

Project  
2010

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course guide

Kensington Woods  
HIGH SCHOOL



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# Project Term OVERVIEW

## Dates and Schedule

Project Term is a two-week term that begins May 24, 2010, and ends June 11, 2010. Project Term is a valuable opportunity for Kensington Woods' students and faculty alike. It provides hands on, experiential learning to each student, while adhering to Kensington Woods' academic requirements. Project Term allows students a rich variety of courses to choose from that are more difficult to offer in a small school setting.

Students can begin registering for classes on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. Students will be given priority by class rank (Juniors, Sophomores then Freshmen), and then on a "first come, first serve" basis. Registration ends on Friday, February 26, 2010, with the exception of those doing independent study. Independent study applications must be picked up during the week of February 22-26, 2010 and returned by Friday, March 12, 2010. Any student not registered by this date will be assigned to classes with available space. Project Term is required for all students. To ensure that students receive a well-rounded Project Term experience, and to encourage students to try something new, courses now fall into one of four categories: arts and crafts (AC), humanities and science (HS), fitness and health (FH) and travel (T). Students must limit their selections to no more than one of AC, FH and T or two HS.

## Time Slots for Project Term Classes

Monday–Thursday schedule is:

7:45–10:45 (A Block)

11: 30–2:30 (B Block)

Friday schedule is:

7:45–9:45 (A block)

10:00–12:00 (B block)

## Project Term Open House

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2010

6:00–8:00 P.M.

Each year, we reserve a night to showcase our students' projects and display the fruits of their labor during the two-week term. Attendance is mandatory for all students. Please keep this date in mind as students who do not participate at the Project Term Open House may lose credit for the course, at the discretion of Mr. Perry and the teacher.

## General Guidelines

1. All students must attend Project Term. Project Term is part of our school year and the attendance policy does not change from the regular school year. Unexcused absences will be regarded as truancy.
2. The dates for Project Term are May 24, 2010, to June 11, 2010. The school day for on campus courses will be from 7:45 a.m.–2:30 p.m, Monday–Thursday and 7:45–12:00 on Friday.
3. Students are expected to participate 100%. Every class has an academic component and students are required to meet all guidelines established by the teacher.
4. Students are responsible for transportation to and/or from their project during this term. Keep this in mind if registering for an off-campus project.

## Fees

Projects that involve incidental personal expenses such as travel, food and accommodations or those where students keep the projects they create may have a fee. Due dates for fees are set by the Instructor and student will pay the instructor directly. Keep in mind that different trips may have different deadlines and deposit requirements.

## Guidelines for an Independent Study

- *Educational Gain:* The project/placement must be approved by Mr. Perry. The placement must be educationally sound.
- *Student Responsibilities:* The student will complete an independent study application for approval by Friday, March 12, 2010.
- *Goal:* Students will gain knowledge and experience in a field of personal interest.
- *Grading:* The student is responsible for keeping a daily journal and completing an exhibition due on the last day of the field placement. The journal and exhibition will be graded by Mr. Perry and is due by June 10, 2010. This exhibition must be presented at the Project Term Open House on June 11, 2010.
- A family member may not be the immediate supervisor of a project.
- The student is responsible for any materials that they may need.
- The student must make initial contact with the immediate supervisor at the site.

- No compensation may be received by the student or the parent for services performed for credit.
- Students who elect to do an independent study in place of a Project Term course must work at the independent study a minimum of six hours a day (if doing a two-week all day project) or 3 hours a day (if doing a ½ day project), Monday through Friday for the duration of the project.
- Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from an independent study location.
- INDEPENDENT STUDIES WILL NOT BE HELD ON CAMPUS.

# Course Offering

## OVERVIEW

Categories Indicated in Bold after Course Title

Instructor	Block A	Block B
<i>Ferguson</i>		Service KWoods <b>HS</b>
<i>Gluth</i>	Baseball, Sports Stuff, Motor Sports and Halls of Fame <b>HS</b>	
<i>Hazel/Pratt</i>		Hiking <b>FH</b>
<i>Kittell</i>	Learn to Ice Skate <b>FH</b>	A Study in Science Fiction <b>HS</b>
<i>Maxwell</i>	Introduction to Cooking <b>AC</b>	Introduction to Restaurant Design and Management <b>AC</b>
<i>McGuffin</i>	Women's Studies <b>HS</b>	A Study in Science Fiction <b>HS</b>
<i>Muennix</i>	Martial Arts <b>FH</b>	Chess <b>HS</b>
<i>Perry</i>	Independent Study	Independent Study
<i>Pollman/Dikeou/Marcum</i>		Personal Fitness <b>FH</b>
<i>Pratt</i>	Art Studio <b>AC</b>	Service KWoods <b>HS</b>
<i>O'Grady</i>	Yoga <b>FH</b>	
<i>Rohn</i>		Credit Recovery
<i>Smith</i>	Beading <b>AC</b>	Introduction to Scrapbooking <b>AC</b>

# Course DESCRIPTIONS

## Block A

### Baseball, Sports Stuff, Motor Sports and Halls of Fame

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**Gluth**

**Fee: \$175\***

#### **A and B Block**

Would you like to go behind the scenes of your favorite sports teams? This class is designed to give you a background look at sports and other Detroit events. We will plan to tour our favorite home fields such as The Palace of Auburn Hills, Joe Louis Arena, and Ford Field. We will take in a game at Comerica Park. We will visit the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in Detroit and the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio along with the Indianapolis 500 Hall of Fame in Indianapolis, Indiana. Chaperones will be needed for our field trips.

