy Have I Got Problems</u> by: Kay Arthur & Janna Arndt |
| 11:00am | Art Class                      | Students will be exposed to a variety of styles of art as well as hands on projects.  |
| 12:00pm | Lunch/Free Time                | Students should provide their own lunch to be eaten at this time. Fellowship, Games and outside play will be done at this time.   |
| 1:00pm  | Physical Education Class       | Getting active and moving is an important part any child's education! Each week we will have different activities including kids boot camp, yoga, sports, hiking, & more!   |
| 2:00pm  | Classes                        | Academic/Skill building classes. Topics to be rotated throughout the year.  |
| 3:00pm  | Dismissal                      |   |

### 2023/2024 Class Topics

*Classes/Schedules may change due to teacher availability.*

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| September | 11:00 - Art Class<br>1:00-3:00 - Hiking Spree    |
| October   | 11:00 - Art Class<br>1:00-3:00 - Hiking Spree    |
| November  | 11:00 - Art Class<br>1:00 - P.E.<br>2:00 - Drama |

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| <b>December</b> | 11:00 - Art Class<br>1:00 - P.E.<br>2:00 - Drama            |
| <b>January</b>  | 11:00 - Art Class<br>1:00 - P.E.<br>2:00 - To Be Determined |
| <b>February</b> | 11:00 - Art Class<br>1:00 - P.E.<br>2:00 - To Be Determined |
| <b>March</b>    | 11:00 - Art Class<br>1:00 - P.E.<br>2:00 - To Be Determined |
| <b>April</b>    | 11:00 - Art Class<br>1:00 - P.E.<br>2:00 - Percussion       |
| <b>May</b>      | 11:00 - Art Class<br>1:00 - P.E.<br>2:00 - Percussion       |

## **Class Descriptions**

### **Art**

This year our art class will cover Early American Art History as well as hands on projects including: pencil & ink drawing, portraits, illustration, landscapes, self-portraits, color theory, line theory, painting, etc.

### **Drama**

This year our drama class will focus on our Christmas Skit that will be presented at our Christmas Party. Students will work together to learn about writing, acting, directing, costuming, blocking, and all things theater.

### **P.E.**

Getting active and moving is an important part any child's education! Each week we will have different activities including kids boot camp, yoga, sports, hiking, & more!

### **Percussion**

Through our curriculum, World Music Drumming, students will not only learn a variety of musical & percussion skills but will also experience music from all areas of the world. Students will also learn valuable skills like how to listen, respect, how to lead & follow, etc.

## **Discipline Policy**

### **Classroom Discipline**

“My child, do not reject the Lord’s discipline. And don’t become angry when he corrects you. The Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects the child that he likes.” Proverbs 3:11-12

It is our desire to provide a joyful, safe, structured and Christ-centered classroom for all of our students. We realize in doing this, we are helping shape the character of our students as they learn to do life with one another. In doing so, this requires some discipline and structure.

### **Classroom rules:**

1. Respect one another
2. Keep your hands to yourselves
3. Use only nice words
4. Always obey your teacher the first time

### **Steps in discipline actions:**

1. Verbal warning
2. Privileges are taken away. Time out or separation may be appropriate. Parents are notified upon pickup.
3. Parents may be called to pick up their student

### **Physical altercations:**

Physical altercations will not be tolerated. These include, but are not limited to pushing, shoving, tripping, biting, hitting, throwing an item at another student or fighting. We have a ZERO tolerance policy with any type of physical altercation.

In the case of a physical altercation, the child/children will be taken out of the classroom, the CLC Director or Executive Pastor will be notified, and the parents will be called. While each circumstance is different, every student will be treated with love, provided discipline, given counseling on the specific incident, and asked to remain with their parents the remainder of the service. The CLC Executive Director or Director will follow up with you after the service for a further course of action. An apology, Pastoral Counseling, Christian Counseling and/or suspension from CLC may be required.

### **Bullying:**

Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated. Bullying is an aggressive behavior that is intentional and involves an imbalance of power or strength. Typically, it is repeated over time. Bullying can take on many forms including, but not limited to: physical, verbal, non-verbal, cyber bullying or note writing.

In the case of bullying, the child/children will be taken out of the classroom. The CLC Director or Executive Pastor will be notified and the parents will be called. While each

circumstance is different, every student will be treated with love, provided discipline, given counseling on the specific incident, and asked to remain with their parents the remainder of the service. The CLC Executive Director or Director will follow up with you after the service for a further course of action. An apology, Pastoral Counseling, Christian Counseling and/or suspension from CLC may be required.

### **Destruction of Property:**

In the event that property is damaged, including church property, another student's property or the teacher's property, the Children's Ministry Pastor will follow up with the parent after service to determine the best course of action. This action may include, but is not limited to an apology, suspension, counseling, payment of damaged item's cost, etc.

### **Wellness, Sickness Policy**

It is our desire for children to only be placed with other well children. In order to this, please follow our wellness policy.

- **FEVER:** Child should be fever free (less than 100) for 24 hours without medication.
- **VOMITING/DIARRHEA:** Child should be episode free for 24 hours.
- **STREP THROAT:** Child should have started antibiotics 24 hours before attending.
- **NASAL DRAINAGE:** Child should not attend until clear.
- **SORE THROAT/COUGH:** Child should not attend with a sore throat, croup or persistent coughing associated with respiratory infection
- **PINK EYE:** Attend only after 24 hours of antibiotics, no matting or drainage occurs, and the child is no longer rubbing the eye.
- **CHICKEN POX:** Child may not attend until all spots are scabbed over and the child is no longer scratching or touching scabs.
- **RASH:** Children with an unexplained or contagious rash should not attend.
- **LICE/OTHER INFESTATION:** Children should not attend until after treatment, and all live lice and visible nits have been removed.