

MJS Clubs



2019 – 2020

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****Please note that all meeting dates are subject to change****



Art Club

Advisor: Mr. Rockland

Would you like to paint on canvas and draw what inspires you most?
Do you just like Art and want to create something unique?

Join Art Club!

When: *select* **Wednesdays 2:55-3:55** in the Art Room (619).

Who: Any MJS Students

* See Mr. Rockland for a **permission slip** and return it before attending.

2 canvasses allowed per student per year

September 24 (Tuesday)

January 8, 15, 22, 29

October 2, 16, 23, 30

February 5, 12, 19

November 6, 13, 20

March 4, 11, 18 (make-up date)

December 4, 11, 18

April 1 (make-up date)



Community Service Club

Advisors: Mrs. Koch, Mrs. Tsihlas, and Mrs. Lothian

The objectives of the community service club are to:

- ✓ Help students develop an awareness of the needs within their community
- ✓ Help students forge stronger connections between themselves and their community
- ✓ Involve students in the development, organization, and completion of community service projects

- ✓ Help students gain concrete leadership skills, develop strong character, and increase self-confidence as they help organize and implement Community Service projects
- ✓ Link student volunteerism to the concept of long-term social/democratic participation
- ✓ Help students build self-esteem as they learn that their contributions to their community can make a positive difference

The Community Service Club will meet monthly beginning in October to develop and organize service projects such as: Food Pantry Collection and Caring and Sharing. Other service projects may be implemented as needs arise. Meetings occur twice a month either before or after school in conjunction with the Student Council meetings. Please listen to the daily morning announcements for more details.

Computer Coding Club

Advisor: Mrs. Fox



The Computer Coding Club offers an opportunity for students to learn how to create code with Scratch, which is a free visual programming language. Lessons are presented via videos designed by Google. Club members will build simple computer programs.

The club will meet on Thursdays (and one Wednesday) this fall for 8 sessions. It may meet again in the spring for an additional 8 sessions.

Crafts Club

Advisor: Mrs. Lasiy



The Crafts Club is open to all MJS students and will meet after school on *Mondays* on the following dates: October 21, 28; November 4, 18, 25; December 2, 9; January 6, 27; February 3, 24; March 2, 9, 23, 30; April 6, 27; May 4, 18.

The aim of the Crafts Club is to allow students to experience and enjoy all aspects of crafts, i.e. string art, embroidery, weaving, hand sewing and more. Students who will be taking the late bus, need to sign up on a form located outside of Room 613 before 12:00 on the day of Club meeting.

A permission slip is required for students who wish to attend and may be picked up in room 613.

Dramatics Club

Advisor: Mr. Diaz



The Drama Club is open to any student in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade who is interested in acting or dramatic production. Throughout the year, we will engage in numerous activities including improvisation, monologues, preparing for auditions, blocking and performing full scenes, and if time permits some one-act plays. We will also touch on set design, the role of stage crew in successful performances, the basics of directing, and playwriting.



Forensics Club

Advisors: Mr. Diaz and Mr. Dakak

Forensics is the art of public speaking. Club members prepare a story (interpretive reading) or speech (declamation) to present at a competition against other middle school students.

Students do not need to write these stories or speeches; the coaches help them choose ones to memorize and use. The presentations are judged and awards are given to the top speakers.

- Forensics Club will meet on Tuesdays for one hour after school.
- The club is open to all students.
- See Mr. Dakak or Mr. Diaz for more information.

French Club - “Le Cercle Français”

Advisor: Madame Monacelli



The French Club allows students to experience the French culture in many ways. Some of the experiences we will have this year: getting to know “Mona Lisa”, have a “cheese tasting” of French cheeses (there are over 400) along with baguettes and other types of French bread, cook some famous French dishes like “croque monsieur,” “ratatouille,” and best of all “crepes.” View French films like “La Belle et la Bête (Beauty and the Beast) and Ratatouille, best viewed while eating ratatouille. We will listen to French music and most of all have some “French” fun. We will meet once a month on the following days:

October 21	February 18
November 18	March 16
December 16	April 20
January 21	May 18

All students grades 6-8 are welcome to attend. The meetings are after school from 2:55-3:55 pm. Students may sign up in Madame Monacelli’s classroom, room 823. Merci!



Honors Band

Advisors: Mrs. White and Mrs. Masi

Honors Band is an ensemble made up of 5th and 6th grade students. These students learn how to play in an “Honors” group that includes students from all four Hanover Township schools. The students prepare different pieces to perform in a concert during Music In Our Schools month. All rehearsals are held at MJS in room 511 or Auditorium from 3:20-4:30 PM. The 6th graders report to room 511 at 2:45 PM to prepare for the rehearsal. Any student is allowed to stay until the 5:00 PM bus. Honors Band will meet on alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays in January and February. The dates will be announced prior to the first rehearsal. Honors Band members will perform as part of the **'Music In Our Schools Concert'** on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Makerspace Club

Advisors: Ms. Tracy and Mr. Graepel



The Makerspace Club will meet on Tuesdays starting October 29th in the IMC from 2:45-4pm. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are welcome to join. This year, we will be building Rube Goldberg machines, which are machines that are intentionally designed to complete a simple task in a complicated and humorous manner. Two teams will take their machines to compete in a regional competition on April 3.

Dates:

10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/3, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/3 (competition during school day)



MJS A Capella Vocal Ensemble

Advisor: Dr. Uy

The MJS A Cappella vocal ensemble is an auditioned group that will perform without accompaniment. This year, we will be performing at Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular on December 11th. Students will find practice audio tracks on Google Classroom, and will meet once a week in preparation for performances, on either Wednesdays or Thursdays after school. Auditions occur in September.



