

## Free Bridge Lessons!

Immaculate Heart of Mary School

### Where:

1000 Alameda de las Pulgas  
Belmont, CA (a classroom TBD)

### Who:

5th through 8th graders –  
No Experience Needed!

### Day and Time:

Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

### Dates:

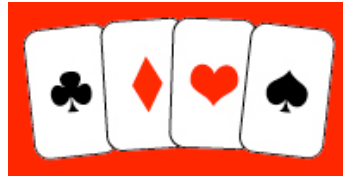
September 3 to December 17

### Questions:

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### Sign Up:

In your classroom



## What is Bridge?

The world's most challenging mental sport, bridge is a game of skill, communication and infinite possibilities. Millions of people worldwide play at home.

Bridge is a partnership game using a standard deck of 52 cards dealt equally among four players. The players bid in a coded language to describe their hands to their partners and then play to make their contract.

Bridge traces its origins to the British game of whist, first played in the 16th century. It may be named for the Galata Bridge in Istanbul, which British soldiers crossed during the Crimean War of the 19th century to reach a coffeehouse where they played cards. Contract bridge as we know it today began in the 1920s when Harold Vanderbilt came up with the early scoring system.

Youth bridge is growing in popularity. Many schools around the country have added bridge lessons to their elective and after school programs. Those who learn bridge young often enjoy playing the rest of their lives.



## Why Bridge? (what kids have told us)

- "It's fun"
- "I can hang out with my friends"
- "It's challenging"
- "I've learned teamwork, memory, and concentration"
- "A game I can play the rest of my life"
- "I'm going to teach my mom to play!"

## Why Bridge? (what parents and teachers say)

- **Helps with School:** Studies show that learning bridge can improve a child's ability to perform better on standardized testing.
- **It's Social:** Bridge lets kids meet, talk, and play in a safe, controlled environment.
- **Teaches Teamwork:** As a partnership game, bridge teaches communication skills, teamwork, and cooperation.
- **Improves Logic:** Bridge requires you to analyze information, make a plan, and then adjust that plan as more information is made available.
- **Fun for All:** The game gives young people a chance to spend time with old friends and make new ones. These friendships may transcend age, geography, and social situations.

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## American Contract Bridge League

Founded in 1937, the ACBL is a not-for-profit membership organization charged with promoting the great card game of bridge. Its 160,000 members play in 3,200 clubs and more than 1,100 annual tournaments across North America.



## Silicon Valley Youth (SiVY) Bridge

SiVY Bridge offers free after school bridge classes and clubs. By providing an accessible, well-structured, and fun way to learn the game, the SiVY Bridge goal is to inspire the next generation of bridge players.

SiVY Bridge is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization founded by World Champion Bridge Player and teacher, Debbie Rosenberg.

For more information:

[SiliconValleyYouthBridge.org](http://SiliconValleyYouthBridge.org)

[Facebook.com/SiliconValleyYouthBridge](https://Facebook.com/SiliconValleyYouthBridge)

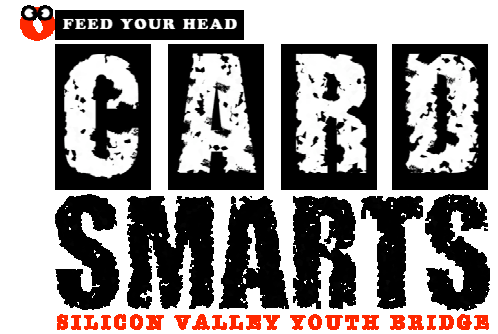


“Bridge offers the kind of mental acuity that is handy for everything you want to do with excellence.

Bridge keeps your mind very, very active.”

Bill Gates

*Microsoft Founder & ACBL Member  
Microsoft's Gaming Zone features a popular bridge-playing site*



# Learn Bridge

## Have Fun

## Meet New Friends

