

Polaris K-12 School



Secondary Fall Intensive Catalog August 20-30, 2019

Intensive Registration Window: April 18th through April 24th

Scholarship applications due: May 10th by 8 AM in the front office

Intensive fees due: May 17th

Fall Intensives August 2019

Intensives are wonderful, unique learning opportunities for teachers and students. They will take the place of our regular classes from Tuesday, August 20th through Friday, August 30th.

Some of the Intensives have a cost attached to them, but we do not want that to dissuade you from following your passion. Our school works hard to raise scholarship money for students who might need assistance paying for Intensives. Scholarship applications are available online and in the front office. **Scholarship applications are due to the office on Friday, May 10th by 8 AM.**

Register for your Intensive by visiting the Polaris website (polaris.asdk12.org) and click on the Quick Link titled Secondary Intensive Registration.

If you are interested in taking an Intensive that is not in your grade level range, you may write a letter to the Intensive teacher explaining why you want to take that particular class and why you feel you are qualified. If appropriate, the teacher will work with you and your family to accommodate your request.

Once students are placed in their Intensive you can pay online at <https://parentconnect.asdk12.org/>. Fees should be paid by Friday, May 17th. Intensive fees cover the cost of materials and field trips. If you anticipate needing more time to pay an Intensive fee, contact the instructor directly. Students who have not paid their Intensive fee by the start of Intensives may be moved to another Intensive.

6th Grade Camp

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The Wild West: Myth & Reality

All 6th Graders - *Mandatory*

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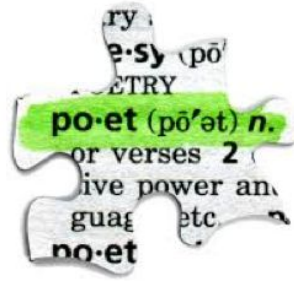
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Sound Your Barbaric Yawp!

Exploration of Poetry

Teacher: Joe Seitz

Credit: .25 credit language arts elective

Grades: 8-12

Fee: \$5.00

In this intensive we will be concerned with *experiencing* poetry. We will focus less on what poetry "means" than what it does. What needs and desires does poetry fulfill in its writers and readers? When does it leave the static page and become something performed, ritually memorized, communally celebrated, or otherwise brought to life?



Break it Make It

Teacher: Mindi Vogel

Credit: .25 credit art elective

Grades: 7-12

Fee: \$30 + one to three found objects

In this intensive we will deconstruct found objects and then use parts of or the entire deconstructed object to assemble new sculptures. This art elective will help you acquire skills in using elements of design, i.e., space, line, shape, form, color, and texture. We will also learn 3-Dimensional design fundamentals, construction techniques, and artistry. This intensive is all about critical thinking, creativity, and hands-on learning.

Over summer break, collect one to three found objects to deconstruct. LOOK AROUND – walk down the street, stroll across a park or a vacant lot, stop by a garage sale. Look for discarded objects from nature and/or the man-made world.

Coastal Ecology

Teachers: Bryan Smith & Christian Haich

Credit: .25 credit science elective

Grades: 8-12: 7th graders with instructor permission

Fee: \$500; \$250 by May 3, \$250 when school starts in August

Are you ready for an AMAZING experience across the bay from Homer? We start our first week in the forests of the Campbell Creek drainage, looking at how the forest is responding to the spruce bark beetle infestation and learning to identify and remove invasive tree species. Then we'll head south as we take our ecology intensive on the road. Be delighted as we explore the beautiful coastline of Alaska and all she has to offer as we pass through Peterson, China Poot, Kasitsna, and Jakalof Bays. This area suffered a bark beetle infestation about 20 years ago that dramatically reorganized the forest ecosystem we'll walk through. Revel in the tantalizing tastes of fresh blueberries and learn to identify other edible, medicinal, and poisonous native plants as we meander through nature. Take a moment to enjoy the native plant and animal life both onshore and off, leisurely sketch the wilderness around you, and explore the rocky coastlines at low tide. Plus - spend a week with Bryan and Christian...what could be better?



