

# TJ SUMMER SCHOLARS

## Test Preparation

Tests can be a roadblock on your child's educational journey. Let us help prepare them for the future. Learn with the best at Thomas Jefferson School's Summer Scholars Program.

## SSAT Bootcamp and Camp Games

Monday-Thursday, Friday optional  
August 6 - August 10

12:30-4:30 pm Monday-Thursday

12:30-3:00 pm Friday

**\*\*An optional practice test is offered on Friday for an additional \$150.\*\***

*For students who have completed grades 4 through 9. Please bring pencils, calculator, snack, and drink.*

The SSAT (Secondary School Admission Test) is used by independent schools to assess the abilities of students applying for admission. This four-day workshop devotes a day to strategies for completing each section of the SSAT (quantitative, verbal, reading comprehension, writing), interspersed with fun, classical camp games, such as capture the flag and ghost in the graveyard. The fifth day is an optional practice test.

**Why take the practice test?** Students will be provided with practice materials and an in-depth analysis of their progress. An action plan for further study and practice test results will be mailed home after the camp has ended.

**INSTRUCTORS: HEIDI PIERONI AND MIKE PIERONI**

## Pre-ACT/Pre-SAT Prep

Monday-Friday

June 4-June 8

10:00-12:00pm

*For students who have completed grades 7 through 9. Please bring pencils, calculator, snack, and drink.*

Even though you're not ready to take the ACT and SAT yet, there are still strategies and techniques you can start practicing! Critical thinking, active reading, and a logical, methodical approach to questions are skills that you can hone now, and have ready when you do have to take college entrance exams. After all, practice makes perfect!

**INSTRUCTOR: BETH HUMAN, PH.D.**

## ACT/SAT Bootcamp

Monday-Friday

June 4-June 8

1:00-4:00pm

*For students who have completed grades 9 through 11. Please bring pencils, calculator, snack, and drink.*

In this intensive, 5-day course, students will cover content and strategies for all the sections of the ACT and SAT. Before the course begins, students will complete and submit a sample exam, and will receive individually-tailored feedback on strengths and weaknesses. During the course, students will have an hour of practice each night, to further cement the strategies and concepts

covered that day and to prepare for the next day's class. Following the course, students will receive a personalized action plan to use as they prepare for the test.

**INSTRUCTOR: BETH HUMAN, PH.D.**

## Bright Minds, Big Fun

### Latin through Mythology

Monday-Friday

July 23-July 27

9:00am-12:00pm

*For students who have completed grades 2 through 5. Please bring snack, and drink.*

Using materials targeted at elementary school and building on classical mythology, students will learn the beginnings of Latin as well as focus on its history in the development of English and other continental languages. Students will also learn how to think about larger linguistic issues: how do words fit together to make meaning? Where do words come from? How does language shape culture? At the end of the course, students will have the tools to continue to study independently!

**INSTRUCTOR: BETH HUMAN, PH.D.**

### Scenes from Shakespeare

Monday-Friday

July 23-July 27

12:30pm-3:30pm

*For students who have completed grades 2 through 5. Please bring snack, and drink.*

Shakespeare is a towering figure in the landscape of English literature, influencing the very fabric of the language we speak. His plays are seen as the pinnacle of theatre. It can be a little intimidating. The goal of this camp is to help students see that one of the reasons for his enduring popularity is that his plays are entertaining. We'll focus on a few key scenes in one play (steered by student interest!) and really dig deep into the meaning. Students will learn about how Shakespearean language and poetry works, as well as the mechanics of the Elizabethan stage. We'll make costumes and perform the scenes for parents at the end of camp!

**INSTRUCTOR: BETH HUMAN, PH.D.**

### The Science of Learning

Monday-Friday

July 23-July 27

9:00am-12:00pm

*For students who have completed grades 5 through 9. Please bring a snack and drink.*

Just in time for the beginning of school, this course will examine how to take a student's learning to the next level. Inspired by research, we will look at methods for how to best learn. This is not intended to provide strategies just to get an A (although we will discuss

those), but instead provide methods to gain lasting, effective, and life-long knowledge and understanding through demonstrated, scientific research.

