



STAUFER
MIDDLE SCHOOL



Welcome to Stauffer

WELCOME TO STAUFFER MIDDLE SCHOOL, HOME OF THE SPARTANS.

Stauffer is known for its excellent academic offerings, amazing culture, and family atmosphere. Teachers and staff go above and beyond to provide a 21st century education that pushes creative boundaries in a safe environment built on strong character. Our primary focus is to ensure each student is prepared for success in high school and beyond. In addition to rigorous academic courses, our students are exposed to award-winning band, drama, film/television, culinary arts, robotics, GATE, and AVID programs. As we like to say, **Stauffer has the best to offer.** We are excited about you joining the Stauffer family!



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By the Numbers

1 of 465

Award Winning **Schools to Watch** in the Nation

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Award Winning **Schools to Watch** in California

\$30 million

school-wide renovation under way

20

different elective courses

9

classes that directly feed into CTE Pathways at Warren High School

20

athletic teams that compete against other DUSD middle schools

25%

of students in GATE or AVID programs

Meet Our Team



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21st Century Campus

REMODELING UNDERWAY

Stauffer is currently under construction, but will have multiple new or remodeled buildings opening soon!

We are excited to see our new:

- Administration offices
- Library
- Locker rooms
- Project Lead the Way room
- Band room
- Drama room
- Science classrooms

COMING SOON!



Schools to Watch

Stauffer Middle School is **one of 465 schools in the country** to be awarded the National School to Watch through the Middle Grades Forum.

Schools to Watch schools are high performing schools with proven academic excellence while being developmentally responsive and socially equitable.



Creating Exemplary Citizens

The students of Stauffer Middle School are expected to demonstrate good citizenship and character, and become conscientious and moral people in their community, contributing to a better world.

As a way to promote those ideals, we encourage volunteering and fundraising for charitable causes throughout the year.

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HEAVENLY HATS

DIG FOR A CURE - BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

WORLD VISION FUNDRAISER

SOCK DRIVE DONATIONS FOR HOMELESS

KID PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN

VOLUNTEERS AT OLD RIVER SCHOOL ELEMENTARY



Co-Curricular



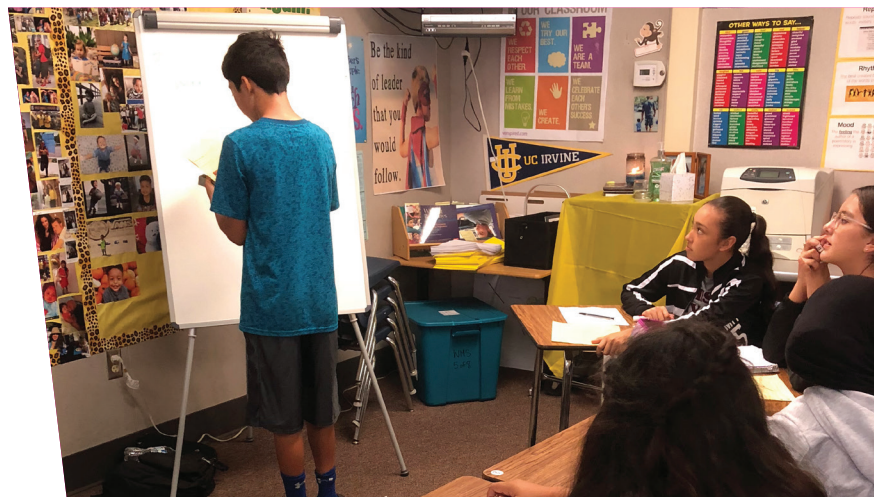
STAUFFER
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Spartan Marching Band and Color Guard

DOWNEY, CA

Something for Everyone

Chess Club
CJSF Club
Comic Book Club
Femineer Club
Game Club
Hacky Sack Club
International Cooking Club
Library Club
Rubik's Cube Club
Running Club
Scholarship Club
Spartacular Club
Stamp N Stuff Club
Travel Club
....and MORE!





Athletics

Participating in athletics not only promotes physical activity and a healthy lifestyle, it also allows students a chance to develop self-discipline and interpersonal skills such as teamwork and communication.

Stauffer Middle School offers the following:

- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Boys and Girls Volleyball
- Football
- Track and Field
- Baseball
- Softball
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- 20 Intramurals during lunch for everyone





Drama Production

Musical Theatre is a class designed for students who love to act, sing and dance! Each semester students will rehearse and perform a Broadway musical. Students will experience the entire process of being in a production which includes: studying of the script, auditioning techniques, learning vocals and choreography, and performing for the community.