*\*The fee covers admittance for The National Football Hall of Fame, the Indianapolis Hall of Fame, lodging in Indiana, the Tigers game, Ford Field, and admissions to all of the other events and is approximate.*

### Martial Arts

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**Muennix**

**Fee: \$45\***

Students will be introduced to what is involved in learning a martial art. The class includes aspects of fitness training, the application of strikes and kicks, self-defense and discipline.

*\*Covers studio and instructor time.*

## Block A

### Introduction to Cooking

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#### **Maxwell**

**Fee: \$55\***

This class will teach students the basic skills needed to prepare delicious meals. Students will learn spice combinations and flavor blending. We will shop, prep and cook several “restaurant style” meals that can be recreated in their own homes (mom and dad will appreciate this). This class is for individuals who are considering a career in food service or just love to eat well.

*\* Covers cost of groceries.*

### Learn to Ice Skate

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#### **Kittell**

**Fee: \$25**

Do you want to exercise and stay fit while having fun? Do you want to have fun learning how to ice skate with friends? If you answered yes, then this course is a great choice for you! Enjoy learning how to skate with friends with music playing in the background. The ice skating course is intended for students who have little to no experience on the ice. We will begin with learning how to fall & more importantly how to stand back up on the ice. The goal will be to have students develop their skills so as to skate without external support. Choice of skates (figure or hockey) is up to the student.



## Beading

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**Smith**

**Fee: \*\***

Beginner beading and jewelry making. This class will give you the time to learn to make jewelry with crystals, natural stone, shells, silver and other metal pieces. You will have the opportunity to make a necklace, earrings and bracelet set. You will be responsible for purchasing beads of your choice, wire, crimps, and jewelry hardware like jump rings and lobster claws. I will supply tools and lots of inspiration.

*\*\* You need to buy an assortment of beads, spool of wire, jewelry hardware and crimp beads.*

## Yoga

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**O'Grady**

**Fee: \$100\***

During this two-week block we will learn various yoga poses, breathing techniques and the history of the practice. Students will participate in a daily yoga practice both at school and at a professional yoga studio. It is important for you to know that we will be joining preexisting classes at a reduced rate. We will need to be on our best behavior, especially while in class. Yoga is a highly disciplined form of exercise that will help build flexibility and focus. We will meet at school to review and practice yoga poses. The group will then travel to The Yoga Center for Healthy Living in Brighton located on the corner of Old US-23 and Spencer Rd.

*\*Per student plus a yoga mat or large beach towel (mats can be purchased at Target for \$20). Payment due May 1.*

## Block A

### Women's Studies

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**McGuffin**

**Fee: None**

Many people admit that female oppression was a problem in the past but do not believe it is an issue anymore. We will look at the facts and examine the many ways in which women are still at a disadvantage in American society. We will also take on a global perspective of the female experience as we compare the lives of women across the world. In this class we will study the history of feminism; how women are portrayed in literature, film, music, and other forms of media; and how gender inequality is still ever-present in modern day society. In addition to on-campus sessions of class, we will also travel off-campus for a variety of activities including the following and others TBA: attend a university Women's Studies class, take a self-defense and rape-aggression defense class, and spend a day at the museum studying women in art. By the end of this class, you will have evidence of gender inequality's existence, a greater understanding of why gender inequality exists in the first place, and with this understanding, perhaps you'll take a more thoughtful and compassionate approach to all forms of social injustice.

## Open Art Studio

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**Pratt**

**Fee: \$15\***

*Limit 15 students*

Have you ever wanted the opportunity to create the artwork that you've been dreaming about? Well, here's your chance! In Open Studio, you will develop an idea for an artwork and work during class time to create that work. You will also learn/develop your skills in your chosen art medium. We will work as an artistic community, looking at each others work regularly to make your artwork the best possible. At the end of the class, you will have a fully developed artwork that will be portfolio and gallery worthy. We will also visit at least one art museum to look at what art is out in the "real world."

Although you do not need any prior art experience to join this class, it is helpful. You may choose any art medium we have at KWHS (drawing, painting, collage, printmaking, ceramics/sculpture, mixed media, photography, graphic design, film, installation or other approved medium).

*\*Covers materials, museum admission and transportation.*

**Requirements:** You must meet with Mrs. Pratt prior to the beginning of Project Term to discuss your idea before you will gain final approval to be in the class.

## Block B

### KWoods Service

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**Ferguson/Pratt**

**Fee: None**

*Limit 15 students*

In this class, we will work with the United Way of Livingston County doing volunteer service work in our community. We will be going off site nearly every class time to work in the community through a variety of service actions. Possible actions include: working at local senior centers and libraries, helping local senior citizens, helping restore nature trails or working with Gleaners, Salvation Army, Women's Resource Center, LACASA and other community partners of the United Way.

