



Current Afterschool Enrichment Class Offerings

We are very pleased that a wide range of after-school enrichment opportunities are available to our students - - without them having to leave our campus! Please sign up and make financial arrangements directly with the teachers who are offering the enrichment classes. GATE is **not** involved in those compensatory arrangements, and **does not supervise** your children when they are in these classes. However, we are very happy to make it possible for these opportunities to take place on campus!

Violin Taught by Dawn Madole-Nkomonde

Contact: dawn.madole@gmail.com 415-328-4793

Ms. Dawn teaches private violin lessons to GATE students. Learning a musical instrument is fun and rewarding! There are so many benefits to studying music and learning an instrument - creativity and self expression; understanding and appreciating music as an art; setting goals and reaching goals; developing and enhancing one's sense of self discipline and commitment. Students will receive 1 lesson per week and assignments to practice at home. Students will be invited to perform in two recitals per school year. Openings and times are during the school day or during after care and are based on availability. Please contact Ms. Dawn (dmadole@gateacademy.org) for pricing and more information.

Chess Club with Coach Chris

Contact: cmajoredu@gmail.com

We are so excited to have Coach Chris Tuesdays for chess club! Coach Chris is a longtime teacher and mentor - he has taught chess all over the world. His enthusiasm is infectious - the kids LOVE learning with him!

Please reach out to Coach Chris at cmajoredu@gmail.com to sign up, the fee is \$20/session. Be sure to mention you are interested in chess at GATE, Coach Chris teaches many classes at many different locations.

Find more information about Coach Chris here:

www.novatochessclub.org

<https://www.cbsnews.com/amp/sanfrancisco/news/chess-club-teaches-life-lessons-across-the-board/#app>

<https://www.marinij.com/2017/01/27/novato-man-teaches-chess-to-students-to-help-critical-thinking>

French with Mme. Virginie

Contact: frenchtutoringbyvirginie@gmail.com

Virginie studied languages at Rennes University in Brittany France and she graduated and majored at the St Germain university of languages of Paris. While living for three years in Bora Bora French Polynesia, Virginie taught students from all over the world. Now living in Marin for the last thirty years Virginie has had the pleasure of teaching private students of all ages.

Virginie offers a group French class every Wednesday which is very popular! Mme. Virginie also offers private lessons. Please reach out to Virginie via email for more information.

Mandarin with Shanshan Wu

Contact: wushanshan533@yahoo.com

My name is Shanshan. I grew up in Northern China, then moved to America in 2018. Working with children has always been an enjoyment for me. I worked as an English teacher in China for 5 years. And I have been working as a Mandarin teacher in Mill Valley for 3 years. I love to share this amazing language and our historical culture with my little friends. Games, arts, handicrafts, and songs are embodied in my classroom to provoke students' interest to learn Mandarin. Reading and writing Mandarin will be practiced in fun activities. My class could be customized according to students' levels and ages. I could do one on one classes. Or if your child prefers to have classes with friends, we could do a group class in which the maximum is 5 students.

Piano taught by John Metz

Contact: <https://johnmetz.mymusicstaff.com/Studio-Policies>

Piano lessons stress the development of musicianship and music performance, sight-reading, technique, ear training, and music theory. And more importantly, students develop the crucial life skills of work ethic, determination, focus, and persistence, as well as developing self-confidence along the way. Students may perform in one of the MTAC's monthly student recitals held at JB Piano in San Rafael. Exceptional students may have the opportunity to enroll in MTAC's Certificate of Merit program (CM). Lessons are offered during school or as a part of the after school program.

Mr. Metz teaches our upper school enrichment classes on Thursdays. He is the Vice President of the Marin Branch of the Music Teachers Association of California, and an active solo and collaborative performer. In 2012, he performed as soloist for the Concerts Grand recital series. He is enrolled in the New York-based Golandsky Institute's teacher certification program, training as a teacher of the Taubman Approach to piano technique. In addition to teaching and performing, Mr. Metz is a music critic for the Classical Sonoma. Mr. Metz holds a B.M. in Piano Performance and a B.A. in Philosophy from Lawrence University.

Student Lead Clubs

Dungeons and Dragons Club

This club is supervised by a GATE teacher and the dungeon master is a GATE student! This club is for upper school students (Sagitta-Phoenix). Students can inquire with Ms. Sandy to find out how to join!

Comic Book Club

This club is supervised by a GATE teacher and the club has been designed and organized by one of our Columba students! This club is for all GATE students. Students can inquire with Ms. Sandy to find out how to join.