ELECTIVES

Putnam Ave. Electives

SY 26-27

Elective Process

LEARN ABOUT ELECTIVES:

During all-school assembly on Thursday afternoon, September 3, students will learn about different Elective options.

SIGN UP:

Students will sign up for electives in their advisories by end of day Friday, September 4

FULL YEAR ELECTIVES

(Both Semesters)

MS. RINEHART

Subject: Music / Chorus

Fun fact: I just learned how to DJ.

Not-so-fun fact: I do not like being in the cold / winter weather.



CHORUS





Do you love to sing or want to learn? Join Chorus!

- Full year elective
- 2 concerts each year
- Student-selected music - pop, musicals, & more
- Field trip to CRLS for Choral Festival



MR. SCIARRA

Band Director

In Band we will have fun developing our music performance skills on musical instruments and learn music to perform at two school concerts!

FUN FACT: A music performance highlight of mine was playing trombone on Bela Bartok's music, "Miraculous Mandarin", with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra.

NOT-SO-FUN FACT: When I play in the staff v student sports games, my feet always hurt afterwards.



BAND



BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Band class will further develop the musical skills learned in previous years of study on your musical instrument. Instruments that scholars have played in the school band are flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto and tenor saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, drumset, snare drum, bass drum, timpani, xylophone electric guitar and electric bass guitar. The Band will play a Winter Concert and Spring Concert for the school community this year!

When does this elective take place?

This elective will meet twice a week (Tues/Thurs) during both semesters. You will also receive a weekly small group lesson on your musical instrument during a learning lab.

WHO IS THIS ELECTIVE FOR?

The Band elective is for scholars who enjoy playing their musical instrument and want to have fun performing in the school concerts!

MR. DEGAN

Orchestra Director

FUN FACT: I can bench 350 lb.

NOT-SO-FUN FACT: I am a very bad liar.



ORCHESTRA







BRIEF DESCRIPTION

As part of the String Orchestra, you will ***develop musical skills on a string instrument (violin, viola, cello, or double bass).*** We will perform a broad range of music and will join the chorus and band in our Winter Concert and Spring Concert this year!

WHEN DOES IT MEET?

The orchestra will meet ***twice per week (Tues/Thurs)*** during both semesters. You will also receive a weekly small group lesson on your musical instrument.

WHO IS THIS ELECTIVE FOR?

The orchestra elective is for students who enjoy playing a string instrument and want to have fun getting even better ***or*** for students who are interested in trying a string instrument for the first time!

THHT (The HipHop Transformation)



The Hip Hop Transformation (THHT) is an award-winning program offered by the Cambridge Community Center in partnership with The Bridge Sound and Stage, the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program, and the Cambridge Safety Net Collaborative.

THHT teaches the history of hip hop culture, the role hip hop culture plays in our lives and society, and equips students with the resources and support to produce, write, record, perform, and distribute their own authentic hip hop music.

THE HIP HOP TRANSFORMATION





BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Dive into the vibrant world of hip-hop, learn its history, and create your own music! Unlock your creativity, collaborate with friends, and discover the artist within you!

