

FAIRFIELD WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

2017-2018

Please note: 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.

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.

- **BASKETBALL TEAM** - BOYS Varsity. The team carries approximately 15 players. Tryouts are held early November and the team practices every weekday. League play is from December through January.
- **BASKETBALL TEAM** - GIRLS Varsity. The teams carry a total of 15 players selected during a November “clinic/tryout” on 11/1 3:00 - 4:30p.m. and 11/2 3:00 – 4:00p.m. Basic skills are stressed. The team practices Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and some Fridays. League play is from December through the first week of February.
- **BLANKETS FOR PREEMIES** - 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.
- **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.
- **CHAMBER ORCHESTRA** – Mrs. LaBrecque will string you along for this morning musical group **7:20** AM! See her for audition information.
- **CHEERLEADING** - Cheerleading tryouts are held in late September and early October (9/29,10/2,10/6). The squad cheers at all home basketball games. Practices are 2 to 3 days a week prior to the start of the season. Mrs. Metz cartwheels into the advisor’s role!
- **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 Thursdays. Starts October 26th
- **CHOOSE KIND** - You will be a 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 1–2 times a month and work as a team to serve our community. We 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!

- **CLUB OH** – Let's get **O**rganized and get a head start on **H**omework! 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!
- **COOKING CLUB** - Enjoy cooking, this club is for you! Mrs. Allen is the head chef. We make delicious food and yummy treats to enjoy. Thursdays by announcement, 1-2 times per month. Start date 9/28 – sign-up on bulletin board outside Mrs. Allen's FCS room
- **CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS CLUB** - Ms. May & Mrs. Rosa set the pace for this running club. The team works out Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 – 4 p.m. They compete in several meets during the fall. (**information meeting 9/11**)
- **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
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

- **HANDBALL** – Mrs. Metz handles this fast paced game – open to all grades – winter/spring
- **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 a.m.) club! Auditions are held during the school day by arrangement with Mr. Brookes.
- **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!
- **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
- **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 – 11/13!
- **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
- **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 in February.
- **SEWING CLUB** Mrs. Savader will keep you in stitches during sewing club. See her for details. Begins 10/5
- **TRACK TEAM** - Starts in Spring. Athletes compete in several meets during the season. Details to follow.
- **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 (7:20a.m.), beginning 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.
- **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 early November and continues through April. Mrs. Vilenski and Mr. Morris are the editors-in chief.