Commack School District

Excellence in Education



NEW COURSES for Spring 2024

- 1. Line Dancing
- 2. Latin/Ballroom Mix
- 3. SAT Prep Second Session
- 4. Keep the Income Flowing During Retirement
- 5. Planning for Your Child with Special Needs

Spring 2024 Calendar

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March 2024				April 2024					
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() School Closed - No Continuing Education Classes

COMMACK CONTINUING EDUCATION

COMMITTED TO LIFELONG LEARNING

SPRING 2024

COMMUNITY LEARNING

Welcome to Commack Continuing Education. Our mission is to provide opportunities and activities to promote lifelong learning. The Office of Continuing Education is dedicated to helping you connect and engage with the many people and programs available. You will also discover opportunities designed to help you grow academically, personally, and professionally. Continuing Education classes help you create, imagine, discover, build, and update your skills. Engage with like minds and enroll today!

Bobby Varughese Administrator-in-Charge, Commack Continuing Education

Class Schedules, including day, room #'s, and times, are posted with each course. Class locations are subject to change. Instructors will provide class dates on the first night of class.

All Classes begin the week of March 18, 2024 unless otherwise noted.

Please be sure to check your email before every class for any updates!

All buildings will be closed:

March 28 - April 1, April 22 - 26, May 24 - 28, June 19

Continuing Education Office Phone: 631-912-2153

Email: continuingeducation@commack.k12.ny.us

Website: www.commack.k12.ny.us

Residents and Non-Residents our brochure is available online. From the district website choose "Our Community" then Continuing Education. Here you can print or register and pay with SchoolPay.

The Commack School District kindly requests that fire zones be always kept clear when parking on school property.

COURSE CONFIRMATIONS/CANCELLATIONS

Assume your class is confirmed. Registrants will only be notified if a class is cancelled.

REFUND POLICY

Registration fees will be refunded upon written request up to two weeks prior to the START of the semester. After that point, NO refunds can be issued for any reason FIRM!

Note: Registration begins upon receipt of brochure. Please avoid disappointment and register early.

MEDICAL ADVISORY

We advise that you consult your physician before undertaking any program involving strenuous physical activity. The school district does not provide accident or medical coverage. Participation in any class and/or activity is at your own risk.

Holidays & Inclement Weather: If the school buildings are closed due to inclement weather or a holiday there will be no evening classes. Closings due to inclement weather will be posted on the Commack School District website, www.commack.k12.ny.us and can be found on News 12 Long Island and local radio stations.

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FINE ARTS AND CRAFTS

2. Watercolor Painting / Beginner to Advanced

Marsha Goldman

Hela Ressa

Resident Fee: \$60

Non-Resident Fee: \$65

Watercolor can be easy! Whether you are just beginning or want to sharpen your skills. Learn step by step ways to create beautiful paintings. You will learn color mixing, brush techniques and composition that make the difficult seem simpler as we create paintings together. Gain confidence as we work on various subjects. Intermediate and advanced students can receive help on work they are doing using subject matter of their own, or that I provide. Supplies will be discussed and must be purchased independently and could range from \$50 or up. A material fee of \$5.00 (cash only) will be collected during the first class. (Limit 12)

Monday (8 sessions)

CHS Art 2

Non-Resident Fee: \$65
7-9:00PM

CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$50

4. Pottery Sheryl Weisner

Enjoy the creative arts of ceramic sculpture and pottery. Learn building techniques and how to use a potter's wheel and work with stoneware clay and glazes. A material fee is included in the tuition. (Limit 20)

*Mail in registrations, ONLY!

Thursday (9 sessions)

CHS Art 6

Non-Resident Fee: \$105

7:30-9:30PM

CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$70

10. Knitting and Crocheting

Knitting: You will learn basic stitches, how to read instructions and have ample time to complete a project. If you know the basic stitches, this course will teach you more intricate patterns to give your work a professional look. Students are asked to bring the following to the first class: one skein of knitting worsted yarn 4 (light color), a pair of size US 8 (5.0mm) knitting needles, one tapestry needle #13, a pair of scissors and a tape measure.

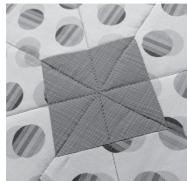
Crocheting: Size I crochet hook, one skein of knitting worsted yarn 4 (light color), scissors, tape measure, tapestry needle #13.

