

Pathways Charter School
Marin Class Information – Fall 2011
September 5, 2011-January 27, 2012

A Few Important Reminders:

- *Prior to registering your student, please confirm with your Pathways teacher (1) the appropriateness of enrollment and (2) the availability of student funds.*
- For more information about a particular class, please contact the instructor directly.
- Double-check the registration procedures for your student's class; see individual class descriptions for more information. *Please remember to copy your Pathways teacher on all registration communications;* once registration is confirmed, your PCS teacher will submit the appropriate purchase order requests to the Pathways main office.
- For all PCS teacher or PCS vendor classes, a Pathways Student Emergency Card must be on file before attendance at the first class.
- *A commitment to regular attendance and respect for class teachers and fellow students is expected; lack of compliance with either will be grounds for removal from class participation.*
 - Once enrolled, students are expected to attend all class meetings in a given session and no make-up classes or refunds will be given for missed classes.
 - Students must arrive for and be picked up from class in a timely manner.
 - Behaviors considered disruptive and disrespectful to the teacher or fellow students will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the class.
- For a complete listing of additional classes offered through our Rohnert Park Learning Center, see: Pathways Charter School: Sonoma County Area Classes – Fall 2011 (<http://pathwayscharter.org/page202.html>).

Pathways Sonoma/Marin Contact Information:

- Loree Lewandowski, Marin Independent Study Teacher
(415) 706-6763 or loree.lewandowski@pathwayscharter.org
- Nora Plofker-Ray, Marin Independent Study Teacher
(415) 235-5868 or nora.ray@pathwayscharter.org
- Michele Blaisdell, Program Coordinator and Marin Independent Study Teacher
(415) 602-7349 or michele.blaisdell@pathwayscharter.org
- Sara Jordan, Sonoma/Marin Area Coordinator
(707) 478-0976 or sara.jordan@pathwayscharter.org
- PCS Main Office: (707) 585-6510 or (800) 622-9403
- PCS Rohnert Park Learning Center: (707) 585-6520
- PCS Website: pathwayscharter.org

Class descriptions start on next page.

English-Language Arts: PCS Teachers and Vendors

Thinking Workshop (with technology option)

Grades 6-9

Meeting time: Tuesdays, 9-10:30am

First meeting/session: September 13 thru November 1, 2011

Cost: \$300/session

Location: Golden Gate Tutoring Center (249 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo)

Contact info: Celeste and Daniel Ezell (PCS vendor)

(415) 383-2283 or goldengatetutoring.com

To register: contact Celeste Ezell at Golden Gate Tutoring

Class description: Students acquire research, analytical thinking, and long-term project management skills as they pursue their own academic goals and interests. Daniel Ezell guides them through the process of producing questions, finding quality sources, summarizing findings, and creating an essay, speech, presentation, website, or video that reveals both the process and the answers. (For an additional \$350, Daniel will customize a research-oriented netbook computer for the student.)

Writing Tutorial

Grades 6-12

Meeting time: Thursdays, 12-1pm

First meeting/session: September 15, 2011 thru January 27, 2012

Cost: FREE to PCS students

Location: Holy Innocents Church (2 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera)

Contact info: Michele Blaisdell (PCS teacher)

(415) 602-7349 cell or michele.blaisdell@pathwayscharter.org

To register: contact Michele Blaisdell

Class description: Break through the blocks! Individualized support for all aspects of the academic writing process, including: choosing a topic, planning your research, brainstorming and pre-writing, outlining and drafting, revisions and proofreading. Please bring whatever you have or need to access my help with your writing projects (e.g., assignment details, resources, notes, drafts). *This is not a formal class and weekly attendance is not required; however, please contact me by no later than the night before the session you plan to attend so I can prepare.*

