

2025-2026



ROCHAMBEAU

THE FRENCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

AUXILIARY PROGRAM CATALOGUE



FALL / WINTER

SESSION SCHEDULE & INFORMATION



A past that illuminates the future

WELCOME BACK TO ROCHAMBEAU!



Dear Families,

We are pleased to share with you the Fall/Winter 2025 Program Guide, a comprehensive overview of enrichment opportunities available to all students from August 26, 2025 - January 30, 2026.

The Auxiliary Programs team is proud offer a wide range of services and activities designed to support student enrichment and learning beyond the classroom:

- **Before Care (TPS-CM2):** 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- **Homework Help:** 3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
- **Clubs & Enrichment Programs:** 3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
- **Sports:** 3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. (both campuses) and 5:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. (Forest Road Campus Only)
- **Aftercare:** 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m (TPS-GS); 3:45 p.m - 5:15 p.m (CP - CM2)
- **Extended Aftercare:** 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m (TPS-GS); 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m (CP - CM2)

We greatly appreciate the feedback you've shared with us over the past year. Your input has helped guide meaningful updates and improvements to our programs.

Based on your suggestions, here is **WHAT IS NEW:**

New Semester Structure: Starting this year, Auxiliary Programs will run on a two-semester schedule to allow students more time to deepen their engagement and build meaningful skills.

- **Semester 1:** August 26, 2025 - January 30, 2026
- **Semester 2:** February 2, 2026 - June 16, 2026

Program Information: In this guide, you'll find detailed descriptions of each enrichment program, including learning objectives, key skills, and areas of focus. Whenever possible, we've also included brief biographies of our instructors, including our own Rochambeau faculty and staff, to help you get to know the professionals guiding your child's experience.

Updated Pricing: We've carefully reviewed our pricing to ensure that our programs offer strong value while maintaining high standards of quality. Some courses, especially those involving STEM activities or specialized materials, may have higher fees to reflect the cost of supplies and instructor expertise. We thank you for your understanding and support.

We are excited to present this updated guide with you and look forward to this school year. Should you have any questions or need assistance during the registration process, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at clubs@rochambeau.org.

Warmest regards,

Auxiliary Programs Team

SCHEDULE + IMPORTANT DATES

• 2025-2026 •

CALENDRIER SCOLAIRE | ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AOÛT • AUGUST



- F 22 **Journée Pédagogique | Professional Day**
Pas d'école | No school for students & teachers
- M 25 **Rentrée | First day of School**

SEPTEMBRE • SEPTEMBER



- M 1st **Fête du travail | Labor Day**
Bureaux et école fermés | Offices and school closed

OCTOBRE • OCTOBER



- 20-24 **Vacances d'automne | Fall Break**
Pas d'école | No school for students & teachers
- M 27 **Retour en classe | Classes Resume**

NOVEMBRE • NOVEMBER



- 24-25 **Journées Pédagogiques | Professional Days**
Pas d'école | No school for students & teachers
- 26-28 **Congés de Thanksgiving | Thanksgiving Break**
Pas d'école | No school for students & teachers
- Th 27 **Jour de Thanksgiving | Thanksgiving Day**
Bureaux et école fermés | Offices and school closed

DÉCEMBRE • DECEMBER



- 22-31 **Vacances d'hiver | Winter Break**
Pas d'école | No school for students & teachers

JANVIER • JANUARY



- 1-2 **Vacances d'hiver | Winter Break**
Pas d'école | No school for students & teachers
- M 5 **Retour en classe | Classes Resume**
- M 19 **Martin Luther King Day**
Bureaux et école fermés | Offices and school closed

FÉVRIER • FEBRUARY



- F 13 **Journée Pédagogique | Professional Day**
Pas d'école | No school for students & teachers
- M 16 **Jour férié | Presidents Day**
Bureaux et école fermés | Offices and school closed
- 17-20 **Vacances de Février | February Break**
Pas d'école | No school for students & teachers
- M 23 **Retour en classe | Classes Resume**

MARS • MARCH



- 26-27
30-31 **Jours de rattrapage | Snow make up days**

AVRIL • APRIL



- 13-24 **Vacances de printemps | Spring Break**
Pas d'école | No school for students & teachers
- M 27 **Retour en classe | Classes Resume**

MAI • MAY



- M 25 **Memorial Day**
Bureaux et école fermés | Offices and school closed

JUIN • JUNE



- W 17 **Fin des cours |**
Last day of school for students
- Th 18 **Journée Pédagogique | Professional Day**
Pas d'école | No school for students & teachers



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AUXILIARY PROGRAM REGISTRATION TIMELINE

Monday, August 11, 2025

Open registration for TPS, PS, MS, GS, and CP

Registration will open at 10:00 a.m. EST

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Open registration for CE1, CE2, CM1 and CM2

Registration will open at 10:00 a.m. EST

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Emails will be sent to those registered in clubs that are below the minimum registration level to let them know how many more registrations are needed for that club to go forward.

Monday, August 18, 2025

The registration period will close at 8:00 a.m. EST

Emails will be sent to those clubs that didn't reach the minimum registration. Affected families will have the opportunity to enroll in clubs that still have spaces available.

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

The Fall season of clubs begins.





GARDERIE

TPS, PS
MS, GS

Maternelle/Pre-school students will have the opportunity to engage in our morning and afternoon Garderie (Before Care, Aftercare, and Extended Aftercare) programs. Students will enjoy a multitude of activities to extend the learning day.

Students will be engaged through arts and crafts, outdoor free play, story read-alouds, and quiet time for games, books, and puzzles. Registration for Garderie can be done on a drop-in, semester or yearly basis.

Please see pricing below:

Before Care: 7:00-8:30 a.m.

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Semester 1	\$275	\$325	\$325	\$325	\$325
Yearly	\$525	\$600	\$600	\$575	\$560

Aftercare: 3:30-5:30 p.m.

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Semester 1	\$350	\$420	\$420	\$420	\$420
Yearly	\$680	\$770	\$770	\$750	\$725

Extended Aftercare: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Semester 1	\$225	\$265	\$265	\$265	\$265
Yearly	\$435	\$490	\$490	\$475	\$460

Drop-In: The drop-in rate is \$45 per day, per child for Before Care, Aftercare, and Extended Aftercare.

- For Before Care, request by 2:00 p.m. on the prior school day.
- For Aftercare and Extended Aftercare, request by 1:00 p.m. on the same day.

All requests depend on staff availability to maintain compliance with state-required staff-to-child ratios, so please give as much notice as possible.



GARDERIE

CP-CM2

Coach "Kiwi" Keenan is back to lead the Garderie program! Students will be engaged in various group activities, including outdoor games, sports, play and movement, obstacle courses, scavenger hunts, arts and crafts. There will also be opportunities for those who want quiet time to catch up on homework, read a book or relax with friends! Please see pricing below:



Before Care: 7:00-8:30 a.m.

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Semester 1	\$240	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$285
Yearly	\$465	\$525	\$525	\$510	\$495

Aftercare: 3:45-5:15 p.m.

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Semester 1	\$300	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350
Yearly	\$575	\$650	\$650	\$630	\$610

Extended Aftercare: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Semester 1	\$225	\$265	\$265	\$265	\$265
Yearly	\$435	\$490	\$490	\$475	\$450

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE	MONDAY <i>16 sessions</i>	TUESDAY <i>19 sessions</i>	WEDNESDAY <i>19 sessions</i>	THURSDAY <i>19 sessions</i>	FRIDAY <i>19 sessions</i>
GS/CP	Art in French Chorale Club Petit Chef	Arts & Crafts in Spanish	Art in French Cooking Club Dance & Movement Sports Discovery	Board Games Zumba Kids	Arts & Crafts in Spanish My First Piggy Bank
CP	Ballet Minecraft Code; Superheroes Multisports Soccer	Fencing Hip-Hop Judo My First Lemonade Stand Stop Motion Animation	Chess - Introduction Scratch Jr.	Sports Around the World Tennis	Capoeira Karate Kidbots Tennis
CE	Art in Spanish Basketball Club Bilingual Theater Chess - Advanced Mad Science Multisports Zumba	Cooking Around the World (International Cuisine) Embroidery Judo (CE1) Minecraft Code; Superheroes Sports Around the World Soccer (CE1)	Board Games Calligraphy Fencing Judo Young Diplomats	Cooking Club German Club Hip-Hop Judo (CE2) Robotics Tennis	3D Video Game Design Chess - Beginner Chorale Club Soccer (CE2) Stop Motion Animation Tennis Yoga & Creative Movement
CM	AI Gaming and Machine Learning Chess - Advanced RochamBIO Tennis Zumba	Basketball Club Chess - Beginner Embroidery Robotics Team Challenges Public Speaking Running Club	Book Club Calligraphy Chorale Club Hip-Hop Personal Finance Machine Sewing (CM2) Soccer (CM2) Stop Motion Animation	Fencing Hand Sewing Judo (CM1) Minecraft Code: Superheroes Soccer (CM1) Volleyball	Board Games Cooking Around the World (International Cuisine) Judo



GS/CP

9 ACTIVITIES

- Art in French
- Arts & Crafts in Spanish
- Board Games
- Chorale Club
- Cooking Club & Petit Chef
- Dance & Movement
- My First Piggy Bank
- Sports Discovery
- Zumba Kids

SCHEDULE & PRICING

MONDAY*	Art in French	\$495
	Chorale Club	\$400
	Petit Chef	\$600
TUESDAY	Arts & Crafts in Spanish	\$525
WEDNESDAY	Art in French	\$575
	Cooking Club	\$725
	Dance & Movement	\$475
	Sports Discovery	\$475
THURSDAY	Board Games	\$475
	Zumba Kids	\$475
FRIDAY	Arts & Crafts in Spanish	\$525
	My First Piggy Bank	\$650

** Monday pricing reflects cost for 16 sessions in Semester 1, compared to 19 sessions for other days*

Our programs for GS-CP Kindergarten and First Grade students are thoughtfully designed to nurture creativity, curiosity, and foundational skills in a fun and supportive environment. Our young learners will explore a variety of engaging activities tailored to their developmental needs and interests.



Art in French: *Les Petits Créatifs* with Laure

Grades: GS & CP

Language: French

Days: Monday, Wednesday

Price: \$495 (Monday), \$575 (Wednesday)

Club Description

In this creative and immersive club, students explore their imagination while learning and practicing French. Through themed art projects—such as the beach, the seasons, or a rainy day—children are encouraged to observe, express, and invent without worrying about what is “right” or “perfect.”

Each session offers a hands-on artistic experience using different techniques and materials like painting, collage, and sculpture. Students are invited to share their ideas and emotions as they reflect on their creations, all while expanding their French vocabulary in a natural, engaging way.

Club Objectives

- Foster creativity, confidence, and self-expression in a supportive space
- Develop fine motor skills and focus through art
- Introduce new materials and techniques such as painting, modeling, and mixed media
- Encourage French language learning through discussion, storytelling, and vocabulary enrichment

Rochambeau Instructor: Laure

Laure Ade-Logon is a passionate educator with a background in early childhood development and the arts. A native French speaker, she is dedicated to creating an inclusive and joyful environment where children can explore both creativity and language.



Arts & Crafts in Spanish with Flor

Grades: GS & CP

Language: Spanish

Days: Tuesday, Friday

Price: \$525

Club Description

In this creative and engaging club, students will explore the Spanish-speaking world through hands-on art projects. Each session combines basic Spanish vocabulary with easy and fun crafts, giving students the opportunity to discover cultural traditions while expressing themselves artistically. Children will learn about Spanish and Latin American history, festivals, and customs through activities like painting, drawing, and assembling small themed projects. All activities are guided in a Spanish immersion environment to help children become familiar with new words and phrases while building confidence in a relaxed setting.

Club Objectives

- Discover elements of Spanish and Latin American culture through age-appropriate art projects
- Learn basic Spanish vocabulary and expressions in a creative context
- Develop fine motor skills and self-expression through arts and craft-making
- Build curiosity about new cultures and languages in a welcoming space

Rochambeau Instructor: Flor

Born in El Salvador and a proud mother of four, **Flor Ramirez** has been part of the Rochambeau community for four years, currently serving as a lunch monitor and assistant coach for Auxiliary Programs. With a passion for working with children, she loves sharing creative activities—especially arts and crafts—with her own kids and young students alike. She finds great joy in supporting children’s growth through fun, meaningful experiences, always bringing warmth, care, and creativity to everything she does.



Board Games with Nawel

Grades: GS & CP
Language: French
Days: Thursday
Price: \$475

Club Description

In this after-school club, our youngest elementary students will explore the fun and friendly world of board games. Each week, they'll be introduced to age-appropriate games that focus on cooperation, memory, observation, and basic strategy.

Through simple rules and hands-on fun, children will strengthen their focus, learn how to take turns, and enjoy playing with friends. Whether they're building a puzzle path, teaming up for a challenge, or celebrating a group win, they'll gain confidence and social skills while having a great time.

Club Objectives

- Learn to follow game rules and take turns
- Strengthen memory, focus, and observation skills
- Encourage cooperation and team spirit
- Build confidence and joy through shared experiences

Rochambeau Instructor: Nawel

Nawel Mostefa teaches in the preschool program at Rochambeau and has been living in Washington, D.C. for three years. She loves hiking, dancing, and spending time with her family, and she finds joy in sharing games and new experiences with children. Nawel brings a playful and encouraging approach to helping young students grow through hands-on learning.



Chorale Club with Laurence

Grades: GS & CP
Language: French
Days: Monday
Price: \$400

Club Description

Does your child love singing and performing? The Chorale Club offers a joyful and supportive space where students can express themselves through music while building confidence, teamwork, and creativity. Each week, students will explore a wide range of songs and practice vocal techniques, breathing, and stage presence—all in French. Movement and expressive gestures are woven into the sessions to bring the music to life. Singing also supports emotional well-being, helping children express their feelings and relax. Through regular practice, they build discipline, focus, and even enhance academic skills like memory and reading.

Whether your child is a budding soloist or simply enjoys singing along, this club is a wonderful opportunity to grow musically and socially while having fun. It's a place to shine, share, and celebrate music—all en français!

Club Objectives: Through rehearsals and group performances, students will:

- Discover and develop their singing voice
- Build confidence and stage presence
- Learn to follow rhythm and melody
- Improve breathing and voice control
- Explore songs from different cultures
- Experience the joy of singing together as a team

Rochambeau Instructor: Laurence

With over 20 years of experience in education and a passion for music, **Laurence Laurent** is excited to lead the choir club and believes music is a powerful tool that nurtures creativity, confidence, and collaboration. Whether your child loves to sing or is just curious to try, all are welcome to join our musical journey!



