

What are Term Projects?

Term Project week is a chance for students, in all grades, to work together on different projects. The goals of the projects are to challenge students to be cooperative learners and function as a team. Students will spend 5 days grouped with Term Project teacher(s) and other students enrolled in their projects.

Every student must participate and finish a Term Project as part of the promotion criteria at BASIS DC. Students will receive a grade (Pass or Fail) for their Term Project. Students are expected to follow all school disciplinary rules. Any disruptive behavior or other misconduct during Term Projects will be considered a Disciplinary Violation. The school reserves the right to exclude any students who demonstrate disruptive behavior, or serious misconduct, from Term Projects.

After reviewing the list of available Term Projects, students will register by returning the attached form indicating their choices to the Front Office no later than **Wednesday, March 29th**. By selecting your top three choices, you are agreeing to any required fee. Failure to turn in your term project preferences will result in placement by Administration. Once your student is placed into a term project, a confirmation letter will be sent home, on **Thursday, April 13th**. **DO NOT send a payment with your project choices!**

BASIS DC offers the option of **Financial AID** for some Term Projects. Please contact Ms. Vita, for the necessary forms at heather.vita@basised.com. **Students who have outstanding invoices through the month of March will be required to settle all invoices before they will be allowed to participate in a term project with an associated fee. If you have any questions about your account, please contact Mary Klein, mary.klein@basised.com.**

Term Project Schedule:

Monday, June 5th through Friday, June 9th, will be early release days. All grades have the same schedule during Term Projects, **8:45 AM - 1:00 PM**. Students will report directly to their Term Project Room. EarlyBird will be from 7:00 AM to 8:45 AM.

LateBird will be available to students, after their term projects, from 1:00PM until 3:00PM. All students MUST be picked up by 3:00 PM on these days. Standard drop in fees will apply to students not pre-paid for LateBird.

Directions:

Identify your top three choices. After discussing your choices with your parents/guardians, have your parent/guardian sign the form before you turn it into the Front Office by **Wednesday, March 29th**. **Again, do not send a payment with your project choices!** If the form is completed incorrectly, BASIS DC reserves the right to reject the form and return it home.

Term Projects 2017

Project: Exploring the French Language

Teacher: Mr. Alfred

Grade Level: 5th & 6th

Cost: Free

Description: Exploring the French language and Francophone cultures through songs, film, video, music and food. Students will have the opportunity to discover diverse cultures and traditions within the French-speaking world and at the same time developing essential communication skills. They will be learning basic vocabulary, the alphabet, numbers, colors, and days of the week. Students will be able to greet one another, introduce themselves, describe people and things, and express their likes and preferences. Students will leave this project able to compare and contrast their culture and Francophone cultures.

Project: Chinese Fun Art

Teacher: Ms. Li

Grade Level: 5th & 6th

Cost: \$25

Description: If you love Chinese culture and crafts, you have come to the right place! Students will learn the paper craft --- Asian art of Origami and crepe paper flowers. Students will receive a simple guide to get started making Chinese paper cutting. Students will learn to make the Chinese Knots which is a decorative handicraft art, and create their own Chinese knot bracelet. Students will also learn to write simple words in Chinese calligraphy and to use Chinese brushes. Chinese movies/music are provided during the project week. Students will be introduced to the basic techniques. Students will also learn some of the history, purpose, and popular designs.

Project: Crafts and Foods of the World

Teacher: Ms. Farrell and Ms. Taggart

Grade Level: 5th & 6th

Cost: \$30

Description: Do you like working with your hands? Do you like arts and crafts? Do you like to cook? Are you interested in cultures around the world? If so, this project is for you! Come spend your week with Ms. Farrell and Ms. Taggart as we explore various arts, crafts, and activities tied to cultures from around the world. From plate decorating to friendship bracelets, to cooking class, this project will have your creativity juices flowing.

Disclaimer: *Some of the food served will not be prepared in a commercial kitchen and may be exposed to allergens.*

Project: Lend Me Your Ears

Teacher: Mr. Zara

Grade Level: 5th – 7th

Cost: Free

Description: Do you play music? Do you write music? Do you listen to music? Like music? Know what music is? Bring your instruments, your lyrics, and your voice. We will share music with each other, watch movies about music, talk about bands, rappers, and solo artists.