MJS After School Study Center

Advisors: Mrs. Begyn and Mrs. Baranek

The MJS After School Study Center (ASSC) is a place where your child can quietly complete homework with the help of teachers. The ASSC is open to all students and will provide them the opportunity to complete daily assignments.

The ASSC will meet each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:45 - 4:00pm except on early dismissal days, parent teacher conference and emergency school closing days. The first day will be on Tuesday, September 19, 2019; final day TBD.



Music Ensemble Club

Advisor: Mrs. Masi

The Music Ensemble Club is a performance opportunity that is designed to provide music students at Memorial Jr. School the opportunity to perform in small groups. The club will meet once a week after school from 2:45 - 4:00. This club is open to all interested 7th and 8th grade band students. Various ensembles will be formed including percussion, brass, and woodwinds and will prepare small ensemble music to be performed at concerts throughout the year.



Reading Club

Advisor: Mr. Rockland and Mrs. Varcadipane

Welcome to Reading Club 2019-20! Our goal is to read and discuss amazing, fun books based on student feedback and compile an ongoing list of great literature to choose from. These include general fiction, fantasy, comics and graphic novels, short stories, poems and nonfiction.

We will listen to a few fun short stories as a group. We will also plan to read a book together then watch its movie and compare the two.

Always bring a book to Reading Club. It's going to be a blast!

Dates:

Tuesday, October 1	Monday, January 27
Tuesday, October 15	Thursday, February 13
Monday, October 21	Monday, February 24
Monday, October 28	Tuesday, March 3
Tuesday, November 5	Monday, March 16
Monday, November 18	Monday, March 23
Monday, November 25	Monday, March 30
Tuesday, December 3	Tuesday, April 7
Monday, December 16	Monday, April 20
Thursday, January 2	Monday, April 27 (make-up date)
Thursday, January 16	Monday, May 18 (make-up date)

Spanish/International Club

Advisor: Sra. Barwick



The Spanish Club is a great opportunity for students who are interested in learning more about the Latino culture. Based on student interests, activities might include making foods from various cultures, exploring art, dance and typical crafts. The club will meet once a month. All students are welcome to join the club and are asked to sign up no later than the day before the meeting. Hope to see you at the club gatherings.

The following dates are tentatively scheduled: 10/3, 11/5, 12/5, 1/15, 2/20, 3/26, and 5/7.

Spring Musical

Dramatics Advisor: Mr. Diaz
Dramatics Assistant: Mr. Pomel
Dramatics Accompanist: Dr. Uy
Choreographer: Ms. Tracy



The spring musical is an after-school activity open to all students who have the option to either audition for a part onstage or interview for stage crew. The initial meeting is held in early December followed by several days of auditions.

The cast is announced following the winter recess with rehearsals beginning promptly in January. The rehearsal schedule expands to 5:00 PM in February and includes two weekend rehearsals in March.

Performances this year are scheduled for March 27th and March 28th and are followed by the cast and crew pizza party.



Student Council

Advisors: Mrs. Koch and Mrs. Tsihlas and Mrs. Lothian

The objectives of the Student Council are as follows:

- ✓ Represent the MJS student body
- ✓ Promote school spirit
- ✓ Recommend ways and means by which the school community may be improved
- ✓ Foster a spirit of goodwill and cooperation between administration, faculty, and students
- ✓ Encourage worthwhile participation in all school activities
- ✓ Student Representatives are open to any student Interested in joining

Student Council meetings will be held every Tuesday morning at 7:30am in Room 812. All student council members must attend council events and meetings in addition to modeling positive school leadership. Meetings occur every Tuesday morning for the executive officers and every other Tuesday morning for homeroom representatives. Please listen to the daily morning announcements for meeting dates and times.

Technology Club

Advisor: Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Hoffler



The Technology Club will offer students the opportunity to create and build technology projects in the areas of solar energy and transportation. Possible club activities will include designing and constructing solar vehicles that use motors, gears and solar panels to operate vehicles that may be entered in the Junior Solar Sprint competition.

The club will meet on Tuesdays starting November 19th.

Viking Jazz Band

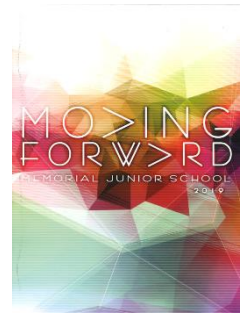
Advisor: Mrs. Currie



Are you *In the Mood* to experience jazz, swing, big band, improvisation, and more? The Viking Jazz Band is an audition group open to any 7th or 8th grader who is in the band program and plays a jazz instrument. Auditions will take place in lessons starting the week of October 14, 2019. Students will meet once a week mostly on Wednesdays before school with rehearsals starting at 7:15 AM. Rehearsal dates will be distributed to all members upon acceptance into the ensemble. The Viking Jazz Band will perform in the annual Music In Our Schools concert on March 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Don't miss out on this exciting musical opportunity!

Viking Voyager Yearbook

Advisors: Mrs. Mittler and Mrs. Talbert



The Yearbook Club meets on Tuesday after school from September through April as needed to complete the responsibilities of assembling the yearbook. Students take pictures, type, proofread, layout the pages and create artwork online.

The Yearbook Club is open to all students of Memorial Junior School. Representation from each grade is encouraged. We need a few flexible, diligent members who realize that producing a yearbook is a job - as well as fun!

The Yearbook Club will meet on the following Tuesdays;
(Meetings are subject to change):

September 24

October 1

November 12

January 28

February 11 (Online Design Only)

February 25 (Online Design Only)

March 17

April 7 (Online Design Only)

April 21

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