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The Baldwin Middle School

# PRE-ACADEMIES *Program*









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**OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS**

## ENROLL TODAY!

*Details inside >>*




# WHAT IS SCHOOL2CAREER?

## ENSURING COLLEGE, CAREER, LIFE READINESS

Baldwin Union Free School District aims to support students' academic, social and moral growth, while fostering lifelong commitment to learning and encouraging responsible contributions to society. Although there is a lot to be explored inside our classrooms, we believe that experiential learning can help bring the theorized practices learned in the our schools to life. There are a multitude of opportunities that are available to all students within the district for work-based learning under the umbrella of "School2Career."

Whether it is mentorship, internships or through the district's award winning Academic Academies, students will develop an entrepreneurial spirit with regards to their own academic, personal, social, vocational and civic future. Students will construct essential questions for exploration, explore authentic workplace problems and solutions, and develop projects that will give back to the community, all with the guidance of the teachers, administrators and staff members within Baldwin schools, as well as accomplished mentors from the community.

## *News and Accolades*

Our School2Career program continues to garner accolades and media placements, capturing the attention of education leaders across the country due to the unique curriculum and real-world application of this highly innovative program.

For the latest news and recognition of our academies program, please visit www.baldwinschools.org/news or scan this QR code with your cell phone camera.

# WHAT IS A PRE-ACADEMY?

## OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

Eighth-grade students at Baldwin Middle School have the unique opportunity to elect to participate in a Pre-Academy during their ninth period as an enrichment experience following their regular school schedule.

Serving as an introduction to Baldwin High School's Academic Academy program, the Pre-Academies give students practical exposure to a career-focused curriculum, thereby enhancing their readiness for future educational and professional pursuits. Students explore various occupational paths and gain insight into the academy tracks available at the high school level. These experiences are intended to cultivate valuable workplace skills, preparing students not only for high school but also for college and the evolving workforce.

Similar to the high school's Academic Academies, the Pre-Academies connect the classroom to the real-world of work through a combination of:

- Professional Shadow Days and Hands-on Experiences
- Inter-School, Regional and National Competitions
- Co-Curricular Activities
- Collaborations with Baldwin High School's Academic Academies

## PRE-ACADEMY SCHEDULE

Operating on a quarterly basis, Pre-Academies are scheduled during the ninth period and are made available either daily or on alternate days, contingent upon student demand. Students have the opportunity to enroll in multiple Pre-Academies on different days—specifically, one on A days and another on B days—or across various quarters or semesters.

Each Pre-Academy correlates to at least one Academic Academy at Baldwin High School for a seamless integration in 9th grade.

| Pre-Academy | | School2Career Path |
|---|---|---|
| Bruin's News Network (BNN) | → | New Media |
| Dance Expression | → | Fine & Performing Arts |
| Fine Art | → | Fine & Performing Arts |
| Future Problem Solvers | → | YCLC |
| Future Teachers of Baldwin | → | Education |
| Junior Virtual Enterprise (VE) | → | Global Business & Entrepreneurship |
| National History Day | → | Government & Law |
| PLTW Medical Detectives | → | Medical & Health Sciences |
| Public Speaking and Debate | → | Government & Law |
| Show Me the Money | → | Global Business & Entrepreneurship |
| Spoken Word | → | Fine & Performing Arts |
| Theater and Improvisation | → | Fine & Performing Arts |

## *Pre-Academies at a Glance*

**12**
**PRE-ACADEMIES**

**>100**
**MS STUDENTS ENROLLED**

**>30**
**INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS**

## *For More Information*

**INTERESTED IN ENROLLING?**
Interested middle school students must **register during their 7th grade year.**

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# BRUIN'S NEWS NETWORK PRE-ACADEMY







## Are you interested in a potential career in communications or broadcast journalism?

Students in the Bruins News Network Pre-Academy program will delve into news writing, reporting, and digital storytelling methods, acquiring vital skills for media analysis and creation. Engaging hands-on projects promote curiosity, critical thinking, and effective communication, equipping students for careers in media and more.

Hands-on experiences include the Baldwin Middle School newsletter and participation in the Bruins News Network, among guest speakers and Leaving2Learns.