Fly Fishing Fun

Teacher: Jess Winn

Credit: .25 credit PE

Grades: 7-12

Fee: \$150.00

Spend a week learning the finer skills behind fly fishing. We will have a week in town practicing our skills, then take off and head to camp in Kenai for a week and fish on the river. Some knowledge of fishing is recommended as well as having a pair of chest waders and shades. We look forward to catching fish for dinner and who knows what else! (Under 18 no fishing license is needed - 18 and over valid license is needed).



Humanities of the Ancient World

Teacher: Jeff Bevier

Credit: .25 credit language arts or social studies elective

Grades: 7-12

Fee: \$10 (for project materials)

Humanities of the Ancient World will focus upon the ancient civilizations of Greece & Rome. In this intensive, we will learn the tools of the historian, using primary sources and archaeological evidence to explore these two amazing civilizations. This class will be good for both the beginner who is interested in a background knowledge of history and the advanced student who is looking for a more in depth understanding of Greece & Rome.



Indoor/Outdoor Grab Bag!

Teacher: Andrea Evans

Credit: .25 credit PE

Grades: 7-12

Fee: \$150.00

Back by popular demand, modified from the physics of sports and athletics intensive, join us for the most fun intensive ever! What are we doing? Everything!! You know all those fun activities that you always want to do that you never find the time for? Now's your chance to do it all!! Swim, hike (with some blueberry picking), bike, play billiards, do archery, rock climb, do Pilates/yoga and camp out at Eklutna. Every day we will be out doing something fun and different. **Don't miss it!!**



This intensive will require families to help with driving and chaperoning.

The Wild West: Myth & Reality

Teacher: Larry Frick

Grades: 7-12

Credit Type: .25 credit language arts elective

Fee: None

This intensive will focus on the Western genre of fiction, including literature, film and television. We will discuss the role of the Western genre in America's identity and history and how the messages and themes of the Western has changed and evolved over the years. We will also discuss the myths surrounding Westerns and what the reality was like. Students will also be producing a short film or novel in the Western style.

Making Musical Instruments

Teacher: Kelly Hebert

Credit: .25 credit art elective

Grades: 9-12

Fee: \$75.00



There are some things people always do, in every culture, throughout history, and for no good reason. One of them is to create; to make new things or decorate things that already exist. Another is to groove sound, that is, to make or enjoy music. This intensive explores the overlap between these two universal human activities. Students will be expected to use hand tools and be comfortable with measuring in either metric or customary units. Some guiding questions: What are commonly accepted musical instruments in our culture? What makes a thing a musical instrument? How do we differentiate between sound, noise, and music? How do you play this thing? Can we jam? Where are the earplugs?

6th Grade Camp 2019

Mandatory enrollment for all 6th Graders



Becoming a teenager is both a wonderful and challenging time. This long-standing, nineteen-year Polaris tradition was created to help tweens prepare for the transition into the Secondary program with confidence.

Each camp participant will receive a personal copy of the Big Life Journal for Tweens. Together we will study, discuss, and apply principles that will help tweens/teens handle the tough issues and big decisions they face. This study is presented in an entertaining style that will guide teens to develop a growth mindset, become positive and resilient, and find confidence in who they are.

The highlight of 6th Grade Camp is the three-day, two-night Birchwood Camp Retreat. Get all of your questions answered about the move to secondary, pre-register for your first semester as a 6th grader, participate in team-initiatives, feast on excellent food, sing karaoke, build relationships within your graduating class, and have a ton of fun!

For more detailed information, please visit polaris.asdk12.org → INTENSIVES → 6th Grade Camp

Teachers: Heidi Postishek and Allie Burris

Credit Type: .25 credit Transitions Strategies

Fee: \$150

Retreat Dates: 8/27 - 8/29