Cooking Club with Kathleen & Petit Chef with Nbaila

Grades: GS & CP

Language: French

Days: Monday (Nbaila), Wednesday (Kathleen)

Price: \$600 (Monday), \$725 (Wednesday)

Club Description

In this hands-on culinary club, students embark on a delicious journey through the world of cooking! Each week, they'll discover the joy of preparing simple sweet and savory recipes—from savory quiches and homemade pizzas to madeleines, cookies, and cakes—while exploring ingredients and dishes inspired by global cuisine. Through fun and accessible activities, children will develop their creativity, independence, and teamwork skills while learning basic kitchen techniques in a safe and supportive environment. Recipes are selected to be child-friendly yet exciting, making this club the perfect introduction to the joys of cooking.

Club Objectives

- Learn to follow a recipe step-by-step while practicing kitchen safety and hygiene
- Use basic cooking tools and techniques (measuring, cutting, mixing, cracking eggs, etc.)
- Discover the importance of healthy eating and the pleasure of preparing food from scratch

Rochambeau Instructors: Kathleen and Nbaila

Kathleen Aures has taught abroad for seven years and begins her fourth year at Rochambeau. She has led the cooking club for three years and sees cooking as a fun, hands-on way for students to develop skills like problem-solving, teamwork, and creativity, while exploring topics like sustainability and global food traditions.



Nbaila Camara brings a love of food and education to every class. With experience in both the kitchen and the classroom, she is passionate about helping young chefs develop skills and confidence.



Dance & Movement Club with Gaëlle

Grades: GS & CP

Language: French

Days: Wednesday

Price: \$475

Club Description

This joyful and energetic French-language dance class invites children to explore movement through games, music, and playful choreography. Designed for young learners, each session helps students express themselves while moving to lively rhythms from around the world.

Through movement, students begin to understand their bodies, build spatial awareness, and gain confidence—all while having fun in a positive, supportive atmosphere. The class is structured to be accessible for all levels, with a strong focus on creativity and enjoyment.

Club Objectives

- Develop coordination, rhythm, and gross motor skills
- Build self-confidence and self-expression through movement
- Explore global music and cultures while dancing in French
- Foster teamwork, creativity, and joy in a group setting

Rochambeau Instructor: Gaëlle

Originally from Martinique and based in the U.S. for over a decade, **Gaëlle Mondesir** brings a lifelong passion for dance to her teaching. Trained in ballet, modern jazz, and tap at the Conservatory of Longjumeau in France, she has performed and choreographed for numerous Afro-Caribbean artists across Europe. A licensed Zumba instructor since 2014 and former "Queen of Dancehall" in Paris, Gaëlle brings a vibrant and joyful spirit to every class, introducing children to dances from Africa, South America, and the Caribbean in an inclusive, energetic environment.



My First Piggy Bank with Enrique

Grades: GS & CP
Language: French
Days: Friday
Price: \$650

Club Description

In this hands-on, playful club, students will begin exploring the world of money in a way that makes sense for young minds. Through games, storytelling, and creative activities, children will learn about saving, spending, earning, and giving—core financial literacy concepts that build the foundation for smart money habits.

They'll also explore the difference between needs and wants, practice basic math skills, and discover how donating can help make the world a better place. As part of the club, each child will set a personal savings goal and create a mini-presentation with a poster showing what they're saving for, how they plan to earn money, and how long it will take. To wrap up the experience, students will craft their own set of piggy banks for saving, spending, and donating—ready to take home and use!

Club Objectives

- Build early financial literacy skills in a fun, age-appropriate way
- Practice basic math and problem-solving with real-world examples
- Encourage goal-setting, generosity, and thoughtful decision-making

Rochambeau Instructor: Enrique

Enrique Facorat Duplessis is currently a fifth-grade teacher at Rochambeau. He is an experienced international educator with over a decade of teaching in diverse, multicultural classrooms across Africa, Europe, and the United States. He also holds an MBA in International Management from the École Supérieure de Gestion in Paris. Combining his passion for education and innovative, student-centered learning with his business background, Enrique brings real-world relevance to foundational topics like financial literacy.



Sports Discovery with Marine

Grades: GS & CP
Language: French
Days: Wednesday
Price: \$475

Club Description

Each week, students in Grande Section will take part in a fun and energetic introduction to sports and movement. Through a variety of games and physical activities, they'll discover the joy of moving their bodies, working together, and trying new things—all in a supportive and cheerful environment. Activities will rotate throughout the year and include running games, obstacle courses, balance challenges, relay races, ball games, and simple team competitions. The emphasis is on exploration, coordination, and confidence-building—not performance. Whether they're climbing, crawling, passing a ball, or teaming up with classmates, children will enjoy being active while developing important physical and social skills.

Club Objectives

- Explore different types of movement through games and structured play
- Develop coordination, balance, and motor skills
- Learn teamwork, cooperation, and how to follow basic game rules
- Build confidence by trying new challenges in a safe and supportive space

Rochambeau Instructor: Marine

Marine Neveux Charbonnier is a CM1 teacher at Rochambeau and former professional basketball player from France. She began playing at age 3 and competed in national and European championships. She holds a professional coaching certification from the French Basketball Federation and has led youth and senior teams at the national level for over a decade. Marine brings a thoughtful and energetic approach to introducing young students to sports, helping children move with confidence and have fun.



Zumba Kids with Gaëlle

Grades: GS & CP

Language: French

Days: Thursday

Price: \$475

Club Description

In this fun and high-energy class, students will discover Zumba—a lively blend of music, movement, and joy! Designed especially for younger children, Zumba Kids mixes simple dance steps with playful games, helping students stay active while enjoying rhythms from Latin, French, Caribbean, and African music.

Each session is filled with movement that supports coordination, balance, and body awareness. With upbeat songs and easy-to-follow routines, children will grow more confident, build motor skills, and have a great time dancing together in a positive, encouraging setting.

Club Objectives

- Explore rhythm and movement through dance
- Improve balance, flexibility, and coordination
- Build confidence in a playful, safe setting
- Enjoy staying active with fun music from around the world

Rochambeau Instructor: Gaëlle

Originally from Martinique and based in the U.S. for over a decade, **Gaëlle Mondesir** brings a lifelong passion for dance to her teaching. Trained in ballet, modern jazz, and tap at the Conservatory of Longjumeau in France, she has performed and choreographed for numerous Afro-Caribbean artists across Europe. A licensed Zumba instructor since 2014 and former "Queen of Dancehall" in Paris, Gaëlle brings a vibrant and joyful spirit to every class, introducing children to dances from Africa, South America, and the Caribbean in an inclusive, energetic environment.





SCHEDULE & PRICING

MONDAY*	Ballet	\$585
	Minecraft Code: Superheroes	\$600
	Multisports (JS)	\$425
TUESDAY	Fencing	\$475
	Hip-Hop	\$695
	Judo (Annual)	\$750
	My First Lemonade Stand	\$780
	Stop Motion Animation	\$475
WEDNESDAY	Chess - Introduction	\$775
	Scratch Jr.	\$715
THURSDAY	Sports Around the World	\$500
FRIDAY	Capoeira	\$525
	Karate	\$475
	Kidbots: Intro to Robotics & Coding	\$715

* Monday pricing reflects cost for 16 sessions in Semester 1, compared to 19 sessions for other days

14 ACTIVITIES

Ballet

Capoeira

Chess - Introduction

Fencing

Hip-Hop

Judo

Karate

Kidbots

Minecraft Code: Superheroes

Multisports

My First Lemonade Stand

Scratch Jr.

Sports Around the World

Stop Motion Animation



Ballet with Yoii

Grades: CP

Language: English/French

Days: Monday

Price: \$585

Club Description

This introduction to ballet invites young dancers to explore movement, rhythm, and self-expression through age-appropriate exercises and imaginative routines. In a calm and supportive space, students will learn the basics of ballet technique—including posture, positions, and coordination—while building body awareness and confidence.

With a mix of warm-ups, music, and storytelling through dance, children will have the opportunity to move gracefully, work together, and enjoy the joy of dance. No prior experience is needed—just a willingness to move and have fun!

Club Objectives

- Learn basic ballet positions, posture, and balance
- Improve coordination, flexibility, and musicality
- Build confidence and focus through structured movement
- Encourage creativity and expression through dance

Meet the Instructor: Yoii

Yoii is a professional dance instructor, performer, and choreographer with over 20 years of experience. Originally from Colombia and raised in New York, she has a diverse dance background that includes ballet, hip hop, salsa, bachata, and ballroom. Now based in the DMV area, Yoii brings fun, creativity, and inclusivity to her classes, and especially enjoys working with young children of all abilities.



Capoeira – Movement & Music from Brazil with Roberto

Grades: CP

Language: English

Days: Friday

Price: \$525

Club Description

Capoeira is a Brazilian martial art that blends movement, rhythm, music, and play. In this engaging club, students will explore Capoeira's unique mix of kicks, spins, escapes, and acrobatics—while building balance, coordination, and confidence in a fun and supportive setting. Each session includes music and cultural elements, too! Children will sing traditional Afro-Brazilian songs, play instruments like the drum and tambourine, and learn how rhythm guides the Capoeira "game" inside the roda (circle).

Capoeira is more than physical activity—it's a joyful, creative, and social experience that helps children move, listen, and connect with one another through respect, discipline, and teamwork.

Club Objectives

- Develop balance, rhythm, and motor coordination
- Learn basic Capoeira movements and sequences
- Explore Afro-Brazilian music and cultural traditions
- Practice focus, respect, and cooperation through

Meet the Instructor: Roberto

Roberto Tapia, a Chilean-American Capoeira instructor, founded Roda Movements in 2008 to build a community around martial arts, fitness, and dance. Based in Wheaton, MD, he has taught after-school programs across the D.C. area since 2010 and organized over 19 Capoeira events. Promoted to Contramestre in 2021, Roberto has represented Capoeira nationally and internationally, including at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival and in countries like Benin, Mozambique, and Brazil.



Introduction to Chess with Chess Wizards

Grades: CP

Language: English

Days: Wednesday

Price: \$775

Club Description

In this fun and interactive introduction to chess, students will explore the basics of the game in a playful, hands-on environment. Through guided lessons, mini-games, and practice matches, they'll learn the names and movements of each piece, simple strategies, and the key rules of the game.

No prior experience is needed—just curiosity and a willingness to try! Each session is designed to boost memory, focus, and problem-solving in a supportive and encouraging setting.

Club Objectives

- Learn the names and movements of all chess pieces
- Understand basic rules: check, checkmate, stalemate
- Develop early strategic thinking and planning
- Practice sportsmanship, turn-taking, and focus

Meet the Instructor: Chess Wizards

Chess Wizards is a premier chess education company providing fun, informative and challenging chess lessons to students in PreK-8th grade. Chess Wizards teaches children how to problem solve, think critically, win graciously, and accept defeat with dignity and sportsmanship. At the end of this session, each student will have had the chance to participate in a mini-chess tournament.

Introduction to Fencing with Julie

Grades: CP

Language: French

Days: Tuesday

Price: \$475

Club Description

This fun and engaging introductory fencing club introduces young students to the world of fencing through movement, play, and imagination. Designed especially for first graders, the class focuses on body awareness, coordination, motor skills, and the joy of learning something new. Through guided games, imaginative role-play, and focus exercises, students explore the basics of fencing in a non-combative, age-appropriate way. The semester includes a special collaborative project: students will prepare a short, choreographed, artistic fencing piece that blends movement and storytelling—an opportunity to build confidence and celebrate their progress together.

Club Objectives

- Improve balance, concentration, and coordination
- Practice following rules and respecting others
- Explore movement through imagination and teamwork
- Discover fencing in a playful and creative environment

Rochambeau Instructor: Julie

Julie Huin is a Physical Education teacher at Rochambeau and was a former high-level fencing athlete. After years of competitive fencing, she turned to teaching to share her passion for the sport. Julie launched the fencing program at Rochambeau and brings energy, care, and a strong sense of purpose to each class—helping students grow through values like respect, confidence, and discipline.



Discovery of Hip-Hop with Yoii

Grades: CP

Language: English & French

Days: Tuesday

Price: \$695

Club Description

This fun and high-energy club introduces students to the basics of hip-hop dance in a way that's playful and age-appropriate. Through simple routines, rhythm games, and creative movement, children will develop coordination, musicality, and confidence.

Dancing to the latest hip-hop tunes, each session is designed to get kids moving, expressing themselves, and enjoying dance in a supportive and positive space.

Club Objectives

- Build coordination and rhythm through dance
- Encourage self-expression and creativity
- Develop listening skills and body awareness
- Gain confidence in a fun and active environment

Meet the Instructor: Yoii

Yoii is a dance instructor, performer, and choreographer with over 20 years of experience across a wide range of styles—from hip-hop and ballet to salsa and ballroom. Originally from Colombia and raised in New York City, she now shares her passion for dance in the DMV area. Yoii especially enjoys working with children of all ages, including those with special needs, and brings a joyful, inclusive energy to every class.



Introduction to Judo with Sensei Fred

Grades: CP

Language: French

Days: Tuesday

Price: \$750

Club Description

This club introduces young students to the world of judo through fun, movement-based activities designed to build confidence, balance, and body awareness. In a safe and supportive environment, children will explore this traditional Japanese martial art, learn how to fall properly, and begin to understand the values of judo—like respect, courage, and self-control.

Lessons will include simple exercises with partners, games using soft mannequins (Jo), and age-appropriate techniques that develop motor skills and focus. It's a great first step into martial arts and a way to grow through both movement and mindfulness.

Club Objectives

- Learn how to tie a judo belt and follow basic etiquette
- Discover judo's origins and values through stories and play
- Improve motor coordination and confidence through fun challenges
- Explore concepts like balance, falling safely, and teamwork

Meet the Instructor: Fred

Born into a family of judokas in Paris, **Fred** began practicing judo at age 4 and competed in international tournaments across Europe. He earned his black belt at 17 and became a certified judo instructor with the French Judo Federation in 1991. The following year, he traveled to Japan to deepen his knowledge and practice. Now a 3rd dan black belt, he has taught judo with passion for decades, sharing the sport and the values of respect, discipline, and humility behind it. Since 2016, he has been teaching at Rochambeau, helping students discover the joy of judo while introducing them to Japanese culture in a safe and playful setting.



Karate – Okinawan Martial Arts with James

Grades: CP

Language: English

Days: Friday

Price: \$475

Club Description

This dynamic club introduces students to Shorin-ryu, a traditional style of Okinawan karate rooted in centuries of martial arts heritage. Children will learn self-defense skills while building physical coordination, balance, and confidence through structured practice and partner work.