**INSTRUCTOR: MATTHEW TROUTMAN, PH.D.**

## Pre-Med School

Monday-Friday

July 23-July 27

12:30pm-3:30pm

*For students who have completed grades 5 through 9. Please bring pencils, spiral notebook, snack, and drink.*

Why do you get a fever when you're sick? Why does your nose run? How do vaccines work to prevent illness? In this camp, students will focus on the human immune system. After exploring how the immune system works, we will learn about a few common illnesses, such as the flu and strep throat, and how various treatments work to make you feel better. Throughout the week, we will harvest and grow live bacteria and create remedies designed to kill bacteria.

**INSTRUCTOR: HEIDI PIERONI**

## Science Fiction/Fantasy

Monday-Friday

July 30-August 3

9:00am-3:30pm

*For students who have completed grades 3 through 8. Please bring a snack and drink.*

In the post-WWII landscape, both science fiction and fantasy writing exploded in popularity, opening up new literary space as the space race heated up. In this course, we will read novels and short stories from some of the giants of science fiction and fantasy, considering the similarities and differences between the two genres. We will approach them from both a literary standpoint and a scientific one, thinking about how science interacts with culture.

Campers will be divided into two groups by age, with discussions led by both instructors.

**INSTRUCTORS: BETH HUMAN, PH.D. AND MATTHEW TROUTMAN, PH.D.**

## Mini Med-School

Monday-Friday

August 6 - August 10

9:00am-12:00pm

*For students who have completed grades 2 through 5. Please bring pencils, spiral notebook, snack, and drink.*

Have you experienced snotty noses, broken bones, or fevers? Remember that yucky tasting medicine and required shots? In Mini Med-School children will explore the field of healthcare and medicine. Through interactive STEM projects, students will learn about how the body works and how to administer basic first aid. We will grow bacteria, design a knee brace, and much much more.

**INSTRUCTOR: HEIDI PIERONI**

## Sports Camp

Monday-Friday  
August 6 - August 10  
12:30pm-3:30pm

For students who have completed grades 2 through 5.  
Please bring snack, and drink.

Join Coach Pieroni and have fun playing a different sport each day. Players will learn key skills in a variety of sports.

**INSTRUCTOR: MIKE PIERONI**

## Sports Games, Agility, and Training Camp

Monday-Friday  
August 6 - August 10  
9:00am-12:00pm

For students who have completed grades 4 through 9.  
Please bring snack, and drink.

Join Coach Pieroni to get in shape for fall sports, focusing on conditioning to boost skills such as strength, speed, and flexibility to prepare your athletes for the fall sports season. Kids will play basketball, volleyball, and soccer, and work with Mr. Pieroni in designing an individualized training plan to maximize their potential.

**INSTRUCTOR: MIKE PIERONI**

## Instructor Bios



**BETH HUMAN** is an English and Latin teacher at Thomas Jefferson School, as well as Middle School Coordinator. She received her Ph.D. and M.A. in English from Saint Louis University, and a B.A. in English and History from Willamette University. Her scholarly research focused on ghosts in Early Modern historiography (including Shakespeare's history plays), as well as the mythological past as a tool for nation building. Beth began tutoring students for college entrance exams in 1997, and has continued ever since, both individually, in school settings, and through test prep companies.

*Education:*  
B.A. Willamette University  
M.A. St. Louis University  
Ph.D. St. Louis University



**HEIDI PIERONI** is a Math and Science teacher at Thomas Jefferson School. She studied art history as an undergraduate and healthcare ethics in her graduate work, focusing on body image and eating disorders. As a native St. Louisan who attended and works in private schools, she is knowledgeable about secondary private schools in the area and the application process. She has been doing private SSAT tutoring and offering workshops since 2000.

*Education:*  
B.A. Saint Louis University  
M.A. University of Pennsylvania  
M.A. Saint Louis University



**MIKE PIERONI** taught math at Community School for 7 years before moving to Forsyth School where he currently teaches math and word study. He was a scholar athlete in college, so it's no surprise to find him on the playing fields. He has coached all levels (kindergarten through varsity) of baseball, soccer and basketball at John Burroughs, University City, Community School, and Forsyth.

*Education:*  
B.A. in Education, Harris-Stowe University



**MATTHEW TROUTMAN** is the Director of Teaching and Learning at Thomas Jefferson School. He currently teaches math and science, from 7th grade to 12th grade (including AP courses). His previous research included studying planet formation, and he has worked at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He is passionate about exploring how students best learn through research-based teaching practices in order to create the best educative environment for students.