Online Writing Class

Grades 8-12

Meeting time: Thursdays, 10-11am

First meeting/session: September 15, 2011 thru January 27, 2012

Cost: \$25/semester to PCS students

Location: Ning site online

Contact info: Tammy Dier (PCS teacher)

tammy.dier@pathwayscharter.org

To register: students need to email the instructor directly; she will issue an invitation to the password-protected site on Wednesday, September 14. *Students are encouraged to login and review the site prior to the first online class on Thursday, September 15.*

Class description: This class provides interactive support for academic and creative writing. Students are required to complete homework assignments during the week in addition to English assignments from their IST. Students will actively participate in the following: complete mini-lessons on grammar or writing structure and content; respond to literature by blogging/adding a discussion or forum during the session; rewrite/revise during the session and blog for feedback/review; review other student work and provide constructive feedback.

Materials: Online access required (high speed preferable). All online programs are web-based and compatible with updated versions of all major browsers. Flash may need to be enabled and/or updated to view some content. IST and student are responsible for acquiring appropriate texts and materials; please consult with instructor for requirements and suggestions.

Note: All writing will be uploaded to the website for IST review. This course is designed to be a supplement to or component of a regular independent study English course. (Class continues in the spring semester.)

CP: Online English Advising
Grades 9-12 college prep

Meeting time – grade 9: Fridays, 9-10am

Meeting time – grades 10-12: Fridays, 10-11am

First meeting/session: September 16, 2011 thru January 27, 2012

Cost: \$25/semester to PCS students

Location: Ning site online

Contact info: Tammy Dier (PCS teacher)

tammy.dier@pathwayscharter.org

To register: students need to email the instructor directly; she will issue an invitation to the password-protected site on Wednesday, September 14. *Students are encouraged to login and review the site prior to the first online class on Friday, September 16.*

Class description: Required online course for all College Prep English students not taking an approved center or regional class; attendance online is required to earn college prep credit in English 9, 10, 11, 12, World Literature, or American Literature. The online course will consist of advisory and tutorial support for completion of required English portfolio elements, and will include instruction in selected topics in English (e.g., writing styles, literature analysis, research, citation, debate, presentation), group discussion with peer feedback and individual check-in with instructor via chat, weekly blog postings and document uploading, and other TBD by instructor.

Materials: Online access required (high speed preferable). All online programs are web-based and compatible with updated versions of all major browsers. Flash may need to be enabled and/or updated to view some content. IST and student are responsible for acquiring appropriate texts and materials; please consult with instructor for requirements and suggestions.

Note: Student's IST will also have access to the advisory site in order to monitor student participation and progress. Student will be required to submit all portfolio items directly to the online advisory site via uploading throughout the semester. (Final date to complete portfolio submissions is Friday, January 20, 2012.) (Class continues in the spring semester with a new set of portfolio items.)

English-Language Arts: Community Offerings

Young Poet's Club

Ages 6-12

Meeting time: Tuesdays, 3:45-4:45pm (2nd Tuesday/month)

Location: San Anselmo Library (110 Tunstead Avenue, San Anselmo)

Note: This club follows the Math Through Literature class, also in San Anselmo; see below.

Contact info: April Hayley, Children's Librarian

(415) 258-4656

Club description: If you like to read and write poetry, join the Poetry Club! We meet every second Tuesday of the month at the San Anselmo Library in the Historical Museum to explore the wide world of poetry. Space is limited, so call us at (415) 258-4656 to register!

Mathematics and Science: PCS Teachers and Vendors

Math Through Literature

Grades 2-3

Meeting time: Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30pm (selected 2nd and 4th Tuesdays/month)
First meeting/session: September 13, 27; October 11, 25; November 8, 22; January 10
Cost: FREE to PCS students
Location: Golden Gate Tutoring Center (249 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo)
Contact info: Loree Lewandowski (PCS teacher)
(415) 706-6763 cell or loree.lewandowski@pathwayscharter.org
To register: contact Loree Lewandowski

Class description: In this interactive hands-on class, students will learn and explore a variety of math concepts, including: graphing, tallying, estimation, probability, place value, money, fractions, decimals, mental math, and more!

