

# HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

# SUMMER ENHANCEMENT 2018

CREATED BY STUDENTS OF DIGITAL JOURNALISM

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## JUNIOR BROADCAST JOURNALISTS CAPTURE ALL THINGS SUMMER ENHANCEMENT

Summer Enhancement is a wonderfully busy two weeks in which gifted students from Houston County gather to learn, enrich, and have fun! This year, Summer Enhancement offers 26 courses and have nearly 450 students enrolled. In Digital Journalism, we are able to experience all of the classes at Summer Enhancement while learning different techniques a journalist must have to be successful. We take pictures and videos with iPads and, write captions, conduct interviews, and create videos using YouTube. We're also responsible for the Open House and last day video. Please visit our website, listed below, for more pictures, interviews, and insight into all things Summer Enhancement!



### A BIT ABOUT DIGITAL JOURNALISM

In Digital Journalism, students are growing out of their shyness and becoming better speakers, writers, and technology users. Students interview, record, edit, produce, and have fun all while documenting the happenings of SE 2018.



### THE HOUSTON COUNTY WAY IS HERE AT SUMMER ENHANCEMENT.

- *Strive for excellence in all we do*
- *Have a professional attitude*
- *Go the extra mile*
- *Do things right; do the right thing*
- *Hard work, dedication, and love for children*

Written by: Ms. Canady & Mrs. Jones, Digital Journalism Instructors

Thank you for reading our students' publication. While we are mainly digital this year, this publication introduces readers to the twenty-six courses offered at Summer Enhancement. Students in our classes have spent their time observing, photographing, videoing, developing quality questions, interviewing, writing, revising, and reporting the daily activities. The goal of Digital Journalism at Summer Enhancement is to introduce students to the many facets of journalism in its evolving ways and to develop interpersonal skills.



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[HCSSSUMMERENHANCEMENT.WEEBLY.COM](http://HCSSSUMMERENHANCEMENT.WEEBLY.COM)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

## OUR DIGITAL JOURNALISTS VISIT 13WMAZ

Students enrolled in the Digital Journalism class at Summer Enhancement visited the 13WMAZ studio to learn the ins-and-outs of how a studio functions. Students took a tour of the studio, learned about equipment, and even got to experience life on the anchor desk and in front of the meteorologist's green screen. We appreciate Mr. Matt Daniel from 13WMAZ for showing us around the studio!





Gifted & Talented Education

Thanks to our students' writing and photography skills learned in Digital Journalism, enjoy the class offerings of SE 2018.

**BASEBALL / SOFTBALL:**

Powerful swings + proper technique + practice = perfect! In the baseball/softball class, students will participate in drills and a scrimmage to develop and improve their skills. With various methods of training, students are sure to leave this class a better athlete.



**BEGINNING KEYBOARD:**

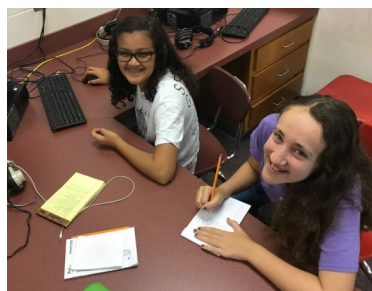
Keyboarding teaches students the basic notes and proper care for keyboards. It teaches students a few songs, proper hand positions, and shows students the power of chord improvisation as way to make their own music. Students will perform their newly-developed talents at Open House and on Closing day.



Digital Journalists Ari, Lauren, and Sara (above) are editing videos. Gavin, Will, and Eddie (below) are deciding which of their snapshots to share.

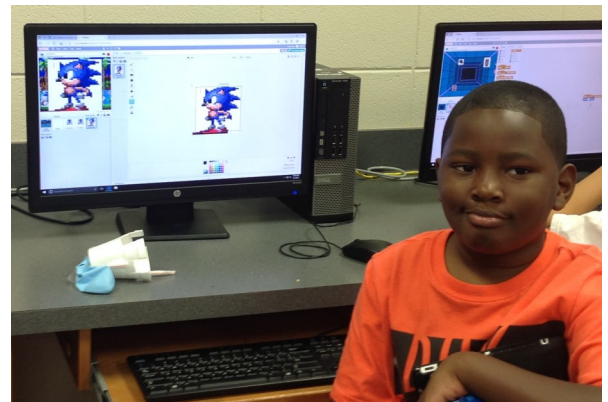


Digital Journalists Colby and Kamani (above) hard at work while Ananya and Kiersten (below) take a break from writing their overviews to smile.