Students must enjoy the following:

- 1. Singing**
- 2. Dancing**
- 3. Acting**
- 4. Performing in front of an audience**

There are also roles backstage, such as learning sound and/or curtains.



Musical Programs

Band students at Stauffer Middle School have many wonderful opportunities to explore different types of music and performing experiences.

Students begin their journey in the **BEGINNING BAND** class, where students choose their instrument and learn to play and perform.

ADVANCED BAND, MARCHING BAND, and **JAZZ BAND** are open to 7th and 8th grade students. Each of these groups perform on and off campus at band reviews, parades, concerts, festivals, and often get to travel to places like Las Vegas, San Diego, and Reno.

Marching Band students receive PE credit and meet afterschool to perfect their parade band performance. This is the most active band performing group, having won numerous honors over the past 10 years.

The band family welcomes you to join us. Just register for beginning band and we will take it from there!



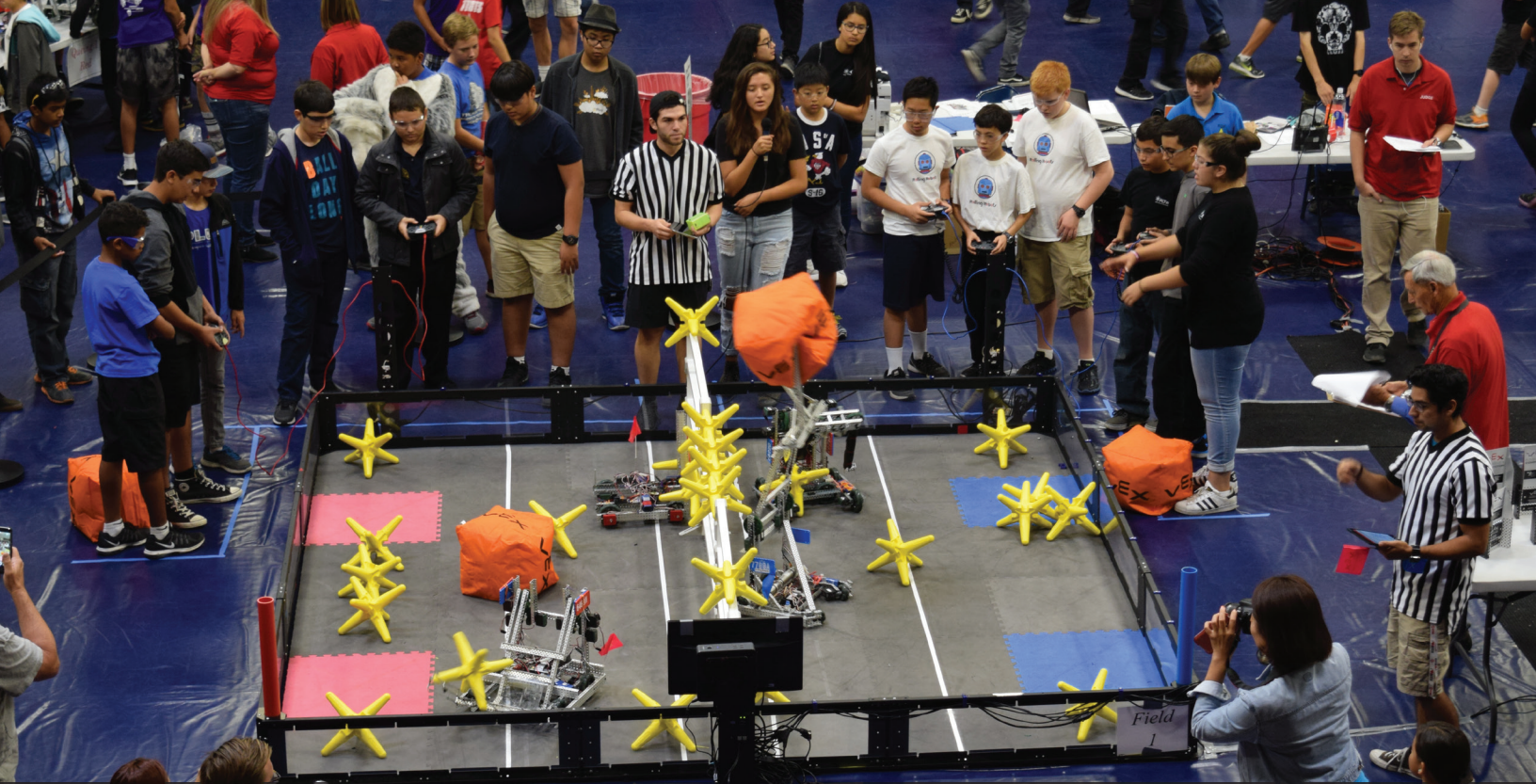
WEB

WHERE EVERYBODY BELONGS - WEB is a selected team of 8th grade students who mentor all incoming 6th graders in order to help them feel welcomed and confident as they begin their new journey in middle school.