Each session focuses on stances, blocks, strikes, and controlled movement—teaching students to move with precision and purpose. They'll also explore traditional forms (kata), simple grappling and escapes, and develop discipline, focus, and respect through consistent, age-appropriate martial arts training. This club offers more than just movement—it's an introduction to a rich cultural tradition that supports both body and mind development in a safe and supportive environment.

Club Objectives

- Develop strength, balance, coordination, and posture
- Learn fundamental karate movements and self-defense concepts
- Build confidence and personal discipline
- Foster respect, focus, and cooperation through martial arts practice

Rochambeau Instructor: James

James Huss has taught English at Rochambeau since 2022 and has studied martial arts for over 37 years. With advanced training in karate, aikido, and tai chi, he has lived and trained in China, Okinawa, and across Southeast Asia. Sensei Huss has taught students of all ages and has led karate and aikido clubs at international schools around the world.



Kidbots: Intro to Robotics & Coding with CodeAdvantage

Grades: CP

Language: English

Days: Friday

Price: \$715

Club Description

In this hands-on robotics club, young engineers will explore the exciting world of STEM by designing, building, and programming their own moving creations! Using colorful bricks and block-based coding, students will learn how to make simple robots that move, light up, or solve basic engineering challenges.

Each session blends creativity with problem-solving as students work in teams to explore real-world ideas—like building a boat for transport or designing a wind turbine for renewable energy. Along the way, they'll gain foundational skills in coding, logical thinking, and teamwork—all while having fun and bringing their ideas to life.

Club Objectives

- Learn the basics of robotics and visual coding
- Explore STEM through hands-on problem solving
- Build teamwork and communication skills
- Encourage creativity through design and experimentation

Meet the Instructor: CodeAdvantage

This club is offered by **CodeAdvantage**, a leading provider of coding and technology enrichment programs for children. Their instructors are trained to make STEM accessible, engaging, and fun—helping young learners build confidence and skills in a creative, supportive environment.

Minecraft Code: Superheroes with CodeAdvantage

Grades: CP
Language: English
Days: Monday
Price: \$600

Club Description

In this imaginative and beginner-friendly coding class, students will use the world of Minecraft to become digital superheroes! Each week, they'll explore new coding concepts while taking on exciting challenges—like saving a frozen bunker, protecting the White House, or defending a ruined city.

Using block-based coding tools inside Minecraft, children will learn key programming ideas such as loops, variables, and commands—all while having fun and building confidence in a familiar, creative environment. No prior coding or Minecraft experience is needed.

Club Objectives

- Learn basic coding concepts through hands-on projects
- Build and program characters using commands and logic
- Strengthen problem-solving and creative thinking
- Work independently and collaboratively in a digital world

Meet the Instructors: CodeAdvantage

Code Advantage is a leading provider of coding and STEM enrichment programs for children. Their experienced instructors use fun, age-appropriate tools like Minecraft, Roblox, and Scratch to teach core programming skills in a playful and engaging way. CodeAdvantage has worked with thousands of students across the U.S., fostering creativity and confidence in the next generation of young coders.

Multisports with Jump Start

Grades: CP
Language: English
Days: Monday
Price: \$425

Club Description

This high-energy sports club gives students the chance to discover a wide variety of athletic games in a fun and supportive setting. Each month, children will explore a different sport—like soccer, t-ball, or flag football—while learning basic rules, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Through playful drills and movement challenges, students will build confidence, coordination, and a love of staying active. Whether they're new to sports or already have a favorite, this club offers something for everyone.

Club Objectives

- Discover a variety of sports and athletic activities
- Develop coordination, balance, and motor skills
- Learn teamwork, fair play, and the basics of game rules
- Build confidence in a fun and inclusive environment

Meet the Instructor: Liana

Liana Henderson is a youth coach with Jump Start and a passionate educator with a Master's in Education from the University of Maryland. After 14 years of teaching Spanish and Italian in Montgomery County, she now focuses on mentoring children through sports, combining her love of movement with an inclusive approach to learning and play.

My First Lemonade Stand with Spark Business Academy

Grades: CP
Language: English
Days: Tuesday
Price: \$780

Club Description

In this fun and hands-on club, students will learn what it takes to run their very own lemonade stand—while practicing real-world skills in math, teamwork, and entrepreneurship. Each week, children will explore everything from how lemons grow and why they're sour to experimenting with recipes, counting money, and designing flyers.

Through small group collaboration, students will work collectively to choose a business name, design a logo, and decide on a charity to support with their profits. The club ends with a special showcase event, where students launch their lemonade stand and raise funds for the cause they selected—an exciting moment for everyone involved.

Club Objectives

- Learn early business concepts through creative, collaborative play
- Practice counting money and calculating change
- Build teamwork, listening, conflict-resolution, leadership, and decision-making skills
- Develop motivation and perseverance through a real-world project

Meet the Instructor: Sherida

Sherida Parkins has been teaching with Spark Business Academy since 2017, inspiring students to explore entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and global awareness. She has worked with students through programs at Georgetown Day School, Sidwell Friends School and Montgomery County Public Schools, and is passionate about after-school programs as a space for students to build real-world skills and connect with peers in an engaging setting. Founded by a former financial executive and Harvard MBA, Spark Business Academy introduces students to entrepreneurship and financial literacy through fun, age-appropriate activities.

Scratch Jr. with Code Advantage

Grades: CP
Language: English
Days: Wednesday
Price: \$715

Club Description

In this beginner-friendly coding club, students will be introduced to programming using *Scratch Jr.*, a visual coding app designed for young learners. Through simple drag-and-drop blocks, students will learn how to sequence actions, create animations, and build short interactive stories.

As they design characters (called "sprites") and bring their ideas to life, children will explore important programming concepts like automation, logic, and storytelling—all while building confidence and having fun with technology.

Club Objectives

- Understand basic coding concepts like sequencing and automation
- Create animations and short stories using visual programming
- Strengthen logical thinking and problem-solving
- Encourage creativity and early interest in tech

Meet the Instructor: Code Advantage

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Sports Around the World with Jump Start

Grades: CP

Language: English

Days: Thursday

Price: \$500

Club Description

This energetic and engaging club invites students to discover sports from across the globe—such as handball, cricket, rugby, and field hockey. Each month, children will explore a new game while learning the basic rules, practicing key movements, and staying active through fun and inclusive play.

More than just physical activity, this club offers a playful way to build coordination, teamwork, and an early appreciation for global traditions in sports.

Club Objectives

- Discover the rules and techniques of international sports
- Develop coordination, agility, and teamwork
- Promote curiosity and cultural awareness through play
- Build confidence and enthusiasm for physical activity

Meet the Instructor: Liana

Liana Henderson is a youth coach with Jump Start and a passionate educator with a Master's in Education from the University of Maryland. After 14 years of teaching Spanish and Italian in Montgomery County, she now focuses on mentoring children through sports, combining her love of movement with an inclusive approach to learning and play.

Discovery of Stop Motion Animation with Nicolas

Grades: CP

Language: French

Days: Tuesday

Price: \$475

Club Description

Have you ever wanted to make your own animated movie? In this fun and creative club, students will discover the basics of stop motion animation—a technique that brings stories to life using simple objects like LEGO figures or paper shapes. Each week, children will imagine a story, build scenes, and take photos frame by frame to create their own mini-films.

With easy-to-use tools and lots of imagination, students will enjoy telling stories, experimenting, and working together while learning how movies are made, one picture at a time!

Check out [this short film](#) made last year!

Club Objectives

- Learn how stop motion animation works
- Practice storytelling through visuals
- Develop fine motor skills and teamwork
- Spark creativity with everyday materials

Rochambeau Instructor: Nicolas

Nicolas Valentin is a 2nd grade teacher at Rochambeau with over 20 years of classroom experience and a strong interest in technology and photography. He launched the Stop Motion Club in 2021 and has guided more than 75 students through the creative process of making short animated films. Passionate about sparking imagination through digital tools, he encourages students to continue exploring animation even beyond the classroom.





CE1/CE2

SCHEDULE & PRICING

MONDAY*	Art in Spanish	\$450
	Basketball	\$470
	Bilingual Theater	\$400
	Chess - Advanced	\$650
	Mad Science	\$650
	Multisports	\$425
	Zumba	\$400
TUESDAY	Cooking Around the World	\$725
	Embroidery	\$525
	Judo (CE1) - Annual	\$750
	Minecraft Code; Superheroes	\$715
	Sports Around the World	\$500
WEDNESDAY	Board Games	\$475
	Calligraphy	\$525
	Fencing	\$475
	Judo (CE1 & CE2) - Annual	\$750
	Young Diplomats	\$780
THURSDAY	Cooking Club	\$725
	German Club	\$475
	Hip-Hop	\$695
	Judo (CE2) - Annual	\$750
	Robotics	\$715
FRIDAY	3D Video Game Design	\$715
	Chess - Beginner	\$775
	Chorale (Choir Club)	\$475
	Stop Motion Animation	\$475
	Yoga & Creative Movement	\$525

* Monday pricing reflects cost for 16 sessions in Semester 1, compared to 19 sessions for other days

25 ACTIVITIES

3D Video Game Design

Art in Spanish

Basketball

Bilingual Theater

Board Games

Calligraphy

Chess – Beginner

Chess – Advanced

Chorale (Choir Club)

Cooking Around the World

Cooking Club (International Cuisine)

Embroidery

Fencing

German Club

Hip-Hop

Judo

Mad Science

Minecraft Code: Superheroes

Multisports

Robotics

Sports Around the World

Stop Motion Animation

Yoga and Creative Movement

Young Diplomats Club

Zumba



3D Video Game Design with CodeAdvantage

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: English

Days: Friday

Price: \$715

Club Description

Kids love to play video games—now let's help them create their own! In this exciting club, students embark on an aquatic adventure while learning how to design and build interactive 3D video games. Using block-based programming, they will develop essential coding skills including objects, conditionals, constructors, logic gates, loops, and more.

This hands-on experience encourages creativity, problem-solving, and computational thinking in a fun and supportive environment.

Club Objectives

- Learn the fundamentals of block programming
- Create interactive 3D game elements
- Use coding concepts like conditionals and loops
- Develop logical thinking and problem-solving
- Practice game design and storytelling



Meet the Instructor: CodeAdvantage

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Art in Spanish with Arlette

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: Spanish (no prior Spanish required)

Days: Monday

Price: \$450

Club Description

¡Bienvenidos! This fun and hands-on arts and crafts club is a great way for young creators to be introduced to Spanish in an engaging and natural way. Through guided art projects and collaborative work, children will build their artistic skills and confidence—all in a welcoming, multilingual environment. Projects will gradually increase in complexity, allowing each child to grow at their own pace and feel proud of their creative journey. Whether your child is already passionate about art or just starting to explore their creativity, this bilingual art club is a wonderful way to build new skills, experience a new language, and express themselves in a joyful and inclusive environment. No prior experience in art or Spanish is necessary.

Club Objectives

- Work with materials like paper, cardboard, fabric, paint, and mixed media
- Practice cutting, folding, painting, sewing, and sculpting
- Discover traditional crafts and visual inspiration from around the world
- Learn Spanish vocabulary through creative expression and play
- Strengthen fine motor skills, observation, patience, and problem-solving
- Collaborate with classmates and participate in group reflections

Rochambeau Instructor: Arlette

Arlette Ricaud Zientara is a Spanish teacher at Maplewood with a deep passion for both education and the arts. Originally from Mexico, she discovered her artistic talent early—winning first place in a national drawing contest at age seven—and has since exhibited her work in Mexico City, Spain, and Paris. At Rochambeau, she combines her love of teaching and visual expression to help students grow through creativity and culture.



Basketball Club with Marine and Enrique

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: French

Days: Monday

Price: \$470

Club Description

Dribble, pass, shoot, and score! This after-school basketball club is designed for 2nd and 3rd graders of all levels—from beginners to budding athletes—who want to have fun while developing their skills on the court. Each session includes dynamic warm-ups, technical drills (like dribbling, passing, shooting, and defense), team games, and friendly scrimmages. Through structured play and repetition, students build coordination, confidence, and teamwork in a supportive environment. Throughout the semester, students will participate in fun challenges and games, culminating in a friendly end-of-season tournament. Families will be invited to cheer on the players and celebrate their progress!

Club Objectives

- Learn and improve fundamental basketball skills
- Understand the rules and flow of the game
- Develop teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship
- Build agility, coordination, and self-confidence
- Enjoy friendly competition in a positive setting

Rochambeau Instructors: Marine and Enrique

Marine Neveux Charbonnier is a CM1/4th teacher at Rochambeau and former professional basketball player in France. She played at the national and European level and holds a coaching certification from the French Basketball Federation. Over the past 10 years, she has coached a variety of high-level youth and adult teams and co-managed a regional training program for young athletes.

Enrique Facorat Duplessis is a CM2/5th grade teacher at Rochambeau and has a strong background as a basketball player and youth mentor. He brings experience working with young athletes on skill development and game strategy with a focus on building confidence and fostering a love for the sport.



Bilingual Theater with Arielle

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: French & English

Days: Monday

Price: \$400

Club Description

The Bilingual Theater Club invites students to explore the world of drama in both French and English through games, improvisation, and creative expression. In a supportive and joyful environment, children will develop their confidence, imagination, and communication skills while learning the fundamentals of performance. Each week, students will participate in a variety of engaging activities that blend movement, character-building, voice exercises, and imaginative play. They'll act out scenes, use props in new and surprising ways, mimic characters and accents, and take part in games that challenge their creativity and teamwork.

Club Objectives

- Strengthen oral language skills in both French and English
- Develop imagination, presence, and stage awareness
- Learn to listen, collaborate, and express themselves creatively
- Build confidence through joyful experimentation and play

No prior experience is necessary—just curiosity, creativity, and a willingness to try something new. This club is a playful space where every child can shine!

Rochambeau Instructor: Arielle

Arielle Dambrine is a passionate educator with extensive international teaching experience. She has taught at Rochambeau since 2016, as well as at schools in Singapore, France, and Canada. A graduate of McGill University in both Education and Commerce, Arielle is fully trilingual (English, French, and Spanish) and brings creativity, energy, and organization to her teaching. She has led drama and debate clubs across various grade levels and is dedicated to helping students find their voice and express themselves with confidence.



Board Games with Nawel

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: French

Days: Wednesday

Price: \$475

Club Description

In this club, elementary students will explore a wide range of engaging board games that challenge their logic, creativity, and social thinking. From strategy games to problem-solving challenges and team competitions, each session invites kids to think, collaborate, and have fun.

This is more than just play—it's an opportunity to learn how to plan ahead, consider others' perspectives, and manage both success and setbacks in a friendly setting.