**CAKE DECORATING:**

This class is spent learning patterns, designs, and techniques of proper cake decorating. They learn from their teacher and even visit Kroger to study under their pastry masters. A class favorite is decorating a set of cupcakes shaped like (and decorated like) a pizza! Yum!



**COMPUTER PROGRAM + GAME DESIGN:**

This class teaches students how to code games and animations. It can relate to more recent games and older ones too; for the more recent games, it takes lots of skill and time. Older games, such as Pong, are easier. This class develops skills that are needed for careers in game design, animation development, and artificial intelligence creation.



**COOL + CRAZY SCIENCE:**

Slimy, sticky, and stimulating science! In this class, students will have the chance to conduct messy experiments. Your mind will be blown with how ooey-and-goopy and fun the activities are. Don't be surprised when you leave this class having learned a lot while having the best time!



**CRAZY FOR CROSSFIT!:**

While tiring, crossfit is actually really fun! This class focuses on fun ways for kids to build up strength, endurance, and cardio. They work in stations: jumping on trampolines, throwing flat balls to the ground, using scooters, weights, and running all while listening to your favorite music. Complete a circuit, get healthy, and love Crossfit!



**CREATING MUSIC WITH iPADS:**

This class is designed for the musically inclined. Students learn basic notes, learn to play music, all from the comfort of an iPad. Students' musical creations are the background music for the end of year video shown at Open House and on closing day.



**DEBATE:**

In debate, classmates partner up and prep a topic to debate. Only two people debate at a time and the conversation is friendly and sometimes funny. Only one speaker can talk at a time and you must have three reasons for your argument. Each speaker gets a CX, when the speaker asks questions to the other for a short period.



**DRAMA:**

The class drama is all about theatre. The main point of the class is to enhance somebody's point of drama. They do a lot of projecting their voices and other acting drills. Most importantly, the drama class puts together a musical in just 8 days! This year, students will enjoy watching *Mary Poppins!*



**FUN WITH FOOD:**

Italian meatball sliders, pumpkin coffee cake, cheesy calzones—are you hungry yet? In this course, kids have the opportunity to make mouth-watering food in a safe kitchen environment. Not only do students have fun, they learn important rules of the kitchen and life skills (including that it's fun to play with your food).



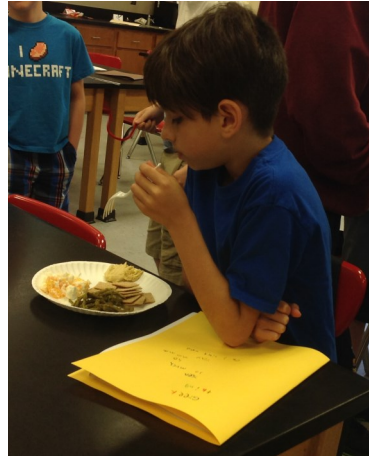




**GAMING WITH EXCEL:**  
 In this class, students learn how to make simple games, modify clip art, and create simple animations. Students make (and play) games, create quizzes, and randomizers. This class is designed for a student who loves gaming, understands math, and has a creative side!



**GOT CHOCOLATE?:**  
 Mmm.. What's that smell? Chocolate! In this sweet-smelling class, kids make chocolate creations and yummy treats to enjoy. In addition to making and tasting, students learn a lot about the history of chocolate and drawing chocolate wrappers. Sign us up!



**GREEK MYTHOLOGY:**  
 This class allows kids to learn and have fun at the same time. They learn about myths of the era (like Medusa and the Minotaur), taste foods that are similar to what the ancient Greeks ate and make weapons out of paper, such as spears, and useful items, such as torches. This is definitely a class that combines history, learning, and fun!



**HOOP IT UP:** In the basketball class they do drills for practice. Like in between the cones and figure eight. Also switching hands. The Coach said the main purpose is for the kids to have F-U-N Fun!



**iPAD POWER:**  
 The main idea of this class is to have fun and play games with technology who are sitting beside you. Students take scavenger hunts, use the device to retrieve information, and also to explore new apps.

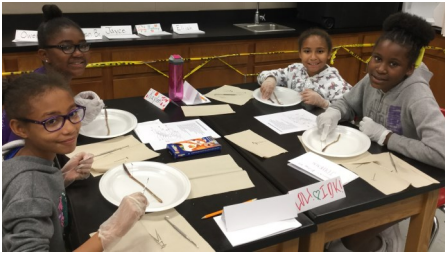


**IT'S A CIRCUS IN THERE:**  
 Step right up! The circus class teaches students low-impact gymnastics skills that are essential for the Big Top. While flexibility is needed for this activity, the class builds skills to improve. Students participate in jump rope, hand stands, and low-beam balancing to put on a show !