WEB welcomes all 6th graders to our summer orientation where students can meet other classmates, build new friendships, and start to get familiar with the campus. WEB has monthly activities for WEB Leaders and 6th graders to connect with one another, build positive relationships and social skills, and above all, have fun!

Some events and activities include:

- Back to School Dance
- Lunch on the Lawn Game Day
- Learn to play fun board games & spoons
- Friendsgiving
- Group activities such as gingerbread house building, egg drop challenges, and MORE!



Academic Opportunities



ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID) is a 7th through 12th grade program that prepares students in the academic middle for admission to a four-year college or university. Students take the AVID elective course in 7th and 8th grade that provides them with the skills needed to be successful in advancing academically with the ultimate goal of attending college.

For more than 30 years, AVID has been instrumental in preparing students for success in higher education. Students are taught study skills, note taking, time management, writing and research skills, while being immersed in a college-going culture. The class also includes tutoring sessions that are led by college students and provides support for success in the academically rigorous curriculum. Additionally, the AVID class provides access to information about colleges and universities through field trips, guest speakers, college tutors, scholarship opportunities and college admission requirement information.





GATE

The GATE program at Stauffer is designed with two goals in mind.

First, to provide access to the most rigorous courses with highly qualified teachers. Secondly, to provide educational experiences that expose students to local university programs and varied resources in Southern California.

Our GATE students take workshops at the Getty, presidential libraries, museums and local performing arts centers to deepen their understanding of the concepts learned in class. GATE students at Stauffer are supported in both their unique educational and social-emotional needs.



In order to prepare students to be competitively eligible for four-year universities, Stauffer offers Math with Computing classes for 7th and 8th grade students.

MATH WITH COMPUTING is part of the Engineering Pathways (i.e. Computer Science Engineering, Civil Engineering) that are offered in our high schools. This class offers mathematical applications through coding and robotics using a modified versions of the most commonly used programming language C/C++. In this course, students will regularly use technology, learn how to write computer programs, program robots, and develop problem solving skills. This program develops 21st Century skills of coding and working with technology. It also prepares students to be successful in high school and beyond.

Math with Computing



Intro to Law/Mock Trials

In Intro to Law and Mock Trial, students will learn about the American criminal justice system and participate in the Los Angeles County Mock Trial Competition. Students will study a criminal case and play the role of a person involved in that case, such as the victim, the accused, the police, and the attorneys. For the competition, students will present their roles in a real courtroom in front of a real judge. This class is perfect for students who are interested in acting, public speaking, debating, analyzing, and problem solving.

The California Jr. Scholarship Federation (CJSF) is an academic organization at Stauffer Middle School.

Our chapter coordinates its guidelines with the California Scholastic Federation. It is an organization that rewards scholarship and service. The purpose of CJSF is to foster high standards of scholarship, service and citizenship on the part of California's public and private middle school students.

