

Mansfield Middle School

First Quarter After-School Activities, 2012-2013

Dear Parents,

Each marking period Mansfield Middle School offers after-school activities for our students. Generally activities run from dismissal until 4:05 when students may be picked up or take the late bus home. If your child would like to participate in one or more activities, please complete the accompanying registration form/permission slip in full, and send it in to your child's homeroom teacher.

Please note that many activities fill very quickly. While we make every effort to accommodate children's selections, **registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.** Students will **not** be enrolled in more than two activities. Lists of students in each activity will be posted in the lower lobby and near the cafeteria.

Activities will begin during the week of September 17th and end November 1st, unless noted otherwise. Other schedule changes, when necessary, are announced during the school day. We hope that your child will pursue personal interests and explore some new areas through the offerings of the After-School program.

Important Note to Parents/Guardians:

The MMS Health Room closes daily at 3:15. (The school office remains open until 5:00 p.m.) There is **no nursing coverage** for after school clubs, sports or activities. If your child has a known medical need (such as; asthma, severe allergy, seizures, diabetes...) and may need medication or medical supervision after school, a parent/guardian must contact the school nurse in order to make the necessary plans or arrangements. The appropriate care and guidelines will be delegated to the supervising teacher or coach. MMS does not provide nursing coverage beyond the school day. These arrangements will need to be updated for each activity your child participates in each quarter. Call the health office with questions 429-9341.

Candace V. Morell, Assistant Principal

Mansfield Middle School After-School Activities Registration/Permission Slip

Please complete this form and return it to your homeroom teacher as soon as possible. **Activities are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.** If a first choice is filled, we will try to honor the second or third request.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY. FORMS NOT FILLED OUT COMPLETELY WILL NOT BE INCLUDED.

First Name _____ **Last Name** _____ **Grade** _____ **Homeroom** _____

Please list activities in order of preference:

1. _____ **Day** _____

2. _____ **Day** _____

3. _____ **Day** _____

I give my child permission to participate in the activities above and to take the late bus home.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

My child would like to participate in one activity

My child would like to participate in two activities

HOMEWORK CLUB

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and/or THURSDAYS

Stay after school and receive help with homework assignments or come for a quiet place to work on assignments. Snacks will be provided.

Homework Club is offered on the following days of the week:

Mondays with Mrs. Hunyadi in Room 211

Tuesdays with Mrs. Stratton in Room 308

Wednesdays with Mrs. Perkins in Room 312

Thursdays with Mrs. St. Jean in Room 113

Maximum enrollment: 24 students on any one day



COMPUTER CLUB MONDAY

Mr. Shay

The computer club offers school-appropriate computer games or computer resources to work on school-related projects. Internet games are not available during this activity. We fill up fast so sign up early!

Maximum enrollment: 20 students



MONDAYS

COMPUTER LAB A



COUNTRY FIDDLE STRING BAND

Mr. Carbonneau

We are a string performing group emphasizing the country side of string playing. Students should check with Mr. Carbonneau before joining for the first time. This activity meets for the entire year and is only open to students who are currently members of the school string orchestra.

MONDAYS

Room 219

THE EXCHANGE

Mrs. Melody

School Counselor, Mrs. Melody, welcomes students to join her in reading novels and talking about middle school issues presented in the stories. Each book can be found in the school library. Students will read the book for their grade level prior to the meeting and come to a one time discussion on that book. We will also prepare and devour a fun and creative snack!

Monday, September 17: Grade 8, "All American Girl"

Monday, September 24: Grade 6, "The Year of the Dog"

Monday, October 1: Grade 5, "Out of My Mind"

Monday, October 29: Grade 7, "Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer"

Maximum enrollment: 12 students per grade



MONDAYS

Room 215



FOR FEMALES ONLY ROBOTICS

Mrs. Perkins

Calling all girls who are interested in increasing their skill level in robotics! We will be building robots, programming robots, and driving the robots to accomplish certain tasks. This is a great way to get started in robotics or get some extra time and space to develop the skills you already have.

Maximum enrollment: 20 students

MONDAYS

Room 312



GIRLS' CREATIVE EXPRESSION GROUP

Mrs. Lee and Mansfield Youth Services

Explore the fun, exciting world of creative writing. Use pen and paper to explore your hopes, dreams troubles, feelings, and much more through written words and visual arts.

