

**FAIRFIELD WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY PROGRAM UPDATE  
2016-2017**

**MONDAY**

**GOLF** – Middle School golf tees off for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Mondays and Wednesdays. Jim Alexander, Fairfield’s golf pro, and the 3 middle schools have set up a middle school golf league open to 9 foursomes from the 3 middle schools. **Previous golf experience is required.** Transportation to and from the par three course is provided by the golfer’s parents. We have slots for 3 foursomes. Each golfer will play 3 practice rounds and the top 10 players will qualify for the Principal’s Cup tourney. Dates are **Sept. 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 & Oct. 5. Monday, 10/10**, is set for the tournament. Sign-ups are in the cafeteria. Space is limited and a schedule will be given to all golfers prior to the first session on September 7.

**CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS CLUB** - Ms. May & Mrs. Rosa set the pace for this running club. The team works out Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3 – 4:00. They compete in several meets during the fall. (info meeting 9/8)

**MADRIGALS** Fall Madrigals – Mondays & Wednesdays 3 – 4 pm in the chorus room Sept 7<sup>th</sup> – December 16<sup>th</sup>. Come get Medieval with Ms. Frawley to create a renaissance feast complete with comedy, food, puppets, sword fighting, & juggling! This group is open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> graders – no audition required!

**NEWSPAPER** – Mr. Morris, editor-in-chief, will be running the FWMS Press, publishing a paper with feature stories, poetry and game columns, school and local news, sports, reviews and more. Perhaps a Pulitzer is in your future!! Starting date - coming soon!

**DANCE TEAM** –MS. Lupo steps into high gear with the spirited dance team. They learn routines and perform at half time at selected home basketball games. (This is a try-out activity. The try-out will be preceded by “practice sessions” where a simple routine is learned.) TBD

**TUESDAY** Staff Meetings...generally no student activities.

**WEDNESDAY**

**WIND ENSEMBLE** –The Fairfield Woods Wind Ensemble is open to any band student and rehearses every **Wednesday morning 7:20-8:00 PM**. Auditions will be held in late September, please see Mr. Buchta for audition material. The wind ensemble performs at the pep rally, for the elementary schools on the elementary tour and our end of year specialty group concert. Nothing is finer than starting your day making some music.

**CHAMBER ORCHESTRA** – Mrs. LaBrecque will string you along for this morning musical group **7:20 AM**! See her for audition information. .

**CROSS COUNTRY/GOLF** see above

**MADRIGALS** – see Monday

**CHEERLEADING** - Cheerleading is limited to 14 students. Tryouts are held in October (dates TBD) The squad cheers at all home basketball games. Practices are held 2 to 3 days a week prior to the start of the season. Mrs. Metz cartwheels into the advisor’s role!

**THURSDAY**

**OPEN GYM** – Rise and Shine for some early morning physical fun in the gym with Ms. McHugh – 7:20 a.m.(sign-up in caf 9/6.)

**FOOTBALL** –One Hand touch football for fun! The advisors pick teams. Everybody plays. Standings are posted weekly and playoff games are planned. (The march to the coveted “Woods Bowl”) Intramural football is a high-action, no experience required, minimal contact sport. Mr. McHugh, Mr. Klaube, Mr. Sahagian, and Mr. Mangieri, are on hand to tackle the demands of this activity. Team selection/evaluation meeting is **Thursday 9/8**. The playoff games are tentatively scheduled for 10/17, 10/19, and 10/24.(Monday, Wednesday and Monday)

**JAZZ BAND** – Mr. Brookes conducts the Woods Jazz Ensemble. The band starts to swing the week of October 1. Set your alarms – this is an AM (7:30 ) club! Auditions are held during the school day by arrangement with Mr. Brookes.

**CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS CLUB** – see Monday’s listing

**DANCE TEAM – practice ( see Monday )**

## **FRIDAY**

**CHAMBER CHOIR** - Mrs. Frawley GLEefully directs our chamber choir singers – auditions will take place early in September. Set your alarm for this **7:30** am club.

**FIELD HOCKEY** - Mrs. Konstanty will get you to stick with this fun, face paced game every Friday. See her for more details.

**VOLLEYBALL** – Ms. McHugh will “set” up this “smashing” new activity - volleyball clinic for girls – open to 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls interested in learning about all facets of this game. (9/9)

## **AND KEEP IN MIND...upcoming activities – LISTEN for announcements in the cafeteria!**

**CLUB OH** –Let’s get **O**rganized and get a head start on **H**omework! Run by Mrs. Vigliotti and other faculty members; Club OH is open to all students interested in getting and staying organized and getting help with starting and completing homework and projects in a timely manner. Assistance with your agenda, notebooks, locker and avoiding work procrastination are possible topics at Club OH!

**CHESS CLUB** – Check out your problem solving skills with Mr. Sahagian and other chess masters at this activity.

**BASKETBALL TEAM** - BOYS Varsity The team carries approximately 15 players. Tryouts are held early November and the team practices daily Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and some Fridays. League play begins in December, and the season continues through January.

**BASKETBALL TEAM** - GIRLS Varsity -- The teams carry a total of 15 players selected during a November “clinic/tryout” on 11/2 3-4:30 and 11/4 4:30 – 5:30. Basic skills will be stressed. The team practices daily Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and some Fridays. League play begins in December, and the season continues through the first week of February.

**ROCKETRY CLUB**– This club will focus on model rockets. This club also provides students with an opportunity to become familiar with tools and machinery. In addition, students are exposed to new technology in the transportation, communication, and manufacturing fields. Mr. Morris runs “the shop”. Expect production to begin this winter in February.

**YEARBOOK CLUB** -- Many students are needed to put together a yearbook. The process begins in late October or early November and continues through April. We may have you come back to help for the delivery of the books in June. Students participate in all aspects of the production from advertising the sales of the books, choosing and uploading photos for the yearbook and designing yearbook pages. Mrs. Vilenski and Mr. Morris are the editors- in chief. Yearbook starts in late October or early November.

## **AND EVEN LATER...**

**DRAMA CLUB** begins in February with auditions for the annual spring musical. Tentative audition dates are February 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> with daily rehearsals in February, March, & April. There are two performances scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup> .

**TRACK** is also in the planning stages for a spring debut....

Final Note: Changes, cancellations, and new club additions are announced on an ongoing basis. Students can check on the activity bulletin board in the cafeteria for updates. .

*P.S. If your child is signing up for a sports activity you will need to “register” them for Intramural Sports. Go the FWMS web site, click on intramural sports (blue link on the right side of the web site page and follow directions. A letter is automatically generated that is sent to FWMS and your child is then eligible for any and all FWMS after school physical activities for the school year.*