

# PVHS

## Future Sea Kings





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## **Mission Statement:**

*The Palos Verdes High School community is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in students' intellectual, physical and social development.*

*Diverse programs provide students with a learning environment emphasizing research, critical thinking and collaboration to master California Content Standards (CCS). Students gain an appreciation for learning as a lifelong process and apply skills and knowledge necessary for success in an evolving world.*

## **Expected School-wide Learning Results (ESLR's):**

In a positive, all-inclusive, standards-based learning environment, Palos Verdes High School provides all students with opportunities to achieve their full potential as they prepare for post-secondary options.

Students are encouraged to become self-directed learners and responsible citizens who contribute to their communities and the school environment.

Students will be exposed to research and practices and will be able to access information from a variety of resources.

## *Hello Future Sea Kings,*

You will soon have to be making a decision on which high school to attend. You have a choice between two excellent schools. Let me tell you about Palos Verdes High School.

Palos Verdes High School was known for 30 years as one of the finest high schools in the state and nation. Graduates went to colleges and universities throughout the nation and then entered every profession you could think of. Sadly all three high schools on the "The Hill" closed in 1991 because of declining enrollment. Normally when a high school closes it never reopens. That was not the case with PV. It was very exciting reopening PVHS in September 2002. We are currently in our 8<sup>th</sup> year and the school has grown to 1850 students.



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The mission from the outset was to attract students and then build the academic program quickly. We have now had five graduating classes and feel that once again Palos Verdes High School is recognized for academic excellence. Check out the college acceptances for the last two graduating classes at [pvhigh.com](http://pvhigh.com). Click on CCC (College Career Center) and then go to "college acceptances." It was exciting being named by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 100 public high schools in the nation. We encourage students to challenge themselves and those who are not recommended for an honors or AP course can still enroll by signing a waiver form.

The biggest difference between PV and Peninsula is that we have a block schedule. Students attend 3 classes a day instead of 6 and they are 114 minutes long. This was the biggest challenge when PV reopened and it did not take long to see that it was a success. Our teachers like it, our students like it and the most important questions were answered when our graduates returned to visit and said they were very well prepared for college. The truth is that block schedules have been around for years. Also known as flexible scheduling, this is great preparation for the college and university level. We are committed to the block and it is part of the personality of our school.

You should also have fun in high school. We have a full extra curricular program which includes leadership, music, drama, dance, pep squad, video pro-

duction, Model United Nations, debate, academic decathlon, mock trial, math club, science club and every other club you can think of. We are known for a very competitive athletic program and compete in the Bay League. Every sport is offered except wrestling.

Our campus is absolutely beautiful and our facilities are top notch. We have had major capital campaigns to address facility needs and have recently put in a new pool, a new synthetic stadium field and a beautiful new all weather track. This year there will be new bleachers installed on both sides of the field with Measure S bond money. Our parent support is huge with one all encompassing Booster Club which supports academics, arts and athletics, and then we have a fantastic PTSA. We are looking for parents who want to get involved in the whole high school experience.

I could not be more proud of the progress made at Palos Verdes High School in less than 8 years. I am most proud of the environment on our campus and the spirit displayed by our students and parents. We still have a new school feel and everyone at PV is "on the same page." Join us at PVHS for a great high school experience.

Chris Bowles, Principal, Palos Verdes High School





CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
*For Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Graders (class of 2014)*

**December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**RSVP due date for January 13<sup>th</sup> Shadow Day - please email Kristen Huber at [huberk@pvpusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:huberk@pvpusd.k12.ca.us)**

**January 12<sup>th</sup>**

Principal Forum 5pm – 6pm in the MPR

**January 13<sup>th</sup>**

Shadow Day 8:30am – 12:30pm

**Registration is required to attend.**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**RSVP due date for January 25<sup>th</sup> Shadow Day -- please email Kristen Huber at [huberk@pvpusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:huberk@pvpusd.k12.ca.us)**

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**Registration is required to attend.**

**Parents may come to the PVHS counseling office to pick up enrollment packets.**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Open House for Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Graders at PVHS**

5:45pm - 6:20pm MPR : Information session for student athletes and their parents.

6:30pm - 7pm GYM: General Session for all students and parents in the GYM.

7:10pm - 8:25pm around campus: Break out sessions on various programs offered at PVHS.