Monday (8 sessions) CHS Conference Room 7-9PM

13. Quilting Susan Sitaras

Join us and learn to quilt with a group of wonderful people. Learn the finer aspects of quilting as we progress from beginning techniques to newer and more advanced ones. (Limit 18)

Wednesday (10 sessions) CMS A 18/19 6:30-9PM



Resident Fee: \$65 Non-Resident Fee: \$70 CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$55

CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$50

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

32. Excel Beginner/Intermediate

Patrick Braddick

The world's most popular spreadsheet software is the tool you should be using. Not only is it a tool for spreadsheets and graphical analysis, but it can be used for scheduling, budgeting, forecasting and data management-for both Home and Business. Your time is valuable. Make Excel work for you by learning formula creation, spreadsheet design and Microsoft shortcuts to make your analyses shine! **No prior experience of computers or Excel is required.** Students will be taught Excel basics which will be the base for the Intermediate Excel class.

Thursday (8 sessions)

CHS Comp Lab 2/3

7:30-9PM

Resident Fee: \$65

CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$45



SAT PREP

70M. SAT Prep Session 1

This program will help students prepare for the newly revised SAT's emphasis on Common Core standards. Students will become familiar with the phraseology of questions and the importance of following directions. Verbal content will focus on reading comprehension, grammar and usage, and real-world vocabulary, plus discussion of the redesigned optional essay. The mathematical content will include discussion of the most common verbal algebraic and geometric problems, as well as the new trigonometry and advanced math questions. Helpful tips will focus on the advantages and pitfalls of the new format. Four of the



Math - Nash Birnholz

sessions will be allocated to math and four to the verbal sections of the test. (limit 25)

Tuesday – Math (4 sessions) 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4,9 Wednesday – English (4 sessions) 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10

will run the second session to accommodate more students.

(8 sessions total) CHS 105

CHS 105
7-9 PM
Non-Resident Fee: \$100
All registrants will be assigned the first session until it is full. If the first session fills up, we

70J. SAT Prep Session 2

Math - Nash Birnholz English – Keith Colantropo

This program will help students prepare for the newly revised SAT's emphasis on Common Core standards. Students will become familiar with the phraseology of questions and the importance of following directions. Verbal content will focus on reading comprehension, grammar and usage, and real-world vocabulary, plus discussion of the redesigned optional essay. The mathematical content will include discussion of the most common verbal algebraic and geometric problems, as well as the new trigonometry and advanced math questions. Helpful tips will focus on the advantages and pitfalls of the new format. Four of the sessions will be allocated to math and four to the verbal sections of the test.

Tuesday – Math (4 sessions) 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21 Wednesday – English (4 sessions) 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22

(8 sessions total)

CHS 105
7-9 PM
Resident Fee: \$100
Non-Resident Fee: \$100

LANGUAGES

62. Conversational Spanish – Beginner

Janet D'Agostino

Bienvenido! (Welcome) Would you like to be able to introduce yourself in Spanish, speak the language at your favorite Spanish restaurant or while travelling? You will gain the skills needed to be able to converse in Spanish in various situations and settings. This class will be adapted to your goals. Come be a part of this class and leave your first day speaking Spanish. Open to beginners.

Tuesday (8 sessions)

Resident Fee:\$60

Tuesday (8 sessions) CHS 104 6:30-7:30PM

PERFORMING ARTS

92. Line Dancing

Howard aka Rico

Non-Resident Fee: \$65

CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$45

Shine your cowboy boots and dust off your Stetsons (if you have them). Learn the most popular Country Line Dances, in a simple to learn format. The best part is no partnering, and experience not required. (limit 25)

Tuesday (8 sessions)
Dance Studio
7:00-8:00 PM

Resident Fee: \$60.00 Non-Resident Fee: \$65.00 CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$50.00

90. Latin/Ballroom Mix

Howard aka Rico

SALSA: The most exciting of all Latin Dances. Learn everything that is needed to know how to dance salsa, including spins and turns, Cuban motion, tap steps and shines.

RHYTHM AND BLUES (slow dance): If you never learn another dance, learn how to SLOW dance the way it was meant to be. Learn a variety of beautiful steps which will astound everyone who sees you. Anywhere you go, SLOW dancing is done: piano bars, intimate lounges, cruise ships, small clubs, weddings and house parties, someone is singing or playing a beautiful ballad. This dance is for anyone who thinks they can't dance.



