Patuxent Valley Middle School is excited to announce the after school programs for the 2017-2018 school year! You will find key information regarding 8th Period and a description of programs available below. As these programs are an extension of the school day, PVMS school rules and HCPSS policies still apply.

**Dates/Times**

* Tuesdays, 2:30pm-4:15pm
* Thursdays, 2:30pm-4:15pm

**FALL SESSION DATES**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Tuesdays** | **Thursdays** |
| October 10, 17, 24, 31 | October 12, 19, 26 |
| November 7, 14, 28 | November 2, 9, 16, 30 |
| December 5, 12 | December 7, 14 |

**SPRING SESSION DATES**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Tuesdays** | **Thursdays** |
| January 9, 16, 23, 30 | January 11, 18, 25 |
| February 6, 13, 20 | February 1, 8, 15, 22 |
| March 6, 13, 20 | March 8, 15, 22 |
| April 17, 24 | April 19, 26 |

*\*Dates are subject to change based on inclement weather, staffing and transportation.*

**Transportation**

* **Walkers**: Students will walk home from school as they do on a normal school day.
* **Car Riders**: plan to pick up students no later than 4:20pm
* **Bus Transportation on Tuesdays/Thursdays**: Two buses are available (north and south route). These routes cover the major roads and intersections in our attendance area. If you feel that there is not a stop within walking distance of your residence, or, if you have questions or special situations, please contact Maggie Bosse at 410-880-5840.

**Program Cancellation**

* Messengers will be sent out on Mondays/Wednesdays regarding updates for programs running on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**BE THE CHANGE!**

Mahatma Gahndi said, “***Be the change*** *you wish to see in the world*.” So, what would you want to change? How would you make the world… the United States… Maryland… Howard County… PVMS… your neighborhood… a better place to live? We will meet once a week to learn about other change-makers, to see how they made or continue to make a difference. We will also strategize things we can do, *and put our plans into ACTION!* Rebecca Stryker will be running the club on Tuesdays starting October 10th. Permission forms will be available in the cafeteria during lunch and in Ms. Stryker’s room.

**Contact: Rebecca\_Stryker@hcpss.org**

**codeHER Club**

PVMS is teaming up with Girls Breaking Barriers this school year to offer a codeHER Club on Thursdays. It is an after-school introductory coding course for middle school girls. This program aspires to cultivate a love for technology and computer science in girls while encouraging them to pursue their interests and careers in these fields. We believe that nurturing an interest in science, math, and technology during the critical middle school period will help them to better see themselves as the future leaders of tomorrow. codeHER has been designed to spark an interest in science for girls with little or no experience in computer science, however all are welcome to participate. Website: **g**[**irlsbreakingbarriers.**](http://girlsbreakingbarriers.weebly.com)**org** for additional information. Permission forms will be available in the cafeteria during lunch and in the main office.

**Contact: Margaret\_Bosse@hcpss.org**

**Boys Coding Club**

PVMS will be sponsoring an after-school club designed to help boys learn computer programming on Thursdays. The club will be led by Mr. Ethan Stryker, who has been programming for his job (and for fun!) for over 15 years! Lessons will include: The “Hour of Code,” Blockly, Ruby, Web programming, and making simple computer games.

**Contact: Rebecca\_Stryker@hcpss.org**

**Bulldog Bakers**

Chelsea Denton will be leading a club of bakers for a 5-week program this Fall. Students will learn how to bake delicious recipes they can share with family and friends.

**Contact: Chelsea\_Denton@hcpss.org**

**International Sports Club**

Matthew Kreitzer will be leading the International Sports Club (ISC) on Wednesdays. The club is designed to promote academic excellence as well as teamwork, sportsmanship, camaraderie, exercise, and fun. *Bus transportation will NOT be provided to students participating in this program.*

**Contact: Matthew\_Kreitzer@hcpss.org**

**Creative Writing**

Do you love to write? Try out PVMS’ Creative Writing Club! This is a fun, low-key writing session. We’ll talk about different kinds of writing, participate in engaging writing prompts, and share your work (only if you want to). We can even discuss ways to have your work published. Bridget Jones will be running a Creative Writing club on Tuesdays this fall. The club will start Tuesday, October 10th. Permission are available in the cafeteria during lunch and in Ms. Jones’ classroom.

**Contact: Bridget\_Jones@hcpss.org**

**Dungeons and Dragons**

Jeremiah Pointer will be facilitating Dungeons and Dragons this school year. The club will begin on Tuesday, October 10th. Permission are available in the cafeteria during lunch and in Mr. Pointer’s classroom. This afternoon activity has limited space due to the requirements of the game. The maximum number of participants is 15 students.

**Contact: Jeremiah\_Pointer@hcpss.org**

**Chess Academy**

Samuel Lehnerd and Peter Greer will be facilitating Chess Academy on Tuesdays beginning Tuesday, October 10th. The program is designed to provide instruction al and entertaining chess matches with fellow students. This program is ideal for the beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels.

**Contact: Samuel\_Lehnerd@hcpss.org**

**FUTURE CLUBS:**

* **Running**
* **Sewing**
* **Legos/Robotics**
* **Archery**
* **Homework/Organization Club**
* **Math**