Hands-On Math and Science Workshop

Grades 3-5

Meeting time: Wednesdays, 1-2:30pm
First meeting/session: September 14 thru November 2, 2011
Cost: \$25 to PCS students
Location: Golden Gate Tutoring Center (249 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo)
Contact info: Daniel Ezell and Celeste Ezell (PCS vendor)
(415) 383-2283 or goldengatetutoring.com
To register: contact Celeste Ezell at Golden Gate Tutoring

Class description: Students pursue California standards proficiency in math and science. Rather than learn these subjects separately, students will gain scientific concepts along with the mathematics behind them. Daniel and Celeste Ezell create little scientists through guided experiments, games, and manipulatives.

Math Support

Grades 6-Geometry

Meeting time/location: Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30am in San Anselmo (Golden Gate Tutoring Center)
Meeting time/location: Thursdays, 9:15-10am in Corte Madera (Holy Innocents Church)
First session: September 13, 2011 thru January 27, 2012
Cost: FREE to PCS students
Contact info: Nora Plofker-Ray (PCS teacher)
(415) 235-5868 cell or nora.ray@pathwayscharter.org
To register: contact Nora Plofker-Ray

Class description: One-on-one and small-group tutoring. Students will have the opportunity to bring their own math curriculum and receive help with assignments or teacher will provide curriculum and give assignments and assessments twice per week. *Students may attend once or twice per week, depending on individual needs.*

CP: Online Math Advising

Grades 9-12 college prep

Meeting time: Mondays, 3-4pm
First meeting/session: September 12, 2011 thru January 27, 2012
Cost: \$25/semester to PCS students
Location: Ning site online
Contact info: Nathan Feileacan (PCS teacher)
nathan.feileacan@pathwayscharter.org
To register: students need to email the instructor directly; he will issue an invitation to the

password-protected site by no later than Friday, September 9. *Students are encouraged to login and review the site prior to the first online advising session on Monday, September 12.*

Class description: Required online course for all College Prep Math students not taking an approved center or regional class; attendance online is required to earn college prep credit in Algebra A-B, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Integrated Math I-III, Pre-Calculus, or Trigonometry. The online course will consist of advisory and tutorial support for completion of required Mathematics portfolio elements, and will include instruction in problem-solving strategies and independent learning of mathematics using an online whiteboard, group discussion with peer feedback and individual check-in with instructor via chat, weekly blog postings and document uploading, and other TBD by instructor.

Materials: Online access required (high speed preferable). All online programs are web-based and compatible with updated versions of all major browsers. Flash may need to be enabled and/or updated to view some content. IST and student are responsible for acquiring appropriate texts and materials; please consult with instructor for requirements and suggestions.

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***Dirt Time: A Nature Immersion Program for Homeschoolers
Ages 6-15 (with age-based sub-groups)***

Meeting time: Mondays, 9:30am-3pm

First meeting/session: September 12 thru December 19, 2011

Cost: \$770/session

Location: Lake Lagunitas, Fairfax

Contact info: Mia Andler (PCS vendor)

(415) 717-3919 or mia@trackersnw.com

To register: contact Mia Andler

Class description: With any skill you wish to acquire, you need to put in the actual dirt time practicing it; it's not enough to just talk or read about it. Dirt Time honors its name by being exactly that, a time to practice skills and be immersed in nature all day. Just being outdoors all day teaches so much. Dirt Time takes it even further by providing a crew of naturalist facilitators and skill specialists who share their knowledge of wilderness skills and local ecology with the kids. One thing that makes Dirt Time special is that most participants come back year after year, creating a nice sense of community, tradition and place-based knowledge. This is the fourth season of Dirt Time and we look forward to welcoming new additions to our crew.

