



# 8th Grade Parent Night

*Class of 2028*

# Tonight's Presentation

*An Introduction to Curricular  
Programs at Palisades High School*

- Transition PALMS - PHS
- Freshman Schedule
- 2024-25 PHS Curriculum Guide
- PHS Special Programs
- Course Registration Timeline
- Department Chair Presentations



# Transition *from* **PALMS** *to* **PHS**

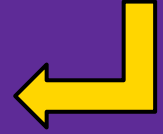
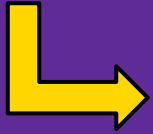
- Four periods per day
- 89 minutes / class
- Minimum of 24.5 credits needed to graduate
- Choice in classes
- Grading system
- Link Crew mentoring program



# Freshman Schedule *example*

SEMESTER 1

SEMESTER 2



English	Social Studies
Science	Math
1.0 credit Elective	World Language
Phys. Ed & 1/2 credit elective	1.0 credit Elective





# PSD Graduation Requirements

Subject	PHS Programming	Technical School
English	4.0 credits	4.0 credits
Math	4.0 credits	3.0 credits
Science	4.0 credits (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	3.0 credits
Additional math or Science	--	1.0 Math or Science
Social Studies	4.0 credits	4.0 credits
Wellness/Fitness	1.5 credits PE .5 credit Health	.5 credits PE .5 credit Health
Electives	Min. 6.5 credits which must include the required elective - Financial Lit (.5 credit)	Min. 8.5 credits which must include the required elective - Financial Lit (.5 credit)
Other criteria to meet graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete senior project</li> <li>• Senior portfolio presentation</li> <li>• Act 158 (2023 &amp; later)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete senior project</li> <li>• Senior portfolio presentation</li> <li>• Act 158 (2023 &amp; later)</li> </ul>



# PHS School Counselors

Mrs. Lori Tirjan (A-K)

Ms. Brianna Waldmann (L-Z)



# PHS Course Registration

<https://hs.palisd.org>

- Select High School
- Go to link “For Parents & Students”
- Click on “Course Registration 2024-25”
  2. 2024-25 curriculum guide
  3. Advanced Placement Program
  4. [Link](#) for Technical School application



# Course *Registration* Timeline

## February 9 or ASAP - *ongoing*

- Last day to submit online application for the UBCTS

## February 22

- Academic course placements and directions for elective course selection will be sent home

## February 28

- Elective course registration forms must be returned to PALMS

## March 5

- Online course registration with PHS counselors at PALMS



# Upper Bucks County Technical School

- Students have a choice to enroll at UBCTS during their 9th or 10th grade years. APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED via [ubtech.org](http://ubtech.org)
- February 9th application deadline
- UBCTS programs can be completed if you enter in either 9th or 10th grade



# Upper Bucks County Technical School

Hear from UBCTS Students

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Questions? Reach out to our UBCTS School Counselors

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Jenn Rubin  
[jrubin@ubtech.org](mailto:jrubin@ubtech.org)



# Special Programs *at* PHS



- UBCTS
- Career Pathway Programs
  - Art & Engineering
  - Business
  - Education
  - Medical
  - Global Studies
- Advanced Placement Courses
- Dual Enrollment Programs
- Palisades Cyber Academy



# Director of Athletics - Mr. Brian Gilbert

## BOYS

- Baseball - S
- Basketball - W
- Cross Country - F
- Football - F
- Golf (Independent) - F
- Soccer - F
- Tennis -S
- Track & Field
- Swimming (Independent)-W
- Wrestling- W

## GIRLS

- Basketball - W
- Cross Country - F
- Field Hockey - F
- Golf (Independent) - F
- Soccer - F
- Softball - S
- Tennis - S
- Track & Field - S
- Swimming (Independent) - W
- Wrestling -W





# Department Presentations

Department members will share information regarding curricular, co-curricular, extra-curricular, and career pathway programs associated with their content areas.

