



Miraleste Intermediate - Summer 2026

Grades 6 – 8
June 15th-July 10th (M-F), no class on 6/19 and 7/3

Teacher	Period 1 - 8:00-9:30	Period 2 - 9:40-10:55	Period 3 - 11:15-12:30	Period 4 - 1:00-2:15
Academic Chess - Staff				Chess \$250
Anderson		Stage Performance: Acting & Public Speaking \$250	Technical Theater: Costume, Makeup & Mask Design \$270*	Stage Performance: Singing \$250
Bellows	Chef's Corner \$340*	Chef's Corner \$290*	Chef's Corner \$290*	Chef's Corner \$290*
Cheski		D&D - \$250	D&D - \$250	
Chetanna	Intro to Math 6 \$300	Around the World \$270*	Keys to Success in 6 th grade \$250	
Daley	Sports Mash-Up \$300	Sports Mash-Up \$250	Sports Mash-Up \$250	
Hargis	Drawing & Painting \$320*	Needlecraft \$270*	Drawing & Painting \$270*	
Kroon	Intro to Math 7 \$300	Marine Biology† \$270*	Marine Biology† \$270*	Fantasy Baseball \$250
Thomas	STEM: Create, Build, Test & Improve \$320*	STEM: Create, Build, Test & Improve \$270*	STEM: Create, Build, Test & Improve \$270*	

Grades 7 – 8
June 15th-July 2nd (M-Th)

Instructor	Block 1 - 8:00-10:00	Block 2 - 10:30-12:30
SCROC	"Hair We Are!" an Introduction to Cosmetology Love is in the Hair! \$250	"Hair We Are!" an Introduction to Cosmetology Nailed it! \$250
SCROC	Introduction to Welding \$250	Introduction to Welding \$250

*Includes \$20 materials fee, Chef class includes \$40 supply fee

†SPECIAL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT: Students starting after June 15th may not enroll in Marine Biology as mandatory safety instruction takes place the first three days of school.

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ACADEMIC CHESS: Academic Chess Staff

Academic Chess welcomes students of all skill levels and provides a supportive environment where students learn, play, and develop strategic thinking. Students are introduced to advanced chess concepts such as tactics, planning, positional play, and tournament strategy while strengthening critical thinking, focus, and resilience. Each class includes interactive lessons followed by guided gameplay, allowing students to immediately apply what they learn. The program includes a friendly tournament where students compete to win medals, encouraging sportsmanship and healthy competition.

AROUND THE WORLD: Mrs. Chetanna

Taste mochi from Japan and tamales from Mexico. Make African masks. Play fun games from Australia. Join us as we travel around the world investigating and experiencing art, language, geography, music, history, food, games and daily life from different locations around the globe.



Malynn Chetanna has worked at Miraleste for almost 30 years teaching social studies and math. She currently teaches 6th and 7th grade social studies. She enjoys exploring cultures in a fun, relaxed summer school environment in Around the World and looks forward to meeting incoming 6th

graders a little early and help them feel comfortable about starting a brand-new school in August.

CHEF'S CORNER: Miss Bellows

Bon Appetit... discover the fun of being a chef and working in a kitchen with friends. Prepare fancy hors d'oeuvres, luscious desserts, perfect pasta, amazing pizza, and more. Students may be exposed to tree nuts, almonds, eggs, seeds, and dairy. Not recommended for students with food allergies.



Ms. Bellows is excited to share her love of cooking with students this summer. As a middle school teacher from 2018-2024, and now a high school teacher at Peninsula High, she has worked with students of varying abilities and ages!

DRAWING AND PAINTING: Ms. Hargis

Learn the basics of pen and ink drawing, sketching, and perspective. Have fun using watercolor, tempera, charcoal, and pastels. Watch your creativity come to life.



Meet Ms. Hargis! During the school year, she teaches science, but in the summer, she brings her passion for art to life by teaching drawing, painting, and needlecraft. As an artist herself, teaching art is the highlight of her year. She loves watching her students grow in confidence

and discover the joy of creating their own masterpieces. Whether guiding them through a painting technique or helping them build with clay, Ms. Hargis thrives on seeing her students embrace their creativity and develop a deep love for art.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS: DM Erik Cheski and Dungeons on the Go

If you are ready for an epic adventure, look no further than this D&D Class with DM Erik. Students will take two days to build epic characters, focusing on not just the abilities but the stories that brought them to adventure in the first place. Over the next weeks, these heroes will fight (mostly), negotiate (sometimes), navigate dangers together (50/50), and grow (LEVELING UP) as they meet challenge after challenge in a four-week-long story where they are the protagonists (and sometimes antagonists). An ongoing rich quest where their every decision will affect the world around them and build stories that will last a lifetime.