Disclaimer: *The movies being watched during the week are rated PG and PG-13.*

Project: Storytelling through Art**Teacher: Ms. Cooper and Ms. Prindle****Grade Level: 5th – 8th****Cost: \$20**

Description: Are you a fan of art but have never really experienced how to MAKE your own? Do you enjoy creating new materials and telling a story? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then “Storytelling through Art” is for you! Come join Ms. Cooper and Ms. Prindle on an adventure like no other. Learn to tell your own personal story through a new lens. Find inspiration in all the pieces of life around you and express yourself in this artful term project. In this week long course, we will paint using acrylic materials, sketchbooks, photography, and finally, we will enjoy our hard work with our very own Gallery Show at the end of the week.

Project: Miss Jackson’s Master Artist Class Challenge**Teacher: Miss Jackson****Grade Level: 5th – 8th****Cost: \$25**

Description: Each day Miss Jackson will put a box of supplies in the center of the room and you will be given a challenge based on the supplies given. You will be given guidelines, restrictions, and a time limit (think Fashion Runway). Each day we will produce a new project. Prizes will be given to students who fit all of the guidelines... with a twist!

Project: Oh Captain, My Captain: Patriotism and the Captain America Movies**Teacher: Mr. Archambault****Grade Level: 5th – 11th****Cost: Free**

Description: What puts the “America” in Captain America? Throughout the Marvel Cinematic Universe movies, Captain America has gone from a gun-toting supersoldier, to a time-displaced paragon of virtue, to a traitor to the government. In this project, we will examine what has changed more: Cap’s circumstances, or Cap himself? Each day, students will watch a movie featuring Captain America (*The First Avenger*, *Avengers*, *Winter Soldier*, *Age of Ultron*, *Civil War*). The movies will be supplemented with reading comics, watching cartoons, and having discussions about the motivations and beliefs of Captain America.

Disclaimer: *The movies being watched during the week are all rated PG-13.*

Project: From Newbee to Pro: Advanced Video Game Techniques**Teacher: Mr. Oldakowski and Ms. Cooling****Grade Level: 5th – 11th****Cost: \$20**

Description: Before they were together in Smash Brothers, Mario, Link, and Megaman each had their own adventures. Get a chance to play some of the most important classic video games, discuss game design, game mechanics, and what makes a cool retro game. You’ll also have the opportunity to learn some of the techniques (including glitches, out-of-bounds, and zips) that players use to speed run these games. We will also watch some video from Games Done Quick and other marathons.

Disclaimer: *All of the games played are rated E for Everyone.*

Project: Science Olympics**Teacher: Dr. Green and Dr. Tomanelli****Grade Level: 6th – 8th****Cost: \$25**

Description: Spend project week putting your science, engineering, and math skills to the test in creative ways, while you prepare for and compete in BASIS DC's very own Science Olympic competition. Build bridges, egg drops, airplanes, towers, Rube Goldberg machines, and more. Use chemistry to figure out the best ways to make ice cream, butter, and cheese curds. Play Science Pictionary and trivia games. Try your hand at identifying unknown substances through chemical reactions. Design your own experiments and see if your instructions are good enough to get your partner to do the right thing. Relax with science movies and breaks for Frisbee on the National Mall. Help your team bring home the gold medal!

Project: Animals and Nature**Teacher: Ms. Cosby and Mrs. Polonsky****Grade Level: 6th – 8th****Cost: \$30**

Description: Do you love animals? Do you enjoy exploring in nature? If so, this fun filled week of learning about wildlife preservation is for you! This term project will include five day trips to diverse locations all around the city! Students will have the opportunity to learn about all types of animals; land, sky, and sea, and how to best preserve them and their environments. If you are ready for an adventure, join Ms. Cosby and Mrs. Polonsky for an exciting week!