# Art

Mr. Robert Reilly



Brent Jones  
2-D Visual Arts Teacher



Lauren Sunday  
3-D Visual Arts Teacher

# Course Offerings

## 9th Grade Visual Art Courses

- **Drawing & Painting I** - This is the beginner prerequisite course for the 2-D visual arts. The class employs a mixture of drawing and painting assignments that focuses on a variety of media, techniques and subject matter. (1 credit)
- **3-D Design & Sculpture I** - This is the beginner prerequisite course for the 3-D visual arts. This class investigates various artists, art forms and methods of construction as students develop their work for each assignment. (1 credit)
- **Graphic Communications** - This is a computer class focusing on Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop. Though this is an art course, the emphasis is primarily on developing a literacy and proficiency for both Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop programs. (1 credit)
- **Art History** - This class explores art history throughout various eras; while investigating and engaging in the artforms of these cultures. (1 credit)



# Related Department Activities & Programs

**AP 2-D Design/Studio Art-** College Board approved course

## Art Pathways

- Course concentration in field of study
- Possible field experience

## Art Exhibits

- BCIU Student Art Gallery
- Master/Grasshopper Exhibit
- BCCC High School Art Exhibit

## Clubs

- Photography Club
- Art Club



# Business

Mr. Brian Gilbert



# Course Offerings

- Accounting I (.5 credit)
- \*Accounting II (.5 credit)
- AP Computer Science Principles (1 credit)
- Business Concepts** (.5 credit)
- Business Seminar (.5 credit)
- \*Entrepreneurship (1 credit)
- \*\*Financial Literacy (.5 credit)
- \*\*Financial Literacy OL (.5 credit)
- Marketing .5 credit
- MOOCs (Mass Open Online Courses) available several vendors (including Colleges and Universities)
- Multimedia Communications** (.5 credit)
- TV Video I** (.5 credit)
- \*TV Video II (.5 credit)
- \*TV Video III (1 credit)

\*\*Prerequisite Required

\*\*Graduation Requirement





# Related Department Activities & Programs



To Develop

To Create

To Design

# Engineering

Mr. Robert Reilly

To Problem Solve

To Research

To Be Creative

Be Hands –On





# Course Offerings

## Engineering Department

Mechanical



9<sup>th</sup> → Intro. to Engineering Design  
Engineering Design-Mechanical  
Engineering Design-Electrical  
Robotics I/II

Architecture/Civil



9<sup>th</sup> → Architectural Design I  
Architectural Design II



# Related Department Activities & Programs

## Engineering Career Pathway

Professionals

Careers

Future

Job Shadows

Networking

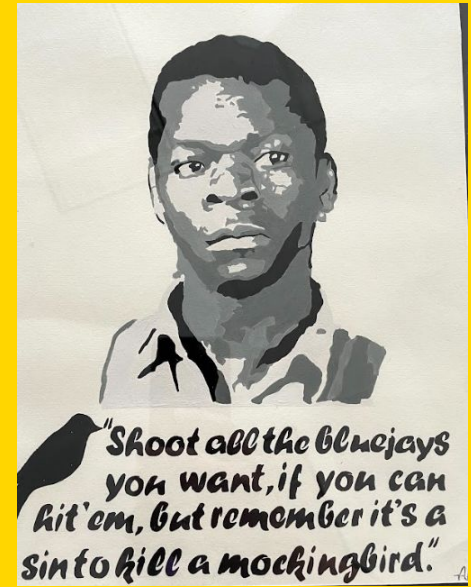
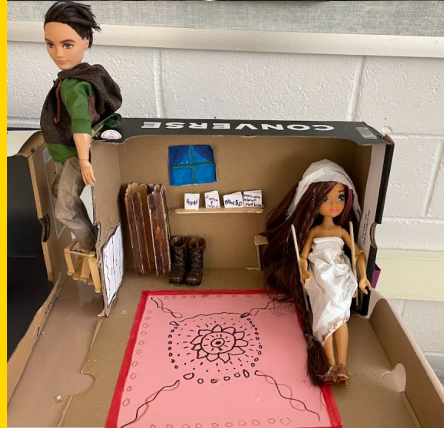
Field Experiences

Required Courses:		Choose 4 credits from the following:	
Introduction to Engineering	1 Credit	* AP Math and Science Courses Highly Recommended	1 Credit
Engineering Design I - Mechanical	1 Credit	Architecture I	1 Credit
		MOOC - related to engineering	1 Credit
		Drawing and Painting	1 Credit
		Computer Science 1 or AP Computer Science (A or Principles)	1 Credit
		Physics II or AP Physics	1 Credit
		Chemistry II or AP Chemistry	1 Credit
Engineering Design II- Electrical	1 Credit	AP Biology	1 Credit
		Engineering Robotics	1 Credit
		College Course in Advanced Math, Advanced Physics, or Engineering	1 Credit
		Advanced Math - Calculus or AP Calculus	1 Credit
		Architecture II	1 Credit