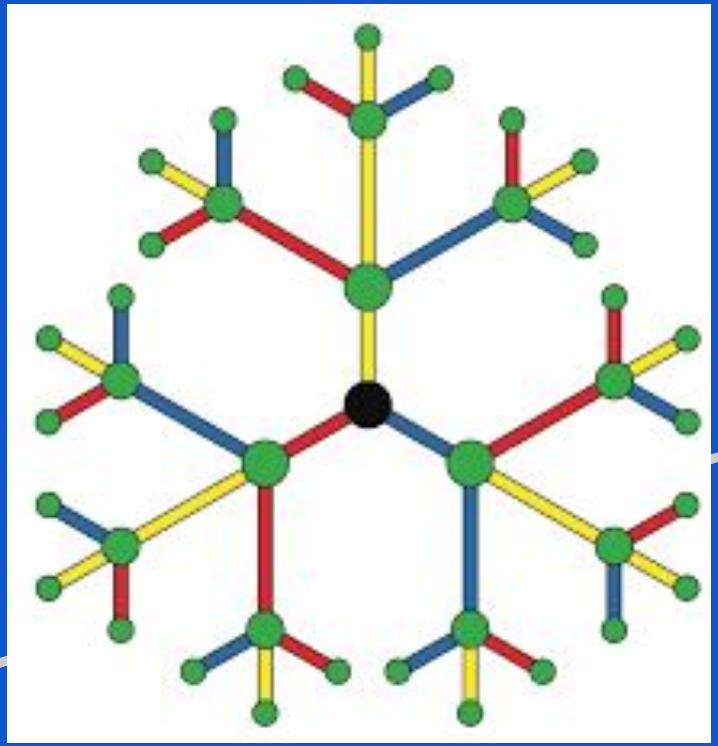
HOW LONG DOES IT MEET

This elective will meet ***twice per week (Tues/Thurs)*** for both semesters of the school year (Sept through June.)

WHO IS THIS ELECTIVE FOR?

Budding artists, fans of music (rap, rnb, hip-hop, etc.), or just anyone who's looking to collaborate and learn a new skill.

FLAGWAY



Flagway is a game that involves factoring numbers and categorizing them based on the Möbius function.

Players use their solutions to navigate a color-coded course and place flags on the correct spot. Teams try to solve as many problems as possible in each round to score the most points.

Scholars will have the opportunity to complete in both local and national tournaments.

ONE SEMESTER ELECTIVES

MS. BEES

I am the Putnam Avenue Librarian & Technology Specialist. The library is my happy place where I promote literacy & a culture of belonging and acceptance. I used to be an elementary teacher but now love being a teacher of middle school scholars!

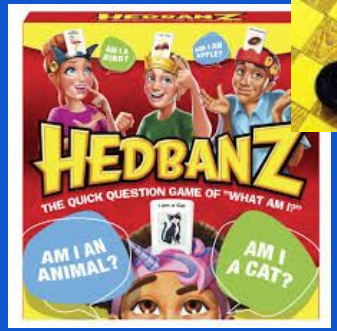
FUN FACT: I was obsessed with Teddy's peanut butter this summer!

NOT-SO-FUN FACT: I cannot whistle. Can you?



UNPLUGGED







Brief Description:

Do you like to play board games? How about cards? Would you like a game break within your school week? Unplugged is that elective where you'll gather in the library and play games with other scholars. There will also be a craft option so if you like to make things with your hands then you can pick that station as well.

When does this elective take place?

This elective runs for one semester and meets every Tuesday and Thursday.

Who is this elective for?

This elective is for scholars who enjoy playing games and interacting face-to-face with others. This elective is completely OFFLINE, hence the name "Unplugged".

SEÑOR COZZI

Hola, I am the Spanish teacher for PAUS. In my class, we will learn to ignite our cultural curiosity by exploring the many Spanish-speaking cultures in the world, and learning how to navigate scenarios using the Spanish language.

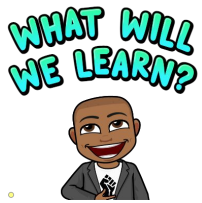
FUN FACT: I ate ant egg tacon in the chinampas of Xochimilco, México.

NOT-SO-FUN FACT: Can't fold my tongue in half ever and I hate pickles

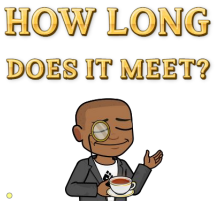




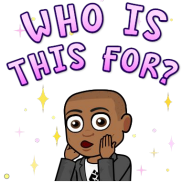




In this class, we will learn the many steps in Design Thinking (a process used by many growing businesses and entrepreneurs), in order to be able to design something that brings about some sort of change or solves a problem.



2 times a week for each semester



This elective is for future ENTREPRENEURS who want to use focused research, creativity and hands on design to create a product and sell it to a group of SHARK entrepreneurs. This class is for kids who have a passion for ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

MR. GARNETT

Art Teacher
SUBJECT: Art

FUN FACT: I thought France was gonna win too…but was happy Spain beat Argentina

NOT-SO-FUN FACT: I used to be able to dunk a basketball in high school (barely can hit the net anymore…sad!)



MIC DROP
(1st Semester)







The Very Questionable Niece And Nephew Wish.

