MJS Clubs

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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 work on the pottery wheel?  
Do you just like Art and want to create something new?  
Join the MJS Art Club!

When: select Wednesdays 2:55-3:55 in the Art Room (619).  
Who: All MJS Students

Please choose 2-8 dates that do not conflict with another club or sport-- as spots are limited-- and sign your name next to these dates on the sign-up sheets outside the art room.

* Pick up a permission slip from the Art room and return it to Mr. Rockland before Art Club starts.

October: 11th, 25th
November: 8th, 15th, 29th
December: 6th, 13th, 20th
January: 3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st
February: 7th, 21st, 28th
March: 7th, 28th
April: 11th, 18th, 25th
Community Service Club
Advisors: Mrs. Koch and Mrs. Tsihlas and Ms. Ash

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 once a month either before or after school usually in conjunction with the Student Council meetings. Please listen to the daily morning announcements for more details.
Computer Coding Club
Advisor: Mrs. Owens

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 Tuesdays 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. This club will meet after school on Mondays on the following dates: October 16, 23, 30; November 6, 20, 27; December 4, 18; January 22, 29; February 5, 26; March 5, 19, 26; April 16. In case of school closing, early dismissal or my absence, make up days will begin April 23, 30, May 7, 21. A permission slip is required for students who wish to attend and may be picked up outside of room 613.

The aim of the Crafts club is to allow students to experience and enjoy all aspects of crafts, i.e., pumpkin carving, string art, embroidery, weaving and more. It also provides students with the opportunity to further enhance their hand sewing skills and to complete a hand sewing project above the level provided in the classroom. Students may purchase kits, but at their cost. Weekly attendance is not required, and students who are interested in attending this Club, should sign the late bus form located outside of Room 613 before 12:00 the days of Club meetings.
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. First Meeting: Wednesday September 20th.

Environmental Club
Advisors: TBD

The environmental club at MJS is a great way to get students energized about taking care of the Earth and helping their community while learning about some of the most important issues facing the world in the 21st century. This year our Earth-Team will sit down together to decide on the club’s vision (“Why are we here?”) and to brainstorm about possible activities or projects to undertake (“What do we want to accomplish?”). This Earth-Team will forge an action plan that focuses on one group-oriented, year-long project that has measurable benefits to the school or community.
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 type of French breads, 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 Wednesdays:

October 18          February 14
November 15         March 14
December 13         April 18
January 10          May 9

Any student (grade 6-8) is 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: Mr. Sabatino and TBD

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 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**Math/Science Club**  
Advisors: Ms. Rogers and Mrs. Baggot

The Math / Science Club will meet bi-monthly in Room 819 from 2:50-4:00 pm. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students are welcome to join. This year, students will be helping to organize the second annual science fair! We hope to make it even better than last year. Students will help to create guidelines for the projects, advertise for the fair, and encourage their fellow students to join in on the fun. Throughout the year, club participants will also be conducting experiments. All students are welcome to attend. See you there!
MJS A Capella Vocal Ensemble
Advisor: Mr. Uy

The MJS A Cappella vocal ensemble is an auditioned group that will perform without accompaniment. Repertoire will primarily include popular music. Students will receive practice audio tracks, and will meet once a week in preparation for performances, on either Wednesdays or Thursdays after school. Auditions will occur during the first week of October.

MJS After School Study Center
Advisor: Mrs. Lasiy

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 and will be held in two sessions. The first session will run from October 4, 2017 to January 11, 2018. Seats are limited to 40 students and will be awarded to students on a first come, first serve basis. Forms must be submitted by September 25, 2017 and may be picked up either in the Guidance office or outside of room 613.
**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 until 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**  
Advisors: TBD

If you enjoy reading and talking about books and are interested in exploring new titles and authors, then the reading club is the place for you! The MJS Reading Club members enjoy different novels through group reading and lively discussion.
**Spanish/International Club**
Sra. Barwick and Srta. Torres

The Spanish/International club will be meeting once a month. The following dates are tentatively scheduled: October 5 (making/tasting salsa and club activity planning), November 2 (Day of the Dead), December 7, January 8, February 8, March 15, April 12, May 10, and June 2. All students are welcome to join the club and are asked to sign up no later than the day before the meeting.

**Spring Musical**
Dramatics Advisor: Mr. Diaz
Dramatics Assistant: Mr. Matt Pomel
Dramatics Accompanist: Ray Uy

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 23rd and March 24th and are followed by the cast and crew pizza party.
**Student Council**  
Advisors: Mrs. Koch and Mrs. Tsihlas and Ms. Ash

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 good will 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 monthly during the school year. Meetings occur once a month either before or after school. Please listen to the daily morning announcements for meeting dates and times.
Technology Club
Advisor: Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Hoffler

The Technology Club will offer students the opportunity to create and build technology projects in the areas of solar energy and robotics. Activities include designing, constructing and racing solar vehicles that may be entered in the Junior Solar Sprint competition.

The club will meet on Tuesdays starting in mid-November.

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 16, 2017. 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 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Don’t miss out on this exciting musical opportunity!
Viking Voyager Yearbook
Advisors: Mrs. Talbert and Mrs. Mittler

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 26
October 24
November 28
January 24
February 7 (Online Design Only)
February 14
February 21 (Online Design Only)
March 14