*Education:*  
B.S. Roanoke College  
M.S. Clemson University  
Ph.D. Clemson University  
M.Ed. Teachers College at Columbia University

Before and after care are provided for all camps except the ACT/SAT test preparation camps in June. Before care begins at 8:00am and is provided at no charge. After care is available until 5:00pm and is \$10.00/hour each day. (\$10 for pick-up until 4:00pm and \$20 for pick-up anytime after 4:00pm.) For students that are staying the full day, please bring a bag lunch.

**To register for a Summer Camp, call Kim Fiala or Kathleen Kelly at 314.843.4151.  
Or email [kfiala@tjs.org](mailto:kfiala@tjs.org) or [kkelly@tjs.org](mailto:kkelly@tjs.org).**

WEEK	TIME	GRADES	TITLE	TRACK	PRICE
June 4 - 8	10:00 am - 12:30 pm	7-9	Pre-ACT/Pre-SAT	Test Prep	\$250
	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	9-11	ACT/SAT Bootcamp	Test Prep	\$425
July 23 - 27	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	2-5	Latin through Mythology	Bright Minds, Big Fun	\$200 or \$350 if combined with Scenes from Shakespeare.
	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm	2-5	Scenes from Shakespeare	Bright Minds, Big Fun	\$200 or \$350 if combined with Latin through Mythology.
	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	5-9	Science of Learning	Bright Minds, Big Fun	\$200 or \$350 if combined with Pre-Med School.
	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	5-9	Pre-Med School	Bright Minds, Big Fun	\$200 or \$350 if combined with Science of Learning.
July 30 - Aug 3	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	3-8	Science Fiction/Fantasy	Bright Minds, Big Fun	\$400
Aug 6-10	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	2-5	Mini Med-School	Bright Minds, Big Fun	\$200 or \$350 if combined with Sports Camp.
	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm	2-5	Sports Camp	Active	\$200 or \$350 if combined with Mini Med-School.
	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	4-9	Sports, Games, Agility	Active	\$200 or \$550 if combined with SSAT Bootcamp.
	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm	4-9	SSAT	Test Prep	\$250 - M-TH / \$150 - F \$550 if combined with Sports, Games, Agility.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

### CHILD INFORMATION

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Current School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

### CAMPS ATTENDING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SSAT Bootcamp and Camp Games      | <input type="checkbox"/> Scenes from Shakespeare | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Camp                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SSAT Bootcamp (with Friday tests) | <input type="checkbox"/> The Science of Learning | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Games, Agility, & Training Camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-ACT/Pre-SAT Prep              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Med School          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACT/SAT Bootcamp                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Fiction/Fantasy |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latin through Mythology           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mini Med-School         |   |

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

Please make checks payable to: Thomas Jefferson School, 4100 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63127.

Before/After Care Needed (check all that apply)					
	M	T	W	Th.	F
Before	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
After	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD, PLEASE CALL THE MAIN OFFICE TO REGISTER.

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Name of local friend or relative (not living at same address): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurer \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

### HEALTH INFORMATION

Please note here any allergies, health issues, physical disabilities, learning disabilities and/or behavioral issues of which Thomas Jefferson School should be aware.

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### WAIVERS

PARTICIPATION: I give permission for my child to participate in activities as authorized by the Thomas Jefferson School (TJ); MEDICAL TREATMENT: I hereby give permission for my child to be given cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid treatment by a qualified staff member of the TJS. In the event I cannot be contacted, I also give permission for my child to be transported by ambulance or aid car to an emergency center for treatment. I further consent to the disclosure of health information and to the medical, surgical and hospital care treatment and procedures (including, but not limited to, administration of necessary anesthetics, tests, x-rays examinations, transfusions, injection, drugs) to be performed for my child by a licensed physician or hospital selected by the TJS director deemed immediately necessary or advisable by the physician to safeguard my child's health; RELEASE FROM LIABILITY: Recognizing that TJS will do its best to ensure a safe experience, I understand that accidents may occur from my child's participation in program activities. I agree to assume these risks. By signing below, I release TJ, its employees, the volunteers, independent contractors, directors, and agents from all liability based on any damage, loss or injury whether it is a result of ordinary negligence or otherwise, caused to my child or to me from participation in this program: PHOTO RELEASE: The applicant hereby gives permission for TJ to use, without limitation or obligation, photographs or other media that may include my child's image or voice to promote or interpret TJ programs.

I have read and understand the above and have completed this form to the best of my ability.

Signature of parent or legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_