



High School Winterim: January 28-30, 2026

(Note: This is later than previous years. After regular school on January 26 and 27, Winterim will take place Wed. through Friday.)

Winterim takes place on scheduled school days, so it is required for all PCA students, just like any other school day. It consists of three-day course electives that are not normally offered during the school year.

Please read through the descriptions below as a family. As you navigate through the course selections, please also review if there are costs associated with the course, which will be billed to Renweb.

Instructions:

1. In the "Select" column to the far right, indicate at least two choices for a.m. preference, at least two choices for p.m. preference, and/or two choices for all-day option. Write "overall" to be clear what is your overall 1st choice preference. Winterim fees will be billed through Renweb in early February.
2. **Return this form signed by a parent/guardian to the front desk no earlier than Monday, Dec. 8, 7:45 a.m., and no later than Thursday, December 11, 2025.**

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

(OFFICE USE ONLY: Date/time/order this form submitted to front desk: _____)

Any questions? Please contact dtompkins@parkviewchristian and/or mgerken@parkviewchristian.net

8:00-11:00 morning Winterim

11:00-12:00 lunch

12:00-3:00 afternoon Winterim

Class Name	Class Description	a.m. session, p.m. session, or all day	Max. # of students per session	Fee (charged to student account)	Select
ALL DAY OPTIONS BELOW	ALL DAY OPTIONS BELOW	ALL DAY OPTIONS BELOW	ALL DAY OPTIONS BELOW	ALL DAY OPTIONS BELOW	
Ministry & Missions Overnight Retreat	This is a 3 day/2 night (overnight) retreat at Cup of Cold Water in Sheridan. This program will provide students with incredible hands-on training in the mission field of life. This group is reserved for students who have a strong desire to deepen their faith and learn what ministry and missions are about. Requests to attend will be reviewed before approving. Together we will do incredible hands-on, intensive learning from several professionals and missionaries, build relationships as we work on projects together, learn to present and share the Gospel, enjoy an incredible time of prayer & worship together, and of course have a lot of fun! All lodging, food, and transportation is included in the price. Students will need to bring sleeping bags and snacks. Wednesday-Friday. Leave by 9am Wed, Return 3pm Fri.	Overnights Leave Wednesday 9am back Friday 3pm	16 total 8 boys and 8 girls Mrs. Gerken & Mr. Ault, 2 Adult chaperones, & COCW staff members	\$75 *Includes all food, lodging and transportation Students can bring snacks This event does not interfere with sports schedules or games.	
Religious architecture, apologetics, and theology	<u>What</u>: The plan is to travel to three different locations to learn about religious architecture, apologetics, and theology. <u>Where</u>: Students will meet at Countryside campus at 8:00 in Room 105. Mr. M Johnson and Mrs. Zenofio will be driving to all three locations. We will eat lunch near each location. Our group will return between 2:30-3:00 at Countryside campus.	ALL DAY	18 students Teacher: Mr. Micah Johnson, Mrs Still, and Mrs. Zenofio	*Food for lunch is the only cost, and each student will carry their own lunch money.	

	*Lunches will occur locally around each of the three locations. If your child has dietary considerations, please let Mr. M Johnson know ahead of time. As we near the event days the restaurants will be announced. Please bring money for tax and tip. Many students choose to share meals, and this reduces the cost for lunch. Current locations: Beth Shalom Synagogue in Skokie, Holy Transfiguration Antiochian Orthodox Church in Warrenville, and Holy Name Cathedral in the Loop (parking at Moody Bible Institute and eating lunch at Eataly).				
Career & College Resume Building/ Interview Skills w/h Moc-interview & Two College Visit Locations	What: In the AM session students will learn about Resume building and skills associated with the process. The students will be using the School Links Resume Building tool and a full resume will be completed after the 3 day session. In the afternoon of the first two days, the students will be attending a college visit to nearby Christian colleges. Food money will be needed because we will be stopping for lunch. On day three of our sessions, interview skills will be discussed and practiced along with a session in the afternoon of realistic mock-interviews. Appropriate and professional dress for the event is necessary. The resume will be presented and an evaluation rubric will be utilized by our volunteer interviewing staff. The students will learn great skills from this realistic event. Lunch on the third day will be at a nearby restaurant.	ALL DAY	11 students Teachers: Mr. Franklin Laura Burgin and Interview Volunteers	*Food for lunch is the only cost, and each student will carry their own lunch money. Suggested amount: \$20 per day.	

