

**FAIRFIELD WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY PROGRAM UPDATE
2017-2018**

MONDAY

GOLF – 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 3-4 practice rounds and the top 10 players will qualify for the Principal’s Cup tourney. Dates are **Sept. 11, 13, 18, 25, 27, Oct. 2, 4 . Monday, 10/9 (rain date 10/11)**, 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 11.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS CLUB - Ms. May & Mrs. Rosa set the pace for this running club. The team works out Monday, Wednesday and 3 – 4:00. They compete in several meets during the fall. (**information meeting 9/11**)

MADRIGALS Fall Madrigals – Mondays & Wednesdays 3 – 4 pm in the chorus room Sept 11th – December 13th. Come get Medieval with Ms. Frawley to create a renaissance feast complete with comedy, food, puppets, sword fighting, & juggling! This group is open to 7th, & 8th graders – limited to 25 students!

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.) Monday, 10/2 Wednesday 10/4 & Thursday 10/5 are the tryout days. The try-out involves learning a simple routine and then performing that routine. Meet in the Small gym

NEWS TV – Mrs. Sparzo anchors this new offering for 6th & 7th grade TV/News buffs. Learn how to put together a broadcast from start to edited finish – starting 9/27

CLUB OH –Let’s get Organized and get a head start on Homework! Run by Mrs. Vigliotti 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 where students can explore a variety of exciting math topics and develop creative problem solving skills. Participants will also be mentored by Fairfield University math faculty and majors - acute idea for a club! The meeting formula is: first and third Mondays - September 18, October 2 and 16, November 6 and 20, December 4 and 18, February 5, and March 5 and 19

BLANKETS FOR PREMIES - We make fleece blankets for premature babies and donate these blankets to local hospitals. No previous experience is necessary and all materials are provided. Club begins in October and runs for about ten sessions.

TUESDAY

JAZZ BAND – Mr. Brookes conducts the Woods Jazz Ensemble. The band starts to swing on 9/26. Set your alarms – this is an AM (7:30) club! Auditions are held during the school day by arrangement with Mr. Brookes.

WEDNESDAY

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

CROSS COUNTRY/GOLF/MADRIGALS see above

CHEERLEADING - Cheerleading 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!

TENNIS Mrs. Metz serves up this offering for **6th graders** after school on the courts – you need to bring your own racquets. See Mrs. Metz for more info.

THURSDAY

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. Manciero, are on hand to tackle the demands of this

activity. Team selection/evaluation meeting is **Thursday 9/7**. The playoff games are tentatively scheduled for 10/16, 10/18, and 10/23. (Monday, Wednesday and Monday)

DANCE TEAM / CLUB OH – see Monday’s listing

CHESS CLUB – Check out your problem solving skills with Mr. Sahagian and other chess masters at this activity. Come play or learn to play in Mr. Sahagian’s classroom B135 on Thursday’s. Starts October 26th

FRENCH CLUB –All French students will be able to learn and celebrate the French culture through music, crafts and other activities. 2x per month on Thursdays starting 2nd week of September .RSVP S’il vous plait to Madame Cardoso.

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.

COOKING CLUB Enjoy cooking, this club is for you! . Mrs. Allen is the head chef...We will make delicious food and yummy treats to enjoy. Thursdays by announcement, 1-2 times per month start date 9/28

SEWING CLUB Mrs. Savader will keep you in stitches during sewing club. See her for details. Begins 10/5

FRIDAY

WIND ENSEMBLE –Wind Ensemble is for serious band students who are looking for rehearsal and performing opportunities beyond their regular band class. Wind ensemble rehearses every Friday before school (7:20) and begins Friday October 13. This group takes a field trip to the elementary schools to perform for our future Fairfield Woods students. See Mr. Buchta for audition information.

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

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.

FIELD HOCKEY - Mrs. Konstanty will get you to stick with this fun, face paced game – possibly in doors in the late fall or early winter. See her for more details.

BASKETBALL TEAM - GIRLS Varsity -- The teams carry a total of 15 players selected during a November “clinic/tryout” on 11/1 3:00-4:30 and 11/2 3:00 – 4:00 . 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. You will learn about editing, manipulating images and using desktop publishing software to design the layout of the FWMS yearbook. The process begins in late October or early November and continues through April. Mrs. Vilenski and Mr. Morris are the editors- in chief. Yearbook starts in late October or early November. You will help distribute yearbooks in June.

CHOOSE KIND You will be a role model of acceptance and kindness by participating in a variety of community service projects. Choose Kind is a year round club that will meet once to twice a month and work as a team to serve our community. We will lead by example & run community building activities such as Operation Hope Food Drive, Light it up Blue for Autism, Pink Day for Breast Cancer Awareness, Spread the Word to End the Word, Make a Wish Campaign and many more. We are friends, allies, advocates, communicators, listeners, and role models!

HANDBALL – Mrs. Metz handles this fast paced game – open to all grades – winter/spring

AND EVEN LATER...

DRAMA CLUB begins in February with auditions for the annual spring musical. Tentative audition dates are January 29th and 30th with daily rehearsals in February, March, & April. There are two performances scheduled for March 23 and 24. 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” 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.