Monday Classes
Cursive Writing, Ms. Alana - (3rd - 6th grade; WINTER) - Students will learn to write neatly and legibly in cursive.

Dungeons & Dragons Club Mr. Hererra (5th – 6th grade; FALL), Mr. Calderon (5th – 6th grade; WINTER) - Student will explore their imagination and creativity, and learn to contribute to a shared storytelling experience.

Handwriting, Ms. Alana (1st - 3rd grade; FALL) - Students will practice writing individual letters and words to improve legibility.

Harry Potter Book Club, Ms. Graney (5th - 8th grade) - We will read Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling as a group. As we read through the novel, we will create Harry Potter-inspired crafts, games, and projects.

Magic, the Gathering, Ms. Heinlein1 & Mr. Rossiter (5th - 8th grade; FALL) - Students will play the game, Magic, The Gathering, against others and improve decks. It can also be a safe space for trading and provides an opportunity to play against teachers.

Mexican Folkloric Dance, Ms. Lopezetto (3rd – 5th grade; WINTER) - Students will learn about Mexican culture through participation in native folkloric Mexican dance class. Students will perform in our After Hours @Peirce Showcase in the Spring.

Soccer Jr, Ms. Pulgar (1st/2nd grade; FALL/WINTER) - Provide basic soccer skills for our younger group of students, developing coordination, healthy habits and a wide array of techniques in soccer.

Yoga, Ms. Muschong (5th - 8th grade; FALL) - Yoga is a great way for kids to learn to exercise and relax together, and to gain strength and to connect. Different types of yoga positions will be modeled for the students to practice.

Tuesday Classes
Active Monologues & Scenes, Ms. Thompson/Ms. Pedtke (3rd - 5th grade; FALL/WINTER) – Students will practice and demonstrate monologues, scenes, and develop their skills through stage workshops as well as practicing acting for film.

Coloring Club, Ms. Tafoya (1st/2nd, FALL) - Children will use different techniques and tools to express themselves with colors.

Creative & Strategic Play, Ms. Reyes (3rd - 5th, WINTER) – Students will play a variety of strategy games.

Creative Writing, Ms. Miller (6th - 8th grade, FALL; 3rd - 5th WINTER) - Students will create either a short story, memoir, poem and/or begin a novel and publish their own book.

Expression Through Art, Mr. Ivy (4th – 8th grade; FALL; 1st – 3rd grade WINTER) - Students will express who they are, what they are feeling, and what they want and expect out of life through different forms of art such as writing, drawing, dance, music, poetry, etc.

Floor Hockey, Mr. Carbajal (4th - 5th grade; FALL) - Students will learn fundamentals of floor hockey through structured game play.

Girl of the Run, Ms. Lenihan (3rd - 5th grade; beginning in February through May) Tues AND Thurs MORNINGS 7am - 8am; Girls on the Run provides skill-building experiences to nurture girls' physical, social and emotional competencies. Students will run in a 5K at the end of the year.

History Fair, Ms. Heinlein, Ms. Harvey (6th - 8th grade) – Students will research primary and secondary sources to complete a project dealing breaking barriers in historical Chicago.

Jewelry Making, Ms. Bencel (1st - 4th; multiple sessions) - Students will learn how to make necklaces, bracelets, and earrings.

Move It! Ms. L. Carro (1st/2nd grade; FALL and WINTER sessions) - Students will have fun moving and dancing.

Peirce Performers, Ms. Thompson/Ms. Pedtke (3rd - 8th grade) - This advanced choir will learn repertoire from many different genres while learning to sing with a healthy and beautiful tone. Students will perform throughout the year.

Spoken Word Poetry, Ms. K. Carro (5th – 8th grade) - Performance art that is word-based with a poetry slam at the end.

Stories from Around the World (1st, 2nd grade FALL) - Teacher will read a story from a different country each class. Afterward, we will discuss the story & children will make artwork (mainly drawing) based on the details of the reading.

Underwater Robotics, Mr. Rossiter (7th - 8th grade; this class is from 3:00p - 4:30pm) - Students will be creating an underwater robot with the Shedd Aquarium as a partner.

Wednesday Classes
Aquonanics, Ms. Keiner (6th – 7th grade; WINTER) - Students will build an aquonanics farm to grow plants indoors.

Basketball Skills & Drills, Mr. Leighton (6th - 8th grade FALL; 3rd - 5th grade WINTER); Students will improve their skills and knowledge in the areas of dribbling, passing, shooting, defense and offense. Teamwork, physical conditioning and relationships will also be developed.

Battle of the Books, Ms. D’Ambrosio (5th/6th grade) - Students will read as individuals and a team several enriching books. Battle of the Books reinforces critical thinking, comprehension strategies, recreational reading and interpersonal skills.

Bollywood Dance Troupe, Ms. Rao (5th - 8th grade; by audition only) - students must be willing and able to perform at outside events on the weekends and in the summer; Auditions will be held Monday, October 7 after school. Please pick up a permission slip from Mrs. Thompson, room 305

Bollywood Kids, Ms. Rao (4th - 6th grade) - Students will learn about the culture of India and dances in the Bollywood style.