No RSVP is required. We hope to see all of you at this wonderful and informative night!

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**

District commitment forms are due to the district. **You may obtain a form from the Palos Verdes School District website at [www.pvpusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.pvpusd.k12.ca.us).**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30**

**Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Orientation**

A counseling presentation for incoming students that have committed to PV High with last names A-Ke. The presentation will take place in the MPR

**March 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30**

**Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Orientation**

A counseling presentation for incoming students that have committed to PV High with last names Kf-Z. The presentation will take place in the MPR.

**March 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, Friday and Monday from 8:00am to 3:00pm**

**Private School Students Registration**

Enrollment for private school students in the counseling office. **No appointments are taken.** Parents will be meeting with the registrar to enroll their students, after enrollment, students (**students only**) will meet with their counselor.

**August 24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Registration Day.

**August 31<sup>st</sup> 2010**

First day of school.

# Counseling Services

## The Whole-Child Approach:

Based on the National Standards from the American School Counseling Association, the PVHS Counseling Department believes in a whole-child counseling approach. Utilizing the PVPUSD Essential Counseling Standards, counselors work with students in the domain areas of academics, college and career planning and personal-social development. Students are assigned to the counselor based on their last names.

## Programs and Services include:

- Academic counseling and planning
- Grade Level Guidance Lessons
- Academic and College Information Presentations
- College information and planning
- Personal and Social counseling
- Parent awareness evenings
- Support Groups

## Grade Level Guidance Lessons:

These lessons are designed to meet the PVPUSD Essential Counseling Standards in the areas of academics, personal/social development and college and career planning. The presentations are delivered to students in small groups during their English class, unless otherwise stated.

### **Freshmen:**

February: Conference with Naviance tutorial

### **Sophomore:**

January: Naviance career assessment  
February-March: Sophomore Counseling

### **Junior:**

December: Stress and Coping Skills  
March: Starting your College Planning

### **Senior:**

September: Finalizing Your College Plans



## **Special Programs Offered to Assist Parents and Students:**

### ***8th grade parent and student articulation program:***

An orientation program is held each year in March for parents of incoming students. The program presents an overview of the school, course sequence, freshman schedule, brief review of college admissions and descriptions of special programs. Additionally, the counselors meet with students in large groups at each intermediate school to provide similar information. Counselors then meet individually with each student at a later date to review the student's academic record and course selections for the following school year.

### ***Sophomore Counseling:***

Appointments are made with individual students and their parents following a large group presentation. These appointments, 15 minutes in length, are used to evaluate student progress, tentatively plan coursework and discuss post-secondary options.

### ***Junior and Senior Parent Nights:***

Evening presentations are held for junior and senior parents to provide information about graduation requirements, updated college admissions information, college entrance testing, and other pertinent grade level information.

### ***Parent Awareness Presentations:***

Evening presentations are arranged for parents regarding various topics with expert speakers from throughout our local areas. Topics are selected based on current student needs and issues. Past topics have included: drug and alcohol use, body image, law enforcement issues.

## **College and Career Center**

The College & Career Center, located in Room 318, serves as a doorway to college admissions. In conjunction with the Counseling Office, the College & Career Center provides a full range of college admission information and activities including the following:

### ***Information available:***

#### *Information on colleges and universities*

- Brochures, View Books, Videos, Course Catalogs, Handbooks and Directories.
- Guidebooks for parents UC, CSU and Common Applications.
- College Admission Testing Registration Materials and Study Guides.

#### *Financial Aid Information*

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Application and –CSS/Financial Aid Profile.

#### *Scholarship information and applications*

#### *Career and vocational planning information*



***A Selection of Colleges and Universities  
that have offered admission to  
PVHS students from the graduating  
classes of 2005 – 2008:***

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Amherst College	University of Nebraska at Lincoln
Boston College	New York University
Boston University	University of North Carolina
Brandeis University	Northwestern University
Brown University	University of Notre Dame
University of CA (all campuses)	University of Pennsylvania
Cal State University (all campuses)	Pomona College
Carleton College	Princeton University
Carnegie Mellon University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Chapman University	Rice University
University of Chicago	University of Southern CA
Colgate University	Stanford University
University of Colorado at Boulder	Syracuse University
Columbia University	Tufts University
Cornell University	Tulane University
Dartmouth College	United States Air Force Academy
Duke University	United States Coast Guard Academy
Emory University	Vanderbilt University
University of Florida	Vassar College
George Washington University	University of Virginia
Georgia Institute of Technology	Wake Forest University
Georgetown University	Washington University in St. Louis
Harvard University	University of Washington
Harvey Mudd College	Wellesley College
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Williams College
Johns Hopkins University	University of Wisconsin
Lewis and Clark College	U.S. Naval Academy
Loyola Marymount University	Madison
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Yale University
University of Miami	
University of Michigan	