***Lego Engineering FUNdamentals
Grades 1+ (contact instructor)***

Meeting time: Wednesdays, 10-11:30am

First meeting/session: September 14, 21, 28 and October 5, 12, 19, 2011

Lego Mindstorms

Grades 4+ (contact instructor)

Meeting time: Thursdays, 3:30-5pm

First meeting/session: September 15, 22, 29 and October 6, 13, 20, 2011

Lego Engineering FUNdamentals and Lego Mindstorms

Cost: \$96/session (\$10 discount for first session)

Note: No refunds for missed classes; however, time may be made up during MEC drop-in hours

(during current session only).

Location: Marin Engineering Center (MEC) (216 Greenfield Avenue, San Anselmo)

Contact info: Max Berryman at Play-Well TEKnologies (PCS vendor)

(415) 460-5210 or max@play-well.org

To register and for additional class information: contact Max Berryman at Play-Well

Integrated Physical and Earth Science

Grades 6-12

Grades 9-12 college prep possible (contact instructor)

Meeting time: Thursdays, 10-11:45am

First meeting/session: September 15, 2011 thru January 27, 2012

Cost: \$25/class/semester, \$30/text/year, \$40/materials/year to PCS students

Location: Holy Innocents Church (2 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera)

Contact info: Kit Mayberry (PCS teacher)

(707) 328-8056 or kit.mayberry@pathwayscharter.org

To register: contact Loree Lewandowski at loree.lewandowski@pathwayscharter.org

Class description: This is the first semester of a yearlong introductory course focusing on 8th grade physical science and 6th grade and high school earth science standards. Fall semester topics include: mechanics, heat, atomic structure, chemistry, and fluids. Spring semester topics include: the evolution, structure and interactions of the hydrosphere, geosphere and atmosphere, the solar system and stars. Laboratories and activities are geared to build confidence and proficiency in lab techniques, organization, critical thinking, and communication. The instructor will assign and assess the coursework, which will include bi-weekly lab reports and problem sets from the text, as well as independent projects, standardized test preparation, portfolio development, and current event analysis. (Primary text and lab manual: *Conceptual Physical Science Explorations*, Prentice Hall, 2003.)

Note: There are no mathematics or science pre-requisites or co-requisites for this class. Each student is expected to read all preparatory material prior to performing all labs and required to follow all safety guidelines. Units possible: 5 credits (0.5 UC equivalent), if applicable.

CP: Online Science Advising

Grades 9-12 college prep

Meeting time: Fridays, 8-9am

First meeting/session: September 16, 2011 thru January 27, 2012

Cost: \$25/semester to PCS students

Location: Ning site online

Contact info: Kit Mayberry (PCS teacher)

kit.mayberry@pathwayscharter.org

To register: students need to email the instructor directly; she will issue an invitation to the password-protected site by no later than Wednesday, September 14. *Students are encouraged to login and review the site prior to the first online advising session on Friday, September 16.*

Class description: Required online course for all College Prep Science students not taking an approved center or regional class; attendance online is required to earn college prep credit in Biology, Chemistry, Conceptual Physics, Physics, Earth Science, Environmental Science, or Physical Science. The online course will consist of advisory and tutorial support for completion of required Science portfolio elements, and will include instruction in conducting labs and experiments, writing lab reports, research, problem-solving strategies and independent learning of science, group discussion with peer feedback and individual check-in with instructor via chat, weekly blog postings and document uploading, and other TBD by instructor.

Materials: Online access required (high speed preferable). All online programs are web-based and compatible with updated versions of all major browsers. Flash may need to be enabled

and/or updated to view some content. IST and student are responsible for acquiring appropriate texts and materials; please consult with instructor for requirements and suggestions.

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Mathematics and Science: Community Offerings

Exploratorium

Ages 7-9, 10-12, 13-16

Please see <http://www.exploratorium.edu/membership/homeschool/#top> for complete class information.

Note: At this time, Exploratorium is in the process of becoming a vendor. PCS student budgets may not be used to pay for these classes until after they become an approved vendor.

