

Orchard Ridge offers enrichment classes for gifted

Oakland Community College is offering enrichment short courses for K-12 and the academically gifted and talented students. On-campus registration will be Monday through Friday, Jan. 12 to Jan. 23, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in K building, Room 104. Also Monday through Thursday evening, Jan. 12-15, and Monday through Thursday evening, Jan. 19-22, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in M Building.

Late Registration will take place on Jan. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Orchard Ridge Campus, second floor M Building.

Off-campus registration for K-12 Enrichment Short Courses offered by the Orchard Ridge Campus at the Novi schools may be taken in person to the Community Education Building, 25575 Taft Road, Novi, Monday-Friday, Jan. 12-20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Jan. 21, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Registration for the K-12 Enrichment Short Courses offered by the Orchard Ridge Campus at the Brighton schools may be taken in person to the Brighton Community Schools located at the Brighton High School, 7878 Brighton Road, Brighton, Jan. 12-23, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursdays or Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enrichment Short Courses for K-12 and the academically gifted and talented

- Theatre for the Young — Acting on stage, creating characters, improvisation and script writing are all areas that will be explored. Grades 3-5. Fee is \$31.
- Stretch the Boundaries of your Imagination — This course is designed to develop attitudes and abilities to meet challenges creatively. Suggested audience: 14 years old through adult. Fee is \$31.
- Basic black and white photography — Exposing and processing black and white photo films and papers. Grades 4-9. Fee is \$27.
- Creative option in our environment — The course is designed for creating fun and useful things involving energy, nutrition and beauty that are derived from recycling junk and natural materials. Grades 6-8. Fee is \$31.
- The Trachtenberg Speed System of Basic Mathematics — This course enables students to rapidly solve problems in arithmetic in their heads. Grades 8-12. Fee is \$31.
- How did it get built and why didn't it fall down — An enjoyable discussion of architectural history and appreciation, followed by an active experience in designing the student's dream house. Grades 5-7. Fee is \$33.
- Introductory course in computer programming — Basics of computer programming will be taught. Grades 6-9. Fee is \$31.
- Advanced course in computer programming — An advanced course for the students who have knowledge of the fundamentals of capabilities of Basic programming language. Grades 6-9. Fee is \$31.
- Learning Embroidery — Boys and girls will learn basic embroidery stitches, then put them to use on various exciting projects. Grades 3-5. Fee is \$27 plus materials fee of \$8.
- Learning French through the arts and plays — This course will offer an experience of the French language through oral interpretation. Grades K-3 grade. Fee is \$31 plus \$10 for lesson books. It will be held at Waldorf Kinder House, 16945 W. 14 Mile Road, Birmingham.
- Learning Russian using oral methods — For those who have had the first course or for those students who have an elementary knowledge of the basics of Russian. Grades 5-8. Fee is \$31.
- Speed Reading — An enrichment course for the above level reader. Grades 7-12. Fee is \$31.
- Introduction to Television Production — Students will become familiar with TV studio production through hands-on work with cameras and in the control room by producing mini-shows of their own creation. Grades 9-12. Fee is \$33.
- Magic as an Art — This class will present the fascinating world of illusion. Grades 7-10. Fee is \$31.
- Physical Fitness for parents and children — A program designed to develop physical fitness at an early age and at the same time to give parents an opportunity to join in and contribute to their own physical development. \$23 per family.
- Learning Russian using oral methods, Course 1 — Introduction to Russian language through oral method. Grades 5-8. Fee is \$31.

- Off campus K-12 Enrichment Short Courses — Brighton.
 - Computer skills — Fundamental computer operation and programming in basic language will be explored. Miller Elementary School, Spencer Road, Brighton. Grades 4-8. Fee is \$23 plus a material fee of \$5.
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 - Improving your mental powers and doing creative and unusual scientific experiments — This course includes memory improvement, experiments with magnetism and light on plant growth and an introduction to speed mathematics using the Trachtenberg System. Grades 7-10. Fee is \$31 plus a materials fee of \$10.
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 - How did it get built and why didn't it fall down — An enjoyable discussion of architectural history and appreciation, followed by an active experience in designing the student's dream house. Fee is \$33.
 - Mime and Clowning — The arts of silent storytelling and humor are combined into the skill of acting foolish. Grades 2-5. Fee is \$31.
 - Theatre for the Young — Acting on stage, creating characters, improvisation and script writing are all areas that will be explored. Grades 5-8. Fee is \$31.
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- For further information, call Sylvia Burtrum at 476-9400, ext. 276 or 277.

Make your home energy efficient

If you hesitate to make your home more energy efficient because of the expense, think about it again. Improving your home in this way is an investment with one of the highest returns imaginable. Considering the savings in fuel, tax credits and appreciation on the value of your house, you may be able to realize a 300-percent profit.

About half of an average home energy bill is for heating and cooling. By adding insulation to your attic, these bills can be reduced from 30 to 50 percent. Even more money can be saved by insulating ceilings with cold spaces above them, such as an attached garage, floors above cold spaces, such as an open porch and exterior walls. In addition, three-fourths of the cost of insulation is recoverable when you sell your home.

Your well-insulated home still allows some heat to escape. Plastic storm windows can cut heat loss up to 32 percent. Glass storm windows can reduce heat loss up to 50 percent, saving you about \$87 in gas heating bills each year. Your summer electricity bills will also be lower, since storm windows keep your home cooler, reducing the need for air conditioning.

You can save about 3 percent on your heating bills by plugging up "leaks" in your home with weatherstripping. Entrance doors, window sashes and attic and basement doors should be weatherstripped on all sides and on top and bottom.

Drafts can also be sealed out by caulking windows and doors where the frame meets the wall, around outdoor faucets and cracks in exterior walls. Be sure to caulk wherever there is a building joint, for example, where your porch joins your house.

Insulation, storm windows and doors, weatherstripping and caulking quality

for the energy tax credit. This credit is limited to 15 percent of the first \$2,000 spent on the improvements and their installation. If you spent \$2,650 on making your home more energy efficient, you could claim the maximum credit of \$390.

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