My nieces and nephew were acting crazy again.

I wish I could control them.

I wish for something unnatural, something unexpected.

I suspected nothing else to happen after I had made my wish.

But my nieces and nephew fell right asleep.

I was still unfazed.

I had gone upstairs and in under a couple of seconds.

My room was fixed and it was perfect.

And my nephew was holding a 5 star restaurant dinner in front of me!

I was so confused from what I saw.

My nephew is only four years old and he made this!

When could he do this?

I could not count how fast they could be like they secretly had been part of a superher movie.

Before I could question him he disappeared and somehow went back downstairs.

I looked around with a blank expression on my face full of confusion and disbelief.



Mama's Little Girl.

Mama's little girl will always be in your memory.
Mama's little girl dressed in pinks purples
Flowers and floral was my childhood
Dolls with makeup and dresses
Mama's little girl would skin her knee

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:
Wanna learn how to have a mic dropping performance? Discover your poetic/spoken word/rap/comedy voice by learning how to craft your creative writing and performance techniques.

You will also have the opportunity to rock out your original creative work within a supportive community.

WHEN DOES THIS CLASS MEET:
This elective will meet twice a week during the 1st semester.

WHO IS THIS ELECTIVE FOR?:
This elective is for scholars who want to develop their creative voice.

SECURING THE BAG 101

(2nd Semester)



BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Do like money? If you are interested in learning about investing, compound interest, budgeting, buying versus renting, taxes, inflation, college debt, and beyond then this will be a space for you.

Discover how money works. Then buy the Bugatti.

WHEN DOES THIS CLASS MEET:

This elective will meet twice a week for the 2nd semester.

WHO IS THIS ELECTIVE FOR?:

This elective is for scholars who want to understand the principles of money.

MS. ELGUINDY

Theater Arts Teacher
Leads the theater arts program here at PAUS.

FUN FACT: I wrote a play this summer with two of my friends.

NOT-SO-FUN FACT: I'm allergic to Birch Trees



COSTUME DESIGN
(1st Semester)











CLASS DESCRIPTION:

In this elective students will get the chance to design different costumes using different genres and time periods. We will use different materials to build and design our costumes both individually and in small groups. This class will also have the chance to help design and build some of the costumes for this years musical.

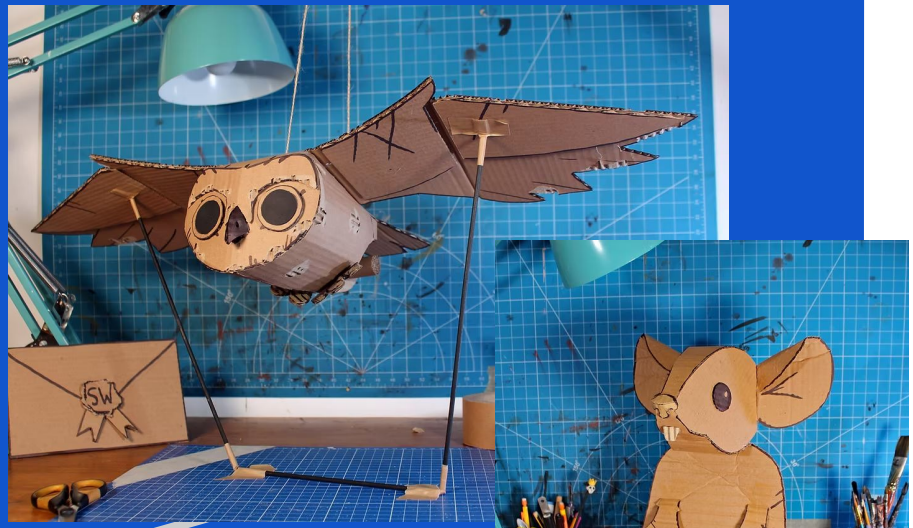
WHO IS THIS ELECTIVE FOR?

This class is for **anyone** who likes to **be creative, design and build**. It's for anyone who enjoys playing with colors and shapes and not afraid to try new things!

HOW LONG DOES IT MEET

This class will meet for one semester.

