

## **Hari Om and Salutations to the Chinmaya Family!**

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Welcome to the 2019-2020 Chinmaya Bala Vihar/Yuva Kendra school year. Please read this note below from Meena Kapadia, Treasurer, CMSJ.

Hari Om:

As we are getting ready to open our registration, I want to reach out to you all and let you know of a small change to our fee structure.

This year marked an important milestone in our Chinmaya Bala Vihar program. We finished 35 years of Chinmaya Bala Vihar program in Bay Area, Our program started in 1984 with 7 children in Los Altos. For the 2018-2019 year we had an enrollment of 2,157 students across 4 locations in the Bay Area. We are now exploring a fifth location in Berkeley this year.

Over all these years, we have only changed our fee structure twice. While we would like to continue with the same fee structure, we are getting more and more strained to meet this commitment. After due consideration to all situations, we have decided to raise our membership fee and registration fee moderately this year.

The family membership fee will be \$600 for the year. Children's Chinmaya Bala Vihar fees for each class per child will be \$35 for the whole Chinmaya Bala Vihar year.

This moderate fee increase will help us meet the increasing school rental fees and enable to continue our Chinmaya Bala Vihar program for our community without further strain on our finances.

I look forward to seeing you all as we embark on our 36th year of Chinmaya Bala Vihar.

Pranams,

Meena Kapadia  
Treasurer  
Chinmaya Mission San Jose.

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## What's new for 2019-20

1. Annual Family Membership Fee is \$600
2. Annual Class Fee per class per child is \$35
3. The Berkeley Chinmaya Bala Vihar program is launched as of this year - see [Berkeley Chinmaya Bala Vihar page](#) for registration process for Berkeley ONLY. **NOTE:** Berkeley registrations are not eligible for transfer to any other locations
4. Shishu Vihar (Chinmaya Bala Vihar for PreKG) classes are now offered at Fremont, San Mateo, San Jose and San Ramon locations
5. Java Programming is no longer offered at San Ramon

## Please Note:

1. Cross-center enrollment is allowed i.e. a child can be registered for Chinmaya 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 perform the following changes themselves:
  - a. Add Class(es) to existing registration. NOTE: You will need to pay the appropriate additional fees (\$35 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. **The change fee is waived till September 30th, 2019.**
  - c. Add Child(ren) to existing registration.

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

## Class Details

**Note that all classes are not offered in all centers - please check center-specific schedule**

1. **Shishu Vihar (Chinmaya Bala Vihar for PreKG):** a parent-and-toddler style class for 3 and 4 year olds. Children attend with their parents and get familiar with basic concepts in Hinduism (gods and their characteristics, names of holidays) in a fun and engaging way through songs, stories, arts and crafts appropriate to their age and development. Swamini Supriyananda (a child psychologist before she turned to the Vedantic path) conceptualized Shishu Vihar and first implemented it in Hong Kong years ago. She has trained all of CMSJ's Shishu Vihar teachers in the style and preparatory materials for this class. If you have any further questions, please reach out to [lakshmy.prakash@cmsj.org](mailto:lakshmy.prakash@cmsj.org) or [sandhya.simhan@cmsj.org](mailto:sandhya.simhan@cmsj.org).
2. **Chinmaya Bala Vihar (Grades KG-12):** follows the student's grade level in school. The Chinmaya Bala Vihar curriculum can be found here: [Chinmaya Bala Vihar Curriculum](#)
3. **Geeta Chanting:** classes have these levels:
  - 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
4. **Swaranjali:** This is our bhajan group - classes are offered only once a week per center.
  5. **Cognitive Math** (formerly known as Vedic Math) is offered in six levels: Level 1 thru 6
    - 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.
  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. Chinmaya Bala Vihar registration is only available online at <http://www.cmsj.org>. For Berkeley registrations only, please follow the process outlined here: [Berkeley Bala Vihar page](#) **NOTE:** Berkeley registrations are not eligible for transfer to any other location.
2. Schedule: Details about the schedule and the Chinmaya Bala Vihar calendar for all locations are available online at:
  - a. Berkeley: [Berkeley schedule, location and calendar](#)
  - b. Fremont: [Fremont schedule, location and calendar](#)
  - c. San Jose: [San Jose schedule, location and calendar](#)
  - d. San Mateo: [San Mateo schedule, location and calendar](#)
  - e. San Ramon: [San Ramon schedule, location and calendar](#)
3. Fee structure: There is a \$600 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 \$35 per class per child which is not tax deductible. Please consult your tax adviser for any tax implications.
4. Please note that Chinmaya 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. Note that you can only register children from your immediate family.
6. **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](#)
7. **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](#)

**8. To modify an existing registration**

- a. Login at [Your Profile](#) using the login id
- b. Go to registration summary at [Transaction Summary](#)
- c. On this page you can add another child from your immediate family to the registration, register for another class or change an existing class (as shown in the picture below)

2017-2018 REGISTRATION DETAILS FOR YOUR CHILD(REN).

**Add Class** ← Use this to Add another Class for this child

Use this to Change to another class

LOCATION	DAY	TIME SLOT	CLASS	SECTION	ROOM NO	
San Jose	Sunday	09.05 AM-10.15 AM	Bala Vihar	1	TBD	<b>Change</b>

**Add Child** ← Use this to register a sibling

- 9. Payment: We only accept online payment methods (credit card or Paypal). If you are having trouble with PayPal payments, send email to [reg@cmsj.org](mailto:reg@cmsj.org).

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