CJSF/Scholarship



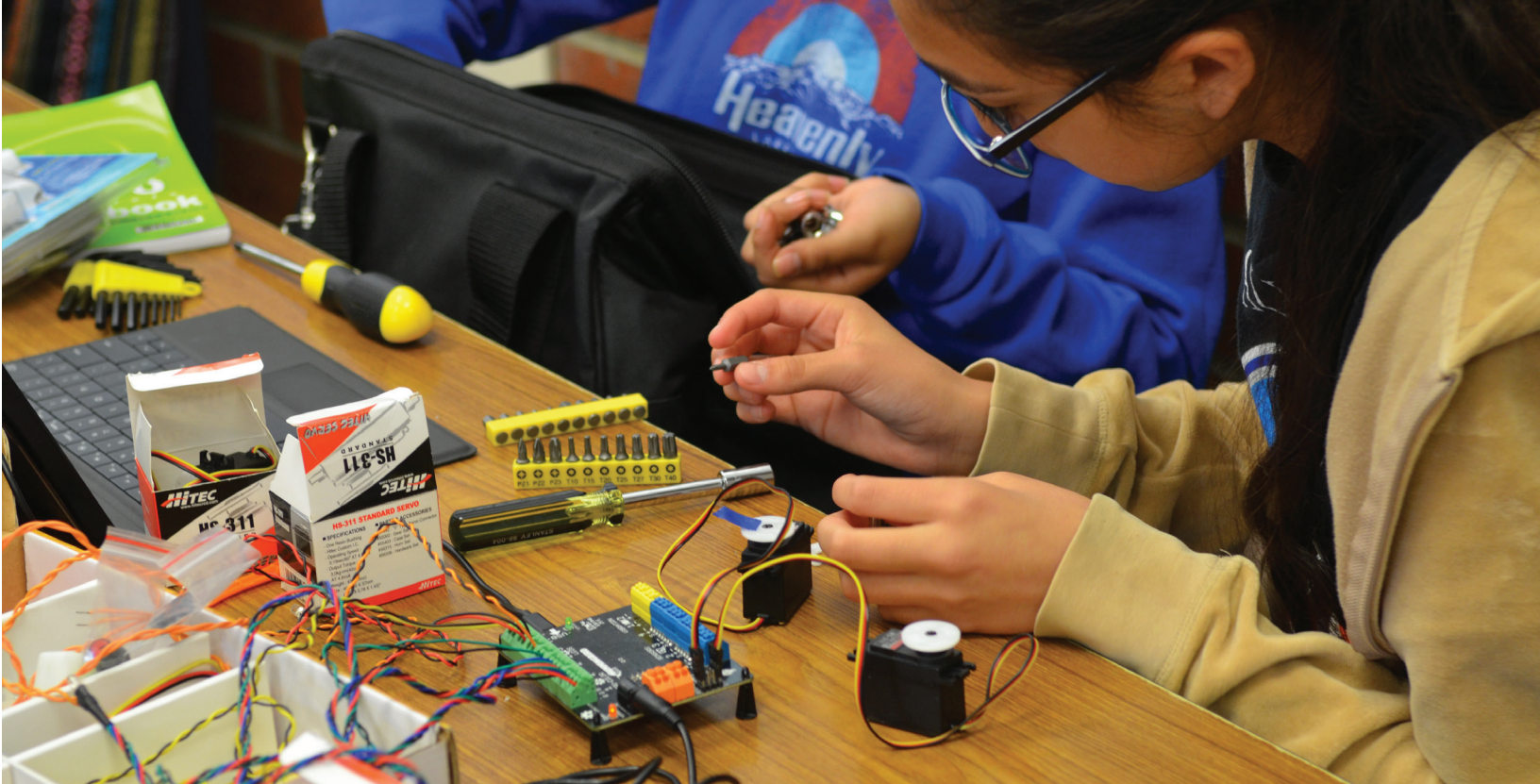


Femineers

THE FEMINEER PROGRAM was created by Cal Poly Pomona's College of Engineering in 2013 to inspire additional females to pursue STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) in their education and career.

At Stauffer, this highly creative program provides 7th and 8th grade students with project-based learning, female engineering student mentors, and opportunities to visit Cal Poly Pomona, while building a sustainable program and community for current and future STEM leaders.

By engaging with real-world applications and hands-on activities, Femineers acquire the technical knowledge and practical skills necessary to become confident and strong in their future careers.



Career Technical Education

CTE Courses

Career Technical Education (CTE) provides students with the opportunity to acquire real-life skills to prepare them for successful, continuing education or entry-level career positions. Each CTE course offers relevant project-based activities modeled by professionals from the field. Stauffer CTE courses feed directly into the CTE courses at Warren High School.



Why should you participate in CTE?

- To explore career interests and goals
- To learn employability and job skills
- To create a personal portfolio
- To obtain work experience and on-the-job training
- To prepare for advanced career training
- To compete in industry competitions



Animation

Foundations of Animation teaches the student the visual and verbal language of animation by watching and studying classic cartoons. The student will learn to animate motion, while improving their ability to draw, work with others and tell a story using pictures.

Students must enjoy the following...

1. **Drawing**
2. **Working with computers**
3. **Problem-solving**
4. **Watching cartoons**





INTRODUCTION TO CULINARY ARTS provides students with a thorough knowledge of safety and sanitation procedures upheld in professional restaurant settings as well as a broad knowledge of various cooking and baking techniques. This class provides a seamless transition into the High School CTE Culinary Arts program. Motivated and advanced students at the middle school level are also given the opportunity to prepare and pass the ServSafe Food Handlers Certificate, enabling them to accelerate into the 10th grade Culinary Arts course as a 9th grader.