Maximum enrollment: 8 students

MONDAYS

Room 314

MMS MILEAGE CLUB FOR GRADES 5 AND 6



Mrs. Flaherty, Mrs. Hamlin, Mrs. Lund, Dr. Robinson

MMS Mileage Club gives you a chance to walk or run at your own pace. It's a way to have fun, be active, and make a healthy choice. Students should come prepared to walk or run. We will be on the MMS track, the trails and other fun places. This is not a competitive team. The focus is not on training for a race or attaining a specific speed. Set your own goals, find your pace and get going with us!

Maximum enrollment: 50 students

MONDAYS

Room 99

ROBOTICS CLUB



This club will start October 15th, after Mr. Perkins gets back from Germany.

Mr. Perkins

Mansfield's Green Robotics Club meets on Mondays and Fridays from 2:50 until 5:00 PM. This is a competitive club and we go to competitions throughout New England. So if you are interested in Robotics, we are the club for you. Hope to see you on October 15th.

Maximum enrollment: 10 students

MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS

ROOM 202

THE GREAT FOOD JOURNEY



Mrs. D'Addario, Mrs. Walton

Do you ever wonder where your food comes from? Or how it is grown and prepared? Do you want to grow, cook and eat delicious food? And also provide for those in need? Then join us for "The Great Food Journey," as we learn how food gets from the soil to our plates, both here in Mansfield and in other parts of the world. Please see Mrs. D'Addario if you have food allergies.

There may be a few field trips.

Maximum enrollment: 12 students

TUESDAYS

Room 115

GRADE 5 AND 6 FUN WITH DOGS CLUB



Mrs. Flaherty, Dr. Robinson

If you would like to learn more about dogs, including how to be your dog's best friend, then sign up with us. We will cover the history of dogs, choosing and caring for your dog, easy training tips, and more. We will have surprise guests – both human and furry! Certified therapy dogs will be included in some of our activities. Please do not sign up if you have pet related allergies.

Maximum enrollment: 12 students in Grade 5 and grad 6

TUESDAYS

Room 111

HOT AIR BALLOONS CLUB



Mrs. Moran, Mr. Burrington

We will construct 5 foot hot air balloons out of tissue paper and launch them. We will also watch some video clips on hot air balloons and the atmosphere. You will learn how air pressure and other factors affect our weather.

Maximum enrollment: 20 students

TUESDAYS

Room 106

MATH COUNTS



Ms. Mindek, Mr. Perkins

Do you love the beauty of Mathematics and like learning new things? Do you like competition where you get to show what you know? Then MathCounts is the place for you. We learn new math and practice old math in preparation for the MathCounts competition in February 2013 and the American Math Competition tests give throughout the year. Come and bring a friend!

Maximum enrollment: Unlimited

TUESDAYS

Room 309



MORNING MOVEMENT CLUB

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS BEFORE SCHOOL

Mrs. Cline

Room 313

Meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school at 7:15 a.m. or whenever you can join us! Doing integrated movement readies our bodies and minds for optimum learning for the day ahead. Movement can bring about rapid and often dramatic improvements in reading, writing, language and mathematical skills. It is also used to enhance the quality of attention and concentration, memory and more. The activities are lively and fun to do and can improve academic success. You can sign up for

both days or just one day!

Maximum enrollment: 12 students

MMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

TUESDAYS



Ms. Bain

Room 205

Tune in the world! Learn the basics of radio communication technology and Morse code.

Talk to other radio operators in other countries. Have fun!

Maximum enrollment: 15 students

JAZZ IMPROV

TUESDAYS



Mr. Hart, Mr. Sharp

Room 220

If you like music and think that you might like to learn Jazz, and if you play an instrument in the MMS bands, then sign up for this class. You can improve your playing skills, sight read and most importantly, learn how to improvise on your instrument. We will learn and have fun! And you can meet some new friends with a common interest.

