

Summer Academy 2026 Classes

RENAISSANCE SCHOOL

Algebra II for HS Credit

What: A full year of AII for HS credit
When: M-Th 6/8-7/2
Who: Rising 7th-12th
Cost: \$1350 (\$1600 after 5/1)

PreCalculus for HS Credit

What: A full year of PreCalc for HS credit
When: M-Th 6/8-7/2
Who: Rising 7th-12th
Cost: \$1350 (\$1600 after 5/1)

Geometry for HS Credit

What: A full year of Geometry for HS credit
When: M-Th 7/6-7/30
Who: Rising 7th-12th
Cost: \$1350 (\$1600 after 5/1)

Creative Writing for HS Credit

What: Multigenre English for HS credit
When: M-Th 7/6-7/30
Who: Rising 7th-12th
Cost: \$1350 (\$1600 after 5/1)



The summer is the perfect time to learn new skills, catch up, or get ahead. Join us this summer!

More information available at RenaissanceSchool.org/Summer

Music Performance Workshop

What: Band play, improv, arrangements
When: Early: M-F 6/8-12 / Late 8/10-14
Who: Rising 7th-12th, Ensemble prep
Cost: \$350 (\$400 after 5/1)

College Essay+ Workshop

What: College list, essay, resume prep
When: 6/22-25 and 6/29-7/1
Who: Rising 12th
Cost: \$600 (\$650 after 5/1)

Stage Presence Workshop

What: Performance & public speaking
When: M-F 8/10-14
Who: Rising 7th-12th
Cost: \$250 (\$300 after 5/1)

Study Skills Bootcamp

What: Note-taking, critical reading, org.
When: M-Th 8/3-6
Who: Rising 8th & 11th; as needed
Cost: \$600 (\$750 after 5/1)

Algebra II for Credit at Renaissance School - Summer 2026

Get ahead, catch up, or make up this core required class!

What:	A full year of Honors Algebra II in four weeks, for credit <i>Option to add <u>Honors PreCalculus</u> for strong, independent students</i>
When:	Mon - Thur, June 8 - July 2, 2026, 10am-1pm
Where:	Renaissance School 418 East Jefferson St, CVille 22902
Who:	Middle & High School students, rising 7th-12th
How Much:	\$1,600 per student <i>\$1,350 if paid in full by 5/1/26</i>

Summer is a great time for focused learning in a small class setting! Join us this summer to get ahead - or catch up - in math. We will be covering all key content for the honors level of required high school course Algebra II:

- Solving equations and inequalities
- Solving systems of linear equations
- Matrix math
- Quadratic equations
- Intro to Probability & Statistics
- Sequences & Series

Advanced students may add PreCalculus. For Renaissance students, Algebra II may be taken in lieu of Integrated Math II. The course is co-taught by Bethany Farris, CFA, and Michael Buck. Ms. Farris is the Renaissance School Dean of Academics, and has taught all levels of high school math. Mr. Buck is a UVA alumnus with over 25 years of college prep math and science experience. Former parents and students say:

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The class is structured to maximize class time to minimize homework. Required materials for the class are:

- Graphing paper & lined paper
- Pencils (colored pencils or pens optional)
- Binder
- TI-82 or similar graphing calculator

Registration for the Algebra II summer session at Renaissance School is open. Class size is limited to 12 students and spots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so register early to ensure your place. A minimum enrollment of 4 students is required for the class to proceed. To sign up, please use this [Google Form](#), visit [RenaissanceSchool.org/summer](https://renaissanceschool.org/summer), or call 434-984-1952 and ask for our Registrar. For more information please email the instructor at bfarris@renaissanceschool.org.

Creative Writing for Credit at Renaissance School in July 2026

Read, Write, Workshop, Publish: Poems, Stories, Plays, Creative Nonfiction

- What:** A multi-genre masterclass leading to publication of your original literary work
Small-group, seminar-style discussion and development from draft- to pitch-stage
- When:** Mon-Thurs, July 6 through July 30, 2026, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
- Where:** Renaissance School | 418 East Jefferson St, CVille 22902
- Who:** Middle & High School students, rising 7th-12th grade
- How Much:** \$1,600 per student
\$1,350 if paid in full by 5/1/26

Summer is a great time for focused writing in a small class setting! Join us this summer to get in touch with the (and *your!*) depth and range of literary expression. All workshop participants will read, write, and peer-review:

- Poetry and verse (including spoken word)
- Short fiction (including novellas and novels in part or in progress)
- Drama (plays, scripts, and screenplays)
- Creative nonfiction
- Memoir/autobiography
- Lyric essay
- Literary journalism

Interested students may pursue publication with coaching from the instructor. The course is taught by Thomas Berenato, Ph.D. Dr. Berenato is an alumnus of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism (magazine track) and the University of Virginia's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (doctorate in English Language & Literature). He teaches English at Renaissance School and literature, composition, and creative writing classes for Piedmont Virginia Community College's Prison Education Program. *Former students say:*

"satiric, antic, enthralling"

"a mildly anarchic experience"

"has 'cult classic' written all over it"

"This class is VERY TOM BERENATO: always full-energy and weird humor, and never boring. I would 300% recommend this to anyone."