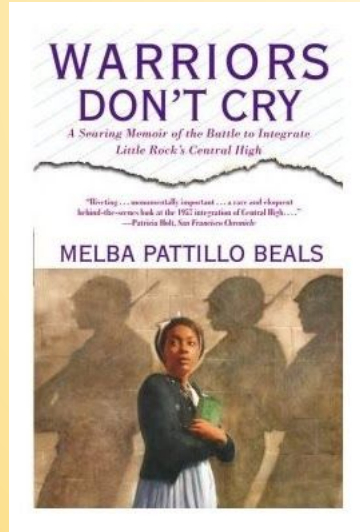


# English

Mrs. Carole Lee Deemer



# English 9 Summer Reading Options



## Elective Offerings:

- ❖ Advanced Reading Seminar
- ❖ Creative Writing
- ❖ SAT Reading and Writing Prep
- ❖ Effective Communication
- ❖ Education Pathway Seminar
- ❖ Journalism I and II



# Related Department Activities & Programs

## Education Career Pathway:

For students

interested in a career  
in early childhood,  
elementary, middle or  
secondary education.

## Clubs

Reading Olympics

Debate

Journalism

THE PIRATES' PEARL

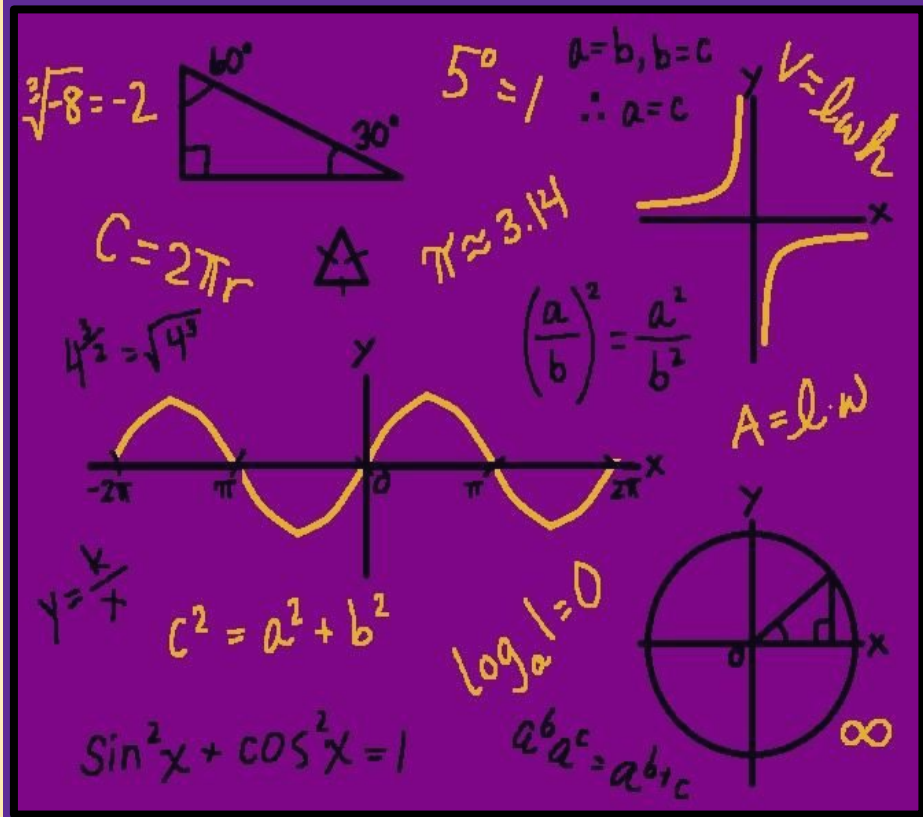


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# Math

Mr. Steve Danley

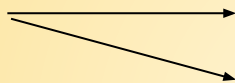


# Course Offerings

8th grade course:

9th grade course:

Math 8 or PreAlgebra



Algebra 1A/Algebra 1B:

(Algebra 1, spread out over the full year)

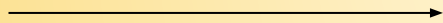
Algebra 1 - Level 1

Algebra 1



Geometry - Level 1

Geometry



Algebra 2 - Honors

Placement is based on MAP, PSSA,  
class grade, and work ethic

Other classes offered: Geometry - Level 2, Algebra 2 - Level 1, Algebra 2 - Level 2, Algebra 3, Advanced Algebra Trigonometry, Advanced Algebra Trigonometry - Honors, PreCalculus, Calculus, Intro to Computer Science, Intro to Statistics, AP Calculus, AP Computer Science, AP Statistics



