

# August 2009 Newsletter



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## August 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Camp & Workshop

This is the first time there will be a camp and a workshop going on at the same time. The camp and workshop will have different schedules. Check [www.msoaonline.com](http://www.msoaonline.com) for the daily schedule and cost. The difference: camp is being offered at a special price; the workshop is more intense and will have a limited class size. Attending both is a great opportunity to explore different aspects of art. Please note that the workshop is open to students 12 and up only.

## Fall Enrollment is Open

If you registered after our pre-registration deadline, you can now enroll for your classes this fall. Visit our website to view our most up-to-date fall schedule before choosing your classes. There are several classes, especially on Thursday, that have already filled and closed. Email your class choices to our Director of Admissions, Lisa Barnes, and she will send you an email to confirm your classes or explain any problems with your choices. All enrollment is based on a first-come/first-serve basis, so be sure to get your picks in as soon as possible.

If you have not yet registered for our Fall term and would like to, please go to our website and download either our Foundational Studies application or our College application and mail it, along with your \$35 registration fee, to the PO Box listed on the application. Once your application and fee is received, you will be registered and able to enroll for your classes. If you have any questions regarding registration or enrollment, contact Lisa at [lisa@msoaonline.com](mailto:lisa@msoaonline.com).

There are still lots of classes open and some on the verge of being cancelled due to lack of enrollment, so be sure to check out [www.msoaonline.com](http://www.msoaonline.com) and hand your class enrollment choices in soon!

## **September Tuition is due August 20th**

Tuition is due the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month. This enables us to pay our rent at the first of the month and to have the funds to pay instructors that keep the school functioning. If for some reason you are not able to pay at that time, notify Lisa Barnes at [lisa@msoaonline.com](mailto:lisa@msoaonline.com) and we will work out a plan that works for you.

## **School Start Dates**

School always begins the first Thursday and Friday after Labor Day. Our Fall term will begin on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The school day begins promptly at 9am and ends at 3:15pm.

## **Orientation for Thursday and Friday Foundational Studies**

It is important that ALL Foundational Studies students and parents attend the orientation meeting on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm. It is necessary that we have your support as we begin the new school year. There are a few new guidelines and changes we're making that we need to go over with all the families. This is also the time to meet new instructors and ask questions, and for new families to acquaint students with the school. You will also be able to pick up your MSOA Student Handbook.

At the Orientation, parents will be given the yearly agreement form. This form/contract explains our no meanness policy and enables us to keep the kids safe.

## **College Orientation**

College orientation will take place on Monday, August 24th beginning at 7pm. This orientation is mandatory for all students entering and continuing in our College program. We will have a brief meeting about the program and we will hand out College handbooks. Each student will be required to set up an appointment with our new College Director, Jeannine Kutcher, to discuss their coursework and plan to complete either their Teacher's Certificate or MSOA Mastery Certificate. We will have a time for questions as well as a time to set up individual appointments.

It is our desire to make the MSOA College program a trade school that will enable our students to find work in the area of his or her expertise. We would like to welcome Jeannine as the new Director. We believe that Jeannine's background and special gifts will be an asset in helping make the College for the Arts a reality. You may contact Jeannine at [jeannine@msoaonline.com](mailto:jeannine@msoaonline.com).

## **New Graphic Art Instructor**

Keating Simmons will be our new Thursday Computer Graphics instructor. He is a believer who loves the Lord. He is very gifted in the graphic arts, gifted web designer, and has experience with animation, and more. He also will be working on Friday.

## **Supplies**

With rising prices, we are doing everything possible to keep prices low. We do not want to raise the supply fee, but it is necessary for students to purchase more of their supplies. If they want to take Anime, they will have to purchase their own copic pens. Students must supply their own Prismacolors color pencils. Do not purchase Verithin Primacolors.

The Intern Instructors last year used their own, which cost them a lot! Students taking Claymation will have a \$5 fee to cover a small part of the cost for clay. There will be a \$25 supply fee, due at the beginning of every term to cover copy paper, canvas paper, Brisco Paper, watercolor paper, pencils, erasers, ink, and sometimes pens....and much more.

Students who do not supply their own paints will be charged \$2.50 per day for using school paints. We will be sending out a monthly statement of charges.

College students need to purchase a large portfolio to carry their artwork and projects in. Foundational Students would also find portfolio carrying cases helpful as well.

