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### Morning Classes

### 9:30 - 11:30

**Get Sparked with Art** **Ages: 4-6**  
 (#21801) Fee: \$30 Instructor: Priscilla Oehlschlaeger  
 Explore the basic wonders of creating art with several new projects. Paint, work with molding clay, create underwater characters, learn about blending colors and drawing. Cut and sew squares, circles, animal shapes and finger puppets. Design a Robot or Mermaid costume. Fun class to get sparked with Art. **Activity Level: 2**

**Chess (Little Knights)** **Ages: 5-9**  
 (#21802) Fee: \$25 Instructor: Kevin Coleman  
 Ever want to skewer your opponent? Learn to win at chess - starting with the basics: how to set up the board, how the pieces move, what pieces are worth, checkmate, stalemate, and 'en passant'. Progress into pins, forks and skewers. Finish with basic openings, strategies and tactics. Students will each take home a chess set.  
**Activity Level: 4**

**Art Through the Ages** **Ages: 6-8**  
 (#21803) Fee: \$35 Instructor: Korin Mattei  
 Travel through time while learning about, and creating art! We will explore many different eras, artistic techniques, and countries in our 6 week adventure. Make mosaics, fresco, illuminated letters, canopic jars, bas relief, and other fascinating and beautiful projects. Bring your creative mind to this hands on class! **Activity Level: 2**

**Mystery Mayhem** **Ages: 7-9**  
 (#21804) Fee: \$40 Instructor: Mia Burnett  
 Missing cookies, forensic techniques, encrypted messages, suspenseful games, and colorful chromatography are just a clue about what awaits you in Mystery Mayhem.  
**Activity Level: 2**

**Outdoor Survival and First Aid** **Ages: 7-9**  
 (#21805) Fee: \$30 Instructor: Veronica Engel  
 Channel your inner lumberjacks, doctors, and Minecraft players to practice living off the land and dealing with any first aid issues you see. By practicing outdoor survival skills and relevant first aid procedures, you'll come out of this class tougher and ready for the next zombie apocalypse. From starting fires to treating zombie bites to finding food - nothing will phase you again. **Activity Level: 2**

**Chemical Explorations II** **Ages: 7-10**  
 (#21806) Fee: \$40 Instructor: Barbara James  
 Come measure, pour, mix and swirl into the world of chemistry as we explore reactions that make sidewalk chalk, ice cream, crystals and much more. Meet the Clancy's, make density bottles and make water flow uphill in this hands on, educational and fun session.  
**Activity Level: 3**

**I Can't Believe This is Math** **Ages: 7-10**  
 (#21807) Fee: \$30 Instructor: Mousumi Sinha  
 Come dive into the world of art and math – exploring symmetry, creating mosaics, fractals, tessellations and much more. We will discover geometric shapes to create patterns that cover an area with no gaps or overlaps, build mosaics, and create friezes (bands of painted decoration), and other artistic, mathematical explorations. Join this vibrant adventure in math, symmetry and art.  
**Activity Level: 3**

**Theater Workshop** **Ages: 7-12**  
 (#21808) Fee: \$10 Instructor: Amanda Schmidt-Osburn  
 Prepare and perform a short, fairytale type play. We will have fun working on acting, voice projection, basic stage make up, stage directions, costuming, and some stage crew/technical training. Title of play announced at first class. The last class period will be reserved for a performance which friends and family members may attend.  
**Activity Level: 2**

**Be a Podcaster** **Ages: 8-10**  
 (#21809) Fee: \$0 Instructor: P.F. Wilson  
 You, our newest podcaster, will learn how to make your own Internet radio show, also known as a podcast. From choosing what the show will be about to recording, editing, and posting - you will learn the medium from the ground up. **Activity Level: 3**

**Introduction to Ceramic Sculpture** **Ages: 8-10**  
 (#21810) Fee: \$45 Instructor: Dominique Sparks  
 Explore ceramics and the interaction of heat and clay. We will sculpt clay creating wild pinch pots that we will paint and transform them into kooky, creative monsters or animals. Come prepared with your imagination and be ready to sculpt, create, and paint fun, creative ceramics.  
**Activity Level: 2**

