



# Valley Catholic Middle School Summer Enrichment Classes August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009

We are pleased to offer you and your child the following opportunity to participate in our summer enrichment program.



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

**Class Size:** All programs operate with a minimum enrollment requirement of 12 students and maximum enrollment capacities. Valley Catholic reserves the right to cancel classes when the 12 student minimum enrollment has not been met. Refunds will be granted ONLY if Valley Catholic cancels a class.

## Beginner's Basic Electronics

**Teacher:** Mr. Henri Joyaux

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 multimeter 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.

**Class Time:** Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)

**Supply Fee:** \$20.00

## 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.

**For:** Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Class Time:** Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Class Time:** Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students

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## Mathcounts

**Teacher:** Mr. Kipp Johnson

The Mathcounts class will learn new mathematics by practicing on published Mathcounts materials. Students entering grades 6, 7, 8, or 9 will learn ways of attacking non-routine problems and will develop strategies to use when faced with unfamiliar problems. This class is intended for students of high mathematical ability who are not afraid of serious challenges in math. Students in this class will be encouraged to participate in the actual Mathcounts competition, but are not required to do so.

**For:** Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Class Time:** Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)

## Reader's Theatre Backstage

**Teacher:** Mrs. Elizabeth Richard

The whole world is a stage! Learn the simple ins and outs of drama to make a literary favorite into a play. Apply concepts learned to classroom presentations in years to come. Students will choose a novel to make into a script, write the script, design simple costumes and sets, and be the crew in Friday's simple production for family and friends.

**For:** Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Class Time:** Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)

## Story Writing

**Teacher:** Mr. Joe Manning

Students will explore several short stories and discuss the literary elements of each. Throughout the week, students will craft their own short stories to present to each other at the week's end.

**For:** Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Class Time:** Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Class Time:** Session One (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.)



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

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### The Art of Writing

**Teacher:** Mrs. Carol Pausz

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.

**For:** Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Class Time:** Session Two (12:00 – 2:30 p.m.)

### Flash Animation

**Teacher:** Mrs. Colette Cassinelli

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.

**For:** Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Class Time:** Session Two (12:00 – 2:30 p.m.)

### Fun with Science

**Teacher:** Mr. Henry Joyaux

Students will perform an assortment of experiments using common household materials to demonstrate many scientific principles, such as suspending a ping-pong ball in the air with a hair dryer, making plastic or crazy putty, measuring the conductivity of solutions, and making a simple electric motor.

**For:** Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Class Time:** Session Two (12:00 – 2:30 p.m.)

### Journalism

**Teacher:** Mr. Joe Manning

Students will learn about journalism in today's world and come to know how to navigate in a media-infatuated society. They will also apply strategies of effective journalism to their own writing, helping them to become better writers.

**For:** Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.

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### Leadership Workshop

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## Recreational Mathematics

**Teacher:** Mr. Kipp Johnson

Designed for students entering grades 6, 7, or 8, this class will concentrate on some recreational aspects of mathematics. Topics we cover may include the Fibonacci sequence, mathematical card tricks, probability, unexpected patterns in numbers, etc. The material will not be drawn from a textbook, and the purpose of the class is not to prepare students for their next math class. The purpose is to show the students that math can be fun and interesting as well as useful.

**For:** Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Class Time:** Session Two (12:00 – 2:30 p.m.)

## Reader's Theatre Actors

**Teacher:** Mrs. Elizabeth Richard

The whole world is a stage! Learn the simple ins and outs of drama to make a literary favorite into a play. Apply concepts learned to classroom presentations in years to come. Students will help write a script based on the novel chosen by session one, try-out for parts, and act in the production on Friday's simple production for family and friends.

**For:** Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Class Time:** Session Two (12:00 – 2:30 p.m.)



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

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## Digital Video Production

**Teacher:** Mrs. Colette Cassinelli

Calling all future film makers!! Learn what it takes to produce your own mini movie or music video ~ both in front of the camera and behind the scenes. Shoot your own film, edit it using Adobe Premiere Elements, and come home with a DVD of your project.

**For:** Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

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

## Scrapbook Your Year

**Teacher:** Mrs. Elizabeth Richard

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 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Supply Fee:** \$20.00

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

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students

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## Study Skills

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**For:** Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

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August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## General Information

### How to Register

Please complete the registration packet and mail it to:

Valley Catholic School  
c/o Summer School Program  
4275 SW 148<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Beaverton, OR 97007  
Phone: 503-644-3745  
Fax: 503-646-4054

### Registration Deadline

June 26, 2009. Registrations received after deadline will be subject to an additional fee of \$15.

### Cost

The cost is \$85.00 per student for the first class and \$75.00 per student for each additional class. Please make checks payable to Valley Catholic School, **For:** Summer School Classes.

### Contact

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Gfroerer (Grah FAIR ah), Dean of Valley Catholic Middle School, at 503-520-4703 or e-mail at [JGfroerer@valleycatholic.org](mailto:JGfroerer@valleycatholic.org).