DISCO HUSTLE:

This dance is popular today as it was in the 70's. By the end of this course you will be doing disco turns, wraps, and spins. You will be the envy of everyone wherever disco/club music is played. When people see you hustle, don't be surprised if you're mistaken for a famous movie star.

Tuesday (8 sessions)

Resident Fee: \$60.00

Non-Resident Fee: \$65.00

8:00-9:00 PM

CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$50.00

HEALTH & RELATED AREAS

69. Gentle Yoga Nancy Kelly

A slow-paced practice which allows students to learn poses, focus on breathing and quieting the mind. Suitable for all levels but ideal for beginners, seniors, and anyone looking to improve flexibility and reduce stress. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat, yoga blocks and other props that may offer support to class.

Wednesday (8 sessions)Resident Fee: \$60CHS Dance StudioNon-Resident Fee: \$656:00-7:00PMCSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$45

68. Gentle Flow Yoga

Nancy Kelly

A flow-style of practice that offers a series of fluid postures linking breath with movement. Each class will focus on building strength, improving balance, increase flexibility, and calming the mind. Suitable for all levels but ideal for students who prefer a more vigorous class. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat to class (blocks & straps are optional). (Limit 25)

Wednesday (8 sessions)Resident Fee: \$60CHS Dance StudioNon-Resident Fee: \$657:00-8:00PMCSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$45

82. Chair Yoga Lana Zimmet

This class is ideal for anyone who has ever hesitated to try yoga because of the challenge of getting down on the floor or doing standing poses. Use of the chairs makes the poses safe and accessible to anyone regardless of their particular needs. In Chair Yoga you will learn yoga postures, alignment, breathing techniques, and meditation. Suitable for students of any age. This is an excellent class to increase mobility, create strength, develop balance, inspire tranquility, and an overall sense of well-being. Please bring a yoga strap and wear comfortable loose clothing.

Thursday (8 sessions)

CHS Dance Studio

Non-Resident Fee: \$65

Time 6-7:00pm

Resident Fee: \$65

CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$45

86. Hatha Yoga Lana Zimmet

If you are new to yoga or looking to release stress by moving slowly and mindfully, this class may be the perfect fit for you. **Hatha Yoga** concentrates on the physical health and mental well-being. Using yoga postures, breathing techniques, and meditation will strengthen, stretch the body and develop a peaceful mind. A yoga mat, yoga strap and yoga block are required for this class

Thursday (8 sessions)

CHS Dance Studio

7:00-8:00PM

Resident Fee: \$60

Non-Resident Fee: \$65

CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$45

97. Core Body Sculpt Tina Palmigiano

This is a total body workout focusing on lower back and abdominal muscles to improve your balance, stability, and strength. Tone your entire body with light weight and heavy repetitions. Get the abs you've always wanted! Please bring a towel, mat, water, and 3 or 5lb dumbbells to class.

Thursday (8 sessions)

BURR New Gym

Non-Resident Fee: \$65

7-8 PM

CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$45

98. MoGa, Mindful Movement Maureen Murphy

Did you know that the way that we talk to ourselves about our bodies can have an impact on our overall health and wellness? It's true. Having negative thoughts about ourselves actually raises cortisol levels and makes it even more difficult to reach our health and wellness goals. End the negative narrative for good and bust through the barriers that are holding you back with MoGa, Mindful Movement. Each session will begin with creating affirmations connected to your personal health and wellness journey. Movement Sequences ranging from light stretching to basic balance moves and simple yoga will then be introduced and added to your affirmations. This creates true MO-mentum through muscle memory as positive energy becomes a part of you making it impossible to forget how strong you really are. Please bring a yoga mat, small towel, and water.

Mondays (8 sessions)

CHS Dance Studio

7:00-8:00PM

Resident Fee: \$60

Non-Resident Fee: \$65

CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$45



PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

47. Mahjong Wendy Meagher

Looking to learn a fun challenging game that's being played by men, women, singles, and couples? Join the fast-growing trend and meet new friends while learning the exciting and

thought-provoking game of American Mah Jongg. The course covers all aspects of the game including understanding the card, selecting a hand, and pick up playing strategies all leading to the ultimate Mah Jongg! By the 2nd class the games shall begin and the challenge is on! Order your **2024** cards online at the 'NATIONALMAHJONGGLEAGUE.org'



and bring your Mah Jongg set to class if you have one. It is <u>imperative</u> that you make the first night of class where we learn the basics of the game! (Limit 28)