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Car Buying & Maintenance Basics	Students will meet at upper campus each day. On days two and three, they will go in a school van/bus to Coffman Truck Sales, 1149 S. Lake St., in Aurora, which is a car/ truck sale and maintenance facility. Students will learn some of the basics of new and used car buying as well as basic car maintenance, such as how to change tires, fluids, and light bulbs. Some advanced elements may be in the mix from there. Peppered in will be devotional reflections by Mr. Alphonso.	a.m. only Location: G. Johnson's classroom Wed. off site Thurs. & Fri.	12 students Teacher: Mr. Alphonso Hankerson	No cost	
Truth Seekers	<u>What</u> : Nominate tricky, controversial topics. After we select a topic to examine deeper, we will explore it through group discussion, video clips, and/or a consideration of what the Bible reveals. We will take breaks to exercise our bodies in the gym as time and space allows. <u>Why</u> : To seek the truth. How biblical is your worldview?	a.m. only Location: M. Gerken's classroom	No limit Teacher : Mr. Tompkins	No cost	
Agricultural Studies	Designed to introduce students to the many and varied careers in agriculture. On-site presentations by U of I Extension office, Grainco FS, AHW (John Deere), and visits to beef and dairy farms.	a.m. only Meet in Davidson's classroom	6 students Teacher: Mr. Davidson and Mr. G. Johnson	No cost	
Mexican Craft, Piñata Making	Students will learn about piñata's history and will be able to make Mexican indigenous crafts and piñatas. Students will learn about the introduction of Mexican food prep. Class will	a.m. only Location:	20 students	\$15 for cost of material	

and Introduction to Mexican Cuisine	be conducted in English.	Mrs. Dluzak's classroom	Teacher: Mrs. Dluzak	and ingredients	
Worship Arts: Praise in Paint	AM SESSION: Using images, colors and words, students will be expressing and illustrating their favorite scriptures, song lyrics, biblical principles and attributes of Christian life to express "praise in paint" to bless everyone who sees their work (on designated walls of the school building.)	14 students Teacher: Mr. Petit	Meet near the north wall of the Gym	\$10 for cost of materials	
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Floral Design	Mrs. Jamie Best has over 20 years of design experience. She has specialized in designing flowers for weddings and everyday events. This three-day, hands-on event workshop is the students invitation to join her in the classroom and learn, create and grow as a budding floral designer. This is for students who love creativity and hands-on fun! <u>Day 1:</u> Students will dive into the colorful world of floral design with an introduction to flower types, care and handling techniques-learning how to keep blooms fresh and vibrant. They'll finish the day by creating their own cylinder vase arrangement to take home. <u>Day 2:</u> Focusing on the art of personals--students will design and craft elegant boutonnieres, corsages and whimsical floral crowns, discovering how to prepare	p.m. only Teachers: Mrs. & Mr. Best Art room	20 students	\$100 to cover the cost of supplies and fresh flowers	

	flowers for special events like dances and weddings. <u>Day 3:</u> It's time to shine! Students will use everything they've learned to design and build their own unique floral art piece, showcasing their individual style of learning, imagination and hands-on artistry! All flowers, foliages, vessels and tools will be provided—and yes, students will keep every arrangement they create!				
ACT prep	What concepts will be tested on the ACT exam? What prep and in-test strategies are effective? How do I know where my weaknesses and strengths are so I can study smart? These questions and more will be answered. There is an upcoming national test date in February here at PCA. This will be a great time to maximize your readiness on the Math, Reading, English, and Science sections of the ACT. Securing a competent math teacher is TBD; if unable to secure, we will focus on the other three sections plus look closer at the optional writing portion.	p.m. only Location: M. Gerken's classroom	No limit Teacher: Mr. Tompkins Mr. G. Johnson TBD Math	\$27 per student to cover the cost for the prep book	

Archery & Axe Throwing	What: Join us for 2 days of Archery & 1 day of axe throwing! *Includes 4 hours total over two days of archery with instruction, range etiquette/safety and all necessary gear at indoor archery range. *Also includes 1 ½ hours of axe throwing with instruction, range etiquette/safety at indoor axe throwing range. Day 1 Archery Noon-3PM w/ travel Day 2 Archery Noon-3PM w/ travel Day 3 Axe throwing 12:30PM-3PM w/ travel W & TH: Friday: Strictly Archery Legendary Escape Rooms 401 Earl Rd. 15115 Des Plaines St Unit A Plainfield, IL 60544 Shorewood, IL 60404	p.m. only	12 students Ages 13+ welcome Teacher: Mrs. Reis	\$85 per student (2 days archery \$60; 1 day axe throwing \$25)	
Worship Arts: “4 Chords and the Truth”	PM SESSION: 12-3p Bring your own instrument and get ready to have the largest joyful-noise-jam-session the school has ever seen. Learn and participate in some great, yet simple praise songs as you learn the basics of using chord charts and how to apply your favorite instrument in a large team setting. Voices are definitely welcome. Recordings of songs will be emailed in advance. Each day: Part 1: Group listening to songs, Leaders demonstration of songs for the day and coaching Part 2: Practicing, Coaching, Evaluating. Rejoicing Polishing, Performing Part 3: Recording or starting new songs	Cafeteria/ Worship space	Unlimited students. The ability to stop playing is required. 😊 Meet in the worship space/lunch room Teacher :Mr Petit	\$5	