Through volunteering for your community, you will be helping those in need and creating a better community for you and your family to live and work; you will also make yourself feel great! When we reach out a hand, we influence the condition of all. As the United Way says, LIVE UNITED!

### Introduction to Scrapbooking

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**Smith**

**Fee: \$20\***

Do you have a heap of pictures and want to create a memory keepsake? If so, then join scrapbooking! Discover how to use the many materials available for scrapbooking such as the specialized tools, papers and 3-D effects that make for one-of-a-kind, eye-pleasing, page layouts. You will need to bring your own pictures and a scrapbook. We will have hours of creative fun.

*\*Covers materials; students must also provide their own scrapbook.*

## A Study in Science Fiction

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**Kittell/McGuffin**

**Fee: None**

To readers who know anything at all about science, one can bring the story to a crashing halt if the story reveals ignorance on the part of the author. It can be something as simple and obvious as a spaceship banking and whooshing through turns (spaceships don't bank and don't whoosh, because they're in a vacuum and have no air to push against or disturb). So unless you can present powerfully persuasive reasons why something should seem to violate the laws of nature, you have a much better chance of keeping the reader on your side by a) knowing your science, and b) being consistent when applying the science to your story. In addition to being conscious of the laws of nature as you develop your story, you must also know the literary guidelines for what makes science fiction what it is. In this class, we will look at several Science Fiction pieces from a variety of literary genres. After you have developed a knowledge of and appreciation for the genre, you will create your own unique Sci-Fi short story or graphic novel, incorporating the elements you have learned throughout the class.

## Block B

### Think Like a King

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#### **Muennix**

**Fee: \$5\***

Chess class for players of all skills. Students will learn the basics of chess and exercise their skills in scenarios, one-on-one games and earn ratings in online tournaments. The class will culminate in a double elimination tournament with the final game played during the project term night.

### Introduction to Restaurant Design and Management

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#### **Maxwell**

**Fee: None**

Students will be introduced to the skills needed to professionally run a restaurant or catering facility. Subjects include team building, cost controls, forecasting, menu design and management. We may tour area restaurants and hotels observing first hand these concepts in action. Students will then create an original restaurant concept.

### Hiking

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#### **Hazel/Pratt**

**Fee: \$10\***

Do you like the outdoors and enjoy walking? Would you like to spend the afternoon hiking? Then this adventure might be for you! We will hike local trails and paths, enjoying the environment and the peacefulness that hiking can offer. There is also the possibility, if students desire, of a weekend camping trip to Sleeping Bear Dunes. Come join us for a fun, active Project Term!

*\*Covers park fees. If students choose to go on the camping trip, students will be responsible for associated costs*

## Personal Fitness

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**Pollman/Dikeou/Marcum**

**Fee: \$30\***

In this course, students will learn about the components of a healthy lifestyle, evaluate personal health levels and establish fitness goals. They will also learn the fundamentals of sports such as soccer, softball, volleyball, basketball, and disc golf. Students will study relationships between physical fitness, nutrition, weight management and stress management. One of the goals of this course is to give students knowledge about personal health and fitness programs. In addition, it should motivate students to stay physically active and make healthy lifestyle choices. Students will have the opportunity to participate in fitness activities and sports during class time. Class visits to local parks and fitness centers will provide enjoyable and challenging activities that will get students moving.

*\*Fee covers gym time, park permits and transportation.*

## Credit Recovery

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**Rohn**

**Fee: None**

Students on academic probation who are only one class short of being able to register for next year will be required to take this course to recover academic standing. Also, students who are failing a course may choose to use this block to recover the grade (from an F to a C-) and earn credit for the course. Students must be within ten percent of passing the semester and may only recover credit for a core class: English Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, or Science.

## Block B

### Independent Study

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**Perry**

**Fee: None**

#### **A and/or B Block**

Students are encouraged to participate in KWHS Project Term courses. However, students may elect to do an independent study with approval. Independent studies include shadowing professional people, volunteering at hospitals, or various other community service organizations. You may elect to do one or two independent studies, running 1 or 2 weeks in length (students would register for either blocks AB or just A or just B). Independent study applications are available in the main office and are due back no later than March 12, 2010. Late independent study applications will not be accepted. Only a limited number of students will be allowed to participate in independent studies. Students intending to register for independent study should submit their registration form with Independent Study listed in the blocks they intend to take it, at the same time as the typical registration. Please see Guidelines for Independent Study under General Guidelines in the front of this packet.

# Project Term

## REGISTRATION

Please register for an alternative block. Remember, you may have two HS courses, but not more than one each of T, AC, or FH. Registration forms will be accepted beginning Wednesday, February 17, 2010. Your parent/guardian must sign off on your selections.

<b>Block A</b>	<b>Block B</b>
First Choice:   Category:  Fee:	First Choice:   Category:  Fee:
Alternative:   Category:  Fee:	Alternative:   Category:  Fee:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date form turned in: \_\_\_\_\_

I have approved my child's course selections for Project Term.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date



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