## **Paint Kits**

Students must supply their own paints and brushes. You can purchase the paint kits from MSOA. All paint kits are \$40. This includes 8 paint tubes and 5 brushes. If you wish to order a paint kit, please email Lisa Barnes at [lisa@msoaonline.com](mailto:lisa@msoaonline.com) with your order. Students must also purchase their own pallets. Pallets are on sale in the office for \$6.

We cannot stress enough for students to please mark your paints, pallets, art boxes, portfolios, lunchboxes and other materials or supplies with your name.

## **Masters Painting Class**

Laura Fishkin is offering a Masters Painting Class this fall to advance our painting students. This class is Instructor approval only. Students will be working on large canvases. If you have any questions regarding this class and your qualification, please contact Laura at [laura@msoaonline.com](mailto:laura@msoaonline.com).

## **What's Different in all the painting classes this year?**

Workshops are a testing ground for us. This summer, it came to our attention that when students are waiting for the instructors help, it is more beneficial for the student to be watching the teacher as she instructs other students. If students are not working on their own, they will use their time constructively by watching the teacher instruct others.

### **Scholarships**

With trying financial times, more and more families are needing help. We hate to see only those who are well off to be privileged to attend art school. We don't have extra funds for our scholarship fund to help students. We usually offer scholarships by faith that God will provide for the school. Thus far, God has met our needs.

The Advisory Board will be meeting to discuss different ways we can raise money and help as many families as possible. We will also have the opportunity to sell calendars to raise money for our computer lab. All gifts and help is tax deductible. Let us know if you have ideas for raising money that we should pray about and consider.

Most schools are supported by grants through the government. We choose not to. MSOA is faith based. We don't want to compromise what we are about. We appreciate your prayers and support as we consider the different financial needs of our families this year.

### **Calendar Fundraiser**

We're going to offer something different this year with our calendar fundraiser. Send us your artwork or photo, or both, to put on a special page that will be uniquely yours in the calendars you sell. If you would like a unique page in your calendar, email your pictures to Lisa Barnes. Email large pictures to ensure better quality print. We have pictures of most of the artwork submitted into both exhibits

from last year, so be sure to check with Lisa to see if we already have a picture of the artwork you would like in the calendar. Or if there is artwork that you do not have a picture of, contact Lisa for a good date to bring the artwork to school to get a photo taken.

## Spanish Lessons

Written by: Anne Light

"I have a Bachelor of Arts in Romance Languages with Spanish being my main language. I have lived in Costa Rica and Mexico and continue to converse regularly with native Spanish speakers here in Oregon. (Ask my son, every time I go to Winco I seem to strike up a conversation with someone!)

I will be teaching 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year classes. The classes are geared mostly for Jr. High and High School aged students but I do take younger students if they have a good grasp on English language grammar and are able to read and write well in English. I teach in my home in Sandy on Wednesday afternoons. I need at least 4 students to fill a class and prefer to not have over 7 students. Classes run from September to June with Christmas and Spring Break off and other weeks when I will be out of town. I charge \$10.00 a lesson and payment is due at the 1st class of every month. I do give family discounts for those students in the same family. \$15.00 a lesson for 2 students of the same family and \$25.00 a lesson for 3 students of the same family. I have adapted and written the curriculum and it is getting better every year I teach. This was my 6th year teaching homeschool students other than my own children. I do not know yet how much the curriculum will cost (it will depend on the cost of printing and materials I have to purchase) but it should be around \$40.00 for everything a student will need for the year.

The curriculum I use is a good mixture of Christian vocabulary, Bible verses and stories, and everyday vocabulary we all use. During the years the students learn how to share the gospel and share their own testimonies. The first 2 years focus a lot on grammar and understanding how to use the language and the 3rd year focuses on

a bit of grammar review but mostly gaining vocabulary and conversation.

Please feel free to pass along this information to any homeschool families you know. As I said I teach in my home on Wednesdays but am willing to travel a ways and teach on Fridays if there are at least 6-8 students gathered in one location. There is a good possibility that I will be teaching an adult class on Wednesday nights in Sandy so please let me know if you are interested in that."

If there is enough interest, Anne will be teaching a Spanish class for youths on Thursday after school and an adult class on Friday after school at the Sunnyside Church. Contact Anne Light if interested at [sandylights@verizon.net](mailto:sandylights@verizon.net) or you can call her at 503-668-5029.

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## **Do You Have a Business You Would Like MSOA to Advertise?**

In September we will be sending out a special newsletter to advertise your business. It is a great way to support one another or obtain a little more cash to afford art school. Please email Lisa Barnes with the information that you would like for us to advertise in our September special newsletter.

***Colossians 3:17***

***Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of  
the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.***