



Valley Catholic Middle School Summer Enrichment Classes

Additional Classes were added March 31st

Week One: June 21-25, 2010

Week Two: August 16-20, 2010

We are pleased to offer you and your child the following opportunity to participate in our summer enrichment program. We welcome any interested fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, or ninth grade student as of fall 2010 to enroll for classes. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Class fees are due at the time of registration.



The following classes are offered during Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)

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<p>Beginner's Basic Electronics</p> <p>Teacher: Mr. Henri Joyaux</p>	<p>Students will be active in a “hands-on” program introducing the student to basic circuit theory, bread boarding basic circuits against their schematics, resistor color code, and use of digital multi-meter to measure resistance, continuity, and voltages. The students will learn safety procedures and the use of a soldering iron. The student will build a simple circuit kit as a course project. After testing and debugging, the kit will be the student’s to take home.</p> <p>The beginner’s class includes a complete set of tools and project kit that the student gets to keep: Soldering Iron, Long nose pliers, Diagonal wire cutter, Wire stripper, Solder Aide Kit, Helping Hand with Magnifier, Safety Glasses, and Digital Multi-meter. The Practical Soldering Kit project provides the solder & parts to construct an electronic siren.</p> <p>Week: Class Time: Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.) Supply Fee: \$20.00 Offered: Week One (June 21-25)</p>	
<p>Continuing Electronics</p> <p>Teacher: Mr. Henri Joyaux</p>		<p>Students will be active in a “hands-on” program. The student will have the opportunity to build two of the following: a 3D Led Christmas Tree, a LED Decision Maker, a white LED strobe light, an LED Wheel of Fortune, LED Traffic Signal, and a flashing super bright red Led Display. After testing and debugging, the kits will be the student’s to take home.</p> <p>Week: Class Time: Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.) Supply Fee: \$20.00 Offered: Week Two (August 16-20)</p>

Digital Video Production

Teacher: Mrs. Colette Cassinelli

Lights! Camera! Action! Budding news reporters will make their very own TV news show. Every student will have a part ~ such as news anchor, feature correspondent or sports reporter. Then you'll learn how to edit your segment and produce the final show. Leave with a DVD that you can show your friends and family.

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For: Incoming 4th - 9th grade students
Class Time: Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)
Offered: **Week One (June 21-25)**

Essay Writing

Teacher: Mr. Joe Manning

This course will explore essay structure, focusing on writing strong thesis statements and topic sentences that guide student writing. Students will practice all stages of the writing process for a variety of different essay styles.

For: Incoming 6th - 9th grade students
Class Time: Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)
Offered: **Week Two (August 16-20)**

Exploring the Arts

Teacher: Ms. Melissa Boyles

Explore a different art medium each day, including photography.

For: Incoming 4th - 6th grade students
Class Time: Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)
Offered: **Week Two (August 16-20)**

Exploring Literature

Teacher: Mrs. Carol Pausz

Explore the world of literature with your peers. This class will read a novel, discuss the novel much like a book club, write and perform a reader's theater scene from the novel, and compare the novel to one's own experiences with other literature. The students will also study writing techniques used in the novel as well as new vocabulary gained from reading and discussing.

For: Incoming 4th - 5th grade students
Class Time: Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)
Offered: **Week One (June 21-25)** and **Week Two (August 16-20)**

Fun with Japanese Writing

Teacher: Mrs. Miwa-Cook

Students will learn Japanese Writing, Calligraphy, crafts, and animation

This class does not meet for the entire week. Cost for this class is \$75.00 if this is your only class or \$65.00 if you have enrolled in two or more classes.

For: Incoming 4th - 9th grade students
Class Time: Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)
Offered: **Week Two (Tuesday, August 17-20)**

Grammar Review

Teacher: Mr. Joe Manning

This course will cover the grammar basics that are essential to succeeding in middle school.

For: Incoming 6th – 9th grade students
Class Time: Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)
Offered: **Week One (June 21-25)**

Leadership Workshop

Teacher: Mrs. Mary Donovan

Students will research and lead various fun group activities. Throughout the week students will develop ice breaker activities as well as a pep assembly to take back to their schools. Time will be spent on the fine art of poster making culminating in a collection of posters to display at their schools next year.

For: Incoming 4th through 6th grade students
Class Time: Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)
Offered: **Week One (June 21-25)**

Lifetime Fitness

Teacher: Ms. Melissa Cree

Students will participate in a variety of lifetime fitness activities including, weight training, pickle ball, tennis, and walking for fitness.

For: Incoming 5th – 7th grade students
Class Time: Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)
Offered: **Week Two (August 16-20)**

Preparations for Mathematics Competitions

Teacher: Mr. Kipp Johnson

This class is designed for motivated 7th and 8th grade students of high mathematics ability who want to prepare for the middle school mathematics competitions. (The list would include Mathcounts, the AMC8 exam, the Purple Comet exam, and others like these.) The class will teach the students about the topics typically covered on these exams, and then students will take practice exams and go over the solutions to the problems. Homework will be assigned.

For: Incoming 7th – 9th grade students
Class Time: Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)
Offered: **Week Two (August 16-20)**

Study Skills

Teacher: Mr. Tom Manning

This course is designed to provide assistance for students in achieving academic success. The content of this course will include organizational techniques, vocabulary development, reading comprehension, and study strategies. It will include assistance in preparing for examinations as well as aid in research skills.

For: Incoming 6th – 9th grade students
Class Time: Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)
Offered: **Week One (June 21-25)**



The following classes are offered during Session Two (12:00 – 2:30 p.m.)