Tuesday (8 sessions) CHS Student Study Center 6:30-9PM

Resident Fee: \$60 Non-Resident Fee: \$65 CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$45

COACHING REQUIREMENTS

65. Theory and Techniques of Coaching - 2 Credits

Rich Degnan

This 30-hour course deals with the scientific principles of coaching, objectives of coaching, team selection, organization, and management, rules and regulations, teaching methods, principles and methods for training and conditioning, budgeting, relationships with officials, coaching ethics, athletic administration, public relations, recruiting, out-of-season play, support organizations, and communications. This course requires a specific clinic in a designated sport which deals with such topics as goals, strategy, planning, safety, and officiating and equipment problems. This course runs for 24 class hours plus 6 hours at a designated sports clinic.

Thursday (10 sessions)

CHS 106 Fee: \$180

7-10PM

66. Health Sciences Applied to Coaching-3 Credits

John Foley

This 45-hour course deals with the principles of exercise physiology including the body systems, components of fitness and training, motives for participation, athletic persistence, controlled aggression, humanistic approaches to coaching, tension, and anxiety. Effective leadership, cybernetics, and sport in American culture are also examined.

Monday (15 Sessions)

CHS 143 Fee: \$200

7-10PM

67. Philosophy Principles and Organizations of Athletics - 3 Credits Rich Degnan

This 45-hour course deals with the basic philosophy and principles of high school interscholastic athletics as part of a total physical education program and education in general. Topics will include: legal basis development and organization of section, state and national organization, safety, educational requirements for coaches, coaching responsibilities, and the selection-classification program.

WEDNESDAY (15 sessions)

CHS 106 Fee: \$200

7-10PM

The above-mentioned courses will satisfy the New York State Educational Requirement for Coaching. A Certificate of Completion will be issued.

FREE WORKSHOPS

All workshops are held at the CHS, Room 108
Registration is required for these workshops. Please fill out the form and mail in for a limited number of seats.

100. KEEPTHE INCOME FLOWING DURING RETIREMENT: How to Create your "Retirement Paychecks" **Jeffrey R. Silverman, JD CFP** *

Studies show that the biggest fear retirees have is running out of money before running out of life! Planning an effective retirement income strategy is more important than ever when facing a retirement that can span more than 25 years. This program will explore concepts that can help you to plan a retirement income strategy with the goal of maximizing income, minimizing taxes, and protecting your assets from the costs of long-term care...all while having your money last through your lifetime and the lifetime of your spouse! If you are retired or thinking about retirement, you will not want to miss this program.

Thursday March 21st from 7:00-9:00

101. PLANNING FOR YOUR CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

Jeffrey R. Silverman, JD CFP *

Parents have numerous issues to consider in planning for the long-term wellbeing of their children with special needs. With new tax laws and changes in government benefits, planning becomes even more important. This program will examine aspects that need to be considered in developing a life plan that will help to provide the best future possible. Topics will include: Creating financial security during uncertain times; strategies to protect your child's assets; special needs trusts; Government benefits: guardianship; and future housing.

Monday April 8th from 7:00-9:00

Register by Mail or Online Early!

Registrations will not be accepted after March 8, 2024

Step 1: Select your course(s).

Step 2: Complete a separate registration form or photocopied form for each class. Please provide a valid and legible email address as we will be contacting you via email with important information and notifications.

Step 3: If paying by check, write your check(s)/money order(s) in the amount indicated in the brochure payable to: Commack Continuing Education. (Cash will not be accepted)

- A separate check/money order is required for each person for each
- We cannot accept checks made out for multiple courses.
- Write the course number and your phone number on each check and it is very important to clearly and neatly write your information and especially your email address.
- Please do not staple or tape checks to registration form.
- Returned checks are subject to a \$20 fee.
- *Registrants must be 18 or older. *This does not apply to the SAT Prep class

Step 4: Mail your check(s) and registration form(s) to: **Commack Continuing Education** P.O. Box 150

Commack, NY 11725

Note: Commack School District Seniors, age 62 and older, please provide a photocopy of your Driver's License or Senior I.D. card with registration

Step 5: If paying by credit card, you can access our online processing system by clicking on Community News, then Continuing Education.

https://www.commackschools.org/CommackContinuingEducation.aspx

IF REGISTERING BY SCHOOLPAY, PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A PROCESSING FEE AND YOU WILL NOT NEED TO FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORMS ATTACHED.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of our Pickleball and Pottery classes, we have decided to accept mail in registrations, ONLY. We believe this method will give all students a fair chance to enroll for these classes.

