

2022-2023 SEE PROGRAM MIDDLE SCHOOL SEE SEMINARS

IMPORTANT REMINDERS for GIFTED SUPPORT TEACHERS:

- ✓ ONLY districts that complete the online Participation Interest Forms by the stated deadlines will be included on the roster and notified as to how many students may attend. Links for these forms are in 2022-23 SEE Seminars - Hybrid Program Schoology Group.
- ✓ Zoom links for Online SEE Seminars are under Resources in Schoology.
- ✓ When appropriate, 8th grade students are welcome to attend ONLINE high school seminars.
- ✓ Turn on NOTIFICATIONS in Schoology to receive important updates and communications regarding SEE Seminars.

MS – Survival in the Wilderness (Face to Face)

Date: Friday, September 30, 2022

Seminar Time: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Location: Lancaster Central Park, Environmental Center, One Nature's Way, Lancaster, PA

Presenter: Lisa Sanchez, Naturalist

Participation Interest Form Due: **Tuesday, September 20, 2022**

Parent Registration Deadline: **Tuesday, September 27, 2022**

Description of Seminar: Join Naturalist Lisa Sanchez at the Lancaster County Environmental Center for a day of learning to survive in the wilds of Lancaster and Lebanon counties. The important things in a survival situation are food, water, shelter, and fire; and we will explore all of these. You will have the opportunity to build a shelter and safely try a few fire-starting methods. We will gather food in the woods and determine which plants and insects are safe to eat. Because water is vital in a survival situation, we will explore what life can be found in a creek and how to determine if it is healthy to eat. What makes water safe for drinking? Bring old shoes that will allow you to jump in the Mill Creek! If you are a fan of survival shows, here is your chance to practice the skills highlighted on television while learning important things about the environment in which we live. You will also practice the vital skills of teamwork, problem solving and collaboration! Dress for a lengthy outdoor experience.

MS – The Lasting Power of a Song (Face to Face)

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022

Seminar Time: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Location: Lancaster-Lebanon IU13, Burle Business Park, 1020 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster, PA

Presenter: Steven Courtney, Musician and Songwriter

Participation Interest Form Due: **Thursday, October 20, 2022**

Parent Registration Deadline: **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

Description of Seminar: In this interactive seminar, students will explore the highly creative form of language that is songwriting. Studying and writing poetry allows us to play with language in a way that uniquely showcases emotion. What happens when we put those “poems” and thoughts to music? Throughout the seminar, led by award-winning musician, Steven Courtney, students will communicate thoughts and ideas via lyrics and songwriting. Time will be spent studying music genres and the effects of songwriting in various cultures around the world. If you are someone who loves language and enjoys music, this seminar will be a unique opportunity to learn from an accomplished musician who has been an Artist in Residence in many schools.

MS/NPMS – Backyard Birding (Online)

Date: Friday, December 2, 2022
Seminar Time: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Location: Online via Zoom
Presenter: Lisa Sanchez, Naturalist
[Parent Registration Deadline: Tuesday, November 29, 2022](#)

Description of Seminar: Leaves have fallen from the trees and some birds have migrated for the winter. Can you name some of those who remain in our region, enduring the cold temperatures and change of seasons? Why do some birds migrate and others remain? Winter brings special opportunities to learn about birds, and many people do this by feeding them each winter. During this seminar, we will talk about a number of birds who remain in Pennsylvania during the winter - their life cycle, features, habitats, and identifying characteristics. Tips will be shared on encouraging birds to nest and feed in your backyard. If you are a fan of our feathered friends, this seminar is for you! Find out exactly what makes a bird a bird and how you can better appreciate and enjoy them. You might leave the seminar with some great ideas for making gifts for the bird lovers in your life.

MS/NPMS – Esports: A Tool for Connection and Career Exploration (Online)

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022
Seminar Time: 12:30 - 2:00 PM
Location: Online via Zoom
Presenter: Rachel Odrosky, Esports Director
[Parent Registration Deadline: Monday, December 12, 2022](#)

Description of Seminar: Undoubtedly, esports is captivating the attention of our youth. In fact, 97% of our youth identify as gamers. Esports is growing in its popularity in schools across the country providing youth a safe place to connect and compete. In this presentation, we will discuss the benefits of esports beyond teamwork, communication, and strategic thinking. We will reveal how esports can be elevated beyond the game and used as a pathway to a student's career exploration.