CARDBOARD PUPPETS
(2nd Semester)



CLASS DESCRIPTION:

In this elective artists will get the chance to learn how to construct puppets using cardboard and glue. Using templates everyone will make a mouse, an owl and a fish puppet. The class will end with an original puppet designed and constructed by each artist.

WHO IS THIS ELECTIVE FOR?

This class is for **anyone** who likes to **design and create**. It's for anyone who likes to **build, construct and create puppets.**

HOW LONG DOES IT MEET

This class will meet twice a week for one semester.

MR. ESTRADA-HANNIGAN

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

Fun Fact: I went on the longest bike ride of my life this summer in Cape Cod!

Not-So-Fun-Fact: I am 5 foot 11 and ¾ inches tall.



SOCCER
(1st Semester)



BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Scholars will develop soccer skills, play soccer games, and learn about the impact of soccer on the world.

HOW LONG DOES IT MEET

2 x per week for one semester

WHO IS THIS ELECTIVE FOR?

Those who…

- Want to be a good teammate
- Want to play soccer

BASKETBALL
(2nd Semester)



BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Scholars will develop basketball skills, play basketball games, and learn about the impact of basketball on the world.

HOW LONG DOES IT MEET

2 x per week for one semester

WHO IS THIS ELECTIVE FOR?

Those who…

- Want to be a good teammate
- Want to play basketball

MR. ARMSTRONG

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

FUN FACT: I can hit a golf ball over 300 yards!

NOT-SO-FUN: I am Miami Dolphins fan :(



LEISURE GAMES



BRIEF DESCRIPTION

<u>This elective gives you a chance to:</u>

- Be active, competitive, social, and inclusive, without the high intensity of typical team sports.
- Learn about new and familiar games that can be played at home, in the park, with friends and family.
- Learn proper rules and scoring to games such as Bocce, 4Square, Pickleball, Cornhole, KanJam, Kubb, and more.

This elective may be for you, if you want to have fun and be active in a low key sort of way*

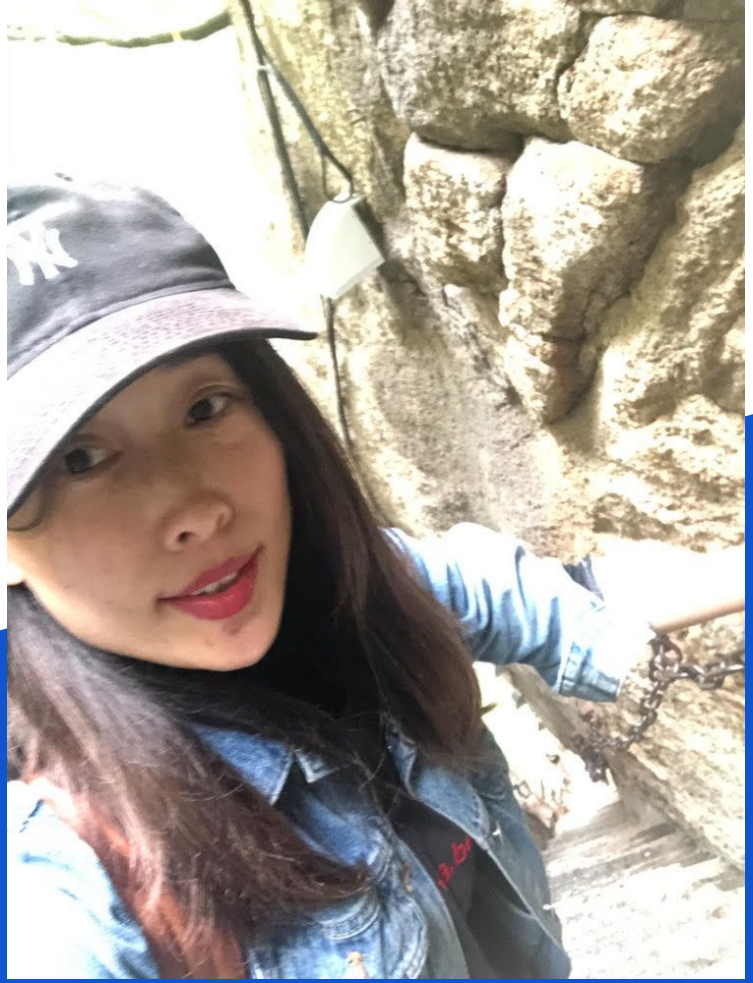
(Meets 2x per week for 1 semester)

MS. WANG

Hello! 你好！nǐ hǎo！I am Putnam Avenue Chinese language teacher. As a native Chinese speaker, I enjoy helping scholars build confidence in using language while learning about the culture. Outside of the classroom, I love food, nature and art.