Project: Mystery Project 2017**Teacher: Ms. Benham and Ms. Becker****Grade Level: 6th – 8th****Cost: \$65**

Description: Can't decide which project to choose? This project is going to incorporate a little bit of everything! Each day will be full of different activities on and off campus, so be excited to walk a lot, explore the city, try new things, and have a ton of fun! Students should plan on bringing a packed lunch, DC One Card/metro card, and open mind each day. **Note:** This project is similar to last year with a couple added activities.

Project: Outdoor Adventure!**Teacher: Coach McNinch and Mr. Stoffel****Grade Level: 6th – 8th****Cost: \$225**

Description: Get ready to rough it and leave the emergency sirens, traffic, buildings, and concrete of the city behind and join us for an Outdoor Adventure! What equipment do I need to bring with me? Why? What if someone gets hurt? Should I eat those berries? Why shouldn't I touch that plant? What kind of tree is that? Is it safe to drink the river water? What am I going to eat? What happens if I get hurt? How do I know which way to go? What do you mean I can't take a shower? What's a s'more? We will answer all of these questions and put your skills to use at Harpers Ferry National Park for 5 days of hiking and 4 nights of camping. Activities include a high ropes course, guided nature hike, historical site seeing, games, arts and crafts, swimming, s'mores, and storytelling by the camp fire.

Project: Certamen Boot Camp**Teacher: Ms. Beabout****Grade Level: 6th – 9th****Cost: Free**

Description: Enjoy trivia games? Interested in ancient history and mythology? Want to play with the buzzer system? Come and study various aspect of Roman Culture, History, Mythology, and Latin Language in a dynamic game setting-Certamen. Work on tips, tricks, tactics, and material that increase speed, improve accuracy, and make BASIS DC Certamen players some of the fastest in the Nation. Whether you are preparing for National Convention in the summer or getting ready for local and regional events next year, Certamen Boot Camp is a great place to start!

Project: In C @ BDC 2017**Teacher: Mr. Read****Grade Level: 6th – 11th****Cost: Free**

Description: Join us for a week of intensive music immersion as we learn to play Terry Riley's *In C*. A contemporary masterpiece, this minimalist work is relatively easy to play and can be performed on any combination of instruments. So bring your violin, your ukulele, or just your voice! The week will culminate in a complete performance of *In C* – about 45 minutes to an hour worth of music!

Disclaimer: *Students need to be able to read music.*

Project: CIV5- Crowning the Wisest World Leader**Teacher: Dr. Sundberg****Grade Level: 7th -11th****Cost: \$20; Free***

* Students may either provide their own laptop with the game loaded and participate in the project week for no charge or rent a school laptop and game copy for the week at a cost of \$20.

Description: Have you ever wanted to be ruler of the world? Come join Dr. Sundberg and your fellow students in a week of world conquest. Civilization V is a turn based deep strategy computer game where each player takes on the governance of a different world civilization. Once students learn a little about the civilization they are in charge of they will need to balance cultural development, science research, diplomacy, and military units in order become the dominant civilization in the world. Throughout the week you will get a chance to play multiple civilizations and try out many different strategies both in solo games against the computer AI and multiplayer games against other students. Each day we will also spend some time outside in teambuilding activities and games. Every student will need access to a laptop and a copy of the game to participate for the week. No previous experience playing the game necessary. We will teach you how to play and will create both novice and experienced tournaments as needed.

Project: Get Woke! Social Justice 101

Teacher: Ms. Barlev and Ms. Austin

Grade Level: 7th – 11th

Cost: Free

Description: In this project week, we will explore race, class, sexual orientation, gender and ethnicity, and how these identities impact our lives. Students will also discuss how wealth, power and privilege are distributed in modern society, and how these distributions affect us on an individual and societal scale. We will learn about how groups fought for equality in the past, and how that relates to current struggles for equality today. We will explore these issues by visiting local museums, watching documentaries and other films, and having thoughtful discussions that allow students to reflect on their own experiences and ideals.

Project: Open Studio Art

Teacher: Ms. Draper

Grade Level: 7th – 11th

Cost: \$75

Description: We are all equally artists! In this project students will work alongside one another as fellow artists from the very start! Simple art making techniques will be introduced and students will explore drawing, painting, basic sculpture, and collage. We provide user friendly art materials: oil pastels, tempera paints, aluminum foil and masking tape, found objects, and a wealth of other assorted stuff. The room will be transformed into an open space to be creative - "to color outside the lines."