Coloring Projects for Kids, Ms. Miller (1st – 3rd grade; WINTER) - This activity is for kids who love to color and work with crayons, markers, and color pencils. We will create various pieces of art using how-to-draw methods. Design our own coloring pages. Use adult coloring pages to make simple take home projects and posters.
Crack the Code! Ms. Andrade (4th – 6th grade; WINTER) - Students will learn computer programming skills through interactive and exciting projects. Perfect for kids who have great imaginations, like figuring out how things work or simply love technology.

Cross Training, Ms. K. Carro (3rd - 5th grade) - Students will be introduced to and practice different exercise workouts.

English Learners Fun Club, Ms. Mendoza (1st – 8th grade) - This class is intended to support ELLs in improving their English skills in a fun environment that is not intimidating. We will practice language through games, songs and activities.

Peirce School Media, Ms. Lenihan (5th - 8th grade; FALL) - students will produce news and entertainment content in multi-media formats.

Readers Theater, Ms. Fitzgerald (2nd – 5th grade FALL) - Students will engage in dramatizing literature, a fun and effective technique for building students' fluency and comprehension skills.

Singing Together, Ms. Nguyen (1st – 2nd grade; WINTER) – Students will learn popular kids songs about such topics as: Family, nature, all about ourselves or making friends

Soccer Kids, Mr. Ivy (3rd - 5th grade; FALL/WINTER sessions) - Building soccer skills through drills and game play.

Thursday Classes

Animé Club, Ms. Schaefer (4th – 6th grade; WINTER) - Students will participate in a film study of Anime movies made by the great director Miyazaki.

Battle of the Books, Ms. D’Ambrosio (5th/6th grade) - Students will read as individuals and a team several enriching books. Battle of the Books reinforces critical thinking, comprehension strategies, recreational reading and interpersonal skills.

Chess Club & Tournaments, Mr. Meallet (3rd - 8th grade) - Students will increase their knowledge and skills in chess and compete in tournaments throughout Chicago.

Choir Jr, Ms. Pedtke (1st – 3rd grade FALL) - young students will learn to sing together unison and 2-pt songs. They will perform in December.

Flamenco Fundamentals, Ms. Hooper (6th – 8th grade) – Students will explore this highly-expressive Spanish dance form. The class will develop techniques of flamenco that is characterized by hand clapping, percussive footwork, and intricate hand, arm and body movement in order to explore the passion and personal expressions of the dancer.

Full STEAM Ahead! Ms. Tolpa (5th – 8th grade; WINTER) - Participants will engage with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) in fun and exciting hands-on activities that allow all involved to explore STEM subjects in imaginative and inventive ways.

Girls on the Run, Ms. Lenihan (3rd - 5th girls; beginning in February through May) Tues AND Thurs MORNINGS 7am - 8am;

Harvest Joy, Ms. K. Carro (4th – 6th grade – October through February) - a unique healthy lifestyle youth development program which connects active play, urban gardening & healthy cooking activities to lessons on leadership, teamwork, resilience, discipline, nutrition, and exposure to nature.

Japanese Language and Culture 1, Ms. Heinlein (4th - 8th grade; FALL) - In this club we will learn how to write and say important phrases in Japanese and will also explore and use Katakana (カタカナ). This is a great club if you are interested in Japanese culture and want to participate in activities including watching and drawing anime, making sushi, seeing photos, creating traditional art, learning traditions, and hearing folklore.

Japanese Language and Culture 2, Ms. Heinlein (4th - 8th grade; WINTER) – Students who have successfully completed Japanese Language and Culture 1 or took the class last year can continue their learning of this ancient and fascinating culture.

Life Service Action, Ms. Thompson & Ms. L. Carro (5th - 8th grade) - Students will design and engage in meaningful service learning projects which connect them with their school, community and the world.

Savage Training Club, Mr. Jackson/Ms. Pulgar (6th – 8th grade FALL/WINTER sessions) - Students will be more aware of how their body works and how the body can be built up through the success of physical activity.

Sewing, Ms. Bencel (2nd – 4th grade; multiple sessions) - Students will learn how to sew small pillows, door signs, and more.

Student Council, Ms. Graney, Ms. Kerkstra (3rd – 8th grade) Students are elected to Student Council by their classmates.

Volleyball Club, Mr. Carbajal (6th – 8th grade) - Students will participate in games to improve skills, maintain and improve wellness.

Friday Classes

Bollywood, Jr, Ms. Rao (1st - 3rd grade; WINTER only) - Students will learn different styles of Bollywood dancing while experiencing the Indian culture.

Boys on Track, Mr. Jackson (4th - 6th grades; WINTER); - Boys will have the opportunity to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through fun, interactive lessons and running games, culminating in a 5k run.

Math Challenge, Ms. Heinlein (4th - 5th grade; WINTER) - If you enjoy math and would like to face challenging problems and high-level calculations, this is for you. Students will face interesting problems, math puzzles, and special projects. The work will be difficult and exciting to solve!

Rock Band, Mr. Lerner, Mr. Muschong (5th - 8th grade; ) - Students will form a rock band by learning to play basic chords and rhythms on instruments (guitar, bass, drum set, keyboards, vocals).

STEM Challenge, Ms. Heinlein (4th – 6th grade; FALL) - If you enjoy math, hands-on work, and would like to face challenging problems, this is for you. Every week students will be faced with an engineering or STEM challenge where math and science knowledge are tested hands-on. Egg drops, zip lines, catapults, and more!

Yearbook, Ms. Miller (6th – 8th grade; WINTER) – Students will create an all-school yearbook do document Peirce School’s 2019-2020 school year.