**Superhero Comics!** **Ages: 8-12**  
 (#21811) Fee: \$35 Instructor: Melanie Simkins  
 Create your own superhero! Write, design, and publish an original comic book. The coursework includes an activity booklet & DVD, manuscript starter, and comic book canvas that will be turned into a full-color publication. There will be a refresher on drawing techniques, how to break them for your own style, and building a Marquette model. Part of the 'Superheroes' series. **Activity Level: 3**

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**LEGO Mindstorms Robotics** **Ages: 9-11**  
 (#21812) Fee: \$50 Instructors: Janet Bockey  
 LEGO enthusiasts will have a blast learning to design and build robots using LEGO Mindstorms NXT and EV3. Students will work in pairs to build robots that drive, lift, and interact with obstacles as they master weekly challenges and compete in games! A favorite highlight will be combining all of the skills they've learned to create their ultimate robot for an epic Battling Robot competition!  
**Activity Level: 1**

**Settlers of Catan** **Ages: 9-14**  
 (#21813) Fee: \$0 Instructor: Andrew Speno  
 Build a civilization using basic resources, such as lumber, bricks, grain, wool, and ore. Plan ahead, get the right balance, and your settlement can be the first to grow into a city. We spend our time playing the Settlers of Catan board game and doing hands-on activities exploring the different resources. **Activity Level: 2**

**Deconstruction in Reverse** **Ages: 10-14**  
 (#21814) Fee: \$20 Instructor: Patrick Walker  
 Toasters, TVs, Vacuums, and Blenders. Piece by piece, deconstruct trash and reconstruct it into something totally new. Build a sculpture, build droids, scrap it, or build primitive hand tools. You'll never look at trash the same way again. **Activity Level: 1**

**Super Saturday Young Debaters** **Ages: 10-14**  
 (#21815) Fee: \$20 Instructor: James Williams  
 Learn and foster research, speech and debating techniques. Using these techniques, we will conduct debates on various current event topics. Come find your voice.  
**Activity Level: 3**

**Who Wants to Be A Millionaire?** **Ages: 10-14**  
 (#21818) Fee: \$0 Instructor: Mark Hogan  
 Would you like to become a millionaire? (Who wouldn't?) In our class, we will do a number of activities and play games (like Mark's Money Mania) where you make your own decisions about what to do with your money - save it, give it away, spend it, grow it. We will also explore ideas for starting up your own company. **Activity Level: 3**

**The Wizarding World of Harry Potter** **Ages: 10-14**  
 (#21819) Fee: \$30 Instructor: George Whitaker  
 Have you ever wondered what it would be like to go to class at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry? Come make potions, play Quidditch, make wands and cast spells. Delve deep into the world and readings of Harry Potter. Open to Gryffindors, Slytherins, Ravenclaws, and Hufflepuffs. **Activity Level: 3**

**Don't Speak With Food In Your Mouth** **Ages: 11-14**  
 (#21820) Fee: \$20 Instructor: Valdasia Merrick  
 Fun class to not only develop poise, confidence and skill of public speaking, but to also experiment with a snack reflecting your favorite leader's personal life or culture. Prior to class, select your favorite leaders, speeches and a related food to share with classmates on a designated day. On the last day, deliver speeches, dress as your leader, and invite guests. **Activity Level: 4**

### Volunteering

Volunteering is a cornerstone of PAGE and The Super Saturday Program. The program is run by parents who volunteer their time and talents to serve the gifted children of the Cincinnati area. It is a big job, but the rewards are countless. If you feel The Super Saturday Program gives your child opportunities to try new things, to delve more deeply into subjects, and to have opportunities to make new friends, then please consider stepping up to help keep this program strong. We need your help! Here are some of the ways in which you can help:

**In the Program:** Currently there are volunteer vacancies important to the mission of The Super Saturday Program which need to be filled. (Some positions have tuition remission to apply toward the reduction of tuition.)

Please review the Teacher Coordinator, Campus Operations and Parents' Events Coordinator position details online at [www.supersaturday.org/Our-Program/Volunteering](http://www.supersaturday.org/Our-Program/Volunteering)

**In Class:** Every class must have at least one parent, preferably two, present at all times, in addition to the teacher. With hands-on classes, many teachers need multiple adults to assist with the children. On the first day of class, the teacher will have a sign-up list for parents. Each parent is expected to volunteer to assist with at least one class during a session.