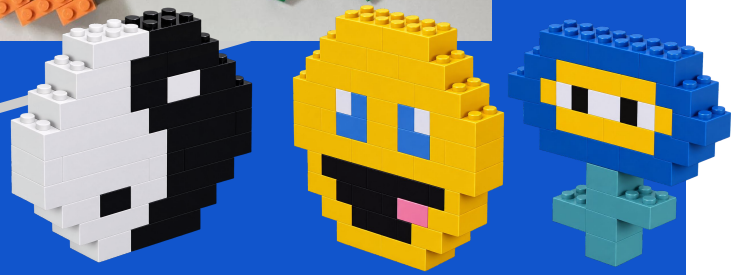
Fun fact: I discovered how much I love colors this year, so I'm learning watercolor painting!

Not-so-fun fact: I misplace my phone more often than I'd like.



CREATIVE LEGOS





BRIEF DESCRIPTION

In Creative LEGOs, scholars will take on fun building challenges and use their imagination to create original designs. They will also use tools like the Brickit app to discover new possibilities and transform simple bricks into unique creations. Through hands-on projects, scholars will strengthen their creativity, practice teamwork, and take ownership of their ideas and learning.

WHO IS THIS ELECTIVE FOR?

This elective is for the scholars who enjoy building, designing, solving problems, and using their imagination. Anyone who is excited to create, collaborate, and try new ideas.

HOW LONG DOES IT MEET

2 x per week for one semester

MS. ZINEB

Hello! I am the ESL Teacher at PAUS.

I am a language lover and speak four languages. I love connecting with my scholars and learning from them. I believe that learning is a two way street.

Fun Fact: I am the youngest of seven siblings

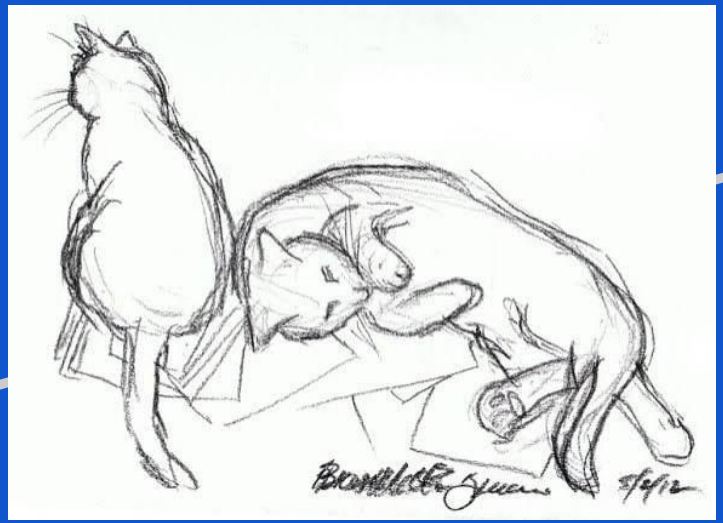
Not so Fun Fact: Mosquitoes love me!



SKETCH BOOK







BRIEF DESCRIPTION

We will have fun, sketch, draw, and be creative. All you need is a pencil, some paper, and your creativity! This is a time to be a free thinker, try new ideas, and express yourself through art however you wish. There are no right or wrong ways to create. Just have fun and let your imagination lead the way!

WHO IS THIS ELECTIVE FOR?

This elective is for anyone who enjoys drawing, sketching, or simply wants a chance to be creative. You do not need to be an experienced artist.