*For a more complete list of college acceptances (number of students who applied, number of students who were admitted, average SAT scores for each college, etc.), please go to [www.pvhigh.com](http://www.pvhigh.com) and click the College/Career Center link to view the 2008 College Acceptance Profile.*

*SCROC (Southern California Regional Occupation Center) information and applications  
Military and Federal Service Academy Information  
NCAA and College Athletic Information  
Summer programs and internships*

### ***Services Provided:***

- Naviance – a computer assisted college search and application management system.
- Registration, training and searching assistance provided for students and parents.
- Application assistance for students.
- Financial Aid and Scholarship application assistance for students.
- UC and CSU Application workshops.
- Workshops for students and parents throughout the year.
- Grade appropriate checklists following the college admission timeline.
- Admissions Representative Visits from over 100 colleges and universities.
- Computers with Internet access and copiers (fee for copies) available for student use.

### ***Annual Events:***

- Mock (practice) tests for the SAT, SAT Subject Tests and ACT.
- Special Programs: College Admission Testing Night, PSAT Score Give-back Night, Coffee Chats with Parents, College Essay Night and special events with guest speakers from institutions across the nation.
- College Night (Spring); speakers from a variety of colleges and institutions and workshops on numerous college admission topics.
- Financial Aid Seminars: Funding a College Education, Financial Aid and FAFSA Workshops, Scholarships.
- Brown Bag Lunch Sessions for students: various lunch workshops and hands-on sessions on topics ranging from college applications to athletics.
- National Association for College Admission Counseling College Fair – Southern California field trip.



*Students and parents are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities available through the College & Career Center. All activities and events are posted on the school website [www.pvhigh.com](http://www.pvhigh.com) and announced in the Daily Bulletin, Naviance, Edline and the College & Career Center Bulletin Board (inside and outside Room 318). Monthly articles also appear in the PTSA newsletter "The Wave".*

# Calendar

*Counseling Office & College & Career Center*

## August

Sophomores: Schedule Change Day

Freshmen: Schedule Change Day

## September

All Grades: Schedule Changes during the first week of school

## October

All Grades: Back to School Night

Interested Sophomores: PSAT (Third Saturday)

## November

Sophomores: The Plan Test (Preliminary ACT Test)

## December

Sophomore Parents: College Admission Testing Night

Sophomores who took PSAT in October: PSAT Score Give-Back Night

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# January

Sophomores: Guidance Lesson on Naviance & the 4 year plan  
Sophomore Parent Night: Starting on the Path to College  
All Parents: NCAA Night

# February

Freshmen Guidance Lesson: Naviance & Developing a Resume

Sophomore/Junior Parents: Building your College List Information Night

# March

8<sup>th</sup> grade Presentation to Students at Intermediate Schools  
Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Nights

Freshmen/Sophomore Parents: CA Public College Night

# April

All Grades: Course Selection and Scheduling (through English classes)

8<sup>th</sup> grade course selection days at Intermediate Schools

Freshmen/Sophomore Parents: Highly Selective Private College Night



# Student Information: Activities and Services

## First Quarter

Freshman Orientation  
Class Council Appointments  
Club Rush Week  
New Student Coffee  
Homecoming Spirit Week  
Homecoming Lunch Carnival  
Homecoming Dance  
Mock Elections  
Red Ribbon Week  
Halloween Costume Contest

## Second Quarter

Teacher Dinner Theater  
PV vs. Pen Spirit Week  
Night Rally  
Teacher Auction  
Palos Verdes Holiday Parade  
Winter Dance

## Third Quarter

Open House  
Shadow Days  
PV vs. Pen Spirit Week  
Winter Formal  
Muffin Madness  
Scholar Quiz  
ASB Elections  
Junior Awards Luncheon  
Teacher Dinner Theater