Erik is an Eagle Scout, actor, and DM from the East Coast who has appeared in national tours as well as off-Broadway. Over the past seven years he's focused on teaching D&D and other TTRPGs to new players of all ages, running games in comic book shops, living rooms, gathering halls, and now The Hero

Workshop in Culver City. His focus is on communal storytelling and creating a safe, empowering environment where players can truly explore with support. When not rolling dice, he likes playing video games with (and without) his kids and exploring biking trails.

FANTASY BASEBALL: Mr. Kroon

Pick your players, make your team, and count the stats! Spend four weeks designing and participating in a fantasy baseball league. Along the way, you will also make your own baseball board game and learn some of the history surrounding America's greatest pastime. Play ball!



With over 20 years of experience teaching math and coaching at Miraleste Intermediate School, Mr. Kroon enjoys spending summer school sharing his love of the ocean and its creatures through his marine biology course. He has taught with PVPSS summer school for the last 15 years and sees it as an opportunity for students to enjoy a project and group-based learning environment without the pressure

of the regular school year. Every year, he looks forward to introducing students to new and fascinating animals and the wonder of our ocean.

KEYS TO SUCCESS IN 6TH GRADE: Mrs. Chetanna

Discover the essential keys to success in middle school! Sixth graders will kick off the school year with confidence after this exciting, active and informative class. Uncover the secrets to mastering your new campus, from unlocking the mysteries of the lunch period and those pesky padlocks to rocking those PE uniforms. Dive into the details of a full school day, learn the intricacies of all the exciting clubs and activities and gain survival skills for organization, test taking, note taking and more to ensure a stellar start to your middle school journey.

MARINE BIOLOGY: Mr. Kroon

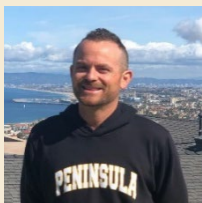
Discover the wonderful underwater world in this class. Acquire an appreciation and knowledge of the ocean and its inhabitants from the great whales to the tiny crustaceans that they eat. Includes dissection of marine life and microscope use.

NEEDLECRAFT: Ms. Hargis

Dive into the vibrant world of fiber and thread! Hand sew, stitch, and crochet your way through projects you can wear, display, or gift—all bursting with your personal style. Think of it as painting with fibers: every knot, loop, and stitch adds color, texture, and movement to your creations. By the end of summer, you'll have a gallery of unique works, plus the skills and confidence to keep crafting long after the course ends.

SPORTS MASH-UP: Mr. Daley

Sports Mash-Up is a fun, high-energy class where students get to play and learn a variety of different sports and games throughout the summer. Instead of focusing on just one sport, we'll mix things up with activities like futsal, pickleball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, and other team games. The class focuses on building basic skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship while staying active and having fun. It's perfect for students who enjoy trying new sports, playing games with friends, and staying active in a supportive environment.



With 19 years of experience in education, including 15 years at Peninsula High and 4 years in elementary school, Mr. Daley is a passionate PE teacher and coach specializing in boys' soccer, flag football, and lacrosse. Holding a Master's in Coaching and Athletic Administration, he is also a certified personal trainer and soccer coach, dedicated to leading

strength and fitness classes, wellness programs, and fostering a culture of health and teamwork at Peninsula High.

STAGE PERFORMANCE – ACTING AND PUBLIC**SPEAKING:** Ms. Anderson

Command the stage with confidence and creativity! Ready to captivate an audience? In this engaging summer course, you'll develop essential acting and public speaking skills that transform nervous energy into powerful presence. Learn to deliver compelling monologues, collaborate with fellow performers, and speak with clarity and conviction—all while building unshakeable stage confidence. Perfect for: Students ready to find their voice, tell their stories, and own the stage!

- Master foundational acting techniques for solo and ensemble performances
- Write original scripts and bring them to life on stage
- Take creative risks and discover your unique performance style
- Develop public speaking fundamentals: projection, articulation, and audience connection
- Build genuine confidence through hands-on practice and supportive feedback



With over 25 years of teaching experience across classroom Music, Theater, English, and Choir, Ms. Anderson brings boundless energy and expertise to every classroom. She taught for more than a decade as a Music Specialist with PVPUSD, inspiring students from TK through 5th grade, and for the past two years has been directing vibrant theater and choir programs as a full

time Middle School teacher. Ms. Anderson is thrilled to teach summer school with PEF again, where she creates dynamic, hands-on learning experiences in a relaxed and collaborative environment. She believes small class sizes allow for meaningful connections and personalized support, helping each student discover their unique talents and leave the program with greater confidence and skill. Her warm, supportive teaching style makes learning fun while keeping

high standards—the perfect recipe for a memorable summer school experience!