### KIDS BIOLOGY 101:

The main point of this class is to dissect frogs and worms while learning about their anatomy close up.



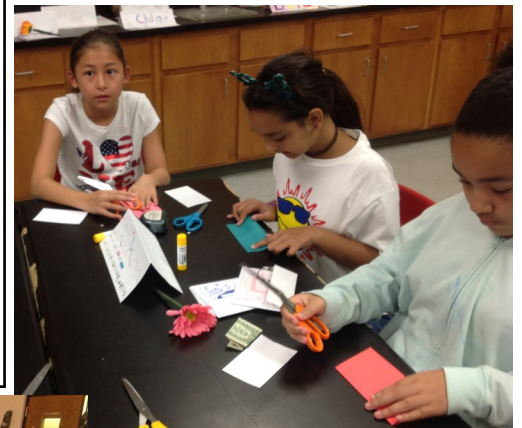
### KIDS FASHION + DESIGN:

In this class, students make creative clothing and accessories out of simple materials. Every year at Summer Enhancement, students display their work in a fashion show to show off their creations. At the end of the program, students can take home their creative bags, clothing, and accessories. Fashion forward!



### LET'S GET CRAFTY:

In this class, students can grow their artistic skills and make crafts like bookmarks, slime, or anything that involves using your hands to create. Products are both useful and cute. A class favorite is the monster bookmark; students fold paper into a bookmark that resembles a monster eating the page.



### MEDIEVAL TIMES:

The main idea of this class is to get kids interested in history and to see how different societies were during medieval times. You also learn your own family origins, make a family crest, raid classes, and build weapons. Every year they go to the Medieval Times Dinner Theatre in Atlanta!



### ROCKETRY:

Students learn how to build small rockets and get to launch them. This class takes teamwork and patience, as building and shooting rockets takes meticulous planning and focus. Students in this class study past rocket launches and flight attempts to learn the science behind this really cool class, opening their minds to the outer world—like space!



### SAVVY STRATEGIES:

This class focuses on logic in playing games. Students will learn important strategies (that are super savvy) in putting their mind in play and winning by out-thinking. Students learn the rules of a game, like chess, and then strategize.





## SURVIVE THE

### GREAT OUTDOORS:

In this class, students develop the skills essential for surviving outside with limited resources. Students learn about nature, harmful/helpful plants, and practice making tee-pee tents while having fun.



## TENNIS ROCKS!

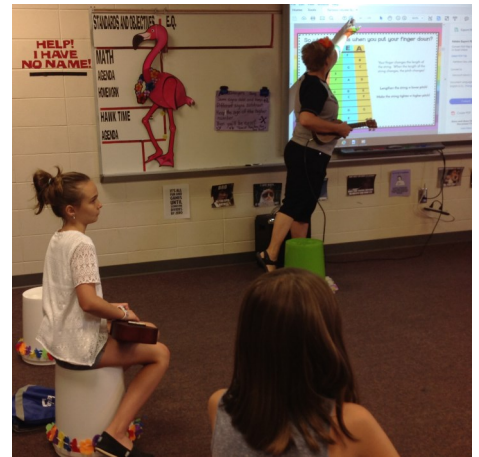
Tennis prepares students with the skills and techniques necessary for success in a tennis match. After mastering the rules of tennis and skills, such as a forehand, backhand, and serving, students go head-to-head in a tennis match.

Game. Set. Match!



## WHOKULELE? UKELELE!

This class teaches students how to play chords and songs on the ukulele. The experience is made authentic with Hawaiian leis and hula skirts to bring the festive sounds of the ukulele to life. You'll learn how to understand and read notes and perform at Open House and on the last day of SE!



## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Did you know that Summer Enhancement is Mrs. Jan Jacobsen's favorite part of her job as the Director of Gifted, Fine Arts, and AP education? She loves the opportunities for learning in authentic environments without school stressors, like grades. The staff at Summer Enhancement helps everything flow smoothly—from class selection to ease of dismissal. We are so grateful for the administration at SE who provide us with a fun and educational two weeks!



## STUDENT HELPERS:

Summer enhancement alumni, current high school students, and proud graduates of the Houston County School System compile the coolest staff of Summer Enhancement. They work arrival and dismissal, run snack distribution, and assist the faculty and administration in the behind-the-scenes efforts.