## Fourth Quarter

Teacher Appreciation Week  
Orange Ribbon Week  
(Safe Driving/Drunk Driving Awareness Week)  
Senior Awards Night  
Senior Day  
Prom  
Senior Breakfast  
Baccalaureate  
Graduation

## Year Long

Principal Advisory Committee Meetings  
Club Food Fair Days  
Club Council Meeting  
Friday Pep Rallies  
Class Competitions

PV PRIDE - various activities throughout the year focused on recognition

Pathways for Change – community service program – various events throughout the year



# Athletics

Palos Verdes High School offers the opportunity to participate in 23 CIF sports as well as 2 non-CIF sports. Tryouts are required for all sports with the exception of football, cross-country, track and girls lacrosse. Summer programs are also offered for all sports with the exception of boys' and girls' golf, track and swimming.

To tryout for a sport you must have a physical examination on file in the nurse's office at PV High. There are no exceptions to this rule. A physical examination is good for one year and must be renewed each year.

An athlete must stay academically eligible by maintaining a grade point average of 2.0 each ten week grading period. If after a ten week grading period the athlete is under a 2.0, he or she is placed on academic probation. While on probation the athlete may continue to participate for the next ten weeks. If at the end of the 2nd ten-week grading period the athlete does not receive a 2.0 average he or she becomes ineligible to participate. The athlete stays ineligible until he or she brings his/her grades up to a 2.0 for a ten-week grading period. Lastly, CIF rules state that athletes must pass four classes each ten-week grading period or they become automatically ineligible.

Sports are divided into three seasons: fall, winter and spring. Each sport practices during either 3rd or 6th period athletics.

Palos Verdes High School has a rich and successful sports tradition that started in the early 1960's. After re-opening in 2002 we once again established that on-going tradition. During the 5 years we have been participating at the varsity level in CIF sports, we have won 36 league championships and 4 CIF championships. We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of our athletes in our athletic program, but we are most proud of our athletes for representing our school in a positive manner in the community.

***GO SEA KINGS!***

*Mike Boyd*, Athletic Director





## SEASON OF SPORT

### FALL

GIRLS X-COUNTRY  
 BOYS X-COUNTRY  
 FOOTBALL  
 GIRLS GOLF  
 GIRLS TENNIS  
 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL  
 BOYS WATER POLO  
 CHEERLEADING  
 SONG  
 CHOREO DANCE

### WINTER

BOYS BASKETBALL  
 GIRLS BASKETBALL  
 BOYS SOCCER  
 GIRLS SOCCER  
 GIRLS WATER POLO  
 SURF  
 CHEERLEADING  
 SONG  
 CHOREO DANCE

### SPRING

BASEBALL  
 SOFTBALL  
 BOYS TENNIS  
 BOYS LACROSSE  
 GIRLS LACROSSE  
 BOYS VOLLEYBALL  
 BOYS GOLF  
 GIRLS TRACK  
 TRACK  
 BOYS SWIMMING  
 GIRLS SWIMMING  
 EQUESTRIAN  
 CHEERLEADING  
 SONG  
 CHOREO DANCE



# Performing & Visual Arts

## Live From 205

Since its inception in 2003, Live From 205 has been producing the news for Palos Verdes High School. The Live From 205 News Team consists of 27 of the school's top students who are selected based on their work ethic, responsibility, teacher recommendations and talent. These students enthusiastically prepare a 20-minute newscast which airs LIVE every Wednesday and Friday, always striving for quality of excellence.

For two consecutive years Live From 205 has earned the Excellence Award from the Student Television Network (STN). In 2006 205 won a Student Emmy from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Live From 205 is ranked #1 in the Nation for High School Weekly News Shows. Please visit our website at [www.livefrom205.com](http://www.livefrom205.com) to view our broadcast and meet the winning team that has brought Palos Verdes High School national recognition.

## P.E. Dance

- The dance program includes P.E. dance, Intermediate Dance, Competition Dance team, and Choreo.
- PVHS is one of the few schools in California to hold a charter of the National Honor Society, Dance Arts. This is a nationally recognized association.
- PVHS dancers have gone on to be dance majors at prestigious universities and also worked as professional dancers.
- Dance students not only learn a variety of dance styles, but also learn about dance history, kinesiology, biomechanics, other health related topics, and about in dance.



