

Jefferson Township Middle School

After School Clubs & Activities

2019-2020

Jefferson Township Middle School is proud to offer the following after-school clubs and activities for the 2019-2020 school year. All club advisors are JTMS staff members or JTPS district employees. Specific questions regarding any club or activity should be directed to the advisor. All clubs, unless otherwise stated, conclude at 3:20. JTMS provides a 3:25 late bus for student participants. Thank you and we look forward to your child participating in our middle school after-school programs.

Dr. Kelly Cooke, Principal

American Red Cross

October - June

Red Cross Club volunteers serve their community, school and homes through humanitarian outreach projects in conjunction with The Red Cross Youth Council of Northwest New Jersey.

Art Club

February - May

Students will have a variety of visual arts media to explore while furthering their knowledge and skills in innovative and creative ways.

Art Crew (Musical)

January - April

Art Crew creates all of the scenery to be used for the spring musical. This requires crew members to build, paint and decorate the set pieces.

Costume Crew (Musical)

January - April

Costume Crew designs and acquires costumes and accessories for the spring musical.

Crafter's Club

October - December

Students will work with a variety of media to design and build a variety of hands-on projects.

Debate Club

January - March

The Debate Club will teach students the perspectives of a topic by researching and debating among peers. The advisor assists students with their preparation and moderates the final debate.

Drama Club

October - December

The Drama Club functions as an "actor's workshop" to help students work on skills such as memorizing, reciting, spontaneous improvisation, stage presence, and other necessary acting and performance skills. This club is not affiliated with the school play.

Ensemble Night-

March - April

Small instrumental ensembles rehearse for the "Ensemble Night" performance. This is an evening in the middle school cafeteria complete with ensemble music and fancy dessert.

Fall Open Gym

October - November

Students will participate in various activities depending on student interest. Possible activities include basketball, football, and soccer.

Garden Club

September - November and March - June

The focus of the Garden Club is to engage students in a natural setting and to foster cooperation amongst their peers by working together to beautify and maintain the middle school courtyard garden, so students and staff can utilize the area for multiple purposes. Members of the Garden Club will also have the opportunity to plant flowers and vegetables, which will be used by the school.

Jazz Band

October - June

Jazz Band is a performing ensemble for students interested in learning and performing jazz music arranged for young players. The Jazz Band performs in competitions, festivals, and community concerts.

Lighting (Musical)

March - April

Students are selected by the musical director. The lighting crew operates the spotlights and side lights during the musical under the direction of the musical director.

Lighting (Showcase/Talent Show)

March

Student(s) are selected based on responsibility and technical ability. Students run spotlight and side lights for the school talent show – Showcase.

MATHCOUNTS

December - March

"MATHCOUNTS is a national, enrichment, coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement."-MATHCOUNTS; A team of 4 students and up to four additional individual students will represent JTMS at local, state, and national level MATHCOUNTS competitions.

Natural Helpers (Peer Leaders)

October - May

A group of charismatic students who learn conflict mediation skills and help other students solve their conflicts in a peaceful manner.

Project Stay Gold

November - April

Open to grade eight students, the aim of Project Stay Gold (PSG) is to educate students about the factors that contribute to the present-day crime of human trafficking. Students will become familiarized with what organizations like PSG is doing to prevent human trafficking.

Props Crew (Musical)

January - April

The Prop Crew is responsible for making and obtaining all necessary props for the spring play. It also ensures that actors are prepared to go on stage with required props.

Robotics/Lego

March - May

Students will become familiar with programming Lego EV3 robotic kits. Students will also research and propose solutions to the different real-world problem that the First Lego League presents each year.

Publication/Tickets (Musical)

March - April

Students assist in decorating the waiting area, selling water and flowers during intermission, selling tickets at the door, assist people to seats and distribute programs. Prior to the musical, students prepare advance ticket sales, arrange for printing of the tickets, compose an article for the newspaper, make purchases, number seats, and prepare programs.

Scenery/Stage Crew (Musical)

January - April

Students who become part of the stage crew will be working backstage during the actual production of the musical. Stage crew is responsible for moving set pieces and scenery during performances.

Select Band

October - June

8th grade band members are eligible; 6th and 7th grade students may join by audition. Select Band is a performing ensemble. The Band performs in all band concerts and represents JTMS in competitions, festivals, and community concerts.

Select Chorus

October - June

The Select Chorus performs at the winter and spring concerts, and represents the middle school at festivals, competitions, and community events.

Showcase (Talent Show)

February - March

Showcase is the school talent show. Students are selected through audition to perform in the special concert in our cafeteria. Features include vocal and instrumental music performances as well as dance. Snacks and beverages are served to the audience by student volunteers.

Spring Field Hockey Club

April - June

Students will learn to play field hockey appropriate to student level, ability, and skills. All levels are welcome, including beginners.

Spring Open Gym

April - May

Students will participate in various activities depending on student interest. Possible activities include softball, basketball, kickball, and soccer.

Spring Musical

December - April

The school musical is a production in which students take on character roles, work behind the scenes on costumes, lights, props, and set design.

Student Council

September - June

Student Council is Jefferson Township Middle School's student body government. Members of student council work together on school, community, and charitable activities. Students are elected from their Flex class to serve as their classmate's representatives.

Tri-M Music Honor Society

October - June

The Tri-M Music Honor Society is an international program dedicated to the recognition of exceptional music students in grades 6-12 that meet the music academic, leadership, and character criteria asked of every Tri-M member. Tri-M is a program of NAfME: The National Association for Music Education, which is the largest arts education association in the world. Students are nominated for membership by the music faculty based on a point system. Once inducted, Tri-M members are expected to participate in service activities within their school and community

Winter Open Gym

January - February

Students will participate in various activities depending on student interest. Possible activities include volleyball, basketball, badminton, kickball, and indoor soccer.

Yearbook Club

September - June

Yearbook members participate in taking pictures, laying out the pages of the yearbook using computer software, and cover work.