Maximum enrollment: 15 students

RHYTH AND MOVEMENT CLUB

TUESDAYS



Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Holman

Room 301

Everyone has rhythm. Your heart beats, you walk, you breathe, your eyes blink; it's all rhythm. Come and explore your beat using African drums and everyday items you wouldn't expect. We will use found items and create some of our own. No musical or instrumental background is needed, just the desire to move and have fun. Bring your own movement and rhythm experiences

to share with the group.

Maximum enrollment: 20 students

THE SUNSHINE CLUB

TUESDAYS

Mrs. Melody, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Hamlin

Cafeteria



Our club focuses on welcoming new students and families to MMS. Students are trained to be knowledgeable, friendly and PROUD hosts and tour guides. During the first quarter, the Sunshine Club will focus on four programs: A New Student to Our District After School Party, Evening Open House Program (Sept. 19), A Hike around Bicentennial with COPE students, and Positive Behavior Recognition Week.

Maximum enrollment: Unlimited

NEWSPAPER CLUB

WEDNESDAYS



Mrs. Hodgson and Emma John, EO Smith Senior

ROOM 116

In this club you can either work on creative writing pieces of your choice, or you may write articles to publish in the MMS Times. Emma John, an E. O. Smith student, will advise this group as part of her Senior Project. We will meet on Wednesday afternoons when there are late buses.

Maximum enrollment: 12 students

YEARBOOK



Mrs. Szych, Ms. Stratton

Attention Eighth Graders! Would you like to help create the 2012-2013 Yearbook? If you would like to be part of the "Yearbook Team", then sign-up before the deadline. Please listen for announcements about meeting times.

Maximum enrollment: Unlimited for Eighth Graders

TO BE DETERMINED

Room 303

CHESS CLUB



Ms. Bain

Learn the basics of chess or improve your skills and strategies for tournament play. You can work with UConn tutors to improve your game. And a class team is a possibility.

Maximum enrollment: 20 students

THURSDAYS

Room 205

COMPUTER CLUB THURSDAY

Mr. Shay

The computer club offers school-appropriate computer games or computer resources to work on school-related projects. Internet games are not available during this activity. We fill up fast so sign up early!

Maximum enrollment: 20 students

THURSDAYS
COMPUTER LAB A

L'aventure en Francais Club



Mme. D'Addario

The French Club is for students who are interested in participating in French-related activities beyond the classroom. Students will organize a French tea time, celebrate "Le Jour de la Francophonie, and a Mardi Gras celebration. Any French student may participate.

Maximum enrollment: 12 French students

THURSDAYS

Room 115

ULTIMATE FRISBEE



Mr. Ramsdell, E.O. Smith Seniors

Field behind portables

"Ultimate" is an exciting, no contact team sport that mixes the best features of sports such as soccer, basketball and football. Students of all ability levels are welcome.

Maximum enrollment: 30 students

THURSDAYS

BETWEEN THE PAGES LIBRARY CLUB



Ms. Tinnel, Mansfield Librarian

Get the inside scoop on what goes on in your school library! Help us out with behind the scenes activities such as creating artistic displays; try your hand at daily library jobs like shelving books and seasonal projects. If you like books, libraries and want to do some fun activities while learning some skills needed to work in libraries, join our club!

Maximum enrollment: 8 students

THURSDAYS

Library

SCIENCE QUIZ BOWL



Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Perkins

Do you like to answer rapid-fire questions about math and science? Are you highly competitive? Then Science Quiz Bowl is for you! Come learn what it takes to be part of a successful "Bowl" team. We are preparing for a competition at UConn in late February/early March.

Maximum enrollment: Unlimited

THURSDAYS

Room 312

TURN THE PAGE FOR ANOTHER GREAT CLUB THAT ANYONE CAN JOIN!!!

STUDENT COUNCIL

WEDNESDAYS, BY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Poller, Ms. Brouse

Room 112

This is an official invitation for you to attend any or all Student Council meetings. This is YOUR organization and YOUR way to make a difference in our school, local and global communities. Come with your ideas, energy and skills and help make "MMS Cares" a reality. Snacks are provided. Bring your friends, too! Meetings are held EVERY Wednesday at noon in room 112, The Interest Center. We also have after school meetings on non-staff meeting Wednesdays. *Since this activity does not meet every week, you may participate in Student Council and up to two additional activities.*