



## Palos Verdes Intermediate School - Summer 2024

Teacher	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
<b>Lacey Blankenship and Lilly Califano</b>	Chef's Corner*	Chef's Corner *	Chef's Corner *	Chef's Corner *
<b>Sue Demerjian</b>	Broadcast Journalism	Broadcast Journalism	Video Production	Video Production
<b>Malynn Chetanna</b>	Around the World*			
<b>Michael Fajardo</b>	Math 8 Intro	Math 7 Intro	Math 6 Intro	Math 6 Intro
<b>Kurt Hay</b>	Keyboarding & More	Financial Literacy	Financial Literacy	Team Sports
<b>Kristy Jimenez</b>	Visual Arts*	Visual Arts*	Visual Arts*	Visual Arts*
<b>Ben Kroon</b>	Marine Biology*†	Marine Biology*†	Marine Biology*†	Marine Biology*†
<b>Marisa Scott</b>	Keys to Success in 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Beginning Spanish	Beginning Spanish	Keys to Success in 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Jacquelyn Starodub</b>	Pathway to PVCM 6 Accelerated (Periods 1 & 2)		Creative Robotics (Periods 3 & 4)*	
<b>Maria Zarro-Anaya</b>		Creative Writing	Creative Writing	Around the World*

†SPECIAL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT: Students starting after June 20th may not enroll in Marine Biology as mandatory safety instruction takes place the first three days of school.

\*\$20 mandatory materials fee

### Course Descriptions

**AROUND THE WORLD:** Mrs. Zarro-Anaya and Mrs. Chettana

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.

**CHEF'S CORNER:** Mrs. Blankenship and Ms. Califano  
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.***

**CREATIVE ROBOTICS (Two Period Course):**

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.

**MARINE BIOLOGY:** Mr. Kroon

Explore and discover our planet's incredible underwater world in this class. With an emphasis on hands-on learning through multiple dissections and labs, students will get a first-person look at life in our ocean. If you ever wanted to see how a crayfish claw works or feel how rough shark scales are, this is the class for you. There will be opportunities to research and learn about a variety of underwater animal species, from tiny crustaceans to massive whales, so come join us as we dive into our planet's amazing oceans and seas.

**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. Fajardo

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.

**PATHWAY TO PVCM 6 ACCELERATED (Two Period Course):** 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:** Mr. Hay

Lace up your athletic shoes and get ready to dive into the world of team sports! This course introduces students to a variety of team-based activities, emphasizing fundamental skills, sportsmanship, and the importance of collaboration. Students will explore popular team sports such as soccer, basketball, pickleball, and more. Our focus extends beyond physical activity, incorporating strategy, teamwork, and leadership to build well-rounded athletes. Join us for an exciting journey that promotes both physical fitness and the development of essential life skills through the thrill of team sports!

**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.

**VISUAL ARTS:** Mrs. Jimenez

This course provides students the opportunity to explore multiple visual arts mediums through hands-on experience, critical evaluation, and a greater appreciation for the Visual Arts. Students will explore the elements and principles of design, and develop skills in drawing, painting, sculpting, and photography.