Non-residents: Individuals who are not Commack School District residents are welcome to register for classes at the non-resident fee listed for each course.

Refund Policy: Registration fees will be refunded upon written request up to two weeks prior to the start of the semester. After that point, NO refunds will be issued.

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Please do not staple or tape checks to the registration forms!!!!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



ALL CSD RESIDENTS WILL HAVE PRIORITY PLACEMENT IN THE PICKLEBALL CLASSES

Join us to learn the sport that is sweeping the country! Pickleball is a combination of tennis, ping-pong, racquetball and badminton. The game is played on a badminton sized court using a paddle and lightweight ball. Please bring your own paddle which is available online or at your nearest sporting goods store. Balls will be provided. MAIL in registrations ONLY!

> Resident Fee: \$70 Non-Resident Fee: \$80

CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$60

Pat Cunningham - IPTPA Certified

71M. Pickleball Monday

INTERMEDIATE and up (3.0 and up)

This class is for those who have played, been ranked a 3.0+ and want to play competitively. (Limit 30) Monday (8 sessions)

Commack Middle School Main Gym A/B

8-10PM Elise Rubin

71MCHS. Pickleball Monday

2.5 and above (no beginners)

Must know the basics of the game: scoring, positioning, rules and strategy. (Limit 30)

Monday (8 sessions)

Commack High School South Gym

71T. Pickleball Tuesday ADVANCED BEGINNER Pat Cunningham - IPTPA Certified

This class is for those who have taken a few lessons, or participated in the beginner class. Should know the basic game: scoring, positioning, rules and strategy. (Limit 24)

TUESDAY (8 sessions) Commack Middle School

Main Gym A/B

8-10PM

71W. Pickleball Wednesday

Pat Cunningham - IPTPA Certified

Beginner class will teach rules, strategy, scoring and proper positioning on the court. This class is only for those who have not played before or are just learning the basics. (Limit 24)

Wednesday (8 sessions)

Commack Middle School Main Gym A/B

8-10PM

71TH. Pickleball Thursday **BEGINNER**

Pat Cunningham - IPTPA Certified

Beginner class will teach rules, strategy, scoring and proper positioning on the court. This class is only for those who have not played before or just learning the basics. (Limit 24)

Thursday (8 sessions)

Commack Middle School

Main Gym A/B 8-10PM

71THCHS. Pickleball Thursday

2.5 and above (no beginners)

Must know the basics of the game: scoring, positioning, rules and strategy. (Limit 30) Thursday (8 sessions)

South Gym

Commack High School

8-10PM

Elise Rubin

Joseph Pugh

Join other players for an evening of fun & competitive play. Basic skills, strategy, and game play will be Resident Fee: \$60 Thursday (8 sessions)

CHS North Gym

Non-Resident Fee: \$65 7-9PM CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$45

Participate bi-weekly in full and half-court basketball games both in a competitive and non-competitive setting. Adult men of all abilities are encouraged to join us every Monday and Wednesday (16 games total) for fun and friendly competition.

Monday First Class will begin on March 18th (8 sessions) Wednesday First Class begins on March 20th (8 sessions)

CHS North Gym

Non-Resident Fee: \$100 CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$60

78. Volleyball - Coed

8-10PM

Join other players for an evening of fun & a friendly environment. Players should know the basics of volleyball. Is still in the early learning stages of the game but knows the skills. Knows how to bump, set and spike skills, along with team playing experience. Willing to learn best practices for becoming a good player.

Thursday (8 sessions) CHS North Gym 8:00-10PM

Resident Fee: \$60 Non-Resident Fee: \$65 CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$45



79. Self Defense Michael Comerchero - Certified Black Belt Instructor

Have you ever found yourself in a potentially dangerous situation and felt like you didn't know what to do? Being able to avoid these situations and protect yourself and your family is one of the most important skills you can possess! Students in this class will learn real-life, practical self-defense that can be used in a variety of situations. Classes will cover a variety of scenarios while implementing basic striking (on pads), defenses against grabs, and self-defense on the ground. Students will be able to train these techniques, build confidence, and get a great workout under the constant supervision of a certified martial arts instructor in a safe and

Tuesday (8 sessions) CMS Wrestling Room 7:00-8PM



Resident Fee: \$60 Non-Resident Fee: \$65 CSD Senior Citizen Fee: \$45