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<p>The Art of Writing</p> <p>Teacher: Mrs. Carol Pausz</p>	<p>The Art of Writing will help students explore the writing processes real writers use to write stories. The students will explore how to create imagery in the mind's eye of the reader. The students will also practice how to write better for school tasks such as essays. The students will be taught the writing techniques used by all kinds of writers to communicate their messages clearly and effectively.</p> <p>For: Incoming 4th – 6th grade students Class Time: Session Two (12:00 – 2:30 p.m.) Offered: Week One (June 21-25) and Week Two (August 16-20)</p>	
<p>Flash Animation</p> <p>Teacher: Mrs. Colette Cassinelli</p>	<p>Have an artistic flair? Do you love to draw and take photographs? Come learn how to draw and create your own animated movie or e-greeting card using Adobe Flash. Every student will receive a CD with all student projects.</p> <p>This class does not meet for the entire week. Cost for this class is \$75.00 if this is your only class or \$65.00 if you have enrolled in two or more classes. Class meets Monday – Thursday (no class on Friday)</p> <p>For: Incoming 4th - 9th grade students Class Time: Session Two (12:00 – 2:30 p.m.) Offered: Week One (June 21-25)</p>	
<p>Essay Writing</p> <p>Teacher: Mr. Joe Manning</p>	<p>This course will explore essay structure, focusing on writing strong thesis statements and topic sentences that guide student writing. Students will practice all stages of the writing process for a variety of different essay styles.</p> <p>For: Incoming 6th – 9th grade students. Class Time: Session Two (12:00 – 2:30 p.m.) Offered: Week One (June 21-25)</p>	
<p>Exploring the Arts</p> <p>Teacher: Ms. Melissa Boyles</p>	<p>Explore a different art medium each day, including photography.</p> <p>For: Incoming 4th - 6th grade students Class Time: Session Two (12:00 – 2:30 p.m.) Offered: Week Two (August 16-20)</p>	
<p>Fun with</p>	<p>Students will learn Japanese Writing, Calligraphy, crafts, and animation. This class does not meet for the entire week. Cost for this class is \$75.00 if this is your only class or \$65.00 if you have enrolled in two or more classes.</p>	

Japanese Writing

Teacher: Mrs. Miwa-Cook

For: Incoming 4th - 9th grade students
Class Time: Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)
Offered: **Week Two (Tuesday, August 17-20)**

Journalism

Teacher: Mr. Joe Manning

This course will explore journalism in the modern world. Students will examine what it's like to work in a newsroom and explore the ethics associated with newsroom decision making. Students will also write newspaper articles, broadcast copy, and blog postings.

For: Incoming 6th - 9th grade students
Class Time: Session Two (12:00 – 2:30 p.m.)
Offered: **Week Two (August 16-20)**

Test Taking Strategies

Teacher: Mr. Tom Manning

This course is designed to provide assistance for students in achieving academic success. The content of this course will include strategies that students can implement to improve their test-taking skills. Students will learn to identify types of tests, ways to study for a variety of formats, and learn several different approaches to preparing for tests.

For: Incoming 6th – 9th grade students
Class Time: Session Two (12:00 – 2:30 p.m.)
Offered: **Week One (June 21-25)**



The following classes are offered during Session Three (2:45 – 5:15 p.m.)

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<p>Introduction to Acting</p> <p>Teacher: Ms. Ginnie Sutfin</p>		<p>This class will incorporate short scene studies as well as basics in improvisation, theatre games, and basic acting skills.</p> <p>For: Incoming 6th - 9th grade students Class Time: Session Three (2:45 – 5:15 p.m.) Offered: Week Two (August 16-20)</p>
<p>Journalism</p> <p>Teacher: Mr. Joe Manning</p>		<p>This course will explore journalism in the modern world. Students will examine what it's like to work in a newsroom and explore the ethics associated with newsroom decision making. Students will also write newspaper articles, broadcast copy, and blog postings.</p> <p>For: Incoming 6th – 9th grade students. Class Time: Session Two (12:00 – 2:30 p.m.) Offered: Week One (June 21-25)</p>

Scrapbook Your Year

Teacher:

A picture is worth a thousand words! Students create a keepsake that you both will treasure for years to come. Participants will learn the basics of scrapbooking from cropping and picture placement to memo writing. All materials will be provided for the students to scrapbook their previous school year. **Students must provide their own pictures.**

For: Incoming 4th - 9th grade students

Supply Fee: \$20.00

Class Time: Session Three (2:45 – 5:15 p.m.)

Offered: **Week Two (August 16-20)**

Study Skills and Time Management

Teacher: Mrs. Carol Pausz

Ever wonder what your students are doing with their time? Why does homework seem to take forever? Students at this age can benefit from learning how to manage their time, organize their materials, and study for tests using tried and true techniques from note-taking to making and using study materials. Students participating in this class will learn various organizing strategies for their classes, note-taking skills, and how to best study for tests depending on the format of the test.

For: Incoming 5th - 6th grade students

Class Time: Session Three (2:45 – 5:15 p.m.)

Offered: **Week One (June 21-25)** and **Week Two (August 16-20)**

Story Writing

Teacher: Mr. Joe Manning

This course will provide students the opportunity to read and discuss short stories from a variety of genres. Students will also spend the week writing a story from a genre of their choice and receiving guidance and feedback from the instructor.

For: Incoming 7th – 9th grade students

Class Time: Session Three (2:45 – 5:15 p.m.)

Offered: **Week Two (August 16-20)**