## ACADEMY AFFILIATION



# DANCE EXPRESSION PRE-ACADEMY

## Do you have a passion for dance and choreography?

Through the Dance Expression Pre-Academy Program, students will have the chance to delve into various dance genres, including contemporary, hip-hop, ballet, jazz, and cultural dances. They will explore the distinct movements and histories associated with each style, promoting personal expression as well as collaboration. The course will conclude with thrilling in-school performances and competitions, providing students the opportunity to enhance their artistic vision and stage presence.

Hands-on experiences include StarQuest, Dance Xplosion, Black History Month Assembly, and the Spring Celebration of the Arts.







## ACADEMY AFFILIATION

**Dance Expression**

**Fine & Performing Arts**

**FUTURE READY**

# FINE ART PRE-ACADEMY

## Do you find joy in expressing yourself through artistic creations?

In the Fine Art Pre-Academy, students can freely express themselves through a range of artistic mediums, including painting, drawing, sculpture, and digital arts. The program fosters both creativity and the development of technical skills as students experiment with various artistic styles and techniques. Participants will take part in hands-on projects that enable them to display their artistic talents while cultivating a personal style. The pre-academy highlights the link between art and self-expression, as well as the significance of observation, composition, and design in crafting impactful artworks. By the conclusion of the program, students will have created a portfolio of their work and gained a deeper appreciation for visual arts.

*Hands-on experiences* include Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, and Mindfulness Through the Arts exhibits.





## ACADEMY AFFILIATION



# FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS PRE-ACADEMY



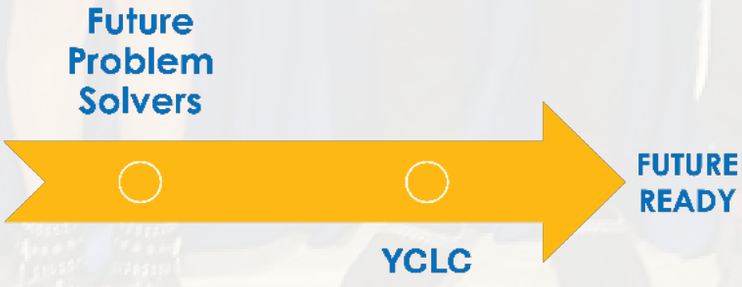


## Are you interested in a solving real world problems?

The Future Problem Solvers Pre-Academy challenges students to engage in critical thinking and tackle real-world problems. Participants will take part in team-based activities where they dissect complex issues and devise innovative, actionable solutions. By examining global challenges, they will enhance their research, collaboration, and creative thinking skills for the future. This pre-academy promotes the development of problem-solving and decision-making abilities while fostering a greater understanding of how to address challenges across various fields. Students will leave with improved teamwork skills, a heightened sense of responsibility, and an expanded perspective on the world around them.

*Hands-on experiences* include the Future Problem Solvers state and global competitions.

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# FUTURE TEACHERS OF BALDWIN PRE-ACADEMY



## Do you love to teach or desire to be an educator someday?

Students enrolled in the Future Teachers of Baldwin Pre-Academy gain firsthand experience of the teaching profession through a comprehensive program. They develop lesson plans, explore pedagogical concepts, and conduct lessons for students at the elementary schools within the Baldwin Union Free School District. The experience will help the 8th grade students assess the viability of pursuing careers in education, such as teaching, administration, guidance counseling, or other related roles.

*Hands-on experiences* include teaching Baldwin elementary students, K-5, and working with Junior Achievement.

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# JUNIOR VIRTUAL ENTERPRISE PRE-ACADEMY

## Would you like to explore a career in business and entrepreneurship?




The Junior Virtual Enterprise Pre-Academy immerses students in the realms of business and entrepreneurship through engaging, hands-on experiences. Participants will work in teams to establish and manage a virtual business, making key decisions regarding marketing, finance, product development, and customer service. This program fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork as students tackle the challenges of operating a company. Additionally, they will gain insights into economic principles, business ethics, and the significance of effective communication in the corporate environment. By the conclusion of the pre-academy, students will have acquired essential business skills and a deeper understanding of what it takes to thrive in the business world.