With support and guidance, students will discover the joy of gaming while developing key life skills.

Club Objectives

- Strengthen logical thinking, planning, and problem-solving
- Practice communication and teamwork through play
- Develop patience, resilience, and sportsmanship
- Discover a variety of games that encourage curiosity and collaboration

Rochambeau Instructor: Nawel

Nawel Mostefa teaches in the preschool program at Rochambeau and has been living in Washington, D.C. for three years. She loves hiking, dancing, and spending time with her family, and she finds joy in sharing games and new experiences with children. Nawel brings a playful and encouraging approach to helping young students grow through hands-on learning.



Creative Calligraphy with Abir

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: French

Days: Wednesday

Price: \$525

Club Description

This club invites students to discover the art of beautiful writing and creativity through calligraphy. No prior experience is needed — students will be guided step by step in a calm and supportive environment to learn the basics of calligraphy and create personalized greeting cards.

Participants will select a theme (such as birthdays or seasonal celebrations), find inspiring models, and practice organizing their message before tracing and decorating with colorful pens. The project emphasizes fine motor skills, attention to detail, and artistic expression.

By the end of the course, students will have created their own unique greeting card while developing hand-eye coordination and a sense of design in a fun and rewarding setting.

Club Objectives

- Learn basic principles and techniques of calligraphy
- Learn how to organize and design a message
- Strengthen fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination
- Explore creative decoration and personal expression

Rochambeau Instructor: Abir

Abir Badis is a certified primary school teacher accredited by the French Ministry of Education and currently works as a substitute teacher at Rochambeau. She has a lifelong passion for arts and crafts and often supports teachers with creative classroom projects. In addition to her love for textile art, she enjoys travel, photography, and exploring new languages and cultures. Through this club, Abir shares her appreciation for handmade artistry in a warm and supportive setting.



Chess Club - Beginner with Chess Wizards

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: English

Days: Friday

Price: \$775

Club Description

This beginner-level chess club introduces students to the foundations of chess while encouraging concentration, patience, and critical thinking. With engaging activities and step-by-step instruction, students will explore opening strategies, basic tactics, and how to checkmate with confidence.

Perfect for those new to chess or still building confidence, this club focuses on learning while having fun—and playing games every week!

Club Objectives

- Master piece movement and board setup
- Learn checkmate patterns and special rules (like castling and promotion)
- Build early planning and tactical skills
- Strengthen focus, independence, and good sportsmanship



Chess Club - Advanced with Chess Wizards

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: English

Days: Monday

Price: \$650

Club Description

This advanced chess club is for students who already understand the rules and want to take their game to the next level. Players will dive into more complex strategies including opening theory, tactical combinations, and endgame patterns.

Lessons will include real game analysis and opportunities to apply new skills in friendly matches and challenges.

Ideal for returning players or those with tournament experience, this club helps students sharpen their thinking, play with confidence, and learn from every move.

Club Objectives

- Deepen understanding of chess strategy and tactics
- Analyze games and explore advanced checkmate techniques
- Improve concentration, planning, and self-evaluation
- Play competitive games with a focus on growth and sportsmanship

Meet the Instructors: Chess Wizards

Chess Wizards is a premier chess education company providing fun, informative and challenging chess lessons to students in PreK-8th grade. Chess Wizards teaches children how to problem solve, think critically, win graciously, and accept defeat with dignity and sportsmanship. At the end of this session, each student will have had the chance to participate in a mini-chess tournament.

Chorale Club with Laurence

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: French

Days: Friday

Price: \$475

Club Description

Join our Chorale Club and discover the joy of singing in a supportive and inspiring environment! This club is designed for CE1 and CE2 students who love to sing and want to develop their vocal skills, musicality, and confidence through group singing.

Under the guidance of Laurence, students will explore a variety of songs—ranging from traditional French chansons to contemporary music—while learning breathing techniques, rhythm, and harmony.

The club encourages teamwork and expression as students prepare performances for special school events.

Club Objectives

- Practice basic vocal techniques and breath control
- Sing in harmony and rhythm exercises
- Develop music appreciation and listening skills
- Build confidence through group performance
- Develop cooperation and respect within a choir setting

Rochambeau Instructor: Laurence

With over 20 years of experience in education and a deep passion for singing, music composition and performance, **Laurence Laurent** is excited to lead the after-school Choir Club for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. She believes music is a powerful tool that nurtures creativity, confidence, and collaboration. In our club, students will explore vocal techniques, learn fun and inspiring songs, and develop performance skills in a supportive and joyful environment. Whether your child loves to sing or is just curious to try, all are welcome to join our musical journey!



Cooking Around the World with Muriel

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: French

Days: Tuesday

Price: \$725

Club Description

Put on your apron and get ready to travel the world through food! In this fun and educational cooking club, students will explore new ingredients, practice basic culinary techniques, and discover recipes from different cultures—all while working together in a safe and supervised environment. Each session will offer a hands-on cooking or baking activity where students learn how to measure, mix, chop (with child-safe tools), and follow step-by-step instructions. They'll also discover interesting facts about the origin of each dish and its cultural significance. From sweet treats to savory favorites, the focus will be on simple, kid-friendly recipes that are both fun to make and delicious to share. The club is designed to build confidence in the kitchen while reinforcing academic skills such as counting, sequencing, and vocabulary—in French!

Club Objectives

- Practice basic kitchen safety and hygiene
- Learn to measure and follow a recipe
- Explore other cultures through international cuisine
- Build teamwork, patience, and communication
- Take pride in preparing and tasting their own creations

All materials and ingredients are provided. Please inform us in advance of any food allergies.

Meet the Instructor: Muriel

Muriel Caussat is a passionate and experienced educator who has taught for over 20 years, both in France and in French international schools. She recently spent three years teaching in Casablanca and brings a strong openness to cultural diversity and creativity into her teaching. Muriel sees cooking as an exciting and effective way to help students develop language, math, and social-emotional skills in a joyful, collaborative setting. Through her club, she fosters curiosity, teamwork, and a love of learning—one delicious recipe at a time.



Cooking Club with Kathleen and Nbalia

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: French

Days: Thursday

Price: \$725

Club Description

Join Kathleen and Nabilia in this hands-on cooking club designed especially for CE students! This fun and educational club invites young chefs to explore a variety of simple, tasty recipes while learning essential kitchen skills. Each session will focus on practical cooking techniques such as measuring, mixing, chopping with child-safe tools, and following step-by-step instructions. Students will also discover interesting facts about the ingredients and dishes they prepare, all in a friendly and supportive environment.

The club encourages teamwork, creativity, and confidence in the kitchen, while reinforcing language, math, and sequencing skills through cooking—all taught in French.

Club Objectives

- Learn basic kitchen safety and hygiene
- Practice measuring ingredients accurately and following recipes step-by-step
- Discover new ingredients and their uses
- Collaborate and communicate with peers
- Build confidence and creativity through cooking



Rochambeau Instructors: Kathleen and Nbalia

Kathleen Aures has taught abroad for seven years and begins her fourth year at Rochambeau. She has led the cooking club for three years and sees cooking as a fun, hands-on way for students to develop skills like problem-solving, teamwork, and creativity, while exploring topics like sustainability and global food traditions.



Nbalia Camara brings a love of food and education to every class. With experience in both the kitchen and the classroom, she is passionate about helping young chefs develop skills and confidence.



Introduction to Embroidery with Abir

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: French

Days: Tuesday

Price: \$525

Club Description

This hands-on embroidery club invites students to discover the joy of textile art while developing fine motor skills, patience, and concentration in a calm and creative environment. No prior experience is needed—students will be guided step-by-step as they explore the basics of embroidery, from learning how to thread a needle and tie secure knots, to using an embroidery hoop and working with fabric. They'll practice foundational stitches like the running stitch, backstitch, and straight stitch, gradually gaining the confidence to create their own decorative designs. As the weeks progress, students will select a simple motif—such as a flower, heart, star, or their initials—and bring it to life using colorful threads. Each child will be encouraged to personalize their creation with their choice of colors and optional embellishments like beads, ribbons, or textile markers.

By the end of the session, each student will take home a finished embroidery piece to be proud of!

Club Objectives

- Learn basic embroidery techniques and stitches
- Develop concentration, coordination, and perseverance
- Express creativity through colors and textures
- Create a personal keepsake to bring home

Rochambeau Instructor: Abir

Abir Badis is a certified primary school teacher accredited by the French Ministry of Education and currently works as a substitute teacher at Rochambeau. She has a lifelong passion for arts and crafts and often supports teachers with creative classroom projects. In addition to her love for textile art, she enjoys travel, photography, and exploring new languages and cultures. Abir shares her appreciation for handmade artistry in a welcoming and supportive setting.



Fencing Club with Julie

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: French

Days: Wednesday

Price: \$475

Club Description

This fencing class is a full introduction to fencing designed especially for 2nd and 3rd graders to explore the fundamentals of this elegant and exciting sport. Under the expert guidance of Ms. Julie Huin, a former high-level fencer and Physical Education teacher, students will learn essential techniques such as stances, footwork, dodges, and beginner-level bouts — all in a safe, supportive, and playful environment.

The sessions emphasize body control, coordination, and mastering the basic rules of fencing. Respect, concentration, and good posture are key values woven throughout the class to help students build confidence and sportsmanship.

This club offers a well-rounded introduction that prepares young fencers to continue their journey in this dynamic sport — all while having fun!

Club Objectives

- Discover fencing as a technical and strategic sport
- Acquire foundational motor and tactical skills
- Build self-confidence and respect for peers
- Experience the joy of movement and personal challenge

Rochambeau Instructor: Julie

Julie Huin is a former high-level fencing athlete who brings her passion for sport and education to every class. Currently as a Physical Education teacher at Rochambeau, Julie leads the fencing program with energy and care, sharing core fencing values such as respect, discipline, confidence, and personal growth.



German Club – Discover German: Culture, Creativity and Communication with Sabine

Grades: CE1 & CE2
Language: English/German
Days: Thursday
Price: \$475

Club Description

In this engaging and playful course, students will explore the world of Germany and the German language through hands-on activities and interactive learning. Students will immerse themselves in German fairy tales, reenacting stories with costumes, experiencing seasonal traditions, baking cookies, singing folk songs, and learning traditional dances. Participants will also discover real-life situations to practice German communication, such as greetings, shopping, and ordering at a restaurant. The course highlights the uniqueness of German culture, its festivals, history, regional cuisines, geography, and dialects. This club offers a fun, immersive introduction to German language and culture, balancing serious learning with lots of enjoyment!

Club Objectives

- Recognize what is 'typically German'
- Use basic German phrases in everyday situations
- Understand German cultural traditions and festivals
- Learn about German history, geography, and regional customs
- Build confidence in speaking and listening to German

Rochambeau Instructor: Sabine

Sabine Cox is originally from Freiburg, Germany. She studied German language and literature in Munich and has been teaching German to students from 6th to 12th grade at Rochambeau since 2015. Passionate about sharing the richness of German language and culture, Sabine looks forward to welcoming a new group of eager learners every year.



Hip-Hop with Yoiï – Groove & Style

Grades: CE1 & CE2
Language: English & French
Days: Thursday
Price: \$695

Club Description

In this dynamic dance club, students will explore the world of hip-hop through age-appropriate music, choreography and freestyle activities. With a focus on rhythm, coordination, and style, dancers will learn foundational moves and short routines while building confidence and teamwork.

Whether your child is new to dance or full of energy and rhythm, this club is a great way to move, create, and grow.

Club Objectives

- Learn basic hip-hop choreography and technique
- Improve coordination, timing, and memory
- Strengthen teamwork and peer collaboration
- Encourage creative expression through movement

Meet the Instructor: Yoiï

Yoiï is a dance instructor, performer, and choreographer with over 20 years of experience across a wide range of styles—from hip-hop and ballet to salsa and ballroom. Originally from Colombia and raised in New York City, she now shares her passion for dance in the DMV area. Yoiï especially enjoys working with children of all ages, including those with special needs, and brings a joyful, inclusive energy to every class.



Judo – Foundations with Sensei Fred

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: French

Days: CE1 - Tuesday or Wednesday

CE2 - Wednesday or Thursday

Price: \$750 (annual fee, per selected weekday)

Club Description

In this dynamic martial arts club, students will deepen their discovery of judo through engaging activities, partner work, and skill-building drills. They'll learn key techniques such as safe falling, basic throws, and how to respond to push-pull situations—all while practicing judo's core values like respect, humility, and perseverance.

Alongside movement and technique, students will also explore judo vocabulary, the history of the sport, and elements of Japanese culture. This club fosters both physical and personal growth in a structured and encouraging setting.

Club Objectives

- Practice proper falling, balance, and basic judo techniques
- Explore judo's moral code and cultural origins
- Build physical coordination, focus, and resilience
- Develop cooperation, patience, and self-control through partner work

Meet the Instructor: Sensei Fred

Born into a family of judokas in Paris, **Sensei Fred** began practicing judo at age 4 and went on to compete in international tournaments across Europe. He earned his black belt at 17 and became a certified judo instructor with the French Judo Federation in 1991. The following year, he traveled to Japan to deepen his knowledge and practice. Now a 3rd dan black belt, he has taught judo with passion for decades, sharing not just the sport but the values behind it—like respect, discipline, and humility. Since 2016, he has been teaching at Rochambeau, where he helps students discover the joy of judo while introducing them to Japanese culture in a safe and playful setting.



Mad Science: Secret Agent Lab & Sensational Science

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: English

Days: Monday

Price: \$650

Club Description

Get ready for an exciting adventure where science meets mystery and imagination! In this dynamic club, students will dive into two thrilling themes: Secret Agent Lab and Sensational Science. Each week brings hands-on experiments, fun challenges, and mind-blowing discoveries designed to spark curiosity and scientific thinking in young learners.

Secret Agent Lab: Put on your detective coat and explore the world of forensic science! Students will learn how to decode messages, analyze evidence, and crack secret codes. They'll investigate crime scenes, dust for fingerprints, examine mysterious footprints, and study clues just like real scientists.

Sensational Science: Step into the shoes of a scientist and explore the wonders of our world through your senses! From experimenting with magnets and sound waves to exploring optical illusions and the power of heat, students will discover the magic behind everyday phenomena.

Club Objectives

- Practice forming and testing hypotheses
- Build observational and deductive reasoning skills
- Explore light, sound, and color through experiments
- Learn about animal science, energy, and motion
- Have fun with engaging hands-on STEM activities

No prior science experience is needed—just a sense of wonder!

Meet the Instructor: Mad Science

Our **Mad Scientists** are a passionate team of educators, scientists, engineers, and lifelong learners who bring STEM to life across the DC area. With backgrounds ranging from education and medicine to engineering and environmental science, Mad Science instructors use their infectious energy and love for discovery to create unforgettable experiences for every student.