**On Campus:** The team of volunteers who run The Super Saturday Program is amazingly small, approximately 15 parents. Because these parents also have children in classes, it can be difficult to tend to every need on campus. If you see an opportunity to lend a hand, please do so -- give directions, help make coffee in the parent room, or help teachers as needed. Please consider this to be your program, and get the whole family involved!

If your background, experience, or interest lies in any of these areas, please contact CEO, Liza Gallagher, at [liza.gallagher@supersaturday.org](mailto:liza.gallagher@supersaturday.org) or President, Gina Baldwin, at [gina.baldwin@supersaturday.org](mailto:gina.baldwin@supersaturday.org)

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## REGISTRATION REMINDERS

- ◆ Do NOT include lab fee with registration. Pay lab fees to teacher on first day of class.
- ◆ Registration opens online February 4th. Mailed registrations will not be entered until February 4th.
- ◆ Only register your child for one AM class and/or one PM class per session. If you have additional or back-up choices that you would like recognized, please send those via email to [registration@supersaturday.org](mailto:registration@supersaturday.org). Jackrabbit does not prevent you from registering for multiple classes and will automatically charge you for each class registered. So please be cognizant of this.
- ◆ If you would like to pay by check or are applying for financial assistance, register online then mail payment information within 2 days. **If we do not receive payment within 7 days, your student will be moved to a waiting list.**
- ◆ Registrations mailed after **February 24th** should include non-refundable \$25 late fee (maximum \$50 late fee per family). Returned checks will result in \$20 fee. Checks payable to: **The Super Saturday Program**

Mail to: **The Super Saturday Program**  
**PO Box 498906**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio 45249**

- ◆ **Spirit Wear** is sold on the first and second Saturdays of each session in the **Parent Hospitality Room**.
- ◆ Parents who assist in their children's classrooms report much greater appreciation for this program and its classes.
- ◆ Parents who are not assisting in classrooms are encouraged to stay in the **Parent Hospitality Room** for coffee and conversation, as a parent or guardian should remain on campus.
- ◆ **Educational events for parents** are presented free of charge and are typically held in the **Parent Hospitality Room**. Past presentations have covered such topics as Parent Effectiveness Training, Literature for Gifted Children, Advocacy, Post-Secondary Education, Home-Schooling and Open Forum Discussions. Confirmation letters and posted signs detail the specific speakers and dates for each session.

## FINANCIAL AID/GRANTS

A limited number of tuition and lab fee grants are available each term. For consideration, please include documentation with your registration that your child qualifies for a government assistance program (i.e. Medicaid, W.I.C., or free/reduced price lunch).

Other grant opportunities may be available. Please check our website ([www.supersaturday.org](http://www.supersaturday.org)), call (513) 305-7114, or email [messagecenter@supersaturday.org](mailto:messagecenter@supersaturday.org) to find out more about those opportunities.

## HOW TO CHOOSE A CLASS

1. Students should always be involved in class selection. This helps ensure a higher quality class experience for your child, for other children and for the teacher.
2. Age ranges for individual classes are designed to take into account both the intellectual and emotional development of our students as well as to create a manageable classroom for our teachers. We cannot allow exceptions to these ranges. If you are interested in a class being offered for a different age range, please let us know and we can try to meet requests in future terms.
3. If you have questions about the appropriateness of a class for your child, contact us. We can get you more information to make the best choices for your situation. We can arrange class visits during active sessions.
4. Classes are assigned based on entry into the registration system. Mailed registrations will be placed *when we receive them only after the registration period has opened*, not based on their postmark. All payments and paperwork to complete online registration must be received within one week of online registration or the student will be placed on a waiting list.
5. Class changes after your registration has been submitted must be discussed with the Registrar or the President. Teachers are not involved in the registration process and cannot approve changes in enrollment.

## ACTIVITY LEVEL KEY

1. *Very active. Students will be moving around for almost the whole class.*
2. *Mostly active. Students will be moving around, or participating in hands-on activities for 60% or more of the class.*
3. *In between. Students will be doing some hands-on activities but will also spend a significant amount of time in sedentary scholarly pursuits.*
4. *Traditional classroom. A "traditional classroom" class where students will engage in sedentary scholarly pursuits.*

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## Student Registration Form

### PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name		Phone #	
Email		Relationship to child	
Parent/Guardian Name		Phone #	
Email		Relationship to child	
Address	City	State	Zip
Emergency Contact Name	Emergency Contact Phone		Relationship to Child

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name		Preferred Name	
Gender M F	Birth Date	Age	Grade, Fall '17
Current School		School District	
Any Health Information we should know about?			
First Time Super Saturday Student? Yes* No		If NO, Last Registered*?	
*If YES, include Professional Recommendation (last page) with registration.		*If more than 2 years, include new Professional Recommendation.	

