



## Palos Verdes Intermediate School - Summer 2026

### Grades 6 – 8

June 15<sup>th</sup>-July 10<sup>th</sup> (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
<b>Academic Chess - Staff</b>		Chess \$250	Chess \$250	
<b>Demerjian</b>	Broadcast Journalism \$300	Content Creator \$250	Content Creator \$250	Broadcast Journalism \$250
<b>Fajardo</b>	Intro to Math 6 \$300	Keys to Success in 6 <sup>th</sup> grade \$250	Keys to Success in 6 <sup>th</sup> grade \$250	Intro to Math 7 \$250
<b>Kafe-ee</b>	Chef's Corner* \$340	Chef's Corner* \$290		
<b>Slaught</b>	Intro to Math 6 \$300	Drawing & Painting* \$270	Pickleball \$250	
<b>Starodub</b>	Pathway to Math 6 Accel \$300	Needlecraft \$270*		Intro to Math 8 \$250
<b>Tiedemann</b>	Texture Painting* \$320	Character Design and World Building* \$270	Intro to Portraiture and Figure Drawing* \$270	Artistic Identity Exploration and Portfolio Development \$270*
<b>Wuebker-Stoddart</b>	Write Like a Pro: Introduction to Essay Writing \$300	Write Like a Pro: Introduction to Essay Writing \$250	Story Telling Lab: Creative Writing \$250	
<b>Young</b>		Sports Mash-Up \$250	Sports Mash-Up \$250	

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

## Grades 6-8 Course Descriptions

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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.

### **ARTISTIC IDENTITY EXPLORATION AND PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT:** Ms. Tiedemann

This class is for passionate art students who want to develop their individual art styles, explore the art historical roots of their current aesthetics, and create original, intentional artwork. With one-on-one instruction, group critiques, and lots of studio time, students will begin to develop their artistic voices and build a strong portfolio.



*Emma Tiedemann is a studio artist and art educator based in Los Angeles. She is passionate about visual art and helping her students to express themselves creatively. She believes that doing art makes life better! It helps us manage stress, understand the world around*

*us, and communicate powerful ideas. She hopes to help her students develop lifelong art practices.*

### **BROADCAST JOURNALISM:** Mrs. Demerjian

This summer in Broadcast Journalism, kids will have an awesome time learning about broadcasting. You will learn about how to interview people, design a video story, anchor a show, edit using Final Cut Pro, and how to plan video stories for a show as a producer and director. We will have all the equipment you need including iMac's, software, studio lights, a green screen, tripods, and various cameras. We will put together a few news shows during summer school.



*During the school year, Ms. Demerjian teaches social studies, yearbook, and the award-winning broadcast news show the Sea King News at PVIS. She is excited to teach broadcasting this summer and to create a summer news show. In addition, Ms. Demerjian will be teaching Content Creator where students will produce a variety of content including creating*

*short films, commercials/ advertising, and video stories.*

### **CHARACTER DESIGN AND WORLD BUILDING:**

Ms. Tiedemann

If you're interested in animation, comics, video games, or have a big imagination, then this class is for you! Students will learn how to develop their own unique characters and the environments they live in. We will learn about shape language, color palette, and engage with a variety of graphic art styles in this imagination-focused art class.

### **CHEF'S CORNER:** Ms. Shaida Kafe-ee

Bon appétit! Step into the kitchen and discover just how fun cooking can be—especially when you're creating delicious dishes with friends. In this hands-on class, students will whip up everything from fancy hors d'oeuvres and decadent desserts to fresh spring rolls and flavorful empanadas. Whether you're a beginner or already love to cook, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Please note: Students may be exposed to common allergens such as tree nuts (including almonds), eggs, seeds, and dairy. This class is not recommended for students with food allergies.



*Mrs. Shaida can't wait to share her passion for cooking with you this summer! She loves working with students of all ages and skill levels—and makes the kitchen a fun, welcoming place to learn, create, and taste something amazing.*

### **CONTENT CREATOR:** Mrs. Demerjian

In Content Creator, students will create videos, photos and posters that demonstrate advertising/commercials, talk shows, video stories, and students will create a short film with a few of their new summer school friends. We will have all the equipment you need, including iMac's, Final Cut Pro for editing, lighting, a green screen, props, costumes, tripods and various cameras to film.

### **DRAWING & PAINTING:** Ms. Slaught

Get ready to sketch, splash, and create! With Ms. Slaught, learn the basics of pen and ink, shading, and perspective while exploring watercolor, tempera, charcoal, and pastels. Have fun and let your creativity shine!

### **INTRO TO PORTRAITURE AND FIGURE DRAWING:**

Ms. Tiedemann

This class is all about learning how to draw and paint people! Students will learn the basics of facial and body proportions and figure drawing, and will be encouraged to experiment and express their personal style in their work. Students will practice drawing from life, gain foundational artistic techniques, and improve their sketching skills in this introductory class.

**KEYS TO SUCCESS IN 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** Mr. Fajardo

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.



