



2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR
Poly PM Middle School - Spring Programs
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Poly PM offers Middle School students the opportunity to extend their day on campus after school. Students have two options:

- Participate in a teacher-led program (pre registration required)
- Independently complete homework and socialize in an approved after-school space

Programs that require Pre-Registration	Grades	Day	Times	Program length	Start date	End date	Tuition	Join!
Speech and Debate	7-8	Monday	4:00-5:50 PM	Full Year	April 1	May 20	\$0	Sign Up
Young Dancers	5-6	Monday	4:00-4:50 PM	Full Year	-	-	\$0	-
Tower Dancers	7-8	Monday	5:00-5:50 PM	Full Year	-	-	\$0	-
Theater and Improv III	5-6	Tuesday	4:00-4:50 PM	Spring	April 2	June 4	\$315	Sign Up
Debate for Beginners	5-6	Tuesday	4:50-5:50 PM	Spring	April 2	June 4	\$315	Sign Up
Basketball +	5-6	Wednesday	4:00-4:50 PM	Spring	April 3	June 5	\$270	Sign Up
Model UN	5-8	Wednesday	4:00-5:00 PM	Spring	April 3	June 5	\$340	Sign Up
Young Singers	5-6	Wednesday	4:00-4:50 PM	Full Year	-	-	\$0	-
Robotics	5-8	Wednesday	4:00-5:00 PM	Spring	April 3	June 5	\$340	Sign Up
Spectacular STEM III	5-8	Thursday	4:00-5:00 PM	Spring	April 4	Jun 6	\$325	Sign Up
eSports Keyboard Gaming	5-8	Thursday	4:00-5:00 PM	Spring	April 4	Jun 6	\$260	Sign Up

Additional Spring Activities Grade 7 and 8 only No registration required.	The activities listed below are offered only to students in Grades 7 and 8. Students sign up directly with their coach or advisor and no registration fee is associated.		
	Grades	Day	Next steps:
Athletic Competitions (Boys' and Girls' Track and Field, Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Tennis)	7-8	Tuesdays and Thursdays	PE commitment required. See schedule

Program Descriptions

Basketball+: This program will engage our young student-athletes in a developmental program of instruction and fun inter-squad basketball competition. Each “drill and play” session will include a dynamic warm-up, a segment of instruction of basketball fundamentals and a scrimmage on the small courts. On days when our gym is used by the Upper School sports team, our group will convert to “+”, an afternoon of multisport activities. No prior experience required. *Led by [Andrew Marinos](#).*

Chess...the Road to Grandmaster: Join our Introduction to Chess Class, where we offer captivating and age-appropriate chess lessons to engage students at all beginning skill levels. Our program covers the fundamentals, openings, and strategic thinking. We start with a free play session to gauge familiarity and comfort with chess, progressively introducing skills and encouraging their application in gameplay. We spice things up with variant chess games to maintain enthusiasm and playfulness. We work closely with your child throughout the class to help them internalize chess concepts and rules. Whether they're total beginners or looking to advance their skills, students will leave with newfound knowledge and a deep passion for Chess! Questions? Contact polypm@polyprep.org.

Speech and Debate: Students will have the opportunity to participate in tournaments in public forum debate. Practices will be dedicated to speaking exercises and activities, topic lectures, case construction, practice rounds, and preparation for tournaments. For the winter trimester, we will be accepting new and returning 7th, and 8th Grade students. Questions? Contact [Eddie Fitzgerald](#).

Young Dancers: Students will broaden their experience in dance, increase their technical level of dance, and continue to find their self-expression through movement. The program creates a safe environment where students can take risks and trust each other as they become an ensemble that creates and contributes together. No prior experience is required. Because the group works toward culminating performances, we prefer that students commit to the full-year. Questions? Contact [Ashley Hacker](#).

Tower Dancers: Students will broaden their experience in dance, increase their technical level of dance, and continue to find their self-expression through movement. The program creates a safe environment where students can take risks and trust each other as they become an ensemble that creates and contributes together. No prior experience is required. Because the group works toward culminating performances, we prefer that students commit to the full-year. Questions? Contact [Ashley Hacker](#).

Debate for Beginners: In this exciting introductory speech and debate class for kids in Grades 5 and 6, we'll dive into the world of persuasive communication and argumentation. Students will discover the power of debate, master the art of constructing compelling arguments, and learn how to use persuasive language to win over audiences. Each session will challenge students to use logical reasoning, understand evidence, and counter opposing arguments. The class culminates in a formal debate tournament where students can put their skills to the test. Join us for a fun and engaging learning experience where you can become a confident and persuasive young debater! Questions? Contact polypm@polyprep.org.