# Related Department Activities & Programs

Scholars Bowl - regional academic competition

STEM Club - cross curricular activities

Math League competition questions







Music

# Music Ensemble + Course Offerings

## Concert Choir (1 cr or .5 cr)

\*Including Madrigal Singers (By Audition Only- takes place at the end of May. students must select **Concert Choir (MUS-200) 1cr** to audition for Madrigals as a rising freshmen)

## Concert Band (1 cr or .5 cr)

## Jazz Band (1 cr or .5 cr)

## Orchestra (1 cr or .5 cr)

\*If enrolling in Band/Orchestra **and** chorus (splitting), please put **CHORUS** first

## Guitar I (.5 cr)

## Musical Theatre (.5 cr)

## Digital Music (.5 cr)





# Related Music Dept. Activities & Programs

- \*Marching Band (Summer/Fall Season)
- \*Fall Play (October-November)
- \*Musical (January-February)
- \*Coffee House / Open Mics (C.Choir)
- \*Independent Study (Band/Orch/Choir)



# Science

Mr. Mark Chilton



# Course Offerings

## 9th Grade Science Courses:

- Biology 1 or Biology 2
  - Placement based on PSSA & 8th Grade teacher input
  - Keystone tests administered near the end of the course
- Chemistry I
  - Some students will double up in science freshman year

## Other Science Courses Offered:

Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Applied Chemistry, Chemistry II, Physics I, Physics II, Applied Physics Sports, Applied Physics Transportation, Applied Physics Online, Earth & Space Science, Med Careers Seminar, Natural & Environmental Science, Natural & Environmental Science Online, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics 1





# Related Department Activities & Programs

- STEM Outreach Club - Students engage in community science projects and promote Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math throughout the district.
- Medical Career Pathway - Students explore careers within the medical field through relevant coursework and field experiences.



# Social Studies

Mr. Alex Bobsein



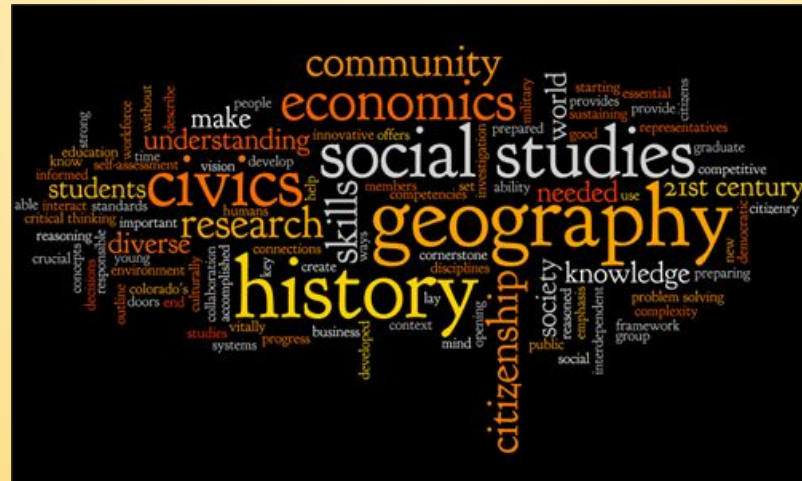
# Course Offerings - 9th Grade

## Core Courses

- US and the World II (~19th century)
  - Level 1
  - Level 2

## Elective Offerings

- Sports and American Society
- Non-Western History and Culture
- Economics





# Other Course Offerings - Beyond 9th Grade



## Core Courses:

- Modern World History
- US and the World III (~20th century)
- Senior Seminars
  - Graduation Project

## Other Exciting Options:

- Sports and American Society
- Non-Western History and Culture
- Economics
- Racism and Genocide
- AP American History
- AP European History



# Related Department Activities & Programs

- Student Government



- Education Pathway



# World Languages

Ms. Page Davis

**Our mission is to empower  
students to communicate  
and participate in a globally  
interdependent world.**





# 9th grade Course Offerings



## As 9th graders, students can....

- continue the study of language started in 8th grade at PALMS

**French 2 , German 2 or Spanish 2**

- begin the study of French, German, Spanish

**French 1, German 1, Spanish 1**

- For transfer students
- For students who currently have Reading this year at PALMS

## Beyond 9th grade, students can....

- Continue with levels 2,3,4 and AP French, German and Spanish
- Take LCTL Chinese/Arabic and Global Issues Seminar (capstone of Global Pathway)







# Related Department Activities & Programs

- **German, Spanish and French Clubs**
- **Spanish, French and German National Honor Societies**
- **Global Pathway**
- **Opportunities for travel to French, German and Spanish speaking countries**



We look forward to meeting the Class of '28 and their involvement in PHS curricular and non-curricular activities! #palisd