### CLASS CHOICE

Fill in class choices by preference. Please select 2nd and 3rd choice classes.  
Confirmation will be emailed to you after 3/3/18 with information about which class has been reserved for your child.

<b>A.M. CLASS CHOICES</b>	1	Class #	A.M. Class Name
	2	Class #	A.M. Class Name
	3	Class #	A.M. Class Name
<b>P.M. CLASS CHOICES</b>	1	Class #	P.M. Class Name
	2	Class #	P.M. Class Name
	3	Class #	P.M. Class Name

Siblings in program:	A.M. Class (\$80)	\$
Special requests:	P.M. Class (\$80)	\$
	Late Fee (\$25) After 2/24/18	\$
Payment for online registration. <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Total For This Student</b>	<b>\$</b>

Checks payable to: *The Super Saturday Program* Mail to: **The Super Saturday Program**, PO Box 498906, Cincinnati, OH 45249

#### PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN BELOW

I have read, understand and agree to the program policies, outlined in this class offerings brochure, and I give permission for my child to participate in *The Super Saturday Program*. In the event of an emergency, if reasonable attempts to contact me are unsuccessful, I give my consent for the child mentioned above to be treated and/or admitted to the following: *(please check one—Cincinnati Children's Hospital will be used if an alternate facility is not named.)*

Cincinnati Children's Hospital      OR       Preferred Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Print Name		Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature <span style="float: right;">X</span>			
<b>OFFICE USE ON- LY</b>	Postmark	Payment	Reference



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**Activity Level: 3**

**Stories Alive!** **Ages: 4-6**  
 (#21851) Fee: \$15 Instructor: Jessica Hamilton

Let's dive into a wide variety of your favorite books and make them come alive! Learn about fables, fairy tales, and fantasy. Through art, music and more we will explore children's literature like never before. **Activity Level: 2**

**Natural Born Scientists: Physics** **Ages: 6-8**  
 (#21852) Fee: \$50 Instructor: Kenneth Brown

Do fun experiments and learn physics. Make giant bubbles, micro kites, model airplanes, static electricity, electroscope, electric circuits with LEDs, and launch balloons. We will study electricity and things that fly.

**Activity Level: 2**

**LEGO Mindstorms Robotics** **Ages: 7-9**  
 (#21853) Fee: \$50 Instructors: Janet Bockey

Learn to use motors, sensors and gears to design and build a unique LEGO robot each class to master weekly challenges. Learn gearing, create robot attachments, compete in games, races, heavy weight challenges, and much, much more! Then combine all the skills you've learned to create your ultimate robot for an epic Battle Bots competition! **Activity Level: 1**

**Diabolically Fun Kitchen Science** **Ages: 7-10**  
 (#21854) Fee: \$30 Instructor: Elena Bass

If you like science and food, come experiment with me and make something that can be eaten, too! We will make butter and jam, shimmy, shimmy soda pop, ice cream in a bag, and edible water balls. We will test the pH of your household products using cabbage juice. And if we want to get out of the kitchen, we will distract ourselves with creating invisible ink, making crazy putty, and exploding rockets. **Activity Level: 1**

**Nature's Furry** **Ages: 7-10**  
 (#21855) Fee: \$10 Instructor: Melanie Simkins

Mother Nature is not always kind and gentle. Several types of natural phenomena are powerful forces of change, and even destruction, to the environment. Explore by creating your own tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, volcanoes, and much more! **Activity Level: 3**

**I Can't Believe This is Math** **Ages: 7-10**  
 (#21856) Fee: \$30 Instructor: Mousumi Sinha

Come dive into the world of art and math – exploring symmetry, creating mosaics, fractals, tessellations and much more. We will discover geometric shapes to create patterns that cover an area with no gaps or overlaps, build mosaics, and create friezes (bands of painted decoration), and other artistic, mathematical explorations. Join this vibrant adventure in math, symmetry and art.

