

CLASS INFORMATION 2020-2021 School Year

THE PILLAR FOUNDATION

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PLEASE NOTE: *The Pillar Foundation is not a school, and we do not operate as one. We are a research organization that exists to help and assist homeschooling families. We do not take responsibility for the overall education of the students that take courses here. That responsibility belongs to the homeschooling parents.*

The Pillar Foundation is a nondenominational, private, charitable, educational foundation created to defend and propagate traditional Biblical Christianity. Our mission is to help prepare young Christians to be leaders in the next generation and to restore our nation's Christian heritage. As part of this mission, we presently offer courses to the homeschooling community at no charge.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year opens **Monday, May 18th at 9:00am**. We do not accept online registrations. **Please visit or call The Pillar Foundation Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm to register.** When you register for a course, you are making a commitment to complete the ENTIRE COURSE. If, however, you register for a course and need to cancel your registration before the course begins, please contact us immediately. Many of our classes have a waiting list, and your prompt notification gives another student the opportunity to take the class.

COST OF CLASSES

Pillar does not charge tuition or registration fees; however, students are responsible for the cost of books and their own supplies. Details regarding books and supplies required for each class will be sent to you in August.

CLASS LIMITS

As Pillar classes are intended to supplement, not replace, homeschooling, we limit each student to **3 courses per semester**. **Note:** Christian Self-government, Basic Car Care, Etiquette, and Sewing are exceptions to this rule.

MANDATORY CLASS - CHRISTIAN SELF-GOVERNMENT

Please be sure to read the very first course on our 2020-2021 class list. This describes the 2-hour self-government class that we expect each of our students and parents to attend. **This class is mandatory for first-time Pillar students and at least one parent.**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PILLAR GUIDELINES

On the reverse of this sheet you will find the "Pillar Guidelines." We ask both parents and students to read and understand these guidelines. You will be asked to sign this when you attend Christian Self-Government.

GRADE LEVEL REQUIREMENT FOR PILLAR CLASSES

Please note the grade requirements for each class. **Students wanting to enroll for courses above their grade level need the approval of the course instructor.** Students requesting to repeat a class will be put on a waiting list until first-time students have a chance to register for that class.

LENDING LIBRARY

Our library of over 7,000 books, videos, and periodicals is of special interest to homeschoolers and is available for all homeschooling families to use. You are invited to visit us, see our facility, talk to our staff, and browse our library.

PILLAR SCHEDULE

CLASSES BEGIN -	Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Thanksgiving Break -	Wednesday, November 25 - Friday, November 27, 2020
1st Semester Ends -	Thursday, December 17, 2020
2nd Semester Begins -	Monday, January 4, 2021
Spring Break -	Monday, March 15 - Friday, March 19, 2021
CLASSES END -	Thursday, May 13, 2021
Other Holidays -	<u>Pillar is NOT closed for other holidays.</u> Teachers may cancel individual classes, but Pillar will remain open.
Snow Cancellations -	Pillar will observe a snow day when Rockwood School District has a snow day.
Pillar Business Hours -	Monday - Thursday, 9am - 5pm

PILLAR GUIDELINES

PARENTS AND STUDENTS,

As The Pillar Foundation and the homeschooling community continue to grow, we feel it is necessary to communicate some important issues concerning our mission and guidelines. **Please read carefully.** Another copy of this form will be given to you when you attend Christian self-government.

At that time, you will be asked to sign the bottom in acknowledgment that you understand these guidelines.

The Pillar Foundation fully supports homeschooling and is **not** intended to be a substitute. We are happy to offer education that supplements homeschooling and are encouraged by the response of students who really want to learn. We ask that parents actively keep track of how their children are performing in our classes. Please know that we are always available for any questions or concerns you might have.

STUDENT ATTITUDE

Classes at The Pillar Foundation are made possible by many teachers who volunteer their time. These classes are available to all **mature** students who are **serious about learning, have a positive attitude, and are respectful to teachers, fellow students, and the facilities.** We will contact the parents of students who do not display these qualities, and those students may be asked to leave class.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Parents, you should regularly follow up with your students and their teachers to address their attendance, attitude, and performance on homework, quizzes, and tests as if you were teaching them at home. Monitoring your student's performance is of paramount importance, especially as each Pillar instructor will handle assessments, tests, and grading differently. Remember, Pillar is not a school. Teachers may or may not assign a grade, but Pillar does keep an informal record of grades that are assigned.

DRESS EXPECTATIONS

As we espouse a Christian worldview, we expect our students to dress in a way that honors God, not the world. Students are expected to dress modestly. Anyone who is inappropriately dressed will be asked to change or go home. We also ask that you do **not wear hats** in class.

CLASSES

1. Most of our classes are recorded on DVD or Vimeo. Class DVDs may be borrowed and are found in the back of their respective classroom. Please return class DVDs to the **classroom (not the library)**. If your classroom utilizes Vimeo, you may watch a missed class online.
2. If you have questions regarding your class material or homework assignment, please contact the instructor.
3. Please be on time for classes! Arriving late is disrespectful to your instructors and disturbs other students. If class has begun when you enter, **please respect the prayer and pledge by not moving around.**
4. Reminder – **no** food or drinks in the classroom.
5. All cell phone use during class is **strictly prohibited.**

MISSING CLASS

When a student misses a class, it is the student's and parents' responsibility to:

1. Notify your teacher ahead of time if you know that you will miss a class.
2. Contact your teacher (via telephone or e-mail) to make arrangements regarding homework, quizzes, and tests. Please turn in homework on time and respect your teacher's efforts to teach the class.
3. Get all handouts and a DVD (if available) from the missed class **before the class meets again so you will be ready to participate.** Please see a Pillar staff member for assistance.

STUDENT FACILITY USE

1. **A phone for student use is available in the hallway off the main foyer. No social calls please!**
2. **Lunch and snacks may be eaten in the Student Break Room. A refrigerator and microwave are available.** Please do **not** take food or drink out of the Break Room, and please **clean up after yourself!**
3. Staff desks, computers, and the staff break room are off-limits to students. Two student computers (with internet connection) and a printer are available in the library.
4. Please do not play the piano unless you have permission from the Pillar Staff.