## Band

- PVHS Wind Ensemble played in China in the summer of 2008. They played with 4 other bands in a mass American Tribute to the Olympics.
- PVHS Marching Band grows to 60 members in 2008/2009 and hopes to hit 80 in 2009/2010.



- PVHS Jazz Bands, Orchestra and Wind Ensemble will attend a Festival in New York City in March of 2009.
- Three members of the PVHS Music Department were chosen for the All-Southern California Honors Orchestra in 2007.
- In 2005, PVHS Jazz Combo recorded with Grammy Winner John Legend at NAMM Convention in Anaheim.



### **Drama**

- Drama 1 - 4 (Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced).
- Won Best Ensemble Award and the Artistic Merit Award at the CETA Festival.
- One student was invited to participate in the exclusive "Youth in Theater Day".

### **Extracurricular programs offered**

- Comedy Sportz (improvisational troupe): Open Auditions Sept 2009.
- Fall Play: Open Auditions Sept 2009.
- Spring Musical: Open Auditions: Dec 2010.

***For more information, please go to [www.pvhsdrama.com](http://www.pvhsdrama.com)***



## Academics: Science & Math

### Science Department

#### Block-Scheduling and Lab-based instruction

- Allows for introduction, completion and analysis of labs all in one period.
- Variety of research data collection technologies and analysis techniques.

#### Palos Verdes Institute of Technology = PVIT/Robotics

- Courses are: Introduction to Engineering, Digital Electronics, Civil Engineering and Architecture, Engineering Design and Development.  
Visit website at [www.pvitclub.com](http://www.pvitclub.com)

#### Science Research

- Science Research (1-4) classes offered Period 0 and Period 7.
- Entries and Winners at PVHS Science Fair, PVPUSD Intel Science Fair, L.A. County Science Fair, and Robert Herndon Memorial Competition at The Aerospace Corporation.

#### Competition Teams

- Science Bowl Competition at JPL
- Science Olympiad
- American Chemical Society Chemistry Olympiad
- Ocean Bowl-L.A Surf Bowl

# Math Department

## Block scheduling

- More in-depth discussions & meaningful activities
- Hands on activities
- Less time devoted to going over homework
- More teacher student interaction time

## Online resources to support students

- Homework help
- Publisher websites
- Content area websites
- Edline

## Extra curricular

- AMC-10, AMC-12  
\*Any and all students encouraged to participate
- Math Club  
Mathematics competitions  
Bay league math club  
California Math League  
Mandelbrot Contest  
Continental Math League  
Membership in MU-Alpha Theta  
National Mathematics Honor Society



# Academics: Humanities

## English Department

### Writing Program

- 4 year cohesive writing program based on Jane Schaffer's writing module.
- Cumulative portfolio highlighting mastery of the California Content Standards in Writing Application for each school year.
- Benchmark Semester Essays.
- 9th grade parent workshop – training on the basics of the PVHS writing program.
- 11th grade reflective essay based on college admissions application writing prompt of student's choice.

### Senior Project

- 7-10 page persuasive research paper.
- Research constitutes a physical component of 15 – 30 hours.
- Students work one on one with a mentor in their field of study and research, allowing them to get hands-on experience and knowledge from an expert.
- Presentation of findings through research and physical project before a panel of judges composed of teachers, parents, and community members.





## Social Studies Department

### Humanities Blocks

- Honors and Advanced Placement History courses blocked together with Honors and AP courses from the English Department.
- Classes become efficient learning communities.
- Class cohesion allows a more in-depth approach to both Social Studies and English curricula.
- Teachers tailor their lessons to support cross curricular learning and cooperation
- Assigned readings and writing instruction offer extra support for students taking high stakes Advanced Placement exams.

### Palos Verdes International Diploma

- PVID offers a curricular strand for those students who wish to focus on International Studies while in High School.
- Requires extensive study in Social Studies as well as English and Foreign Language.
- Culminates in a supplementary certification on the Diploma
- Can lead to the prestigious Advanced Placement International Diploma, offered by the College Board.
- PVID is unique to PVHS in the South Bay Region.

# Academics: Foreign Language

The Foreign Language Department at Palos Verdes High School currently offers regular, honors and AP classes for Spanish, French and Chinese. We have a dynamic, creative and experienced faculty of 11 teachers. All of our teachers hold CA teaching credentials and most of them have earned masters degrees.