**Activity Level: 3**

**The Sew-Sew Class:** **Ages: 7-10**  
**Make Costumes & Cosplay**

(#21857) Fee: \$30 Instructors: Priscilla Oschlaeger  
 Two sewing machines will be available to use for class. Learn how to master a sewing machine. Work with patterns and create clothing you can wear. Design purses, headbands and accessories for your own style. Learn about hemlines, seam allowances and button holes.

**Activity Level: 2**

**Theater Workshop** **Ages: 7-12**  
 (#21858) Fee: \$10 Instructor: Amanda Schmidt-Osburn

Prepare and perform a short, fairytale type play. We will have fun working on acting, voice projection, basic stage make up, stage directions, costuming, and some stage crew/technical training. Title of play announced at first class. The last class period will be reserved for a performance which friends and family members may attend.

**Activity Level: 2**

**The Wizarding World of Harry Potter** **Ages: 8-10**  
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Have you ever wondered what it would be like to go to class at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry? Come make potions, play Quidditch, make wands and cast spells. Delve deep into the world and readings of Harry Potter. Open to Gryffindors, Slytherins, Ravenclaws, and Hufflepuffs. **Activity Level: 3**

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 (#21860) Fee: \$20 Instructor: Valdasia Merrick

Fun class to not only develop poise, confidence and skill of public speaking, but to also experiment with a snack reflecting your favorite leader's personal life or culture. Prior to class, select your favorite leaders, speeches and a related food to share with classmates on a designated day. On the last day, deliver speeches, dress as your leader, and invite guests. **Activity Level: 1**

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(#21861) Fee: \$35

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Instructor: Korin Mattei

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#### Math Puzzler

(#21862) Fee: \$0

**Ages: 9-12**

Instructor: Andrew Speno

Do you love math and want more opportunities to solve challenging problems and puzzles? We play strategy games, decipher brainteasers, and work out spatial puzzles. Every week brings a new set of challenges, so come ready to dive in! **Activity Level: 3**

#### Computer Programming with Scratch

(#21863) Fee: \$5

**Ages: 9-12**

Instructor: Aidan Gallagher

Explore the fundamentals of computer programming with the Scratch programming language. Scratch provides an interactive programming environment which we will use to create stories, simple games, and animations. You will have the opportunity to think creatively and logically when making your programming projects. \*\*Laptops are mandatory and students may wish to bring a flash drive on which to save their projects. **Activity Level: 4**

#### Chess Bootcamp

(#21864) Fee: \$25

**Ages: 9-14**

Instructor: Kevin Coleman

This class is for chess players who would like to improve on their skills and use those skills in the real world. We will examine famous games, learn great playing strategies, and MUCH more. Compete for prizes and a chance to win a 1 year membership to the United States Chess Federation! \*\*Students are expected to know the rules of Chess and how to notate games before enrolling in this class\*\* **Activity Level: 4**

#### Be a Podcaster

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Instructor: P.F. Wilson

You, our newest podcaster, will learn how to make your own Internet radio show, also known as a podcast. From choosing what the show will be about to recording, editing, and posting - you will learn the medium from the ground up. **Activity Level: 3**

#### Mystery Mayhem

(#21866) Fee: \$40

**Ages: 10-14**

Instructor: Mia Burnett

Missing cookies, forensic techniques, encrypted messages, suspenseful games, and colorful chromatography are just a clue about what awaits you in Mystery Mayhem.

**Activity Level: 2**

#### Ceramic Sculpture

(#21867) Fee: \$45

**Ages: 10-14**

Instructor: Dominique Sparks

Design and create awesome 3D ceramic art! Mold, sculpt, shape, twist and bend ordinary lumps of clay into your own personalized slab boxes to take home. Envision five unique designs that are true to you - the logo of your favorite sports team, a robot, flowers, or even a mermaid. If you can think it, we can build it. **Activity Level: 2**

#### Deconstruction in Reverse

(#21868) Fee: \$20

**Ages: 10-14**

Instructor: Patrick Walker

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#### Super Saturday Young Debaters

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**Ages: 10-14**

Instructor: James Williams

Learn and foster research, speech and debating techniques. Using these techniques, we will conduct debates on various current event topics. Come find your voice.

