

From elementary grades to high school

OCC series aims at gifted students

Astronomy, filmmaking, cartooning and television production are being offered to gifted students through a series of classes at Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.

Registration for the programs aimed at gifted students and their parents begins Saturday at the Oakland Community College campus on Orchard Lake Road near Twelve Mile.

The idea for the series developed

through requests for classes received through the Farmington School District's programs for the gifted, according to coordinator Sharon Higham. Students were interested in courses which were financially and physically difficult for the district to offer.

Through the college these programs are available on Saturday mornings on campus and at the Waldorf Kinder House, 16945 14 Mile (Pierce), Birmingham.

Students need not be in a district program for the gifted to apply for the courses, according to Ms. Higham. But students and parents should be aware that the courses are aimed at challenging bright youngsters and could be more difficult than regular classroom work for some.

The courses are open to all students in the county. Even within Oakland County there are different definitions of the term gifted student. Those differences won't interfere with the program, according to Ms. Higham.

Program offers astronomy, mime

Classes ranging from astronomy to pantomime are available to gifted students in Oakland County at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.

Registration is from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 19 at the registration desk in Building M on the campus at Orchard Lake Road south of 12 Mile.

Enrollments are limited and will be taken on a first-come first-serve basis. To register, bring a completed form, tuition and lab fees. Tuition is payable by check or money order to Oakland Community College. Materials cost is payable to the instructor at the first class. Indicate your name, address and phone number on your check.

If there are openings after Jan. 19, mail registrations will be accepted until the first class meeting. Include a check or money order with the registration. If a class is filled or has been cancelled, students will be notified. Otherwise students should report to the class at the scheduled time.

Refunds will be granted only when a class is cancelled. In such cases, the money will be mailed automatically.

Unless otherwise noted, classes will meet at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus.

Astronomy — Cosmology, the study of the origin and the structure of the universe and life on earth will be taught from 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays for six weeks beginning March 15. At Valone, physics and astronomy professor at Orchard Ridge will teach the course which has a suggested audience of 10-year-old through adults (parents). There is an \$15 fee.

Alternatives in the Home for Parents of Young Children discusses the values of home life and the psychology of the first seven years. There will be a

Clowning, Mime and Theatre will teach make-up, juggling, performing and non-competitive games. Students will write and perform their own skits as well as learn about theater techniques. Gerry the Fool who has performed at colleges and universities, health centers and small theaters will teach the course. The class will be conducted for eight Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon beginning Jan. 26. It is suggested for grades five-nine. Fee is \$28.

"THEY'LL ALL be bright kids interested in the topics," Ms. Higham said.

In addition to courses for the students, there will be sessions for parents of gifted children. These classes are also coordinated by Ms. Higham, Diane Akers, of Farmington public school gifted program and Sylvia Katz of OCC, Orchard Ridge.

Parents can attend programs dealing with alternatives in the home for rearing young children and an overview of gifted and talented youngsters.

In these classes, parents of gifted children have an opportunity to discuss child-raising. In most cases, parents of gifted children have already discovered some ways of helping and providing for their children's education. The group would help parents trade ideas which have shown satisfactory results.

Hypertension classes open

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The classes will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will cost \$30 for the series. For more information, call the center at 661-4100, ext. 325. Preregistration is required.

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