*Greetings! My name is Michael Fajardo, and I am proud to introduce myself as a dedicated father and passionate educator. Alongside my role as a teacher, I am also an enthusiastic sports lover, which influences much of my teaching style. Currently, I have the privilege of teaching math at Palos Verdes Intermediate School.*

**NEEDLECRAFT:** Mrs. Starodoub

In this engaging summer school course designed for middle school students, participants will explore the art of needlecraft through hands-on projects that focus on basic sewing skills, needlepoint and/or embroidery. Throughout the course, students will learn to use various tools and materials, develop fundamental stitching techniques, and create their own unique textile projects. By the end of the course, students will have gained confidence in their crafting abilities and developed a deeper appreciation for textile arts. This immersive experience will not only enhance their fine motor skills but also encourage self-expression and the joy of making. Join us for a summer of creativity, friendship, and fun in the world of needlecraft!



*Mrs. Starodoub has been teaching math and electives at PVIS since 1995. Prior to that, she attended middle school and high school in PVPUSD. It is important to her to prepare students for the future by providing a strong math background. Elective classes are a fun way to take the pressure off!*

**PICKLEBALL:** Ms. Slaughter

Pickleball is a fast-paced, high-energy paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. Played on a small court with a low net, it uses solid paddles and a perforated plastic ball. It is easy to learn and focuses on strategy, reflexes, and fun.



*Jessica Slaughter is an engaging educator who creates a positive, supportive environment where students build confidence and grow academically and socially. She enjoys incorporating pickleball to promote teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship, helping students develop collaboration skills while staying active and having fun.*

**SPORTS MASH-UP:** Mr. Young

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.



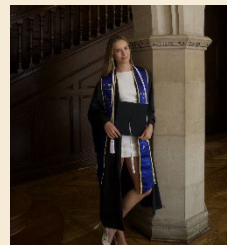
*David Young has been an educator in PVPUSD since 1998 and a coach since 2005, working with both Peninsula and Palos Verdes High Schools. With a strong background in Physical Education, Sports Medicine, and Coaching, he also spent 14 years teaching elementary school at Rancho Vista. After a brief time as a PE teacher at Miraleste, Coach Young joined Peninsula High School in 2016, where he currently teaches Physical Education and Sports Medicine while coaching Football, Girls Basketball, Surf, and Boys Lacrosse.*

**STORY TELLING LAB – CREATIVE WRITING:**

Ms. Wuebker-Stoddart

Love telling stories or using your imagination? In Creative Writing, students will explore storytelling through fun writing activities, prompts and mini-projects. Students will create their own characters, build exciting plots and experiment with different styles of writing including short stories and poetry.

- Create engaging characters and storylines
- Use descriptive language to bring writing to life
- Write short stories, poetry, and creative narratives
- Learn the basics of plot, setting, and dialogue
- Develop confidence in sharing original ideas
- Explore different genres



*Ms. Stoddart is a proud PVPUSD alumna and a current teacher aide at Silver Spur. This past fall, she graduated cum laude from the University of California, Los Angeles, earning a Bachelor of Arts in English. As she continues her educational journey, she will pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching at the University of Southern California.*

*Through her work with students across LAUSD with nonprofits and programs such as Circle Match and Project Literacy, Ms. Stoddart has developed a passion for supporting young writers. She is excited to spend the summer helping middle school students build strong essay-writing skills while also exploring their narrative voice in a fun, engaging and creative environment.*

**TEXTURE PAINTING:** Ms. Tiedemann

Have you ever wished that you could make your paintings shiny, gritty, bumpy, soft, or spiky? If so, then this experimental studio course is for you! Students will sculpt with ultra-thick acrylic paint, embed materials like beads and sand into paintings, and build dynamic designs and patterns on flat surfaces.

**WRITE LIKE A PRO – INTRODUCTION TO ESSAY**

**WRITING:** Ms. Wuebker-Stoddart

Grade level: 6-8

Want to become a stronger writer and learn how to clearly express your ideas? In this class, students will learn the basics of essay writing in a fun and supportive environment. Through interesting prompts and guided practice, students will learn how to organize their thoughts, build strong arguments and write essays with confidence. This class is perfect for students who want to improve their writing for school and beyond.

- Write clear and organized essays with introductions, body paragraphs, and conclusions
- Create strong thesis statements and support ideas with examples
- Improve grammar, clarity and sentence structure
- Practice editing and revising writing
- Build confidence in academic writing
- Preparation for high school AP level writing by building a foundation in structure and essay types

## Math Course Descriptions

**INTRO TO MATH 6 (INTRO TO PVCM 6):** Mr. Fajardo and Ms. Slaughter

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.

**PATHWAY TO MATH 6 ACCEL (PATHWAY TO PVCM 6 ACCEL):** Mrs. Starodoub

This course is available to current 5th grade students who would benefit from further instruction to prepare for entrance into Math 6 Accel 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 Math 6 Accel course.

**INTRO TO MATH 7 (INTRO TO PVCM 7):** Mr Fajardo

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.

**INTRO TO MATH 8 (INTRO TO PVCM 8):** Mrs. Starodoub

This class is for students coded into Math 7 / 8 Accel or incoming 8th graders coded for Math 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 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