STAGE PERFORMANCE – SINGING: Ms. Anderson

Shine on stage and find your voice! In this dynamic summer course, you'll discover the performer within you. Learn essential singing techniques for solo and group performances, whether you're singing acoustically or with a microphone. Through hands-on instruction, you'll build confidence, expand your musical repertoire, and develop skills that will serve you in auditions and performances for years to come. Perfect for: Students ready to step into the spotlight and unleash their inner star! ★

Master fundamental singing techniques and vocal development

- Select and rehearse songs that showcase your unique style
- Collaborate with classmates in group and choir singing experiences
- Create a music video project alongside your peers
- Perform in a final concert celebration

STEM: CREATE, BUILD, TEST AND IMPROVE:

Mrs. Thomas

Get ready for an exciting hands-on journey into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)!

- CREATE, TEST, SHARE & EXPLORE – Dive into the Engineering Design Process and bring ideas to life!
- Build & Code – Learn basic coding and design tailored for your age group.
- Hands-on Engineering – Work with VEX GO, VEX IQ, and other cool tools to tackle fun challenges!

Perfect for young innovators who love to build, experiment, and problem-solve in a fun, interactive environment! Join us this summer!



Lily Thomas is a retired NASA engineer who loves teaching kids to explore through STEM. As a STEM instructor she loves teaching students that their possibilities are endless if they set their minds to it. As a fitness instructor at the YMCA she loves to teach that through discipline comes perseverance. "Every strike brings me closer to the next home run" Babe Ruth.

TECHNICAL THEATER – COSTUME, MAKEUP & MASK**DESIGN:** Ms. Anderson

Bring characters to life through creative design and artistry! Transform yourself through the art of theatrical design! In this hands-on summer course, you'll craft custom masks using papier-mâché and imaginative embellishments, design coordinating costumes, and master theatrical makeup techniques. Watch your creations come alive as you collaborate with classmates to produce a theatrical or music video showcase. Perfect for: Creative students who love hands-on projects, character design, and bringing imagination to the stage!

- Design and build unique theatrical masks using papier-mâché, paint, and creative materials
- Create costume pieces that complement your mask design
- Learn professional theatrical makeup application techniques
- Produce a theatrical or music video featuring your mask, costume, and makeup artistry
- Collaborate with peers on a final presentation that showcases your complete vision

Math Course Descriptions

INTRO TO MATH 6 (INTRO TO PVCM 6): Mrs. Chetanna
This class is for incoming 6th graders working at grade level and coded for regular Math 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.

INTRO TO MATH 7 (INTRO TO PVCM 7): Mr. Kroon
This class is for students coded into Math 6 Accel or Math 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 Math 6 Accel in the fall.

Math Placement Guide

Students will receive their math placement recommendations from their home schools prior to the start of our summer enrollment. Please use the guide below to choose your student's summer math class. If you have any questions about placement after receiving the recommendations, please speak to your student's current math teacher.

Student is Recommended for	Student should enroll in
PVCM 6	Intro to Math 6
PVCM 6 Accelerated	Intro to Math 7 or Pathway to 6 Accelerated
Waiving into PVCM 6 Accelerated	Pathway to PVCM 6 Accelerated
PVCM 7	Intro to Math 7
PVCM 7/8 Acc	Intro to Math 8 or Pathway to 7/8 Accelerated
Waiving into PVCM 7/8 Accelerated	Pathway to PVCM 7/8 Accelerated
PVCM 8	Intro to Math 8
Algebra 1 from PVCM 7	Bridge to Algebra at PVHS
Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 H for advanced 8th graders	Algebra 1 & Algebra 2 Prep Workshop at PVHS
Geometry or Geometry Honors for Advanced 9th graders	Geometry Prep Workshop at PVHS

Grade 7-8 Course Descriptions

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INTRODUCTION TO WELDING: SCROC

This class will highlight the basics of welding as a process to join metals together using heat, cover key safety procedures, expose you to different welding techniques like oxy-acetylene and stick welding, and even allow you to practice simple welding projects. Students will be in a setting that provides hands-on experience with the tools and equipment involved in metal fabrication and power brushing.

- Introduction to metal joinery
- Safety procedures
- Various welding techniques
- Hands-on use of tools and safety equipment

“HAIR WE ARE!” AN INTRODUCTION TO COSMETOLOGY: SCROC

Do you love playing with hair? Want to re-create trending makeup and nail art you see on social media? Sign up for this course to learn how to best express your individual style within the scope of cosmetology. This course is not just about acquiring technical skills. It's about unlocking your creativity and passion for making people feel beautiful. Join us for an exciting journey where you'll learn, create, and discover the artistry within you. Get ready to turn your love for beauty into a skill set that will last a lifetime!

SESSION A - 8:00AM-10:00AM:

Love is in the Hair!

- Proper hair care
- Blowouts
- Thermal curling and straightening
- Braiding (3D Fishtail, DNA braid, Bushel, and Zipper)

SESSION B - 10:30AM-12:30PM:

Nailed it!

- Proper Nail Care
- Manicures
- Nail Art: Rhinestones, glitter, hand-painted designs