2027 Winter/Spring Semester After School Course Schedule:

Leadership In Action: Your Legacy Starts Now

Tuesdays and Thursdays/8 sessions (January 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, February 2, 4)
Your legacy starts now—with the choices you make, the strengths you develop, and the impact you have on others. Through the DISC Profile assessment, students will discover their unique personality and leadership style, learn how to build on their strengths, and recognize opportunities for personal growth. We'll also explore the lasting legacies of Harriet Tubman, notable Erie natives, and emerging leaders whose stories are still being written, challenging students to recognize that leaving a meaningful legacy isn't just about what you accomplish, but how you choose to live and influence others along the way. This is the fifth of five courses that are part of our history, civics, and government series.
Course Lead: Mrs. Cindy Heintz
Time: 3:45p.m. – 7:00p.m.
Location: Erie City Mission Youth Classroom (1017 French Street)
Student Showcase: Thursday, February 4 (Further details TBA)

Graphic Design & Entrepreneurship

Mondays and Wednesdays/8 sessions total (February 15, 17, 22, 24, March 1, 3, 15, 17)
Great design isn't just about creating what you like, it's about understanding what someone else needs and bringing their vision to life! In this hands-on course, students will be given a client-inspired design challenge and work one-on-one with Mercyhurst University students to develop a T-shirt or hoodie design using Inkscape and Canva. Along the way, they'll practice creative problem-solving, learn key design principles and the basics of silk-screen printing, and experience what it takes to turn a client's idea into a finished product.
Course Lead: Mrs. Jodi Hopper, Dean of the School of the Arts at Mercyhurst University
Location: Mercyhurst University (501 East 38th Street)
Time: 4:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.

Music & Technology

Mondays and Wednesdays/6 sessions (March 29, 31, April 5, 7, 12, 14)
Discover where music, creativity, and technology come together! In this hands-on course, students will explore both traditional and digital music while designing digital instruments, creating unique sounds, and developing valuable technology skills. Through exciting projects involving Arduino microcontrollers, 3D printing, programming, basic circuitry, and more, students will discover innovative ways to bring their musical ideas to life. No musical experience required—just curiosity, creativity, and a willingness to explore!
Course Lead: Mr. Will Mzumara, Mr. Tim Brown, Wabtec Engineers
Location: Erie City Mission Youth Classroom (1017 French Street)
Time: 4:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.

Know Before You Go: Washington D.C.

Tuesdays and Thursdays/6 sessions (April 20, 22, 27, 29, May 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13)
There's a lot to see in Washington, D.C.—but there's even more to understand! Through special guest speakers, interactive discussions, and intentional preparation, students will discover the stories, people, history, and significance behind many of the places they will visit during our four-day journey to our nation's capital. Our **April 27 session** will bring students and parents together for a final pre-trip meeting to review important details, expectations, and instructions. We'll conclude on May 13, following the trip May 6-9, with a special Student Showcase, where students will share their experiences, reflect on their greatest takeaways, and celebrate how this journey has challenged and inspired them to grow as

leaders.
Note: This course is for students and mentors already registered for our Washington, D.C. trip.
Course Lead: Ms. RoseMarie Croce
Location: Erie City Mission Youth Classroom (1017 French Street)
Time: 4:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.
Student Showcase: Thursday, May 13 (Further details TBA)

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Each course accepts between 8-12 students and includes a nutritious meal.
- Please note that our program meets regardless if students do not have school. We ask that you consider dates such as vacation, family events, appointments, etc. against our schedule so that you may ensure your attendance for every session, unless you are sick.

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