Middle School East Club Options 2022-23

March 2022

Clubs are an important part of Middle School East. We are excited to offer a variety of clubs for the 2022-23 school year. Our hope is to offer something of interest for all our students.

Clubs will be offered during 10th period. In order to participate in clubs, students must be in good academic and behavioral standing. If at any point during the year, a student needs additional support, clubs may be removed from their schedule. It is our hope that being a part of a club will enhance your experience as a student at Middle School East.

Club offerings and descriptions are listed on the attached pages. Please review them carefully as you make decisions about joining a club.

How do I sign up for clubs?

If you are interested in having a club on your schedule, please rank the clubs 1-6 on your club selection card. You should do this even if you have applied for application clubs. This is located on the back of your course card.

When will I know if I got into a club?

Most service and competition clubs require an application. Applications are due on Friday, April 1st. Your counselor will let you know if you have been accepted when you have your individual scheduling meeting beginning in March.

All other clubs will be listed on your schedule that you receive over the summer. Club registration is based on schedule availability and open spots.

Do I have to join a club?

No, but we encourage everyone to get involved in something. If you already have a busy schedule and would like time during the school day to work on homework and study, clubs may not be for you. Students may select to have a study club which is a quiet environment for students to complete work and study.

Sincerely, Mr. Buck The following list of clubs do not require an application. If you are interested in having a club on your schedule, please rank the clubs 1-6 on your club selection card. You should do this even if you have applied for application clubs. This is located on the back of your course card.

Archery in Schools Program (Year: Grades 6-8)

Learn and participate in an archery program where students will not only learn how to shoot, but also safety and maintenance of a bow and arrow. Improve your concentration, self-esteem, and confidence all while learning a challenging new activity.

Animal Friends Club (Year: Grades 6-8)

The purpose of the club is to raise awareness of the wonderful work that our local animal rescues do by collecting monetary and supply donations from members of the school community and the Boyertown community. You will have an opportunity take on a leadership position or if you'd prefer, you can work on one of our committees. Club members will also have opportunities throughout the year (outside of school hours) to visit the animal rescues we work with and meet the animals and the people who make it all happen.

Basketball- Nothing But NET

Nothing but Net will focus on the game of basketball. In the gym with three baskets and a wall, we will examine the areas of shooting, passing, dribbling, and more. We will also get into the inner workings of the game and teach basic plays and types of offenses, defenses, and presses.

Babysitting Club (Year: Grades 6-8)

If you love working with children, babysitting, and/or want to learn more about these activities, this is the club for you! We will share tips, ideas and strategies, as well as learn the fundamentals of how to become a good caretaker of younger children. Come join the fun in Babysitting Club!

Board and Card Game Club (Trimesters 2 and 3 only: Grades 6-8)

Students will play various board & card games. No computer games will be played. Students can learn various strategies to be successful in gameplay as well as have fun!

Caverns and Critters Game Club (Year: Grades 6-8)

Yes, this club sounds like a very popular role-playing and dice-rolling adventure game dating back to the 1970s. For this club, I will be leading students in creating characters, leading them through an adventure full of discovery, humor, cooperation, and battles. Although it is going to be a little watered down from that 1970s adventure game, it will take many ideas and themes from it. For this club to be successful, students need to be creative, willing to participate in a group, show teamwork, and most of all be willing to have fun!

Coding Club (Year: Grade 6 only)

Learn to code ozobots, spheros, and drones using block-based coding. We will also learn to use this coding in Scratch. CODE FOR FUN!

<u>Crafting Club</u> (Year: Grades 6-8)

Students will research craft ideas on Pinterest and other crafting websites. They will make crafts of their choice for gifts, holidays or decorations. Students may donate their crafts to local senior centers or community organizations.

Creative Writing Club (Trimester 2 only: Grades 6-8)

Do you like to write? Do you wish that you had more time to work on your own writing projects? Would you like to meet some like-minded writers like you? In this club you will be introduced to various stylistic writing techniques and are given time to experiment with them in your own writing. The goal of the club is to foster your love of writing while simultaneously pushing you to challenge yourself by taking risks and writing outside of your comfort zone. Throughout the semester, you will get an opportunity to write pieces in three different genres: prose, poetry, and drama. Periodically, meetings are devoted to having students share their pieces with one another.

