

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

MONDAY

GOLF – (FALL SEASON) Middle School golf tees off for 7th and 8th 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 TEAM (FALL SEASON) - 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 SEASON) Madrigals – Mondays & Wednesdays 3 – 4 pm in the chorus room Sept 7th – December 16th. Come get Medieval with Ms. Frawley to create a renaissance feast complete with comedy, food, puppets, sword fighting, & juggling! This group is open to 6th, 7th, & 8th 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!!

DANCE TEAM –(FALL TO WINTER SEASON) 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

NEWS TV – Mrs. George anchors this new offering for 6th grade TV/News buffs. Learn how to put together a broadcast from start to edited finish

FRENCH CLUB – Madame Cardozo is sponsoring this foreign language club. She meets Mondays and Thursdays. RSVP S’il vous plait!

CLUB OH –Let’s get **O**rganized and get a head start on **H**omework! Run by Mrs. Vigliotti and Mr. Manciero; 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!

MATH CLUB – Mrs. Formato will be offering this math based activity – problem solving, games and good times for math aficionados – acute idea for a club. (starts 1/30)

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 AM**. 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 above

CHEERLEADING (FALL TO WINTER SEASON) - 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 (FALL SEASON) – 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 (FALL SEASON) –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 TEAM – see Monday’s listing

FRENCH CLUB – see Monday’s listing

DANCE TEAM – see Monday’s listing

CLUB OH – see Monday’s listing

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 (FALL SEASON) - Mrs. Konstanty will get you to stick with this fun, face paced game every Friday. See her for more details.

VOLLEYBALL (FALL SEASON) – Ms. McHugh will “set” up this “smashing” new activity - volleyball clinic for girls – open to 6th 7th and 8th 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!

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.

CHOOSE KIND As a Peer Mentor in the **Choose Kind Club** you have been recognized by the school community as being a role model of acceptance and kindness. As a peer mentor, you will be paired into an amazing new friendship with a student with special needs. You will play an important role in this student’s life by serving as a positive role model and helping your peer mentee practice their friendship skills! We will meet once to twice a month throughout the year and work as a team to serve our community and have lots of fun! Peer mentors may also be invited to participate in optional field trips and community service projects. We are friends, allies, advocates, communicators, listeners, and role models! If you are interested in being a part of this special community at Fairfield Woods stay tuned in the cafeteria for announcements, as there will be an application process. We are limited in numbers of Peer Mentors so if we receive too many applicants we will have a random lottery of students who will be able to participate.

AND EVEN LATER...

DRAMA CLUB begins in February with auditions for the annual spring musical. Tentative audition dates are February 6th and 8th with daily rehearsals in February, March, & April. There are two performances scheduled for March 31st & April 1st. Follow the links on the school web site (Activities → Drama Club → read more → audition letter with rehearsal schedule is there for you to print out.

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” him/her for Intramural Sports:

- **Go the FWMS web site, LINKS section, click on intramural sports**
- **follow directions to register**
- **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.**