## The Foreign Language Department Goals are:

- To fulfill students' college entrance requirement.
- To help students become proficient communicators.
- To gain appreciation of a language and the richness of its culture.

## Our Language programs benefit from the block schedule, which allows extended time in the classroom to learn, practice, and refine all language skills. We offer:

- Comprehensive 5 year Spanish programs.
- 4 year Chinese and French programs.
- Third year accelerated pace Honors classes.
- Fourth year AP Spanish Language – college credit.
- Fifth year AP Spanish Literature – college credit.
- AP passing rate over 90%.
- Second and third year MCR program - Spanish.

All Foreign Language classes promote the acquisition of a new language according to ACTFL's National Standards.

## Communication

- Focus on writing and creative expression.
- Individual and group oral presentations.
- Cumulative student's portfolio with self- reflection.
- Classroom debates and literary circles.
- Advance reading program.



## Culture

- Various cultural and artistic research projects.
- A thorough understanding of other cultures products and practices.
- Use of authentic music and films in the classroom.
- Important cultural celebrations in Spanish, French and Chinese.
- Salsa classes in fourth and fifth year Spanish.

## Connection

- Inter-disciplinary correlation through current events and presentational projects.
- Use of technology to acquire and present information.
- Further students' knowledge in literature, history, geography, social studies, and art through research projects.

## Comparison

- Improve understanding of student's own language and culture through comparison to foreign language studied.

## Community

- Active Spanish Honors Society, French Honors Society, and Chinese Honors Society.
- Strong students participation in community service projects.
- Travel opportunities in summer immersion programs.



# Academics: Special Education

## Success

- Every student with an IEP has passed the exit exam and graduated, since the school re-opened.
- Most students on an IEP graduate “college eligible.”

## Classes

- PVHS strives for full inclusion of its students. Some SDC classes are offered.
- All special education students are mainstreamed into general education courses for most of their school day.
- PVHS offers a variety of collaborative classes in which special education teachers work along side general education teachers to teach the class.
- Most students on an IEP take one Study Skills class that allows them to get extra help on their academics as well as finish assignments.

## Student Support

- Two school psychologists, seven special education teachers along with seven para-educators, a speech and language pathologists and a behavior therapist all work together to meet the needs of special education students.
- Students work closely with their case carrier to monitor grades and provide extra assistance.
- Free before school and after school tutoring is offered for all students.





# Highlighted Programs

## Palos Verdes Institute of Technology (PVIT)

- PVIT is the technology program of Palos Verdes High School.
- Is best known for being the only high school (under the team name Palos Verdes Road Warriors) to participate in the DARPA Grand Challenge (<http://www.darpa.mil/grandchallenge>).
- Won an MIT-Lemelson grant for the 2008-09 school year.
- Only 10 high schools in the nation were chosen, PV High being among the top 10.

The program continues today with six projects focused mainly on the two key ingredients of the Grand Challenge: robotics and automotive technologies. The PVIT program links the school's formal pre-engineering program, based on the Project Lead the Way curriculum, with a fun, hands-on extracurricular weekend engineering activity, staffed by science teachers and volunteer parent mentors.

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## Humanities Blocks

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- Classes become efficient learning communities.
- Class cohesion allows a more in-depth approach to both Social Studies and English curricula.
- Teachers tailor their lessons to support cross curricular learning and cooperation
- Assigned readings and writing instruction offer extra support for students taking high stakes Advanced Placement exams.



## Pathways for Change

Palos Verdes High School has started their first school wide community service program this year. Our goal is to create an atmosphere of charity and service at our school while educating students on various social issues affecting our society. Palos Verdes High School will

- Adopt 3 organizations this year to support through our Pathways For Change Program.
- Help to bring awareness to these issues while contributing our time through service.
- Each Pathways class is a “team” that will complete in challenges for our organizations.
- The Pathways class that wins the most challenges at the end of the year will be the Pathways For Change Champions!

Pathways For Change encourages students to become active and aware. An important part of the program includes hands on service with the organizations we have adopted. Through the program there will be over 10 school wide opportunities for students in the school year.

## Zero Period Tutoring

In the areas of math and writing, free tutoring sessions are offered every morning to assist students in both group and one-on-one settings. PV High’s own teachers, who work diligently with students to address individual needs as well as overall group skills, lead the sessions.