**Activity Level: 3**

#### User Experience Design in

Programming (UX/UI)

(#21870) Fee: \$30

**Ages: 10-14**

Instructors: Alexandria

Merriweather-Turner

Have you ever had to help an adult navigate their technology? People and computers (cell phones, tablets, gaming consoles, etc.) interact, sometimes with disastrous consequences! We will discover critical pieces of program design that need to happen BEFORE coding begins. We will build wireframes, FUN prototypes, and explore best practices for common design patterns as we analyze goals to create a better user experience.

**Activity Level: 4**

#### News Flash

(#21871) Fee: \$15

**Ages: 11-14**

Instructor: Veronica Engel

Have you ever wanted to be a sports announcer, weather reporter, news hound, or paparazzi? Or even just to get your opinions to a wide audience? Then this is the place to be! We will work together to create a newspaper/blog from the ground up. You can report on The Super Saturday Program or whatever else peaks your interest. Plus, you will be published and have a ton of bragging rights.

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## Teacher Biographies

**Aidan Gallagher** is a Computer Science Undergrad at Miami University of Ohio and member of the Varsity Overwatch team. Webmaster for The Super Saturday Program since 2015. Participated in the 2017 Harvard Hackathon, and proficient in Java, Python, frontend web development and other programming languages.

**Alexandria Merriweather-Turner** has earned a Bachelor of Science in Information Engineering Technology from University of Cincinnati College of Applied Sciences and Master of Science from Florida Institute of Technology. She has over 14+ years computer training, IT consulting, web and graphical development, and administrative experience. Additionally, she has experience in database management, quality assurance, marketing, and project management in a variety of areas.

**Amanda Schmidt-Osburn** is a graduate of NKU with degrees in music and theater. She has performed in plays and musicals around Cincinnati and participated in the Opera Workshop at NKU. She directed performances at Summerfair at Coney Island, vocal coaching and choreography at Norwood Schools and community theaters.

**Andrew Speno** was an elementary school teacher for 20 years and has taught classes at Super Saturday since 2009. During the week, he substitute teaches for six local districts, and researches and writes historical non-fiction books for middle-grade readers.

**Barbara James**, M.Ed, NBCT, National Award Winning Teacher, and CPS Educator of the Year. A teacher with Super Saturday since 1999. She looks forward to Super Saturday mornings with joy because she loves teaching and the children come excited about learning.

**Dominique Sparks** is a college student who studies Archeology at the University of Cincinnati. I'm also left-handed which means I love all things creative such as mosaics, pottery, and painting. Not only do I enjoy art but I love history, learning about the past is a great way to know about the future.

**Elena Bass** has taught mathematics to students of all ages for 14 years. Not only mathematics, but also how to study, how to aim for an A, how to practice and then polish your skills, how to relax before the test, and how to get the confidence you need. The most fascinating task, however, is to see mathematics all around us. Everything around us, even nature, follows orderly patterns which have a certain probability of happening.

**George Whitaker** is an Eagle Scout and worked at a Cub Scout Camp for 7 years. He is about to begin student teaching English at Fairfield Senior High School. He has spent the past few years studying at Miami University.

**James Williams** is a highly motivated sales professional and educator with over twelve years of business development, management and teaching experience. Masters of Education from Xavier University. Managed a foster care and dropout recovery program. Currently implementing a young debaters program at a local high school.

**Janet Bockey** was originally drawn in to robotics by my oldest son, I've been teaching LEGO MINDSTORMS classes for 5 years, doing everything from after-school programs, Scouts groups, summer camps, and parties. I am also excited to be coaching a new FIRST LEGO LEAGUE team this season! This will be my third year at Super Saturdays. I'm a UC grad, and live in a house full of LEGOs in Liberty Township with my husband and sons. Our family 'pet' is a NXT robotic-alligator named Fred, who sometimes visits my classes!

**Jessica Hamilton** has experienced teaching K-5 gifted education for public schools in Kentucky and is raising two gifted children herself. She holds a Master's Degree in Gifted Education from NKU and a Bachelor's Degree in Education from UC. She hopes to be a resource both as a parent and an educator for the families of the Super Saturday Program.

**Dr. Kenneth K. Brown** has a PhD in bio-medical sciences, MS in Analytical Chemistry, BS in Chemistry, BS in Electrical Engineering Technology with 43 year of chemistry laboratory, 20 years college chemistry teacher, and 20 years of Super Saturday instructor experience.