HOW LONG DOES IT MEET

2 x per week for one semester

MR. MOUYAKA

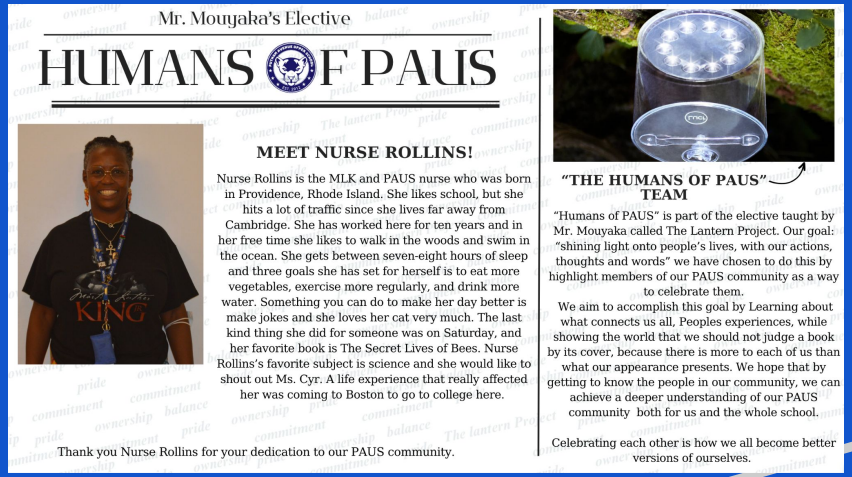
Bonjour à tous! As your French teacher here at PAUS I am excited to embark on this journey with you. This year, my goal is to build a vibrant community of French speakers. In French class you will gain the confidence to use your skills and connect with people across cultures. Together Let's make this year an exciting adventure in language learning.

Fun Fact: I speak 3 languages native to the Republic of Congo: Kituba, Nzebi and Lingala.

Not so Fun Fact: I am a very slow driver.



HUMANS OF PAUS



Mr. Mouyaka's Elective

HUMANS OF PAUS

MEET NURSE ROLLINS!

Nurse Rollins is the MLK and PAUS nurse who was born in Providence, Rhode Island. She likes school, but she hits a lot of traffic since she lives far away from Cambridge. She has worked here for ten years and in her free time she likes to walk in the woods and swim in the ocean. She gets between seven-eight hours of sleep and three goals she has set for herself is to eat more vegetables, exercise more regularly, and drink more water. Something you can do to make her day better is make jokes and she loves her cat very much. The last kind thing she did for someone was on Saturday, and her favorite book is The Secret Lives of Bees. Nurse Rollins's favorite subject is science and she would like to shout out Ms. Cyr. A life experience that really affected her was coming to Boston to go to college here.

Thank you Nurse Rollins for your dedication to our PAUS community.

"THE HUMANS OF PAUS" TEAM

"Humans of PAUS" is part of the elective taught by Mr. Mouyaka called The Lantern Project. Our goal: "shining light onto people's lives, with our actions, thoughts and words" we have chosen to do this by highlight members of our PAUS community as a way to celebrate them.

We aim to accomplish this goal by Learning about what connects us all, Peoples experiences, while showing the world that we should not judge a book by its cover, because there is more to each of us than what our appearance presents. We hope that by getting to know the people in our community, we can achieve a deeper understanding of our PAUS community both for us and the whole school.

Celebrating each other is how we all become better versions of ourselves.



BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Humans of PAUS elective focuses on harnessing our knowledge, skills and experiences to build a culture of respect and appreciation through storytelling.
Our project: HUMANS OF PAUS

WHO IS THIS ELECTIVE FOR?

If you are eager to showcase the outstanding members of our PAUS community and make a meaningful impact, this is your chance to get involved and develop your leadership and community outreach skills.

HOW LONG DOES IT MEET

2 x per week for one semester

MRS. SMITH

I am the Putnam Avenue guidance counselor. I help students with their classes, schedule, and finding what they need to help them both academically and socially.

Fun Fact: I love to play golf and pickleball!

Not so Fun Fact: I don't like being cooped up inside all winter!



Rotten Tomatoes®



BRIEF DESCRIPTION:
We will be watching films, having discussions and critiquing each film we watch!

WHO IS THIS ELECTIVE FOR?
Students who love movies, having discussions and critiquing!

HOW LONG DOES IT MEET?
2x per Week for one semester



Let’s have a great year!