*Hands-on experiences* include Junior Virtual Enterprise Competition and collaborations with Baldwin High School's Virtual Enterprise.

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# NATURAL HISTORY DAY PRE-ACADEMY

## Do you have an interest in history and research?

The National History Day Pre-Academy is a comprehensive, yearlong educational initiative focused on research that inspires middle school students to delve into local, state, national, and global history. The program culminates in a regional competition. Students from across Long Island are tasked with selecting a historical topic that aligns with the annual theme and conducting thorough research using libraries, archives, museums, and oral history interviews. They analyze and interpret their findings, drawing conclusions about the historical significance of their topics, and create final projects in one of five categories: Historical Paper, Documentary, Performance, Website, or Exhibit. These projects are evaluated by judges, who are professional historians and educators, based on specific criteria. Winners from the state competition will have the opportunity to represent New York at the National History Day competition in College Park, Maryland.

*Hands-on experiences* include National History Day contest.




## ACADEMY AFFILIATION

National History Day

FUTURE READY

Government & Law

# MEDICAL DETECTIVES PRE-ACADEMY

## Does medical science intrigue you?

In the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Medical Detectives Pre-Academy, students take on the role of medical professionals, employing scientific inquiry and research to address health issues. They will engage in hands-on labs, field trips, and case studies to diagnose diseases by examining vital signs, health data, and body systems, thereby gaining insights into conditions that can impact human health.

A significant hands-on experience involves dissecting sheep brains to explore brain disorders, including tumor growth and its effects on structure, behavior, and function. Students will also delve into epidemiology to track disease transmission, studying how pathogens affect the body. Furthermore, they participate in forensic investigations, utilizing techniques like DNA electrophoresis and fingerprint analysis to collect evidence and determine the perpetrator at the DNA Learning Center in Cold Spring Harbor. By the conclusion of the program, students develop a thorough understanding of human health and medical science while enhancing their critical thinking, analytical, and problem-solving skills for success in their future academic and professional endeavors.

*Hands-on experiences* include Cold Spring Harbor Labs.





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# PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATE PRE-ACADEMY

## Do you enjoy engaging in debates?

Through the Public Speaking & Debate Pre-Academy Program, students will enhance their confidence, critical thinking, and communication skills through a variety of activities such as speeches, debates, and interactive exercises. They will learn to express their ideas clearly, develop persuasive arguments, and engage with diverse perspectives. This course is designed to help students thrive in both academic and social environments.

*Hands-on experiences* include the American Debate League tournaments.




