

Fall BASE 2025

(August 27 - November 25)

A Note from Our New Director

Hello BASE families! My name is Ray Opatowsky (they/them). Many of you have known me in my previous role here at SJCS, and I'm thrilled to be expanding in a new direction as the Director of Before and After School Enrichment (BASE). I can't wait to deepen my knowledge of our returning students and meet our new ones. It will be a year full of creativity, learning, and fun. This fall, we're bringing back much-loved favorites like Kung Fu, and Chess, and Reader Adventures while also adding exciting new opportunities—like Adventures in STEM using LEGO, where kids will explore engineering, problem-solving, and imagination in action. With something for every interest, our goal is to make BASE a place where students can discover new passions, strengthen skills, and build lasting friendships. Here's to an amazing year ahead—I'm so excited to learn and grow alongside our BASE community!

If you have any questions about BASE, feel free to reach out to me at BASE@sjcs.net. We're looking forward to another fun and enriching session of BASE!



Meet our BASE Leadership Team!



Ray Opatowsky
Director of BASE



Daniel Gabel
Office Manager

Look out for a follow-up email introducing BASE instructors prior to the start of the trimester. You can contact us at BASE@sjcs.net for any BASE related inquiries!

Key Information

Pickup Policy:

Pickup from BASE runs from 4:45 - 5 p.m., in front of the school on Maple Leaf Place. If you need to pick up your student early from BASE, please contact the front office or send an email to BASE@sjcs.net. **Picking up students at the park is NOT permitted. *LATE PICK UP OF 15 MINUTES OR MORE WILL RESULT IN A \$20 CHARGE.**

Day Camp:

During staff in-services, parent/teacher conferences, and the second day of most Jewish holidays, BASE provides fun-filled day camps that offer a combination of indoor and outdoor activities, including park time, crafts, games, a movie with "movie snacks" and more! These day camps run during school hours, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., with after camp care offered until 5 p.m. ***Pre-registration is required. Day of drop-ins will not be permitted.**

Snacks and Attire:

Please pack a snack specifically for BASE on the days your student(s) will be in BASE to help them fuel for their classes! Also, please make sure your student has the proper attire for the BASE class they will be attending. There will be plenty of wet days.

Daily Enrichment Classes at BASE



Monday - 9 Classes

Sept 8, 15, 29

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27

Nov 3, 17

Adventures in STEM using LEGO (grades K-2)

Let your imagination run wild with tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Build engineer-designed projects and use special pieces to create your own unique designs! Projects are rotated seasonally to ensure that both new and returning students can explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO® building system in a supportive environment.

All Things Sports (grades 3-5)

Get ready to move, groove, and score in our action-packed Sports Elective! Whether you're shooting hoops on the basketball court, sprinting down the field in flag football, or diving into a mix of classic and new games, this elective has something for every athlete. Each week brings a new challenge, a new sport, and a whole lot of fun. Teamwork, sportsmanship, and high-energy play are always part of the game—so lace up those sneakers and get ready to bring the heat!

Daily Enrichment Classes at BASE



Tuesday - 9 Classes

Sept 2, 9, 16, 30

Oct 21, 28

Nov 4, 11, 18

Kung Fu Kids with Sifu Robin & Seattle Kung Fu Club (grades K-5)

Kung Fu is a BASE favorite. Whether you've been in the class before, or are a newcomer looking to try your hand at it, students are met where they are. This class incorporates fun and discipline, while also teaching students basic Kung Fu/Wushu self-defense techniques. Students learn the basics of stretching, punching, kicking, blocking, tumbling, while enhancing their hand/eye coordination and balance.

Acting For The Camera with Michael & Sneaky Cat Acting Academy (grades 3-5)

An on-camera class where students learn the fundamentals of screen acting through a series of acting exercises, using improvisation and physical tasks. The students will become familiar with screen acting terminology, and experience the difference between screen and stage techniques. Each class begins with a vocal and physical warm up, and the course ends with a digital download of the students' work from the term.

Daily Enrichment Classes at BASE



Wednesday - 9 Classes

Aug 27

Sept 3, 10, 17

Oct 22, 29

Nov 5, 12, 19

Chess Club with Coach Ray & Orangutan Chess Academy (grades K-5)

This class is for all ages and skill levels, teaching chess rules, history, and exploring different strategies in the game. Each student will receive ChessKid* gold membership account with joining this class. In addition to learning the traditional game, the class branches out and explores different variants of the game, even allowing students to create their own! In 2023-2024, OCA instructed eight Washington State Elementary and Middle School Chess Champions, including two from SJCS!