Minecraft Code: Superheroes (Block Code) with CodeAdvantage

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: English

Days: Tuesday

Price: \$715

Club Description

The Minecraft world is in danger—and only your child can save it! In this exciting coding club, students will dive into Minecraft Education Edition to learn fundamental programming concepts through creative, superhero-themed challenges. Each week introduces a new mission in which students use block-based coding to give their characters superpowers and solve in-game problems. From navigating frozen bunkers to rescuing cities, coders will put their creativity and logic to the test while building confidence with computer science basics.

Projects include:

- **Anvil Rain:** Use commands and loops to create a dramatic rescue.
- **Robot Bodyguard:** Program a protective bot using selector variables.
- **Minecraft Gladiator:** Master position variables and the fill command to dominate the arena.

Club Objectives

- Learn core coding concepts like sequencing, loops, and conditionals
- Create and control in-game events and characters
- Develop problem-solving, logical thinking, and digital creativity skills
- Practice collaboration and communication with peers

No prior experience with Minecraft or coding is required—just imagination and a love of adventure!

Meet the Instructors: CodeAdvantage

CodeAdvantage is a leading STEM education provider offering engaging, hands-on coding and tech programs for children across the U.S. Their mission is to make computer science exciting and accessible by using popular platforms like Minecraft, Roblox, and Scratch. With experienced instructors and an innovative curriculum, CodeAdvantage empowers the next generation of creators and problem solvers.

Multisports with Jump Start

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: English

Days: Monday

Price: \$425

Club Description

This high-energy multisports club is perfect for students who love to stay active and explore a variety of games and sports. Each month, children will rotate through different “sports ports”—from soccer and t-ball to relay races and flag football—designed to keep them moving, learning, and having fun.

With age-appropriate drills and team-based challenges, students will work on coordination, agility, and key motor skills, all while learning the value of teamwork and sportsmanship. Whether your child is trying a sport for the first time or building on existing skills, this club offers a fun and inclusive space to grow.

Club Objectives

- Explore a range of popular team and individual sports
- Improve coordination, endurance, and motor skills
- Learn to follow game rules and practice fair play
- Build confidence through movement and teamwork



Meet the Instructors: Jump Start

Jump Start is a local enrichment organization specializing in youth sports and physical education programs. Their trained instructors bring energy and expertise to every session, helping students stay active, gain new skills, and build positive habits through movement. With a focus on inclusion and encouragement, Jump Start programs foster both physical development and social connection.

Robotics Club with CodeAdvantage

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: English

Days: Thursday

Price: \$715

Club Description

In this junior robotics course, students engage in hands-on STEM discovery by building and programming their own robots using LEGO components. Through step-by-step guidance, participants construct a variety of motorized robots and bring them to life with block-based coding.

This club nurtures creativity and critical thinking as students explore coding concepts, develop problem-solving skills, and learn how to control their robotic creations. It's a fun, interactive way to experience technology and engineering fundamentals.

Club Objectives

- Basic robotics construction using LEGO kits
- Block-based programming to control robot movements
- Coding concepts including sequencing and automation
- Problem-solving and critical thinking through hands-on projects
- Collaboration and teamwork

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Sports Around the World with Jump Start

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: English

Days: Tuesday

Price: \$500

Club Description

In this energetic and engaging club by Jump Start, students will explore sports loved by kids all around the world. From handball in Europe and rugby in New Zealand, to field hockey in South Asia and cricket in the Caribbean, children will not only stay active but also discover the rich cultural roots of each game.

Each session introduces students to a new sport, teaching basic rules, skills, and techniques through fun drills, mini-games, and teamwork-based challenges. Students will work individually and in teams, developing athletic abilities while also building confidence, communication skills, and a global mindset.

Club Objectives

- Learn about a featured international sport every month
- Learn fun facts about where each sport comes from
- Strengthen sense of sportsmanship and fair play
- Engage in drills to develop agility, coordination, and strengths

This club is perfect for students who love to move, enjoy trying new things, and are curious about the world around them!

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Stop Motion Animation with Nicolas

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: French

Days: Friday

Price: \$475

Club Description

This hands-on club invites students to dive deeper into the world of stop motion animation. Using LEGO, paper, and other materials, children will imagine, build, and animate short stories while learning the steps of filmmaking—from storyboarding to editing.

Each session is a chance to explore creativity while developing digital, artistic, and collaborative skills.

No experience needed—just curiosity and a love of storytelling!

Club Objectives

- Explore the full creative process: story, design, filming, editing
- Strengthen planning and sequencing skills
- Learn to work as a team while expressing ideas visually
- Build confidence with creative tech tools

Check out [this short film](#) made last year!

Rochambeau Instructor: Nicolas Valentin

Nicolas Valentin is a 2nd grade teacher at Rochambeau with over 20 years of classroom experience and a strong interest in technology and photography. He launched the Stop Motion Club in 2021 and has guided more than 75 students through the creative process of making short animated films. Passionate about sparking imagination through digital tools, he encourages students to continue exploring animation even beyond the classroom.



Yoga and Creative Movement with Elena

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: English

Days: Friday

Price: \$525

Club Description

This fun and engaging club blends gentle yoga poses with creative movement to help children build strength, flexibility, and body awareness. Through imaginative play, storytelling, and guided breathing techniques, students develop mindfulness, focus, and self-expression in a calm and supportive space.

Children will explore animal- and nature-inspired poses—like dogs, cobras, trees, and rainbows—while staying active and playful. A variety of colorful props, such as ribbons, feathers, bells, jump ropes, hula-hoops, and parachutes, support coordination, motor skills, and sensory exploration, making each class joyful, creative, and fulfilling.

Club Objectives

- Learn basic yoga poses and breathing exercises
- Develop coordination, balance, mindfulness and relaxation skills
- Practice creative expression through movement
- Build self-confidence and body awareness

Meet the Instructor: Elena

Elena Tkacheva-Wells has been teaching yoga to children for over 26 years, bringing joy, movement, and mindfulness into the classroom. With a background in professional theater (B.A.) and a certified yoga teaching qualification, Elena combines creativity with a deep understanding of the mind-body connection. She believes that yoga for children should be fun, engaging, and a pathway to physical and emotional well-being. Elena is passionate about helping young learners explore self-expression, balance, and inner calm through playful and imaginative yoga sessions.



Young Diplomats Club with Spark Business Academy

Grades: CE1 & CE2

Language: English

Days: Wednesday

Price: \$780

Club Description

This engaging program inspires students to develop a global mindset and build international awareness from an early age. Through fun and interactive activities, participants explore cultural differences around the world, geography games, famous landmarks, world currencies, current global events, and the role of international organizations like the United Nations. Students will step into the shoes of young diplomats, collaborating to propose solutions to global challenges such as hunger, poverty, pollution, and endangered species protection. Along the way, they will dive deep into learning about a country of their choice, including its location on the map, capital city, neighboring countries, language, currency, traditions, typical foods, native animals, and more.

Club Objectives

- Develop international awareness and curiosity
- Learn to count numbers in different languages
- Gain geographic knowledge and map skills
- Enhance critical thinking and problem-solving abilities
- Build self-confidence through active participation

Meet the Instructor: Sherida

Sherida Parkins has been teaching with SPARK Business Academy since 2017, inspiring students to explore entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and global awareness. Over the years, she has worked with hundreds of students through programs at Georgetown Day School, Sidwell Friends School, and Montgomery County Public Schools. She holds a degree in Computer Information Systems from the University of Maryland. Founded by a former financial executive and Harvard MBA, Spark Business Academy introduces students to entrepreneurship and financial literacy through fun, age-appropriate activities.

Zumba with Gaëlle

Grades: CE1 & CE2 (with CM1 & CM2)

Language: French

Days: Monday

Price: \$400

Club Description

Get ready to move, sweat, and smile! This Zumba club offers a high-energy and dynamic way for students in CE and CM to stay active through dance. Each session blends cardio, muscle toning, and easy-to-follow choreography inspired by Latin, French, African, and Caribbean dance styles, with energetic music from around the world. Designed to be accessible to all levels, the club helps students improve their coordination, flexibility, and endurance while boosting their confidence and self-expression. In addition to learning dance routines, students will participate in movement games and group activities that encourage teamwork and a positive mindset. Whether your child already loves to dance or is just looking to try something new, this is a joyful way to stay fit, have fun, and celebrate movement!

Club Objectives

- Improve fitness, coordination, and rhythm through fun dance routines
- Encourage creative expression and confidence through movement
- Discover a variety of cultural dance styles and global music
- Promote well-being, teamwork, and a positive attitude toward physical activity

Rochambeau Instructor: Gaëlle

Originally from Martinique and based in the U.S. for over a decade, **Gaëlle Mondesir** brings a lifelong passion for dance to her teaching. Trained in ballet, modern jazz, and tap at the Conservatory of Longjumeau in France, she has performed and choreographed for numerous Afro-Caribbean artists across Europe. A licensed Zumba instructor since 2014 and former "Queen of Dancehall" in Paris, Gaëlle brings a vibrant and joyful spirit to every class, introducing children to dances from Africa, South America, and the Caribbean in an inclusive, energetic environment.





CM1/CM2

24 ACTIVITIES

SCHEDULE & PRICING

MONDAY	AI Gaming & Machine Learning Chess - Advanced RochamBIO Zumba	\$600 \$650 \$300 \$400
TUESDAY	Basketball Club Chess - Beginner Embroidery Robotics Team Challenges Public Speaking Running Club	\$550 \$775 \$525 \$715 \$475 \$550
WEDNESDAY	Book Club Calligraphy Chorale Club Hip-Hop Machine Sewing (CE2) Personal Finance Stop Motion Animation	\$475 \$525 \$475 \$695 \$575 \$650 \$475
THURSDAY	Fencing Hand Sewing Judo (CM1) Minecraft Code: Superheroes Volleyball	\$475 \$525 \$700 \$715 \$500
FRIDAY	Board Games Cooking Around the World (International Cuisine) Judo (CM1 & CM2)	\$475 \$725 \$700

AI Gaming & Machine Learning

Basketball

Board Games

Book Club

Calligraphy

Chess – Beginner

Chess – Advanced

Chorale Club

Cooking Around the World
(International Cuisine)

Embroidery

Fencing

Hand Sewing

Hip-Hop

Judo

Machine Sewing

Minecraft Code: Superheroes

Personal Finance

Public Speaking

Robotics Team Challenges

RochamBIO

Running Club

Stop Motion Animation

Volleyball

Zumba

** Monday pricing reflects cost for 16 sessions in Semester 1, compared to 19 sessions for other days*



AI Gaming and Machine Learning with CodeAdvantage

Grades: CM1 & CM2
Language: English
Days: Monday
Price: \$600

Club Description

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are transforming the world around us—from robotic vacuums and voice assistants to self-driving cars. In this exciting course, students dive into these cutting-edge concepts through the lens of gaming. Using the Scratch platform, participants create complex competitive games like PONG, Platformers, and AI Monster Runner. Along the way, they learn how to program game characters with AI functionality, adjust difficulty levels dynamically, and integrate machine learning elements to create interactive and challenging gameplay. This hands-on club builds coding skills, critical thinking, and creativity, all while engaging students with fun projects that bring AI concepts to life.

Club Objectives

- Fundamentals of AI and Machine Learning
- Programming interactive game characters with AI behaviors
- Creating dynamic game difficulty and adapting gameplay
- Building complex games using block coding
- Enhancing problem-solving and logical thinking skills

Meet the Instructor: CodeAdvantage

CodeAdvantage is a leading provider of coding and STEM enrichment programs for children. Their experienced instructors use fun, age-appropriate tools like Minecraft, Roblox, and Scratch to teach core programming skills in a playful and engaging way. CodeAdvantage has worked with thousands of students across the U.S., fostering creativity and confidence in the next generation of young coders.

Basketball Club

Grades: CM1 & CM2
Language: French
Days: Tuesday
Price: \$550

Club Description

Welcome to the 4th & 5th Grade Basketball Club! Whether your child is a seasoned player or picking up a basketball for the first time, this semester-long club is designed to build skills, boost confidence, and foster a love for the game. In a supportive and energetic environment, students will practice teamwork, sharpen their techniques, and enjoy friendly competition on the court. Each session features:

- Warm-Up & Agility Exercises
- Skill Stations
- Team Drills & Scrimmages
- Cool-Down & Reflection
- Games & Challenges including Winter Tournament

Club Objectives

- Develop fundamental basketball skills
- Improve fitness, coordination, and agility
- Learn game rules and strategic thinking
- Practice communication, collaboration, and sportsmanship
- Build self-confidence and joy through play

Rochambeau Instructors: Marine and Enrique

Marine Neveux Charbonnier is a CM1/4th teacher at Rochambeau and former professional basketball player in France. She played at the national and European level and holds a coaching certification from the French Basketball Federation. Over the past 10 years, she has coached a variety of high-level youth and adult teams and co-managed a regional training program for young athletes. **Enrique Facorat Duplessis** is a CM2/5th grade teacher at Rochambeau and has a strong background as a basketball player and youth mentor. He brings experience working with young athletes on skill development and game strategy with a focus on building confidence and fostering a love for the sport.



Board Games with Cyril

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: French

Days: Friday

Price: \$475

Club Description

In this club, elementary students will explore a wide range of engaging board games that challenge their logic, creativity, and social thinking.

From strategy games to problem-solving challenges and team competitions, each session invites kids to think, collaborate, and have fun.

This is more than just play—it's an opportunity to learn how to plan ahead, consider others' perspectives, and manage both success and setbacks in a friendly setting. With support and guidance, students will discover the joy of gaming while developing key life skills.

Club Objectives

- Strengthen math skills through logic, strategy, and probability
- Practice verbal communication and active listening in French
- Work collaboratively and take turns respectfully
- Discover new games and game mechanics
- Build focus, patience, and sportsmanship

Whether you're a competitive player or just here for the fun—get ready to play, learn, and level up!

Rochambeau Instructor: Cyril

Originally from Perpignan, France, **Cyril Dorange** has been teaching 4th grade at Rochambeau for the past four years. Passionate about travel, animals, sports, and games, he brings energy, curiosity, and creativity into his teaching. His love for learning through play shines through in this dynamic and inclusive club, where students learn as they laugh and compete.



English Book Club with Lindsay

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: English

Days: Wednesday

Price: \$475

Club Description

Calling all bookworms! The Rochambeau Book Club invites CM1 and CM2 students who love reading to join a fun, cozy, and collaborative space to explore books and share their thoughts with friends. Whether reading independently, with a partner, or as a whole group, students will enjoy discovering new stories and authors together. Each week, students bring or borrow books and participate in engaging activities based on their reading. These include book discussions, group projects, skits, artwork, and even writing letters to their favorite authors. The club promotes a joyful reading culture while encouraging critical thinking, creativity, and communication.

