



# Onclass.org

## August 2018 Newsletter

### ABOUT ONCLASS

Onclass is a student-run nonprofit that seeks to help students reach academic success by providing resources and tutoring services, all free of charge. Parents and students can sign up for one-on-one tutoring sessions or make use of a variety of resources—including a collaborative whiteboard, a collaborative video viewer, and notes organized by subject—online at [onclass.org](http://onclass.org). To date, we've completed over seven hundred group and individual tutoring sessions, providing tutoring help to over 2,200 students across the Bay Area.

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### OVERALL ACADEMICS UPDATES

With recent additions and improvements to our Academics team, we're excited to announce that we've been able to maintain a 99% sessions request fulfillment rate, clocking in at a record of 85 sessions just this month! We're committed to improving your user experience in the coming months, which is why we're implementing a code of conduct for both tutors and tutees to ensure that a high degree of professionalism, including confidentiality where necessary, is maintained. Please reach out to us at [deltaonclass@gmail.com](mailto:deltaonclass@gmail.com) if you'd like to provide feedback on your experience so far—we'd love to hear from you!

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# CONTINUING PARTNERSHIPS

Over this past school year, we formed partnerships with local elementary schools such as Collins Elementary and Sartorette Elementary, providing after-school academic help to elementary school students through a number of supplementary worksheets, as well as tutoring. Both will be continued this upcoming school year! We'll also be continuing our semester-long partnerships with the Cambrian Branch Library, Berryessa Branch Library, and Central Park Library, through which we introduced academic support programs for the public, this upcoming school year. We'll be integrating our elementary school partnerships with multiple new schools this fall, so stay tuned for additional locations!

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## SUMMER JAVA SESSIONS



This summer, we worked with Tully Library, Cambrian Library, Berryessa Library, Edenvale Library and Central Park Library to hold coding and tech workshops that were open to the public, teaching basic Java concepts to over 120 students. Be on the lookout for an expanded summer Java program at new and prior locations next summer!

## TULLY LIBRARY

At the Tully Community Branch Library, we held Java workshops weekly, holding a total of eight over the course of the summer. Students ages eight to twelve developed an introductory-level understanding of computer logic. By the end of the course, all students had coded the simple games “Hangman” and “Rock, Paper, Scissors”.

## CAMBRIAN LIBRARY

At the Cambrian Branch Library, we held eight Java workshops. Over the course of the program, about fifty students ages eight to thirteen learned concepts ranging from variable creation to arrays, in addition to basics of computer hardware. Under the supervision of student tutors, students created simple console programs such as “Rock, Paper, Scissors” and practiced graphics by coding “Mario” during the final session.

## CENTRAL PARK LIBRARY

At the Central Park Library, we held five Java workshops with about fifteen students ages eight to thirteen. Concepts covered include variables, “if” statements, loops, class design, graphic design, and algorithm creation.

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## ONLINE SESSIONS ON THE WAY!

Do you live outside of the Bay Area or find it difficult to commute to tutoring sessions at schools or libraries? We have good news: later this year we’ll be implementing online tutoring sessions on our website! Our developers are working tirelessly to implement this new feature, as well as a paired online feedback and rating system. Stay tuned for an announcement when this feature is available.

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# COMING SOON: USER ACCOUNTS

Looking to request a specific tutor with specific qualifications? We're working to bring user accounts to our website, allowing you to view the members of our tutoring team and relevant qualifications so you'll know who can provide you or your child with the best support possible even before using our services. Check out our current site at [onclass.org](https://onclass.org), and keep your eyes peeled for an announcement when this feature is up!