"Calculus class taught me how to take a derivative; 'Dr. Tom' taught me how to live."

The course will involve a little reading & writing outside of class (i.e., homework). Required materials include:

- Notebook and/or word processor
- Pencils, pens, highlighters, a sturdy eraser
- Openness to experiment
- Robust sense of adventure

Registration is rolling now! Class-size is capped at just a dozen students, and the seats around our intimate seminar table are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, so register early to save your spot in this course. To sign up, please use [this](#) Google Form, visit RenaissanceSchool.org/summer, or call 434-984-1952 and ask for our Registrar. For more information, please email the instructor at tberenato@renaissanceschool.org.



Art by Felix M,
Summer 2025

Summer Geometry for HS Credit

- What: A full year of Honors Geometry
- When: M-Th 7/6-7/31, 12:30-3:30pm
- Where: 418 E Jefferson St, Cville 22902
- Who: Rising 7th-12th
- Cost: \$1,600 (\$1,350 if paid in full by 5/1)

The course is taught by Alena Solenne, M.Ed. Ms. Solenne is certified in traditional public school education, Integrated Learning, and in Waldorf pedagogy. She has taught a wide variety of classes at several local institutions, including UVA, and through her own teaching business, Solenne Learning.

For Renaissance students, Geometry may be taken in lieu of Integrated Math I. This course will feature an integrated learning approach to the study of Geometry. We will focus on both the theoretical work classically presented in Geometry, and on a multicultural and historic study of geometric art. The course will feature a variety of compass and straightedge constructions as well as explorations into tile work and other geometric art to reinforce and extend the work in the textbook.

“Ms. Solenne is passionate about her work and is very friendly and easy to approach. As someone who struggles with math, spending a month of my summer studying geometry was made enjoyable and well worth my while by her.”

“I had a really good time during the course and it’s definitely been one of, if not my favorite, courses I’ve ever taken.”

Registration for the Geometry summer session at Renaissance School is open. Class size is limited to 12 students and spots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. A minimum enrollment of 4 students is required for the class to proceed. To sign up, please use [this Google Form](#), or visit RenaissanceSchool.org/summer. For more information please email the instructor at SolenneLearning@gmail.com

PreCalculus for Credit at Renaissance School - Summer 2026

Get ahead, catch up, or make up this foundation for Calculus!

What:	A full year of Honors PreCalculus in four weeks, for credit
When:	Mon - Thur, June 8- July 2, 2026, 12-3pm
Where:	Renaissance School 418 East Jefferson St, CVille 22902
Who:	Middle & High School students, rising 7th-12th
How Much:	\$1,600 per student <i>\$1,350 if paid in full by 5/1/26</i>

Summer is a great time for focused learning in a small class setting! Join us this summer to get ahead - or catch up - in math. We will be covering all key content for the honors level of PreCalculus, including:

- Trigonometry
- Higher level polynomial functions
- Logarithmic and exponential functions
- Conic sections

Advanced students may add PreCalculus to the Algebra II course for no additional fee. For Renaissance students, PreCalculus may be taken in lieu of Integrated Math III. The course is co-taught by Bethany Farris, CFA, and Michael Buck. Ms. Farris is the Renaissance School Dean of Academics, and has taught all levels of high school math. Mr. Buck is a UVA alumnus with over 25 years of college prep math and science experience. Former parents and students say:

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The class is structured to maximize class time to minimize homework. Required materials for the class are:

- Graphing paper & lined paper
- Binder
- Pencils (colored pencils or pens optional)
- TI-82 or similar graphing calculator

Registration for the PreCalculus summer session at Renaissance School is open. Class size is limited to 12 students and spots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so register early to ensure your place. A minimum enrollment of 4 students is required for the class to proceed. To sign up, please use this [Google Form](#), visit RenaissanceSchool.org/summer, or call 434-984-1952 and ask for our Registrar. For more information please email the instructor at bfarris@renaissanceschool.org.

College Essay+ Workshop: Summer 2026

Instructor: Dr. Johnson

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About the course:

Renaissance School is excited to offer a summer workshop specifically designed to support rising seniors as they prepare for college applications. College Essay+ Workshop is open to the public and is an opportunity for rising seniors to enter their senior year with a completed personal essay, resume with correct formatting, organized supplemental essays (likely in draft form), Common Application materials, and additional college counseling guidance.

This workshop provides an opportunity for rising seniors to enter the senior year with much of the application completed or in draft form.