Book Club is a great place for students to deepen their love of reading, find "book besties," and express themselves through literature.

Club Objectives

- Foster a lifelong love of reading
- Discover new genres, authors, and books
- Build reading comprehension and discussion skills
- Strengthen active listening and verbal expression
- Engage in creative book-related projects
- Develop confidence in sharing ideas in a group

Rochambeau Instructor: Lindsay

Ms. B has been teaching English to CM1 and CM2 students at Rochambeau since 2018. A passionate reader and writer, she also enjoys traveling and spending time with her pets. Inspired by her own experience in book clubs, she launched the Rochambeau Book Club three years ago and continues to lead it with enthusiasm. Her goal is to help students find joy in reading while making new friends and meaningful connections through stories.



Creative Calligraphy with Abir

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: French

Days: Wednesday

Price: \$525

Club Description

This club invites students to discover the art of beautiful writing and creativity through calligraphy. No prior experience is needed — students will be guided step by step in a calm and supportive environment to learn the basics of calligraphy and create personalized greeting cards.

Participants will select a theme (such as birthdays or seasonal celebrations), find inspiring models, and practice organizing their message before tracing and decorating with colorful pens. The project emphasizes fine motor skills, attention to detail, and artistic expression.

By the end of the course, students will have created their own unique greeting card while developing hand-eye coordination and a sense of design in a fun and rewarding setting.

Club Objectives

- Learn basic principles and techniques of calligraphy
- Learn how to organize and design a message
- Strengthen fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination
- Explore creative decoration and personal expression

Rochambeau Instructor: Abir

Abir Badis is a certified primary school teacher accredited by the French Ministry of Education and currently works as a substitute teacher at Rochambeau. She has a lifelong passion for arts and crafts and often supports teachers with creative classroom projects. In addition to her love for textile art, she enjoys travel, photography, and exploring new languages and cultures. Abir shares her appreciation for handmade artistry in a welcoming and supportive setting.



Chess Club - Beginner

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: English

Days: Tuesday

Price: \$775

Club Description

Designed for upper elementary beginners, this club introduces key rules and tactics while encouraging deeper strategic thinking. Students will play full games and learn how to recognize threats, plan several moves ahead, and build confidence with classic checkmate techniques.

With weekly practice and friendly matches, players will grow their problem-solving and patience—all while enjoying the fun and challenge of chess!

Club Objectives

- Review chess rules and key concepts
- Learn basic tactics (forks, pins, discovered attacks)
- Practice complete games with guided coaching
- Promote respect, resilience, and decision-making



Meet the Instructors: Chess Wizards

Chess Wizards is a premier chess education company providing fun, informative and challenging chess lessons to students in PreK-8th grade. Chess Wizards teaches children how to problem solve, think critically, win graciously, and accept defeat with dignity and sportsmanship. At the end of this session, each student will have had the chance to participate in a mini-chess tournament.

Chess Club – Advanced

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: English

Days: Monday

Price: \$650

Club Description

This advanced chess club is for students who already understand the rules and want to take their game to the next level. Players will dive into more complex strategies including opening theory, tactical combinations, and endgame patterns. Lessons will include real game analysis and opportunities to apply new skills in friendly matches and challenges.

Ideal for returning players or those with tournament experience, this club helps students sharpen their thinking, play with confidence, and learn from every move.

Club Objectives

- Deepen understanding of chess strategy and tactics
- Analyze games and explore advanced checkmate techniques
- Improve concentration, planning, and self-evaluation
- Play competitive games with a focus on growth and sportsmanship

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Chorale Club with Laurence

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: French

Days: Wednesday

Price: \$475

Club Description

Love to sing? Come join the Chorale Club and experience the joy of group singing in a fun, welcoming environment! Designed for CM1–CM2 students, this club encourages self-expression, teamwork, and musical growth through French and international songs.

Each week, students will warm up their voices, explore rhythm and harmony, and practice a wide repertoire ranging from traditional favorites to popular tunes. The focus is on building confidence, vocal technique, and stage presence while developing a love for music and performance.

Students will also work on collaborative group pieces that may be presented at school events, giving them the opportunity to shine and share their progress with others.

Club Objectives

- Develop vocal skills and musical ear
- Learn proper breathing and warm-up techniques
- Build confidence through solo and group singing
- Practice rhythm, harmony, and melody
- Experience the joy of performing in a choir

Rochambeau Instructor: Laurence

With over 20 years of experience in education and a deep passion for singing, music composition and performance, **Laurence Laurent** is excited to lead the after-school Choir Club for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. She believes music is a powerful tool that nurtures creativity, confidence, and collaboration. In our club, students will explore vocal techniques, learn fun and inspiring songs, and develop performance skills in a supportive and joyful environment. Whether your child loves to sing or is just curious to try, all are welcome to join our musical journey!



Cooking Around the World with Muriel (International Cooking)

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: French

Days: Friday

Price: \$725

Club Description

Put on your apron and get ready to explore the world through cooking! In this fun and educational club, students will discover new ingredients, practice essential culinary techniques, and prepare recipes from a variety of cultures. Each session offers hands-on cooking or baking activities where students learn to measure, mix, chop (with child-safe tools), and follow step-by-step instructions.

Through cooking, students develop teamwork, creativity, and important life skills while gaining insight into different culinary traditions and cultures. The club is designed to build confidence in the kitchen while reinforcing academic skills such as math, vocabulary, and sequencing—in French!

Club Objectives

- Learn and practice basic kitchen safety and hygiene
- Learn to measure ingredients and follow recipes
- Explore new cultures through international cuisine
- Develop teamwork, patience and communication skills
- Take pride in preparing and tasting their own creations

All materials and ingredients are provided.

Please inform us in advance of any food allergies.

Meet the Instructor: Muriel

Muriel Caussat is a passionate and experienced educator who has taught for over 20 years, both in France and in French international schools. She recently spent three years teaching in Casablanca and brings a strong openness to cultural diversity and creativity into her teaching. Muriel sees cooking as an exciting and effective way to help students develop language, math, and social-emotional skills in a joyful, collaborative setting. Through her club, she fosters curiosity, teamwork, and a love of learning—one delicious recipe at a time.



Introduction to Embroidery with Abir

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: French

Days: Tuesday

Price: \$525

Club Description

This hands-on embroidery club invites students to discover the joy of textile art while developing fine motor skills, patience, and concentration in a calm and creative environment. No prior experience is needed—students will be guided step-by-step as they explore the basics of embroidery, from learning how to thread a needle and tie secure knots, to using an embroidery hoop and working with fabric. They'll practice foundational stitches like the running stitch, backstitch, and straight stitch, gradually gaining the confidence to create their own decorative designs. As the weeks progress, students will select a simple motif—such as a flower, heart, star, or their initials—and bring it to life using colorful threads. Each child will be encouraged to personalize their creation with their choice of colors and optional embellishments like beads, ribbons, or textile markers.

By the end of the session, each student will take home a finished embroidery piece to be proud of!

Club Objectives

- Learn basic embroidery techniques and stitches
- Develop concentration, coordination, and perseverance
- Express creativity through colors and textures
- Create a personal keepsake to bring home

Rochambeau Instructor: Abir

Abir Badis is a certified primary school teacher accredited by the French Ministry of Education and currently works as a substitute teacher at Rochambeau. She has a lifelong passion for arts and crafts and often supports teachers with creative classroom projects. In addition to her love for textile art, she enjoys travel, photography, and exploring new languages and cultures. Abir shares her appreciation for handmade artistry in a welcoming and supportive setting.



Fencing Club with Julie

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: French

Days: Thursday

Price: \$475

Club Description

This fencing class is a full introduction to fencing designed especially for 2nd and 3rd graders to explore the fundamentals of this elegant and exciting sport. Under the expert guidance of Ms. Julie Huin, a former high-level fencer and Physical Education teacher, students will learn essential techniques such as stances, footwork, dodges, and beginner-level bouts — all in a safe, supportive, and playful environment.

The sessions emphasize body control, coordination, and mastering the basic rules of fencing. Respect, concentration, and good posture are key values woven throughout the class to help students build confidence and sportsmanship. This club offers a well-rounded introduction that prepares young fencers to continue their journey in this dynamic sport — all while having fun!

Club Objectives

- Discover fencing as a technical and strategic sport
- Acquire foundational motor and tactical skills
- Build self-confidence and respect for peers
- Experience the joy of movement and personal

Rochambeau Instructor: Julie

Julie Huin is a former high-level fencing athlete who brings her passion for sport and education to every class. Currently as a Physical Education teacher at Rochambeau, Julie leads the fencing program with energy and care, sharing core fencing values such as respect, discipline, confidence, and personal growth.



Hand Sewing with Joséphine

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: French

Days: Thursday

Price: \$525

Club Description

Discover the art of hand sewing in this engaging and hands-on club designed for CM1 and CM2 students. Guided by Joséphine, a skilled couturière-styliste with expertise in both African and European garment making, students will learn essential sewing techniques while exploring creativity and craftsmanship. This club offers a patient and supportive environment where students will practice fundamental hand stitching skills such as threading needles, basic stitches (running stitch, backstitch, whipstitch), and simple pattern work. Projects will allow students to create small textile items, develop fine motor skills, and gain confidence in their abilities. By combining traditional skills with creative expression, the club aims to foster a love for sewing and textile arts while encouraging patience, focus, and attention to detail.

Club Objectives

- Learn basic hand sewing techniques and stitches
- Learn how to follow simple patterns and instructions
- Practice proper use and care of sewing tools
- Develop patience, precision, and craftsmanship
- Discover the joy of creating handmade textile projects

Rochambeau Instructor: Joséphine

Joséphine Adotanou is a talented couturière-styliste specializing in African and European fashion design. She designs and makes her own dresses and has also created custom dresses for several Rochambeau staff members. Passionate about teaching, she brings her extensive experience and dedication to helping students develop artisanal skills in a warm and encouraging setting.



Hip-Hop with Yoiï

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: English & French

Days: Wednesday

Price: \$695

Club Description

This club invites upper elementary students to dive into the energy and creativity of hip-hop dance. Students will learn foundational steps, explore freestyle movement, and work on more complex routines that emphasize rhythm, stage presence, and expression.

Each class supports physical development and personal growth, helping dancers build confidence and have fun while working toward a final group performance.

Club Objectives

- Explore movement, rhythm, and musicality
- Practice more advanced choreography and transitions
- Strengthen focus, memory, and performance skills
- Foster confidence and creative identity through dance

Meet the Instructor: Yoiï

Yoiï is a dance instructor, performer, and choreographer with over 20 years of experience across a wide range of styles—from hip-hop and ballet to salsa and ballroom. Originally from Colombia and raised in New York City, she now shares her passion for dance in the DMV area. Yoiï especially enjoys working with children of all ages, including those with special needs, and brings a joyful, inclusive energy to every class.



Judo – Technique & Values with Sensei Fred

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: French

Days: CM1 - Thursday or Friday

CM2 - Friday

Price: \$700 (annual fee per selected weekday)

Club Description

This club offers upper elementary students the opportunity to strengthen their judo skills while continuing to grow through its physical and moral teachings. In addition to refining techniques—such as throws, breakfalls, and control moves—students will take a closer look at the values and discipline that make judo both a sport and a way of life.

Sessions include individual practice, partner training, group challenges, and cultural discovery. Whether preparing for more advanced levels or simply enjoying movement and growth, this class provides a well-rounded judo experience.

Club Objectives

- Refine throws, holds, and movement strategies in judo
- Deepen understanding of judo's history, values, and cultural context
- Strengthen confidence, coordination, and problem-solving
- Apply discipline and mutual respect in physical practice

Meet the Instructor: Sensei Fred

Born into a family of judokas in Paris, **Sensei Fred** began practicing judo at age 4 and went on to compete in international tournaments across Europe. He earned his black belt at 17 and became a certified judo instructor with the French Judo Federation in 1991. The following year, he traveled to Japan to deepen his knowledge and practice. Now a 3rd dan black belt, he has taught judo with passion for decades, sharing not just the sport but the values behind it—like respect, discipline, and humility. Since 2016, he has been teaching at Rochambeau, where he helps students discover the joy of judo while introducing them to Japanese culture in a safe and playful setting.



Machine Sewing with Mrs. Patterson

Grades: CM2

Language: English

Days: Wednesday

Price: \$575

Club Description

Discover the basics of machine sewing in this hands-on course designed for CM2/Grade 5 students. Each week, participants will build their skills and confidence as they learn to thread the machine, wind bobbins, and navigate basic sewing terminology. Students will complete multi-week projects that allow them to practice and apply what they've learned in a relaxed, creative environment. Projects may include making bookmarks, scrunchies, simple stuffed toys, or easy garments—perfect for developing fine motor skills, planning, and creativity. Along the way, students will also enhance their understanding of measurement and spatial concepts, making sewing a fun and educational experience.

Club Objectives

- Learn how to thread and operate a sewing machine confidently
- Learn basic sewing vocabulary and machine troubleshooting
- Select appropriate thread colors, stitches, and fabrics
- Construct simple sewing projects from start to finish
- Reinforce measurement and planning skills through hands-on work

Check out [this portfolio](#) to see projects from previous years!

Rochambeau Instructor: Mrs. Patterson

Mrs. Patterson is an experienced Rochambeau English teacher with a passion for sewing. She has led the sewing club since 2021, providing students with a calming and inspiring space to express their creativity and learn valuable new skills.



Minecraft Code: Superheroes (JavaScript) with CodeAdvantage

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: English

Days: Thursday

Price: \$715

Club Description

The Minecraft world needs your help! In this exciting coding club, students learn programming fundamentals using JavaScript to create powerful superheroes with unique abilities. Each class presents a new challenge as coders embark on adventures to save the Minecraft world—from exploring a ruined city and a frozen bunker to defending iconic locations like the White House. Students will apply coding concepts such as commands, loops, selectors, position variables, and fill commands to build interactive projects including Anvil Rain, Programmable Robot Bodyguard, and Gladiator battles. No prior coding or Minecraft experience is necessary—this club welcomes all eager learners ready to develop coding skills in a fun and supportive environment.

Club Objectives

- Understand basic JavaScript coding concepts
- Develop problem-solving and logical thinking skills
- Create interactive Minecraft-themed projects
- Gain confidence in coding through hands-on activities



Meet the Instructors: CodeAdvantage

CodeAdvantage is a leading STEM education provider offering dynamic, hands-on coding and tech programs for children across the U.S. Their mission is to make computer science exciting and accessible by using popular platforms like Minecraft, Roblox, and Scratch. With experienced instructors and an innovative curriculum, CodeAdvantage empowers the next generation of creators and problem solvers through engaging projects that bring coding to life.

