



Palos Verdes Intermediate School - Summer 2023

Teacher	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
Lacey Blankenship	Chef*	Chef*	Chef*	Chef*
Mike Barr	Ceramics*	Ceramics*	Ceramics*	Ceramics*
Sue Demerjian	Broadcast Journalism	Broadcast Journalism	Video Production	Video Production
Jacquelyn Starodub	Pathway to PVCM 6 Accelerated (Periods 1 and 2)		Creative Robotics (Periods 3 and 4)	
Michael Fajardo	Math 8 Intro	Math 7 Intro	Math 6 Intro	Math 6 Intro
Kurt Hay	Financial Literacy	Financial Literacy	Keyboarding	Keyboarding
Lyndsey Kier	Chem Lab+*	Chem Lab+*	Mad Scientists+*	Mad Scientists+*
David Lee	Around the World in 18 Days	Math Whiz	Around the World in 18 Days	Math 7 Intro
Allison Ruvelcaba	Team Sports	Team Sports	Team Sports	Team Sports
Mariano Sanz	PV Capstone	PV Capstone	Advanced Spanish	Advanced Spanish
Marisa Scott	Introduction to Spanish	Keys to Success in 6 th Grade	Introduction to Spanish	Keys to Success in 6 th Grade
Maria Zarro-Anaya	Creative Writing	Around the World in 18 Days	Creative Writing	Around the World in 18 Days

†SPECIAL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT: Students starting after June 20th may not enroll in ChemLab or Mad Scientist as mandatory safety instruction takes place the first three days of school; *\$20 mandatory materials fee

Course Descriptions

ADVANCED SPANISH: Mr. Sanz

Want to improve your Spanish skills while learning about Spanish culture? In Advanced Spanish, you'll review concepts from your previous Spanish courses and practice your skills while learning about Spanish food, daily life, music, and more! This class is a good fit for students who have already taken Spanish 1 or 2 or students who speak Spanish at home.

AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTEEN DAYS: Mrs. Zarro-Anaya

Join us as we travel around the world, investigating and experiencing art, language, geography, music, history, food, games and daily life around the globe.

BEGINNING SPANISH: Mrs. Scott

Se aprende hacienda—in doing we learn. Have fun learning to speak, read, and write a new language. Develop basic Spanish vocabulary. Very helpful for students who plan to study Spanish in the future.

BROADCAST JOURNALISM: Mrs. Demerjian

Students will learn the basics of interviewing, researching, and how to put together a video story using Final Cut Pro. They will have access to our own broadcasting equipment including cameras, lighting, microphones, and our green screen. Students will produce, direct,

edit, and anchor news programs that will be broadcast to our school and online community on our website.

CERAMICS: Mr. Barr

A complete course in designing, forming, decorating, and glazing pottery. Learn basic hand building techniques including pinch, slab (tile making), and sculpture.

CHEF'S CORNER: Mrs. Blankenship

Discover the fun of being a chef. Prepare everything from fancy hors d'oeuvres to luscious desserts. Make pasta, pizza, tostadas, and more. Students may be exposed to tree nuts, almonds, eggs, seeds and dairy. **Not recommended for students with food allergies.**

CHEMLAB: Mrs. Kier

Explore the world of chemistry through extensive laboratory experimentation. Learn about acid-based chemistry, molecular composition and decomposition. Fun experiments may include candy and ice cream making, safely using a Bunsen Burner to read the line emission spectrum in different chemicals, creating chemical reaction poppers, as well as explore the "magic" of polymerization.

CREATIVE ROBOTICS (Two Hour Block): Mrs. Starodub

Join this hands-on Femineers® STEAM **two-period block course**. This nationally recognized curriculum was created and designed by Cal Poly Pomona College of Engineering to inspire females in grades 6-12 to pursue STEM careers, but all students will enjoy this engaging course! Students will develop real-world engineering skills to design, create, decorate and build a finished product using microprocessors, LEDs, motors and sensors.

CREATIVE WRITING: Mrs. Zarro-Anaya

Do you love to write? This is a class for all you aspiring authors. Create short stories, poems, perhaps the first chapter of your novel, and much more. Respond to a variety of prompts designed to stimulate creative ideas and innovative thinking.

FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR TEENS : Mr. Hay

This course is designed to introduce students to basic personal finance skills that are relevant to the lives of teens. Main topics include but are not limited to: Investing, Borrowing, Money Management, Earning Power and how money works in the real world.

KEYBOARDING & MORE: Mr. Hay

Learn to type accurately on the computer with proper finger positions, without looking at the keyboard. You will be introduced to all of the letters and numbers using computer based programs, in addition to various drills to increase your speed. Some Power Point and Excel may be included.

KEYS TO SUCCESS IN 6TH GRADE: Mrs. Scott

Learn everything you need to know about your new school and campus—from finding your classrooms and lockers to organizing your time. Survival skills such as designing a study environment at home to note-taking, outlining and library resource skills will be included. Learn techniques for increasing your speed and accuracy on tests while reducing anxiety. Have fun while building confidence in your ability to succeed in this next step in your life.

MAD SCIENTISTS: Mrs. Kier

Sharpen up your science lab skills in this science "FUN"damentals course! Review the science methods that we use in a middle school science lab by measuring and making observations, writing a hypothesis, and conducting an experiment to gather and analyze the results! Labs will include finding the density of your favorite candies, making and flying paper airplanes, preparing microscope slides and learning to use a microscope, extracting DNA, navigating the rock cycle, and using science to make smores and ice cream!

MATH 6 INTRO: Mr. Fajardo

This class is for incoming 6th graders working at grade level and coded for regular PVCM 6 in the fall, as well as incoming 7th graders needing additional support. This class will cover whole number arithmetic, writing and calculating rational numbers (fractions and decimals), divisibility rules, number theory, and mathematical puzzles.

MATH 7 INTRO: Mr. Lee

This class is for students coded into PVCM 6 Accelerated or PVCM 7, and 8th graders needing additional support. This class will cover integer arithmetic, the real number system, order of operations,

variables and expressions, equations and inequalities, ratios and proportions, and mathematical puzzles. Incoming 6th graders must be coded for PVCM 6 Accelerated in the fall.

MATH 8 INTRO: Mr. Fajardo

This class is for students coded into PVCM 7 / 8 Accelerated or incoming 8th graders coded for PVCM 8 in the fall. This class will cover solving simple and complex equations, angles and triangles, graphing and writing single and systems of linear equations, functions, real numbers, the Pythagorean Theorem and mathematical puzzles.

MATH WHIZ: Mr. Lee

This class is for students coded into Math 6 Accelerated in the fall. This class will cover arithmetic and advanced problem solving. Students will test their wits on a variety of brain teasers and mathematical puzzles as well as explore some of the skills needed in math competitions.

PALOS VERDES CAPSTONE: Mr. Sanz

Ready to take the next step as a middle schooler? Do you want to sharpen your skills while developing as a leader on campus? Join PV Capstone where you'll learn about time management, organization systems, test taking skills, and so much more. Students in PV Capstone will also take time to support their peers on campus with leadership and school spirit opportunities. This course is a good fit for 7th and 8th grade students who want to improve their student skills and want to be involved in on campus activities.

Pathway to PVCM 6 Accelerated (Two-hour block):

Mrs. Starodub

This **two-period block course** is available to current 5th grade students who would benefit from further instruction to prepare for entrance into PVCM 6 Accelerated in sixth grade. Completion of this course will strengthen students' mathematical skill base, provide a stronger foundation of conceptual understanding and better prepare students for the fast pace and rigor associated with the accelerated-level coursework. PVPUSD encourages students to attend this summer program (or enroll in an independent study option**) particularly if the student was not initially recommended by his or her fifth grade teacher for the PVCM 6 Accelerated course.

TEAM SPORTS: Ms. Ruvalcaba

Share the ball, share the fun! Learn team play and its importance to group games such as soccer, basketball, flag football and softball. Play your favorite games and some you haven't tried before. High level of physical fitness and activity. Team sports are an important component of youth development. Perfect class to have fun, socialize, and get some exercise.

VIDEO PRODUCTION: Mrs. Demerjian

Create quality video projects using Apple's iMovie and Final Cut X editing programs. Work collaboratively to film and create short films, commercials, movie trailers, sports clips and more. Learn to incorporate custom music (GarageBand) for your projects, add video, audio and special effects to create packages, Public Service Announcements and more.