MS – Passport to India (Online)

Date: Monday, December 19, 2022
Seminar Time: 12:30 - 2:00 PM
Location: Online via Zoom
Presenter: Colleen Gergely, Certified Yoga Instructor
[Parent Registration Deadline: Thursday, December 15, 2022](#)

Description of Seminar: Have you ever wanted to travel to India? Here is your chance! What should you pack? What language should you speak? Are there any rules or customs that you should follow? Colleen Gergely, a local yoga teacher, will lead you on a journey to India with an introduction to the language, yoga movements, and art. During this 90-minute session we will:

- Take an interactive adventure to India as we explore the languages of modern Hindi and ancient Sanskrit.
- Learn a few unique rules to follow while traveling in India.
- Practice a bit of yoga.
- Create Rangoli art as a "souvenir" of your travels.

MS – Crafting a Screenplay: Bringing Short Films to Life (Online)

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2023
Seminar Time: 9:00-10:30 AM
Location: Online via Zoom
Presenter: Rick Hansberry, Screenwriter, Producer, Writer
Parent Registration Deadline: [Tuesday, January 10, 2023](#)

Description of Seminar: Students can plan on using creativity, teamwork, and effective language skills as they learn about the world of screenwriting and storytelling. Rick Hansberry, a local screenwriter with many award-winning short films, will guide students as they work in groups to write, plan and practice the techniques involved in telling an impactful story in only a few pages. Rick will share his vast experience and helpful tips as he teaches students how to succinctly share a powerful message through a short film screenplay.

MS/NPMS – Taking Your Literacy Skills to the Next Level (Online)

Date: Friday, February 3, 2023
Seminar Time: 9:00-10:30 PM
Location: Online via Zoom
Presenter: Amber Kane, Arts Educator and Illustrator
Parent Registration Deadline: [Wednesday, February 1, 2023](#)

Description of Seminar: Have you ever looked at a painting, poster, or advertisement and wondered, what it means? How did the artists or designer decide what to put on the page? Images are all around you, and it's likely that you're also making a lot of images (still and video) yourself, do you think about the messages that you're communicating based on the visual elements that you use or don't use? You should! In this workshop, you explore what personal aesthetics are and reflect on the role that they play in how we understand and create images. You'll look at images and learn how to break them down, part by part, to get a better sense of what the image says, and the role that your personal context and aesthetic play in understanding what you see.

MS – The Science of Maple Sugar and Animal Tracking (Face to Face)

Date: Friday, February 24, 2023
Seminar Time: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Location: Lancaster County Central Park, Pavilion #11 **AND** Environmental Center, Lancaster, PA
Presenter: Lisa Sanchez, Naturalist
Participation Interest Form Due: [Tuesday, January 10, 2023](#)
Parent Registration Deadline: [Tuesday, February 21, 2023](#)

Description of Seminar: On a cold February morning, do you need an interesting reminder about why the end of winter is such a great season? Here is your chance to learn more about an agriculture product that can only be "harvested" this time of year -- maple sap. Naturalist, Lisa Sanchez, is going to walk us through the fine art of maple sap collection as well as the steps and science behind turning that sap into maple syrup. We will compare how the Native Americans did this relatively simple (but painstaking) process to how it is done at Lancaster County Central Park. We'll also learn how agricultural systems make maple syrup a profitable product for the northeast United States. At this "sweet" SEE seminar, you will experience the history, tapping, collecting, boiling, finishing, and candy-making stages of maple sugaring. There will even be time for tasting a pancake or two with REAL maple syrup with lunch! We will also learn how maple sugar can be incorporated into cooking as a healthy option for refined sugar. **Bundle up** as we prepare to spend time outdoors in the Sugar Bush, using all our senses to enjoy this special winter treat.

MS – The Wonder of Wetlands (Face to Face)

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023

Seminar Time: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Location: Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area

Presenter: Brant Portner, Environmental Education Specialist

Participation Interest Form Due: **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

Parent Registration Deadline: **Monday, April 10, 2023**

Description of Seminar: [The Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area](#) is home to vital ecosystems that serve both people and wildlife. Its nearly 6,000 acres are owned and managed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission in order to sustain waterfowl, grassland nesting birds, and wetland dependent species. At this SEE Seminar, Brant Portner, Environmental Education Specialist will share facts pertaining to Middle Creek's many wetlands which exist in both forests and fields. Wetlands are managed and protected because many unique plants and animals rely on them to survive. We will also talk about the important role wetlands also play for humans such as purifying water and reducing flooding. Come join us at Middle Creek to learn about these special places and enjoy them as we hike and explore a variety of wetlands and those who live within them.

NOTE: Planning for additional SEE Seminars in the spring continues. Hybrid districts are guaranteed a total (across grade levels) of 10 Face-to-Face seminars and 14 online options in 2022-2023. Additional seminars will be added as a value-added service, when possible.

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