

Hari Om and Salutations to the Chinmaya Family!

Welcome to the 2016-2017 Bala Vihar/Yuva Kendra school year. With the Grace and Blessings of the Lord, Pujya Gurudev, Pujya Guruji and our beloved Acharya Umaji's guidance, Bala Vihar has grown from a humble beginning of 6 children to over 2000 across three centers. We are looking forward to having your children with us for the upcoming school year.

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Please Note:

1. Cross-center enrollment is allowed i.e. a child can be registered for Bala Vihar at one location and other classes at another. **Please make sure that there are no time conflicts and you allocate sufficient time for travel.**
2. Parents can now perform the following changes themselves:
 - a. Add Class(es) to existing registration. NOTE: You will need to pay the appropriate additional fees (\$25 annual fee per class per child).
 - b. Change Class for an existing registration. You can change the class either to a different day/time or to another class e.g. Geeta Chanting from Sunday to Saturday or to a language. You can only change one class at a time. NOTE: There is a \$25 change fee.
 - c. Add Child(ren) to existing registration.

This functionality can be accessed from the Bala Vihar registration summary at [Transaction Summary](#) after completing the initial registration.

Class Details

1. **Bala Vihar:** follows the student's grade level in school. The Bala Vihar curriculum can be found here: [Bala Vihar Curriculum](#)
2. **Geeta Chanting:** classes now have these levels across all three locations:
 - a. L1 - (Grades KG-3) Learning to read and less than 2 years learning chanting
 - b. L2 - (All Grades/Adults) - Able to read transliteration and less than 3 years of learning chanting
 - c. L3 - (All Grades/Adults) - Able to read transliteration or Devanagari and 3-5 years of learning chanting
 - d. L4 - (All Grades/Adults) - More than 5 years of learning chanting
3. **Swaranjali:** At San Jose, classes will now be held from noon to 1:30pm every Sunday.
4. **Cognitive Math** (formerly known as Vedic Math) is offered in six levels: Level 1 thru 8
 - a. Level 1 thru 5 is for students in the corresponding grade in school only
 - b. Level 6 is for students in Grade 6 thru 8
 - There are no Cognitive Math classes for KG students or students in Grade 9 and above.

5. **Java Programming:** This is available only for 8th grade and above and offered only at San Ramon.
6. **Yoga Beginner in San Jose:** This is available only for 5th grade and above
7. **Hindi:** Please follow this guide while selecting the level for your child(ren): [Hindi Curriculum](#)

Registration Process

1. Bala Vihar registration needs to be done online at <http://www.cmsj.org>
2. Schedule: Details about the schedule and the Bala Vihar calendar for all three locations are available online at:
 - a. Fremont: [Fremont schedule, location and calendar](#)
 - b. San Jose: [San Jose schedule, location and calendar](#)
 - c. San Ramon: [San Ramon schedule, location and calendar](#)
3. The fee structure has been simplified. There is a \$500 annual family membership (from September thru August). The membership is tax-deductible as allowed by law. In addition, there is a nominal annual fee of \$25 per class per child which is not tax deductible. Please consult your tax adviser for any tax implications.
4. Please note that Bala Vihar is a required pre-requisite for all classes, including language, other special classes such as Geeta Chanting, Swaranjali, Vedic Math, and Vedic Chanting.
5. **If you are a returning parent and had registered last year:**
 - a. Familiarize yourself with the schedule of available classes (see 2a to 2c above)
 - b. Login at [Your Profile](#) using the login id you had created last year
 - c. **If you are having trouble logging in, refer to this document for help:** [Trouble Logging In ?](#)
 - d. Register using [Registration Link](#)
 - e. After a few minutes, you will receive an email confirmation and you can also check the registration summary at [Transaction Summary](#)
6. **If you are a new parent registering for the first time,**
 - a. Familiarize yourself with the schedule of available classes (see 2a to 2c above)
 - b. Create a new account at [Your Profile](#) and clicking on “Create Profile”.
 - c. Register using [Registration Link](#)
 - d. After a few minutes, you will receive an email confirmation and you can also check the registration summary at [Transaction Summary](#)
7. Payment: We only accept online payment methods (credit card or Paypal). If you have technical trouble with completing a payment in the PayPal system, send email to reg@cmsj.org.

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