Personal Finance with Enrique

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: French

Days: Wednesday

Price: \$650

Club Description

How much does your dream car really cost? What's a budget? Should you get a credit card? In this engaging and practical club, students will learn how to manage money and make smart financial decisions—essential life skills that will benefit them for years to come. Through interactive lessons, games, and simulations, students will explore a range of topics including budgeting, saving, credit, debt, investing, and financial planning. They'll even create and track a mock investment portfolio using a realistic tool—just like real investors do! Each session builds knowledge step-by-step in a fun and supportive environment. From calculating taxes to setting financial goals, this club empowers students to think critically, act responsibly, and feel confident about their financial future.

Club Objectives

- Understand how to budget, save, and plan for expenses
- Learn how credit cards, loans, and interest work
- Gain insights into the stock market and long-term investing
- Discover how financial decisions affect future goals
- Develop critical thinking, responsibility, and confidence

Rochambeau Instructor: Enrique

Enrique Facorat Duplessis is a dedicated CM2/5th grade teacher and club leader at Rochambeau, with over a decade of international teaching experience in multicultural classrooms across Africa, Europe, and the United States. He holds an MBA in International Management from the École Supérieure de Gestion in Paris and combines his business education with a passion for student-centered, innovative learning. He leads both the "My First Piggy Bank" club for younger students, empowering students with practical knowledge and helping them take their first steps toward financial independence.



Public Speaking with Arielle

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: English

Days: Tuesday

Price: \$475

Club Description

The Public Speaking Club helps students build English communication skills, confidence, and leadership in a fun and supportive environment. Through interactive games, guided exercises, and creative speaking opportunities, students will learn to express themselves clearly, speak with presence, and overcome stage fright. Students will practice body language, tone, intonation, and pacing while developing speeches on topics they care about. Activities such as debates, role-play, improv, and even a "Shark Tank" challenge will encourage spontaneous speaking and critical thinking. Students will work toward preparing and delivering structured presentations, learning how to connect with an audience, organize ideas effectively, and give and receive feedback with kindness and respect. Whether they're new to public speaking or looking to strengthen their skills, all participants will find their voice and discover the power of clear, confident communication.

Club Objectives

- Express ideas with clarity, confidence, and structure
- Improve voice projection, tone, and articulation
- Practice body language, posture, and stage presence
- Develop and deliver speeches and creative presentations
- Build listening skills and offer constructive feedback
- Think critically and speak spontaneously in debates

Rochambeau Instructor: Arielle

Arielle Dambrine has taught at Rochambeau since 2016, as well as at schools in Singapore, France, and Canada. A graduate of McGill University in both Education and Commerce, Arielle is fully trilingual (English, French, and Spanish) and brings creativity, energy, and organization to her teaching. She has led drama and debate clubs across various grade levels and is dedicated to helping students find their voice and express themselves with confidence.



Robotics Team Challenges with CodeAdvantage

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: English

Days: Tuesday

Price: \$715

Club Description

In this exciting and hands-on robotics club, students will dive into the world of STEM through fun, team-based challenges inspired by the First LEGO League (FLL). Whether your child is already curious about engineering or just starting to explore coding, this club offers an engaging environment where creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration come together. Participants will learn foundational robotics and programming concepts using LEGO-based kits and block-based coding. Throughout the semester, they'll work in teams to build and program robots that complete a variety of missions and obstacles—similar to those found in real FLL competitions.

While this club focuses on the robotics aspect of FLL rather than the innovation or presentation components, it's a fantastic introduction to teamwork, technical skills, and the exciting world of robotics tournaments.

Club Objectives

- Fundamental robotics and block-based coding concepts
- How to build and program LEGO robots
- Teamwork and collaborative problem-solving
- How to complete timed missions and engineering challenges
- An introduction to the spirit and structure of First LEGO League

Meet the Instructor: CodeAdvantage

CodeAdvantage is a leading provider of coding and STEM enrichment programs for children. Their experienced instructors use fun, age-appropriate tools like Minecraft, Roblox, and Scratch to teach core programming skills in a playful and engaging way. CodeAdvantage has worked with thousands of students across the U.S., fostering creativity and confidence in the next generation of young coders.

RochamBIO

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: French

Days: Monday

Price: \$300

Club Description

RochamBIO is a student-led sustainability club designed for students passionate about making a positive impact on the environment and their community. Open to upper primary and secondary students, the club encourages participants to define their own projects related to sustainable development, set goals, and take concrete steps to bring their ideas to life. Under the supervision of dedicated teachers, students develop essential skills such as project management, leadership, and independent work. Members actively participate in maintaining edible and pollination gardens, building compost bins, and contributing to environmental events. The club also offers opportunities to earn community service hours and engage in competitions and presentations, including the French North America sustainable development contests and the Oceans COP conference. RochamBIO fosters a spirit of responsibility and commitment, helping students become informed and active citizens while reinforcing key curriculum concepts related to sustainability.

Club Objectives

- Develop independent work and organizational skills
- Strengthen leadership and project management skills
- Learn about sustainable development principles aligned with the UN's 17 SDGs
- Practice hands-on environmental stewardship
- Engage in public speaking and building community relations
- Collaborate across age groups to build a supportive eco-community

Rochambeau Instructor: Virginie

Virginie Saint-Omer has served as Assistant to the Primary Director at Rochambeau since 2022, supporting student life and educational initiatives. She co-leads the RochamBIO club and the eco-delegate program alongside Agnèle Mangeot, with a strong focus on sustainability and citizenship education. With experience in student support in both France and the U.S., Virginie is dedicated to empowering students through meaningful, student-led projects that foster independence and leadership.



Running Club with Eva & Nedjee

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: French

Days: Tuesday

Price: \$550

Club Description

The Running Club offers a fun, inclusive, and supportive space for kids to get active, build confidence, and develop healthy habits. Whether your child is brand new to running or already loves to move, this club welcomes all levels and encourages each runner to set personal goals and discover the joy of physical activity. Led by experienced and caring Rochambeau instructors, students will engage in warm-ups, running drills, games, cool-down stretches, and age-appropriate activities that promote teamwork, resilience, and a positive mindset. Throughout the semester, runners will explore key themes such as perseverance, goal-setting, body positivity, empathy, and leadership—while building the stamina and motivation to complete a celebratory 3K or 5K Fun Run at the end of the session!

Club Objectives

- Build endurance, speed, and strength through structured running workouts
- Practice teamwork, encouragement, and positive communication
- Explore self-awareness, resilience, and emotional well-being
- Understand healthy habits and body appreciation
- Celebrate personal growth through a final community run

Note: Students will ride the shuttle to and from the Forest Road Campus to practice on the running track.

Rochambeau Instructors: Eva & Nedjee

Eva Waggoner serves as an Assistant to the Primary School Director and is a longtime running enthusiast. With a background in education and student support, she's excited to share her love of fitness and teamwork through the Running Club.

Nedjee Mauconduit serves as an Assistant to the Primary School Director and was formerly a track athlete. She has a deep passion for fitness, staying active, and helping each student build confidence, teamwork, and a love for running. She's always chasing goals – on the track and in life.



Stop Motion Animation – Production Studio with Nicolas

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: French

Days: Wednesday

Price: \$475

Club Description

In this creative production workshop, upper elementary students will take on the role of directors, designers, and editors as they produce their own stop motion films from concept to final cut. They'll write short scripts, create sets, animate frame by frame, and edit using school iPads.

This club encourages independence and teamwork, offering students a space to experiment, express themselves, and bring their ideas to the screen with style.

Club Objectives

- Develop narrative structure and visual storytelling
- Use digital tools to animate and edit short films
- Strengthen collaborative and creative problem-solving
- Apply artistic, technical, and planning skills to a full project

Check out [this short film](#) made last year!

Rochambeau Instructor: Nicolas

Nicolas Valentin is a 2nd grade teacher at Rochambeau with over 20 years of classroom experience and a strong interest in technology and photography. He launched the Stop Motion Club in 2021 and has guided more than 75 students through the creative process of making short animated films. Passionate about sparking imagination through digital tools, he encourages students to continue exploring animation even beyond the classroom.



Volleyball with Jump Start Sports

Grades: CM1 & CM2

Language: English

Days: Thursday

Price: \$500

Club Description

Serve, bump, set, and spike! In this high-energy Volleyball club, students will discover the fundamentals of this fast-paced team sport in a supportive and inclusive environment. Whether they're completely new to volleyball or looking to improve their game, participants will develop coordination, confidence, and teamwork through fun and active sessions. Each week, students will practice essential skills such as passing, serving, setting, and positioning. Through engaging drills and small-sided games, they'll learn how to communicate effectively with teammates and develop strategic thinking on the court. The focus is on movement, fair play, and team spirit—building a strong foundation for future volleyball players while keeping things fun and accessible for all skill levels.

Club Objectives

- Master basic volleyball techniques: serving, bumping, and setting
- Improve coordination, agility, and reaction time
- Understand court positioning and team strategy
- Build teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship
- Gain confidence through positive, active participation

Note: Students will ride the shuttle to and from the Forest Road Campus to practice in the gym.

Meet the Instructor: Jump Start Sports

Jump Start's experienced coaches lead dynamic, age-appropriate sports programming with a focus on fun, inclusion, and skill development. Their energetic approach ensures every child is engaged, active, and excited to participate—regardless of experience level.

Zumba with Gaëlle

Grades: CM1 & CM2 (w/ CE1 & CE2)

Language: French

Days: Monday

Price: \$400

Club Description

Get ready to move, sweat, and smile! This Zumba club offers a high-energy and dynamic way for students in CE and CM to stay active through dance. Each session blends cardio, muscle toning, and easy-to-follow choreography inspired by Latin, French, African, and Caribbean dance styles, with energetic music from around the world. Designed to be accessible to all levels, the club helps students improve their coordination, flexibility, and endurance while boosting their confidence and self-expression. In addition to learning dance routines, students will participate in movement games and group activities that encourage teamwork and a positive mindset. Whether your child already loves to dance or is just looking to try something new, this is a joyful way to stay fit, have fun, and celebrate movement!

Club Objectives

- Improve fitness, coordination, and rhythm through fun dance routines
- Encourage creative expression and confidence through movement
- Discover a variety of cultural dance styles and global music
- Promote well-being, teamwork, and a positive attitude toward physical activity

Rochambeau Instructor Bio: Gaëlle

Originally from Martinique and based in the U.S. for over a decade, **Gaëlle Mondesir** brings a lifelong passion for dance to her teaching. Trained in ballet, modern jazz, and tap at the Conservatory of Longjumeau in France, she has performed and choreographed for numerous Afro-Caribbean artists across Europe. A licensed Zumba instructor since 2014 and former "Queen of Dancehall" in Paris, Gaëlle brings a vibrant and joyful spirit to every class, introducing children to dances from Africa, South America, and the Caribbean in an inclusive, energetic environment.





HOMework HELP

CP-CM2 6ème - 4ème

HOMework HELP: CP - CM2

Homework Help provides students additional academic support in a calm and structured environment. Rochambeau teachers offer guidance and support to help students complete their assignments and reinforce classroom learning. While the Homework Help teacher may not be the same as your child's regular classroom teacher, small group sizes allow for individualized attention and targeted assistance. Students should come with homework assignments to complete, and if they finish early, teachers will provide supplementary learning activities to help strengthen skills being developed in class.

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Semester 1	\$500	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600

At the end of September, we will introduce a monthly pass, so your child can receive additional help for a set period of time. Stay tuned for more information!

HOMework HELP: 6ème - 4ème

Homework Help for 6ème – 4ème offers middle school students a quiet, supervised space to complete their daily assignments across all subjects and stay on track with their coursework. Led by Rochambeau teachers, this program provides targeted and rigorous academic support, organizational guidance, and encouragement to help students develop independent study habits. While the Homework Help teacher may not be your child's subject teacher, very small group sizes ensure that each student can receive the personalized attention that they need. Students are expected to come prepared with their homework. If they finish early, they will be given enrichment activities to reinforce key skills and concepts from class.

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Semester 1	\$725	\$845	\$845	\$845	\$845

Drop-ins for Homework Help for students in 6ème – 4ème will be available for \$50 per session.



Ambassadeur en Herbe or “Budding Ambassadors”

This club focuses on developing students' oral expression and argumentation skills around an annually selected international theme (announced by AEFÉ in October). Participants prepare for a multi-stage eloquence contest, starting with a Rochambeau final and potentially advancing to a North American final. The club is open to students in 6e to 1ère (French curriculum only). The club will run from late October to early March (approximately 15 sessions) lasting two hours (3:40 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.). Stay tuned for more information to come on the application process in the new school year!

Rochambeau Instructors: Caterina & Mathilde

Caterina Renzi is the Librarian and Information Literacy Teacher. Having grown up between two cultures - Italian and French - I've always been concerned with exchanging different points of view. I've also practiced this diversity in my professional life, moving from the Louvre Museum to the French Ministry of Culture and finally to school. For the past four years, I've been a librarian on the Forest Road campus. It's this multi-disciplinary openness and aptitude for debate and dialogue that I'd like to cultivate with our budding ambassadors.



Mathilde Hottelart is a French Literature teacher in her second year at Rochambeau. She is passionate about literature, grammar, and the power of language. As a finalist in La Sorbonne's 2013 Eloquence Competition, she strives to help students develop strong speech, quick wit, and confident communication—skills essential for both academic and personal growth.



Math-SPC Excellence (Terminale)

An in-depth study of advanced maths and physics, to strengthen students who are considering entering scientific preparatory classes in France and other prestigious universities around the world. The club is open only to Terminale students. The club will run from late September to early April (12 math sessions and 12 SPC sessions) lasting 1.5 hours (5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.). Stay tuned for more information to come on the application process in the new school year!

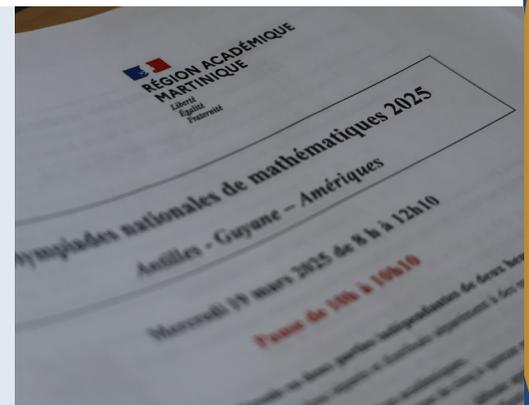
Rochambeau Instructors: Samuel & Franck



Samuel Mathieu
Senior Physics and Chemistry Teacher



Franck Madigou
Math Teacher





Pop Rock Band

Join us for auditions for the Pop Rock Band! You must be at least an intermediate level musician with access to an instrument. Keep your eye out for audition dates to be released after September 2!