Reader Adventures (grades K-2)

Do you love story time? Back by popular demand! If you're a fluent reader, do you never have time to read your favorite books? This class will have two groups, the first will entail a lively read-aloud session, bringing stories to life, through acting out scenes and drawing. Concurrently, fluent readers will deep dive into favorite books together (eg. Percy Jackson, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, etc), analyzing, acting, and exploring different ending possibilities, and more.

Junior Chefs (grades 3-5)

Welcome to Junior Chefs, where big flavor meets little hands! In this fun and tasty elective, students become snack-making pros—no stove or oven needed. From sweet to savory, we'll whip up creative, no-cook treats using simple ingredients and an air fryer for extra crunch when needed. Think fruit kabobs, trail mix creations, mini sandwiches, and more! It's all about learning kitchen basics, trying new foods, and having a deliciously good time. Aprons on—let's get snacking!

Daily Enrichment Classes at BASE



Thursday - 12 Classes

Aug 28

Sept 4, 11, 18, 25

Oct 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov 6, 13, 20

Minecraft (grades K-5)

Enter the world of blocks and creativity in our Minecraft Elective! Whether you're a Redstone wizard, a master builder, or just starting out, this class is your gateway to epic adventures and endless imagination. Students will work together to build worlds, complete fun challenges, and even explore educational mods that bring history, science, and teamwork to life—all inside the Minecraft universe. Collaboration, creativity, and pixel-perfect fun await. *This class may be split by skill level.*

Beading (grades K-5)

Get ready to sparkle and shine in our Beading Elective! From colorful bracelets and necklaces to fun Perler bead creations, students will explore the world of wearable art and decorative designs. We'll mix patterns, play with color, and learn basic techniques to bring each creative vision to life. Whether you're making a gift for a friend or something special for yourself, this class is all about expressing your style—one bead at a time!

Daily Enrichment Classes at BASE



Friday - 12 Classes

Aug 29

Sept 5, 12, 19, 26

Oct 3, 17, 24, 31

Nov 7, 14, 21

Friday BASE (grades K-5)

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Snack time followed by park time - weather permitting, we will be able to get out to Green Lake to enjoy the beautiful park we have so close to us!

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Choice time - board games, arts and crafts, blocks, free play, and a movie are all options to enjoy the afternoon at school with friends as we kick off the weekend!

Other BASE Options

Breakfast Club (Monday-Friday):

From 7:15 - 8:15 a.m., students bring their own breakfast and enjoy time before school while reading, playing games, and socializing.

Stay & Play (Monday-Thursday)

This option is available for students who are not interested in enrolling in the specialized BASE classes of the day. Students in this class enjoy supervised free play time at the park, weather permitting. When the class is moved inside, students enjoy drawing and playing games, among other free time choices.

Extended Day (Monday-Thursday)

From 5-6 p.m., we offer an extended day option for \$20 including arts & crafts, free play and more. ***Note: this option is only available by demand, and would require at least 3 students to sign up.**

BASE Drop-Ins (Monday-Friday)

Students may drop-in for Stay & Play at BASE on days they are not registered, for \$33 per day. Please email BASE@sjcs.net, or call the front office to make this arrangement.

Dates to Note

No School / No BASE

September 23-24 (*Rosh Hashanah*)

October 2 (*Yom Kippur*)

October 7 (*Sukkot*)

October 14 (*Shemini Atzeret*)

November 26-28 (Thanksgiving Break)

BASE Day Camp Days

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. with after camp care
until 5 p.m. (**pre-registration required**).

Registration will close one week prior to each day
camp.

September 22 (*Rosh Hashanah* Travel Day)

October 8 (*Sukkot* Day 2)

October 10 (Professional Development Day)

October 15 (*Simchat Torah*)

November 10 (Staff In Service)

November 24-25 (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Pricing And Registration Information

Breakfast Club: \$10/day ; \$7/day for siblings

In-house classes: \$28/day

External vendor classes: \$38/day

Friday BASE (2:30 - 5 p.m.): \$35/day

Drop-in for BASE: \$33/day

Late pickup (if you are more than 15 minutes late for BASE pickup):
\$20/day

BASE Day Camps: \$85/day ; \$55/day for siblings

*Pricing on the registration form is reflective of how many days the class will meet during the session. Financial aid is available for BASE on a case by case basis, please contact Yael Sachs at ysachs@sjcs.net