Project: Green Space: Hidden Gems of DC's Great Outdoors

Teacher: Mr. Teal and Mr. Ramirez

Grade Level: 8th – 11th

Cost: Free*

**All meals will be off campus during this project. Students will be required to either bring their lunch or bring money to purchase lunch.*

Description: This project is for anyone who loves fresh air and sunlight—especially after final exams! Students in this project will be venturing off daily to explore areas such as Teddy Roosevelt Island, East Potomac Park, the National Arboretum, Lincoln Park/the Eastern Market, and Meridian Hill Park! Whether you'd prefer to hike, lay out on a blanket with a book, or play a game of kickball—the options are yours!

Project: BASIS CSI

Teacher: Ms. Pickett and Ms. Timme

Grade Level: 8th – 11th

Cost: \$50

Description: Come join Ms. Pickett and Ms. Timme for BASIS CSI! We will learn about the history of crime, how crimes are solved, and investigation techniques. Highlights will include an FBI visit, fingerprinting analysis, and a guest appearance from Mr. Pickett! Come join us for a week of crime solving!

Disclaimer: *There is mature content presented during this project. Discussions include the mafia and the connection with crime, the FBI, different types of crimes including the chemistry of poisoning, the punishment of crime and the history behind punishment, and the chemistry and history of illegal and illicit substances.*

Project: A Tour around the World**Teacher: Ms. Owens****Grade Level: 8th – 11th****Cost: \$75**

Description: We will indulge ourselves in the countries we visit. We will visit: Paris, France, Mexico City, Mexico, Beijing, China, Lime District, Peru and the big finale Rome, Italy. Each day we will have a meal with the country and destination in mind. We will paint, dance, and even view a film that is in direct correlation with our trips. A journey to be had by all!

Project: Leadership Exploration**Teacher: Ms. Colt and Ms. Schellenberger****Grade Level: 8th – 11th****Cost: \$150**

Description: NJHS/NHS Officers have put together a week of volunteering and leadership opportunities for all. Some of the activities consist of kayaking, working on a beautification project and providing food for the homeless. Join us for a week filled with giving back to our D.C. Community.

Project: Delaware Delight Dos**Teacher: Mr. Klein****Grade Level: 9th & 10th****Cost: \$200**

Description: Take a trip to Delaware to relax and explore the wonders of the State with Mr. Klein and Dr. Klein. The trip will include transportation and lodging at the Klein's Beach Retreat, meals, some prepared by the students and some at local restaurants, a day hike, kayaking in Rehoboth Bay, a beach day, and perhaps a trip to the Outlets. So pack your sunscreen and let's kick off your summer with this beach retreat!

Project: Ms. Schniepp's Bookstore Bonanza**Teacher: Ms. Schniepp****Grade Level: 9th – 11th****Cost: Free**

Description: Explore DC's best bookstores with Ms. Schniepp. Get a behind the scenes look at what it takes to run a bookstore with tours and talks from owners and employees. Immerse yourself in a world of books during project week!

Project: High School Camping Adventure**Teacher: Mr. Allen and Ms. Hamnett****Grade Level: 9th – 11th****Cost: \$150**

Description: This project will provide students with the opportunity to explore the outdoors in the Shenandoah National Park. Participants will be introduced to and practice basic camping skills. Participants will also have the opportunity to hike, cook, relax, and enjoy nature. So grab your bags and hike into summer break with us!

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Teacher: Coach McNinch and Mr. Stoffel

Grade Level: 9th – 11th

Cost: \$225

Description: *Additional application needs to be submitted with sign-up form.* Ever think you might have what it takes to be a camp counselor? Want to add experience to your resume to get a summer job? Or just think you're a fun person who loves kids and the outdoors? Put your leadership skills to the test as a counselor with the Outdoor Adventure Group for 5 days of hiking and 4 nights of camping at Harpers Ferry National Park. Activities include a high ropes course, guided nature hike, historical site seeing, games, arts and crafts, swimming, s'mores, and storytelling by the camp fire.