**Kevin Coleman** has been a chess coach in the Cincinnati area for the past 7 years and a former officer of the Cincinnati Chess Club.

**Korin Mattei**, daughter of a professional artist and inventor, grew up not only thinking outside of the box, but questioning the existence of a box. Her idle hours are spent home educating her own gifted children, helping run The Super Saturday Program, singing, building strange things, and following her autodidactical whims.

**Mark Hogan** a principal and senior wealth manager at Madison Wealth Advisors in Kenwood. For the past 35 years, he has helped each client develop his/her own customized financial plan for their life goals and implement an investment strategy that supports their financial plan.

**Melanie Simkins** a UC alumni with a diverse background in environmental sciences including geography, biology, & geology. Also a geeky fan of scifi fantasy stories! The great outdoors area fantastic place to learn about the world, but curiosity makes learning even more delightful. Let's be creative and explore science together!

**Mia Burnett** has a Bachelors degree in Forensic Chemistry from Ohio University, and a Masters degree in Forensic Toxicology from the University of Florida. Mrs. Burnett worked at the Hamilton County Coroner's Office for 12 years and is currently working as an independent contractor.

**Mousumi Sinha** (pronounced Mo-shu- me) likes to create a fun-filled learning eco-system that identifies individual student skills and nourishes and hones them. This stems from her artistic abilities and teaching experience. She has fused her love of writing and piano to create a series of fun-frolicky musical workbooks that teaches piano scale progression. She is Mom to a boundlessly curious 7 year old, wife to a traveling husband and a volunteer at a local non-profit organization. She moved to

*Feeding the educational passions of intellectually gifted children and their parents;  
helping them realize their full potential.*

## Teacher Biographies continued

Cincinnati from Dallas, TX where she studied Software Engineering from UTD. She also studied Mathematics in India before she moved to the USA.

**P.F. Wilson** is a freelance writer whose work appears in papers around the country. He was also a contributing comedy writer for The Gary Burbank Show, The American Comedy Network and Morning Sidekick radio services. He currently hosts his own podcast, P.F.'s Tape Recorder.

**Patrick Walker** holds a Master's degree in Secondary Education and a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Real Estate. For the last 20 years, Patrick has worked in all aspects of the construction industry as well as owning his own company. His specific focus was carpentry, sales, project management, business ownership, and in depth studies on ADA standards with kitchen and bath design. As an artist, Patrick makes custom furniture and home installations, derived primarily from salvaged materials. As an educator, Patrick teaches a semi-traditional shop at Artsconnect in Springfield Township, home economics through his construction counseling services and energy work. He also runs a

nonprofit mobile makerspace and arts incubator.

**Priscilla Oehlschlaeger** is the author of *Make Costumes: For Creative Play* (North Light Books 1992). Priscilla has taught for the Playhouse in the Park and the Carnegie Visual & Performing Arts Center. She has taught for UC, Cincinnati Public Library, The Thespian Society, Everybody Counts and many schools and churches.

**Valdasia Merrick** is a fun-loving intellectual, social activist and Christian, native to Cincinnati, Ohio. She has been in the profession of youth education, training and national advocacy for twenty years. She grew up in Avondale and attended Ursuline Academy where she was the first African American president of the senior class. She established the school's first speech team and became a regional champion. She graduated from Duke University with a B.A. in Religion and Vanderbilt University with a Master of Divinity in Hebrew Studies. She did PhD studies at Harvard University in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. She is committed to helping youth lead joyous, enlightened, empowered and contributory lives.

## PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION

This section is to be completed by a psychologist, psychiatrist, psychometrist, pediatrician or a school professional (teacher, principal or gifted coordinator). A professional recommendation is needed only by students enrolling for the first time or by those who haven't participated in The Super Saturday Program within the last two years.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ meets one of the following criteria:  
(Name of Student)

Check One:

- Mental ability (I.Q.) of a standard score on a cognitive ability measure equivalent to the 95th (or above) percentile.
- Achievement test scores in "Total Reading" or "Total Math" at (or above) the 95th percentile.
- Although test scores are not available or appropriate, this student has shown evidence of outstanding intellectual achievement or potential. (Narrative description must be included below.)

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