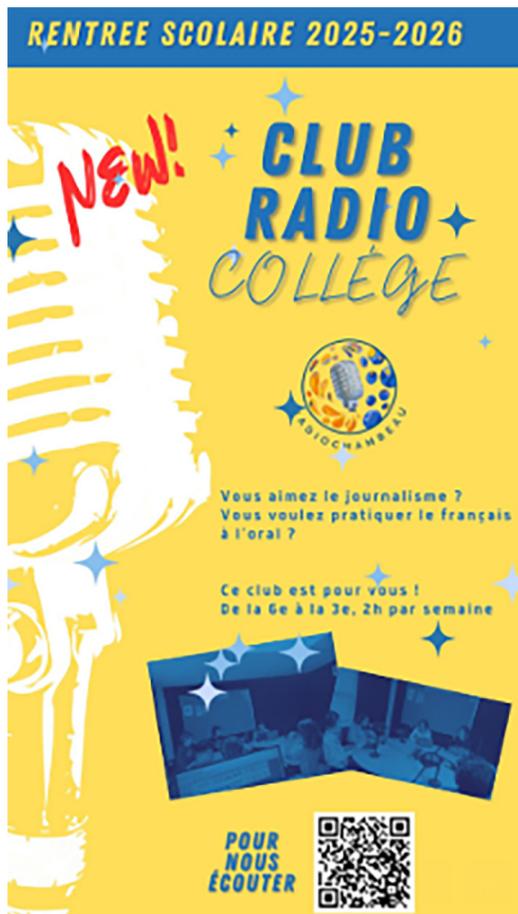
Rochambeau Instructor: Jean Christophe

Jean-Christophe Yin Yeung Cho is Rochambeau's Middle school music teacher. He has been playing music for close to 35 years now, fronting pop-rock bands in every city he's lived in and coaching young musicians along the way.

You can catch him on stage with Cover Story or Palmardy in the DMV area.



Radio Club



Are you passionate about journalism? Want to sharpen your oral French skills in a fun, dynamic setting? The Club Radio Collège is an offering where students will dive into the world of radio broadcasting—from scripting and interviewing to recording and producing their own segments for "Radiochambeau." Students will develop oral expression and communication skills in French, learn journalism and media production techniques, collaborate with peers to produce real radio content, and broadcast their voices to the wider school community.

The club is open to students in 6e to 3e and will run on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more information in the new school year!

[Click here to listen](#) to past student broadcasts!

Rochambeau Instructor: Virginie



Virginie Morisset Schuster
Literature & IB French Teacher



Caterina Renzi
Librarian and Information Literacy Teacher



RochamBIO

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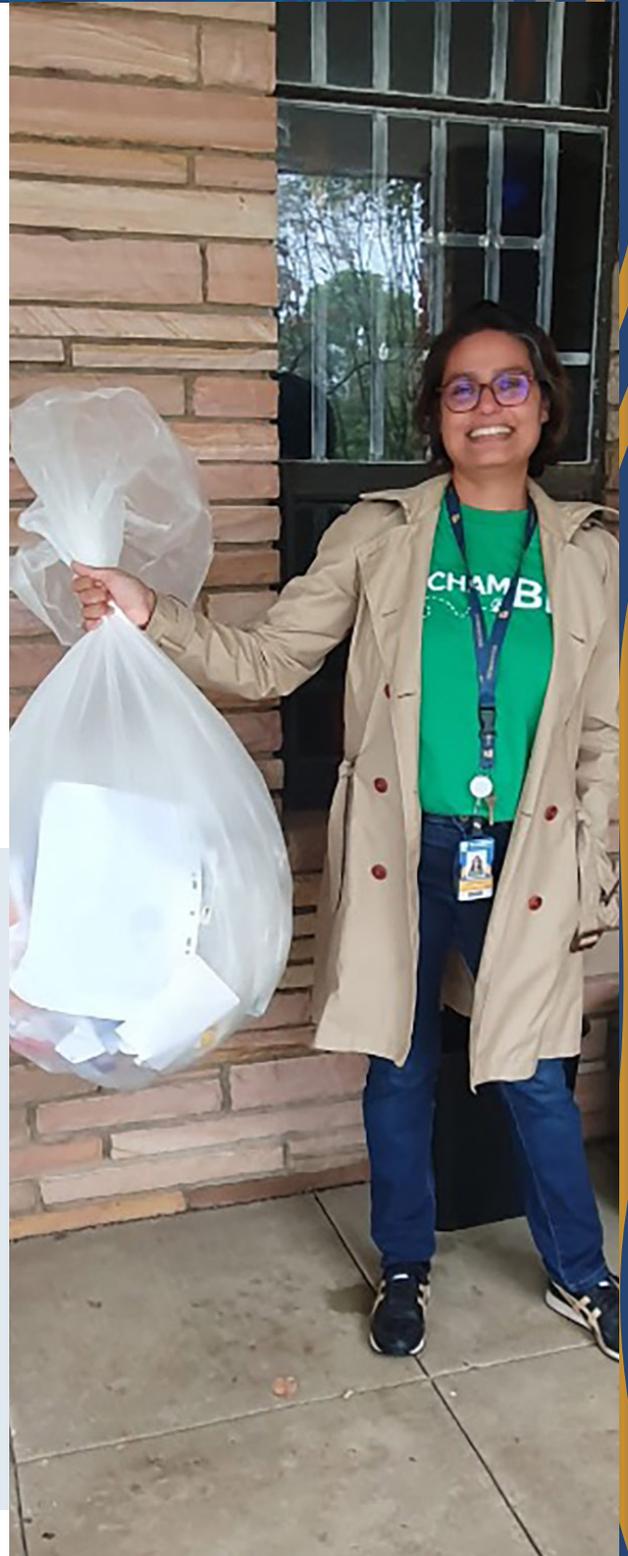
The club also offers opportunities to earn community service hours and engage in competitions and presentations, including the French North America sustainable development contests and the Oceans COP conference. RochamBIO fosters a spirit of responsibility and commitment, helping students become informed and active citizens while reinforcing key curriculum concepts related to sustainability.

This club is open to students in 6e to Terminale.

Stay tuned for more information in the new school year!

Rochambeau Instructor: Agnèle

Agnèle Mangeot is a History and Geography teacher at Rochambeau. She leads Sustainable Development (ESD) projects at the school combining expertise in climate issues, project management, and communication. For the past two years, she has headed RochamBIO, fostering a supportive and forward-thinking space where students are empowered to think creatively and take action to shape a better future.



Soccer

Soccer is offered to all students in grades CP - Tle. Tryouts are done at the end of the previous school year and registration is for the year. If your child is new to the school, please contact the Athletic Director, Marc Baudlet (baudletm@rochambeau.org) about trying out at the beginning of the school year.

Club Description

The soccer program at Rochambeau, initially created in 2012 by passionate parents, has grown to 26 teams and nearly 400 players from CP to Terminale. With leagues organized throughout the year - spring, fall, and now winter (indoor) - our diverse program offers a variety of options. Each player, depending on his or her sporting goals and preferences, can commit to competitive levels or opt for more recreational levels.

Our ever-growing program aims to adapt to the diversity of the school's student profiles, offering an enriching experience for all.

Volleyball

The Volleyball fall season runs from September through November with Saturday clinic opportunities running September through December. Whether you're looking for competition or recreation, join our Musketeers for some fun! Please contact the Athletic Director, Marc Baudlet (baudletm@rochambeau.org) on the registration process.

Club Description

A fast-growing discipline, the Volleyball program at Rochambeau offers both recreational and competitive opportunities for students in grades 6 to 12. Starting in September, the middle and high school girls' teams take part in the ISSAC league. In the spring, a mixed league and a boys' league offer competitive challenges, with participation in the ISSAC League. Our program goes beyond the field, fostering personal growth, camaraderie and the creation of lasting bonds.

Don't miss our highlight event, the Zone Amérique AEFÉ tournament, bringing together French schools from the USA and Canada and nearly 200 players. An annual celebration of sporting excellence and diversity at French schools in the United States!



Cross Country

Students in 6e - Terminale who are interested in cross-country running have two offerings: Mondays at 3:45 - 5:15 pm or 5:45 - 7:15 pm. Secondary students will have the opportunity to participate in races against other schools or teams in the area. Students in grades CM1-CM2 will be able to register for the running club listed above.

Club Description

Join our running club in Rochambeau, where conviviality and competitiveness coexist harmoniously. Our runners have a variety of goals, some seeking to improve their performance, while others prefer physical activity and running with friends, without competition. A small group is dedicated to cross-country racing during the autumn season. Our club offers a dynamic atmosphere of fun, progression and camaraderie. Come and run with us, where every stride becomes a shared, motivating adventure!

Basketball

Students in 6e - Terminale who are interested in joining the basketball team or Saturday practices should reach out to the Athletic Director, Marc Baudlet (baudletm@rochambeau.org). Students in grades CE1-CM2 will be able to register for the basketball club listed above.

Club Description

The basketball program at Rochambeau offers quality progression and high-level competition. Youngsters start with non-competitive practices in elementary school through sixth grade, then move on to competition in 7th grade and beyond, competing in the ISSAC league championship against private schools in Maryland. Our five teams, from Middle School Boys and Girls to JV Boys and Varsity Boys and Girls, compete with determination from November to March, supplementing their performances with Saturday practices and sessions.

Tennis

Our tennis program continues in partnership with Tennis Central Academy, which has been led by their experienced coaches and high-quality staff. Tennis Central now has a new location at Whitley Park Sports Club, which is only five minutes away from either campus. Transportation is offered to/from the Maplewood campus to the tennis courts for an additional fee. Please contact the Athletic Director, Marc Baudlet (baudletm@rochambeau.org) on the registration process.





AFTERNOON SESSIONS

U12-Varsity / 6e-Terminale at Forest Road Campus

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	SOCCER: U12 Girls (6e) Full Year Yassine Mosiah <i>Soccer Field</i>	SOCCER: U13 Boys (5e) Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Pedja Radosevic <i>Soccer Field</i>			SOCCER: U13-14 Girls (5e/4e) Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Marc Baudlet <i>Soccer Field</i>
	SOCCER: U12 Boys (6e) Full Year David Busoye <i>Soccer Field</i>	SOCCER: U15 Boys (3e) Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Karl Mbouombouo <i>Soccer Field</i>	SOCCER: U14 Boys (4e) Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Victor Hall <i>Soccer Field</i>	SOCCER: U13 Boys (5e) Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Pedja Radosevic <i>Soccer Field</i>	
	RUNNING: 6e-Terminale Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Romain Layour <i>Track</i>		BASKETBALL: 6e Boys & Girls Winter: 11/10-3/6 Richard Benjamin Coach Jorge <i>Big Gym</i>	OPTIONAL VOLLEYBALL PRIMAIRE CM1/CM2 Full Year <i>Small Gym</i>	VOLLEYBALL Boys & Girls Grade 6-7 Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Homer/Loic/Ethan <i>Small Gym</i>



EVENING SESSIONS

U12-Varsity / 6e-Terminale at Forest Road Campus

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.	SOCCER: U15-16 Girls (3e-2nd) Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Marc Baudlet <i>Soccer Field</i>	SOCCER: Varsity Girls (1ere-Terminale) Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Alberto Rios <i>Soccer Field/Big Gym</i>	SOCCER: U15-16 Girls (3e-2nd) Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Marc Baudlet <i>Soccer Field</i>	SOCCER: Varsity Girls (1ere-Terminale) Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Alberto Rios <i>Soccer Field/Big Gym</i>	SOCCER: U15 Boys (3e) Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Karl Mbouombouo <i>Soccer Field</i>
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	VOLLEYBALL: MS Girls (2 groups) Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Team Homer Development Players Claessa <i>Small Gym</i>	SOCCER: U13-14 Girls (5e-4e) Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Marc Baudlet <i>Soccer Field</i>	VOLLEYBALL: HS Girls (3 groups) Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Team Claessa/Ethan <i>Small Gym</i>	BASKETBALL: 5e-4e Boys & Girls Winter: 11/10-3/6 Richard Benjamin Coach Jorge <i>Big Gym</i>	VOLLEYBALL: MS-HS Boys Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Team Ethan Development Players Loic <i>Small Gym</i>
	RUNNING: 6e-Terminale Fall: 9/7 - 11/7 Spring: 3/9 - 6/5 Romain Layour <i>Track</i>	BASKETBALL: Varsity Girls 3e-Terminale Winter: 11/10-3/6 Richard Benjamin Coach Jorge <i>Big Gym</i>	BASKETBALL: Varsity and Jr. Varsity (3e-Terminale) Boys Winter: 11/10-3/6 Richard Benjamin, Jerome St. Omer, Coach Jorge <i>Big Gym</i>		



TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please carefully review the Parent Handbook which describes in detail our Terms and Conditions. Below you will find key information regarding:

Missed Days, Withdrawals, Transfers & Refunds

Auxiliary Programs operate on a scheduled basis. If your child misses a day of their club or program due to illness, travel, or personal reasons, we cannot offer make-up sessions or prorated refunds.

In the case of teacher absence or class cancellation on our part, we will provide aftercare/garderie service for that day. Should classes be cancelled due to inclement weather, no refund will be given.

1st Club Day	Monday September 8	Tuesday August 26	Wednesday August 27	Thursday August 28	Friday August 29
Withdrawal Deadline by Close of Business (COB)	Thursday September 11	Friday August 29	Monday September 1	Tuesday September 2	Wednesday September 3

Refunds will not be provided for withdrawals after the 3 business days have passed, as commitments have already been made to partners, vendors, and instructors. Exceptions may be considered for documented medical issues or family relocation.

Requesting Changes and Transfers

Families can request changes to their registrations without penalty during the open registration period, which ends on **Monday, August 18, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. EST.**

After the eligible withdrawal date (3 business days after the first class),

- Transfers may be granted **only if space is available** in the desired club.
- If the new club has a **higher fee**, families will be asked to pay the difference.
- No refunds are given if transferring to a lower-cost club.

Students are expected to **commit for the full semester**, which ensures continuity for group projects or performances, and fairness for instructors.

Minimum Enrollment

All clubs are based on enrollment and clubs may be cancelled if they do not reach the minimum number of participants required to run. Affected families will be contacted and invited to register for another club of their choosing or be refunded the cost of the club. A full refund will be provided for the cancelled club at the time of cancellation.



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