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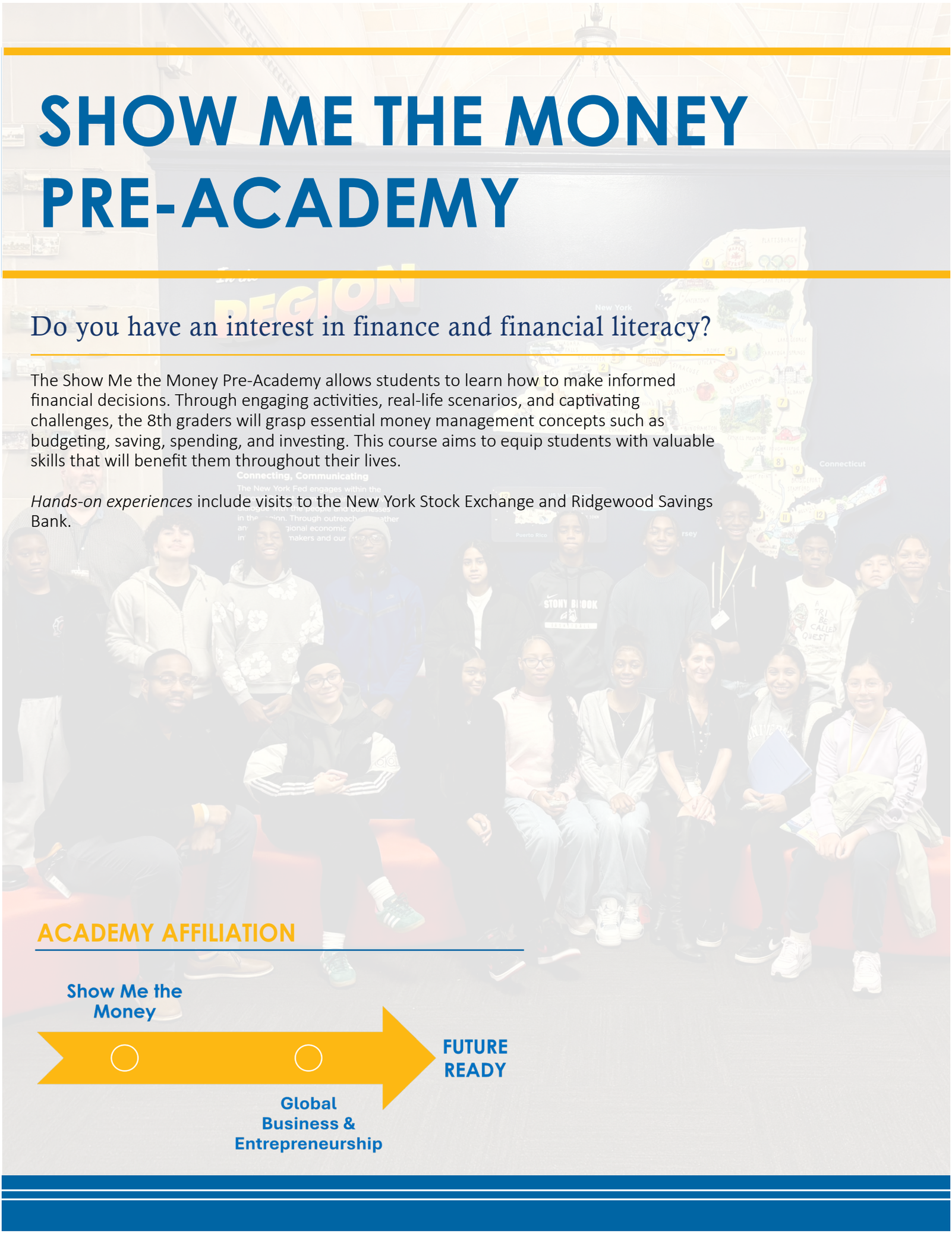


# SHOW ME THE MONEY PRE-ACADEMY

## Do you have an interest in finance and financial literacy?

The Show Me the Money Pre-Academy allows students to learn how to make informed financial decisions. Through engaging activities, real-life scenarios, and captivating challenges, the 8th graders will grasp essential money management concepts such as budgeting, saving, spending, and investing. This course aims to equip students with valuable skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

*Hands-on experiences* include visits to the New York Stock Exchange and Ridgewood Savings Bank.




## ACADEMY AFFILIATION

Show Me the Money

FUTURE READY

Global Business & Entrepreneurship

# SPOKEN-WORD PRE-ACADEMY

## Do you take joy in voicing your thoughts through rehetoric and art?

In Spoken Word pre-academy, students are given the chance to express their thoughts and feelings through writing. Spoken word, which originates from oral traditions and performance art, blends various elements such as rap, hip-hop, storytelling, theater, jazz, rock, blues, and folk music. Once students craft their own slam poems and rehearse their performances in class, they will showcase their work publicly while receiving feedback from their peers.

*Hands-on experiences* include the Black History Month Assembly, Variety Show Assembly, Urban Word Poetry Slam Competition.



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# THEATER & IMPROVISATION PRE-ACADEMY

## Are you an aspiring thespian and/or comedian?

Through the Theater & Improvisation Pre-academy, students dive into the thrilling realm of acting and creative expression. A combination of engaging games, exercises, and performance practices will teach students to think quickly and respond spontaneously to various situations. The pre-academy emphasizes the development of confidence, collaboration, and communication skills, while fostering creativity and self-expression. Students will participate in improvisation activities that enhance their quick thinking and adaptability to changing circumstances. By the end of the program, participants will gain a deeper appreciation for theater, improved public speaking abilities, and the skills to work together on creative projects.

*Hands-on experiences* include Cultural Arts Playhouse, Celebration of the Arts, and Variety Show.





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