<u>Drama/Musical Theatre Club (Year: Grades 6-8)</u>

Students will explore a variety of musicals and drama pieces by watching and critiquing recorded professional performances. Additionally, students will practice acting techniques, explore how props and costumes are made, as well as learn general acting and musical drama terminology. This is a great club for anyone interested in being a part of a musical/drama production in the future or for anyone that is simple interested in learning how a production is created. If time permits, students will participate in short performances of scenes and/or sections of shows at the conclusion of the year. No prior acting or musical theatre experience necessary!

Environmental Club (Year: Grades 6-8)

This club will focus on taking care of the Earth while helping the East community learn about important environmental issues facing our area.

Harry Potter Book Club (Year: Grades 6-8)

Are you are huge Harry Potter fan? Have you read the books multiple times? So what! Join the Harry Potter book club. In this club we will read (or re-read) the books and have lively discussions about our favorite characters, spells, and plot twists! Don't miss out on the magic of reading this phenomenal series!

Harry Potter Movie Club (Year: Grades 6-8)

Students watch all the Harry Potter movies and have trivia days.

Hunter & Trapper Education Club (Year: Grades 6-8)

All first-time hunters and trappers, regardless of age, must successfully complete hunter-trapper education training before they can buy a Pennsylvania hunting or trapping license.

Juggling Club (Trimester 1 only: Grades 6-8)

Come out and juggle! All experience levels welcome. Learn how to juggle 3 balls then move on to tricks, partner juggling, and other props.

Maritime Club (Year: Grades 7-8)

Those that have an interest in all things having to do with the ocean: beaches, fishing, boating, sailing, shells, shellfish, surfing, snorkeling, skin diving, and marine life. Use of research on web and hands on activities to peak interest and explore topics of interest.

Planetarium/Astronomy Club (Year: Grades 6-8)

Students will learn about current events in astronomy as well as topics not covered in the middle school curriculum. If the Planetarium is available, they will learn how to run and conduct a planetarium show.

Public Speaking/Presenting Club (Year: Grades 7 & 8 only)

Students will practice their public speaking skills as well as learn how to present a slides presentation (7x7 rule for slide bullets, using speaker notes section, etc).

Reading Club (Year: Grades 6 & 7 only)

A silent time in the day for students who enjoy reading and want a quiet space to read for enjoyment.

Reading Olympics (Year: Grades 6-8)

Reading Olympics is a countywide reading event that promotes reading for enjoyment. In this club, students will read from a list of pre-determined books to prepare for competition in the spring. Students will work together to read the assigned books, create questions and practice for the competition. If you love reading and discussing books, come join us!

R/C Car Club (Trimester 3 only: Grades 6-8)

The club would have activities surrounding Remote Control cars, trains, planes etc. We would build and maintain our items, demonstrate, and race them outside during the nice weather, talk about trends, events, and more.

Science Fiction Fantasy Club (Year: Grades 6-8)

The club will watch TV and movies in the Science Fiction/Fantasy genre. The club members will discuss upcoming movies of that genre and questions that are inspired by the thought-provoking nature of the programs that are selected. We would also research to see if there are any topics covered in the movies and TV shows watched that are close to becoming real. Students would be required to get a permission slip to watch PG-13 and TV14 programs.

<u>Self-Care Club (Trimesters 1 and 2 only: Grades 6-8)</u>

In this club we will practice self-care while connecting with our peers. We will learn about stress-management, take walk & talks, practice mindfulness strategies, create mantras and more.

Strength Training/Weight-Lifting Club (Year: Grades 7 & 8 only)

Students can complete pre-made weight training programs or work to create programs of their own.

Table-Top Board Game Club (Year: Grades 6-8)

Welcome to Table-Top Games Club! This club has been developed to serve as a creative outlet for those who enjoy mental games of adventure, puzzle, and competition. Where previous generations have enjoyed Monopoly, Life, and Chess, we seek to compete in the new wave of gaming formats: role-playing games, social deduction, co-op, card gaming, tile-based building, and more. In other words, you are going to have fun!

Wheel Club (Trimesters 1 and 2 only: Grade 8 only)

This club is for 8th grade students who are interested in learning how to use the pottery wheel. Students will have the opportunity to create a variety of clay pieces and explore the other related ceramic techniques. (Limited to 12 students per semester)

Yoga Club (Trimester 1 only: Grades 6-8)

Yoga with a small group to support fitness and mental well-being.

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