Quantum Camp

Grades K-10

Please see www.quantumcamp.com for complete class information.

Note: At this time, Quantum Camp is in the process of becoming a vendor. PCS student budgets may not be used to pay for these classes until after they become an approved vendor.

Constructing the Universe

Ages 7-10, 11-13

Please see <http://www.constructingtheuniverse.com/CTUclassroom/Kids%20Jan%202010.html> for complete class information

Note: Although popular with many of our students, Constructing the Universe is not a vendor and PCS student budgets may not be used to pay for these classes.

Social Studies: PCS Teachers and Vendors

CP: Online Social Studies Advising

Grades 9-12 college prep

Meeting time: Mondays, 2-3pm

First meeting/session: September 12, 2011 thru January 27, 2012

Cost: \$25/semester to PCS students

Location: Ning site online

Contact info: Allison Greene (PCS teacher)

allison.greene@pathwayscharter.org

To register: students need to email the instructor directly; she will issue an invitation to the password-protected site by no later than Friday, September 9. *Students are encouraged to login and review the site prior to the first online advising session on Monday, September 12.*

Class description: Required online course for all College Prep Social Studies students not taking an approved center or regional class; attendance online is required to earn college prep credit in World History, U.S. History, American Government, Economics, California History, or Global Studies. The online course will consist of advisory and tutorial support for completion of required Social Studies portfolio elements, and will include instruction in selected topics in Social Studies (e.g., research and evaluation of sources, citation, critical thinking, current events, project presentation), group discussion with peer feedback and individual check-in with instructor via chat, weekly blog postings and document uploading, and other TBD by instructor.

Materials: Online access required (high speed preferable). All online programs are web-based

and compatible with updated versions of all major browsers. Flash may need to be enabled and/or updated to view some content. IST and student are responsible for acquiring appropriate texts and materials; please consult with instructor for requirements and suggestions.

Note: Student's IST will also have access to the advisory site in order to monitor student participation and progress. Student will be required to submit all portfolio items directly to the online advisory site via uploading throughout the semester. (Final date to complete portfolio submissions is Friday, January 20, 2012.) (Class continues in the spring semester with a new set of portfolio items.)

Visual and Performing Arts: PCS Teachers and Vendors

Homeschool Art Class

All ages (contact instructor)

Meeting time: Tuesdays, 1-3pm

First meeting/session: ongoing

Cost: \$132/month/4 classes

Location: Studio 4 Art (1133 Grant Street, Novato)

Contact info: Kebby McInroy (PCS vendor)

(415) 596-5546 or www.studio4art.net

To register: contact Studio 4 Art

Class description: Homeschooling class is taught on an individual basis. Learning technique and terminology with room for exploration, diversity, and individuality.

Acting Basics for Homeschoolers

Ages 6-9

Meeting time: Wednesdays, 9-10:30am

Class description: This course is designed for homeschoolers, and includes improvisation, projection, and performance. Students will use creative dramatics to practice concentration, ensemble, creativity, and confidence. Each session culminates in a final performance based on the characters from a Shakespeare play.

Shakespeare in ACTION for Homeschoolers

Ages 10-15

Meeting time: Wednesdays, 11:45am-1:45pm

Class description: This class will take an in-depth look at Shakespeare, covering the basics of scansion, text analysis, and poetic devices, and using this knowledge in performing scenes and speeches from the plays. Each session culminates in a final performance.

Acting Basics for Homeschoolers and Shakespeare in ACTION for Homeschoolers

First meeting/session: September 14 thru November 16, 2011

Additional sessions: January 18 thru March 21, 2012 and March 28 thru June 6, 2012

Cost: \$200/session

Location: Marin Shakespeare at Marin Ballet (100 Elm Street, San Rafael)

Contact info: Education Director at Marin Shakespeare (PCS vendor)

(415) 499-4487 or education@marinshakespeare.org

To register: contact Marin Shakespeare