Theater and Improv III: Open to new and returning students who love acting and want to learn how to improvise like a pro. In our Theater and Improv (Yes And) class, students explore the fundamentals of improvisational theater and learn how to think on their feet. You'll develop your acting skills through fun exercises and games, as well as learn the art of "Yes And" – a technique that encourages collaboration and creativity. Whether you're a seasoned actor or a beginner, this class will help you develop your confidence and creativity on stage. We'll also get to do some stage design. No previous experience is necessary – just bring your willingness to play and have fun! Questions? Contact polypm@polyprep.org.

Model UN: Campers act as United Nations (UN) delegates, collaborating in teams to develop policy recommendations and debating current global issues aligned to the UN's sustainable development goals. Participants enhance their research and communication skills, while gaining a solid exposure to debating international affairs, problem solving in a diplomatic context, and making persuasive presentations. Questions? Contact polypm@polyprep.org.

Young Singers: Students will continue to develop their singing voices and literacy skills as they work on choral music in this active, community-building ensemble. No prior experience is required. Students perform at the Winter and Spring concerts and throughout the year in school assemblies. Because the group works toward culminating performances, we prefer that students commit to the full-year commitment. Questions? Contact Vincent.lannelli.

Robotics: Unleash your creativity in our Robotics class! Discover the exciting world of robotics, engineering, and coding as you work with your own robot. With provided materials, you'll learn engineering and programming skills while crafting programs of varying complexity that help robots move and interact with the world. No previous experience is needed; just bring your passion for innovation, problem-solving skills, and an engineering mindset. Join us for an exhilarating journey into the realm of robotics and embrace the endless possibilities of technology and creativity! Questions? Contact polypm@polyprep.org.

Spectacular STEM III: The fun we had this fall will continue to build as we move into our winter projects. Students in this program will learn science and engineering principles through fun and engaging STEM projects. Every project is designed to get students away from their computer screens, and to innovate on collaborative problem-solving tasks with classmates. Past projects have included bridge-building challenges, water bottle rockets, block programming, and robotics. Thursday afternoons are lots of fun! Contact [Vinson Huang](mailto:Vinson.Huang).

eSports Keyboard Gaming: This weekly class harnesses students' passion for video games through organized competition in a safe and secure format. Win or lose, all students will enjoy engaging with peers through competitive gaming while developing teamwork, communication, and strategic thinking skills. Each participant will be required to complete one homework assignment before diving into the excitement of the afternoon. Chromebooks are required; students should bring their charger to school on eSports day. Questions? Contact [Pasquale Cioffi](#).

Athletic Competitions: Athletic practices in Grades 7 & 8 occur during students' PE periods. All competitions are noted on the [athletic calendar](#). Led by Poly coaches.

Frequently Asked Questions: Contact polypm@polyprep.org with additional questions.

Can my Middle School student stay after school if they are not registered for Poly PM?

No, Middle School students are not allowed to stay after school unless they are registered for Poly PM programming, Poly Conservatory Lessons, or have Poly Arts rehearsals or Poly Athletic practices. Grade 7 & 8 students may stay through to attend Athletics games, but parents must notify their child's deans by 1:00 pm that day. All students staying late must sign-in with their deans.

Why do different activities have different prices?

Some Poly PM offerings are curricular extensions of the school day which culminate in required student performances. For these programs, there is no additional charge. The prices of other activities are determined by the teacher:student ratio and by whether the course is led by a faculty member or an outside vendor.

How will I be billed for my child's participation in a tuition-based activity that requires registration?

Once registered, Poly's business office will generate a bill which can be found in the Parent Portal on Veracross. Financial aid will be applied for families who receive tuition-based financial assistance.

When must my Middle School student leave campus?

Students must be picked up by 6:00 PM at the Seventh Avenue entrance unless they are departing on the 6:00 PM bus.

What if my child registers for a Poly PM activity but does not wish to continue?

Please contact polypm@polyprep.org to share your change of plans after the first session.

Will snacks be provided to my child after school?

No. Snacks are available for purchase after school or students may bring their own nut-free snacks.

Where do activities take place?

Each activity has a designated meeting place. Enrolled students receive an email with specifics in advance of the first session.