Students also gain practical business management skills by preparing and selling restaurant quality food through their on campus bakery at schoolwide event sales. Other subjects explored in this curriculum include; International Food Cultures, Nutrition, Health, and Farm to Table Sustainable Cooking, all while utilizing and maintaining the on-site campus vegetable garden.

Culinary Arts

Film & Television

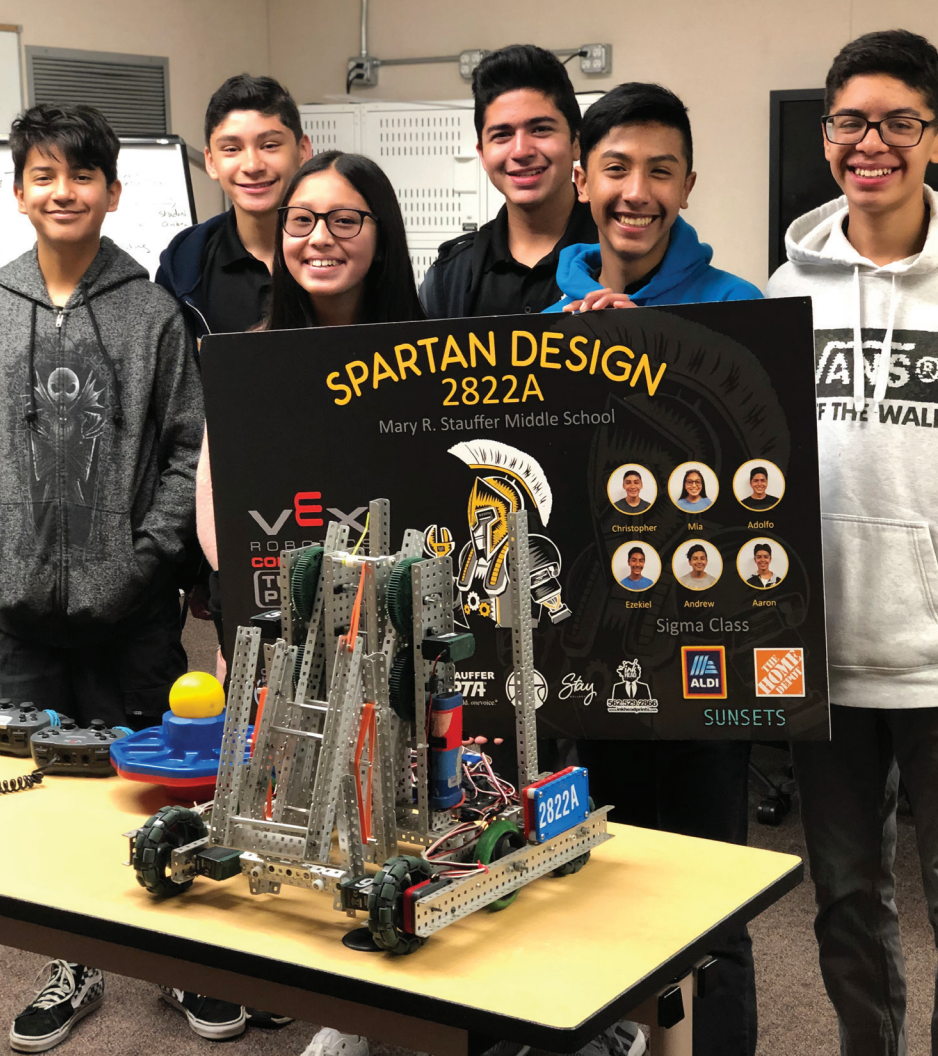
VIDEO PRODUCTION is a class designed for students who love making movies! Students study a film (action, comedy, horror and fantasy) and then create their own movie based on that genre! Students work in groups to write, film and edit their movies.

This class also produces the televised morning announcements, **SPARTAN TV!** Students are taught how to use the equipment necessary to film and edit on a green screen, and how to work in a timely manner in order to have the announcements ready each day!

Students must enjoy the following:

1. Working as a director
2. Working as a team
3. Technology
4. Writing
5. Editing
6. Acting in front of a camera





PROJECT LEAD THE WAY *Engineering*

The technology elective teaches students about the principles of engineering and physical computing.

Engineering is the use of science and math to design or make things. Physical computing means building interactive physical systems by the use of software and hardware that can sense and respond to the analog world.

Some of the things you can design and build:

- Wearable tech
- Interactive displays
- Food dispensers
- Mobile apps
- 3D printed toys
- Gaming robots

You can also join a robotics team and participate in VEX Robotics Competitions!





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