Catskill Area School Study Council

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To: Enrichment Seminar Contacts, Building Principal
From: Catskill Area School Study Council
Date: August 2026
Re: Fall 2026 Saturday Enrichment Seminar Program

Program information for the fall Saturday Enrichment Seminar Program (Grades 3-8) We are excited about the courses this year!

If your school uses parent communication apps like Parentsquare, Facebook, email Listserve, or the website to communicate enrichment opportunities with families in your district, please include an announcement about this program, and link to our website, where they can download the forms at https://www.oncboces.org/page/enrichment-seminar-program-and-forms

Program Details:

- **4- Week Seminar Class**: (Grades 3-8) Oct 17, 24, Nov.7, 14. Meeting times: 9:30am-12:00pm. Cost: $70 per student.

Registration Process:

- Send home Program packets with students ASAP. Since different districts divide their grades in a variety of configurations, if you received packets for grades you do not serve, please forward them to your colleague in the appropriate building.
- Add any instructions pertinent to your district regarding how parents are to return the forms to your school. All forms and payments go through the school. CASSC does not process any payments.
- Upon receipt of registration forms from students, email to cpalm@oncboces.org or fax to 607-436-2015 both the Student Information Form and Standard Release Form. Some programs fill up quickly so please forward them as soon as you receive them. Complete the attached *Registration Form* listing all the students and course selections on or immediately after the **registration deadline of September 24**

Scholarships:

- Through generous support of the SUNY Oneonta Lawrence Heldman Fund, CASSC is offering a limited number of Scholarships based on family need. Schools are allocated 1-2 scholarships.

Confirmation Information:

- Confirmation Packets and Instructions will be sent to you to distribute to students after the registration deadline.

We appreciate your assistance in distributing information about this program to students and their families. If you have questions, please contact us at 607-436-2533 or email cpalm@oncboces.org.

We thank you for your support of this program that began in 1971!

Encl: District Registration Form, Scholarship Information

District CASSC Enrichment Registration Form Fall 2026 (Grade 3-8)

Deadline to register: September 24, 2026 by email cpalm@oncboces.org or Fax: (607) 436-2015

Questions: Call Carolyn Leon-Palm at CASSC (607) 436-2533

District/Bldg:_____ Fax:_____ Phone:_____

Contact Person:_____ email: _____

Student Name	Grade	SI Form	Date Rec'd	Scholarship Requested? Y or N
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All registrations and payments must come through the school district. Your BOCES will bill the school at the end of the program. **This program operates on a first-come-first-served basis. It is in your students' best interest to submit any registered students' information as you receive it.**

✷ **REQUIRED INFORMATION**: Provide phone numbers to call early Saturday mornings in the event of last-minute cancellation or postponement due to inclement weather (principal, guidance counselor):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

District Admin or Superintendent:_____

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(Signed once roster is complete)

Scholarship Suggested Guidelines

We are excited to offer Scholarships to students with financial need again this year. We have 22 total scholarships available, **1-2** per district (more if funds are available). CASSC will not determine scholarship eligibility, this will be done by each school district. Not all schools will request a scholarship therefore you may submit a request for more than one and we will use the date submitted to award any unused scholarships. We urge you to keep in close contact with Carolyn as we get close to the deadline to determine if extra scholarships can be awarded to your district. We want to make sure all scholarships are awarded!

Suggested Criteria

- Family with demonstrated financial need (District determines this)
- Student Interest
- Attendance of the student. Is the student able to get to the program each Saturday?
- Timely return of registration form and application if scholarship is requested

Scholarship "Application" Questions

You may choose to use an additional "application" for students who are requesting support. Below are a couple of questions you might consider asking the child and family to answer in support of their scholarship request.

1. Tell me why you are interested in taking this class.
2. The Enrichment program is held on 4 Saturdays. Are you able to attend all 4 classes?

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