This seven-day workshop will focus on

- developing, writing, and editing a strong personal essay
- organizing supplemental essay requirements and beginning drafts
- formatting the high school resume and drafting the activity descriptions
- opportunities for additional conversations and guidance

This workshop is highly recommended for rising seniors who are considering Early Action or Early Decision applications, including student athletes. A minimum of 5 participants is required.

About the instructor:

Dr. Johnson has nearly two decades of college counseling experience. As a first-generation college graduate, Dr. Johnson guides and supports students through the application process with respect to individual circumstances and needs. From the ivy league to large flagship universities to conservatories and small private colleges, Dr. Johnson has guided students through the entire college application process.

Details:

Cost is \$650 (\$600 early bird registration prior to May 1). The class is seven days spread over two weeks and will have outside homework as well.

Tentative Dates: Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25

Monday, June 29 – Wednesday, July 1

The class meets from 12pm - 4pm. Classes will be held at Renaissance School.

[Registration is at this link.](#) More information about summer programs at RenaissanceSchool.org/Summer.

EARLY SUMMER ENSEMBLE

- REHEARSAL AND OPEN PERFORMING, STRENGTHENING BAND PLAY AND CREATING FUN/FUNKY SONG ARRANGEMENTS.
- MON - FRI, **JUNE 8-12, 2026** 9 AM - 12 NOON
- PERFORMANCE ON FRI JUNE 12 @ 12 NOON
- RENAISSANCE SCHOOL | 418 EAST JEFFERSON ST, CVILLE 22902
- RISING 8TH-12TH, ALREADY PROFICIENT IN AN INSTRUMENT. PERFECT FOR THOSE THINKING OF JOINING MUSIC ENSEMBLE IN THE FALL
- \$400 PER STUDENT \$350 IF PAID IN FULL BY 5/1/26

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Open to **ANY** student in Cville or surrounding areas looking to improve their musicianship

- 10 STUDENT CAPACITY
- 2 STUDENT MINIMUM REQUIRED

SIGN UP :
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LATE SUMMER ENSEMBLE

- REHEARSAL AND OPEN PERFORMING, STRENGTHENING BAND PLAY AND CREATING FUN/FUNKY SONG ARRANGEMENTS.
- MON - FRI, **AUGUST 10-14, 2026** 9 AM - 12 NOON
- PERFORMANCE ON **FRI AUGUST 14 @ 12 NOON**
- RENAISSANCE SCHOOL | 418 EAST JEFFERSON ST, CVILLE 22902
- RISING 8TH-12TH, ALREADY PROFICIENT IN AN INSTRUMENT. PERFECT FOR THOSE THINKING OF JOINING MUSIC ENSEMBLE IN THE FALL
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STAGE PRESENCE 2026

Build the confidence and communication skills you need to shine in your Independent Study presentation.

What: A public speaking and performance workshop designed for rising juniors preparing for Independent Study

When: August 10-14, 2026 | 1–4 PM

Where: Renaissance School | 418 East Jefferson St., Charlottesville

Who: Rising Juniors

Cost: \$300 (*\$250 if paid in full by May 1, 2026*)

About the Workshop

Independent Study presentations demand clarity, confidence, and a strong on-stage presence. This workshop helps rising juniors develop the vocal, physical, and performance skills needed to deliver polished presentations.

Through theatre-inspired exercises, movement work, and targeted public speaking coaching, students will learn to:

- Manage and rehearse effectively
- Present with authenticity, confidence, and strong audience connection

Registration

Registration for Stage Presence 2026 at Renaissance School is open! Class size is capped at 10 students and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. A minimum of 5 students is required for the workshop to run. Complete the [Google Form](#), visit RenaissanceSchool.org/summer, or call 434-984-1952 to register.



STUDY SKILLS BOOTCAMP

Aug. 3-6, 9 AM- 1:30 PM

Where: Renaissance School | 418 East Jefferson St, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

Who: Open to rising 8th-12th graders and any student eager to enhance their study skills.

How Much: \$750 per student. (\$600 if paid in full by May 1, 2026.)

What Is It? This bootcamp gives students the tools they need to take charge of their learning. Through guided instruction and hands-on practice, students learn how to stay organized, plan ahead, and approach schoolwork with confidence. The skills gained support academic success while building independence and resilience for high school and beyond.

What Do I Learn?

- Effective time management
- Note-taking techniques
- Prioritization
- Creative study techniques
- Organizational skills
- Active listening skills

How Do I Sign Up? Registration for the Study Skills Bootcamp at Renaissance School is open. Class size is limited to fifteen students and spots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so register early to ensure your place. A minimum enrollment of 5 students is required for the class to proceed. To sign up, please use this [Google Form](#), visit RenaissanceSchool.org/summer, or call 434-984-1952 and ask for our Registrar.

For more information, please email the instructor at rclaiborne@renaissanceschool.org.