

**American Sign Language I**

**Tuesdays 1:00-2:30**

**Grade Level: 7-12\*\***

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**Student Fee: \$35**

**Class size: 8 max**

Class will meet for one hour each week with additional home practice. Students will build a vocabulary base and acquire knowledge of the basic structures of American Sign Language through drills and exercises, vocabulary, and dialogues. We will work towards developing both expressive and receptive skills.

In addition to class work with the text, students should review vocabulary daily. They may be asked to prepare sentences from the study guide exercises which they will sign in class the following week.

Students will be provided with a translated scripture verse booklet. There will be a scripture assigned for memorization each week. In addition, a fingerseek (wordsearch in the manual alphabet) and an article on Deaf culture/current issues with corresponding comprehension questions will be assigned weekly.

Students will prepare a short research project for display at the Year End Event. As a class, in the spring we will translate a song or skit to perform at the YEE.

Internet accessibility is required. There are a variety of resources available to us on the Web, and we are making increasing use of these. I will supply any links required for homework in an e-mail so that you can access it easily. You should make sure that your computer supports the use of media player or Adobe flash player, or similar programs. There are also several sites that I will recommend for online dictionaries.

**Required Texts:** A Basic Course in American Sign Language,  
Tom Humphries, Carol Padden and Terrence J. O'Rourke  
**ISBN-10:** 0932666248  
Student Study Guide to a Basic Course in American Sign Language,  
Frances De Capite  
**ISBN-10:** 0932666337

ASL I will cover lessons 1-11. Several church families have these sets, which they may be willing to loan or sell, and I have one or two extra copies you may borrow. There are used copies available on the Internet. Older editions are fine, as I own both editions, and the differences are small.

I will provide a binder with dividers for each student.

**Goals:** My goal is to build students' skill and confidence such that they may be able to reach out to our Deaf members and visitors and develop relationships with them.

\*\*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders must be disciplined to complete work regularly and independently.