

# CLUBS & ACTIVITIES 2018-2019



At Irvington Middle School students have opportunities to get involved in clubs, school activities and modified sports.

Students are encouraged to participate in activities outside of the classroom environment; involvement will both enrich the lives of our individual students as well as the entire IMS community.

# BAKING CLUB



This club is open to all Middle School students. The IMS Baking Club provides the opportunity to learn baking/pastry skills to bake fun foods that kids can share with their family and friends! Besides learning basic food preparation skills in a performance based learning environment, it is also a place to meet new friends and have fun!

The Baking Club meets once or twice a month in Room S101 from 3:30-4:45. Students participating must have their own transportation home on club days. Most food ingredients are available for club, however, students may be asked to bring in a special ingredient not available

*Students should listen to morning announcements to hear when Baking Club will be meeting.*

Contact: Ms. Teresa Hunt  
Room S101  
[Teresa.hunt@irvingtonschools.org](mailto:Teresa.hunt@irvingtonschools.org)



# BOOK CLUB

Do you enjoy reading and discussing what you have read with others?

Wish you had more opportunities to read a variety of genres of texts outside of class?

Do you want to be a part of a community who will be discussing varied issues and themes within a specific text that reflects the world around you?

Come join The Middle School Book Club where each session we will discuss a specific text within our club. Part of the discussion will be to question and discuss what we found interesting, confusing, and or important. We will also be mindful that we all have our own unique point of views and will be able to share them in the safety of a small group.

**Advisor: Ms. Meisles**

**Contact: [Alison.Meiseles@irvingtonschools.org](mailto:Alison.Meiseles@irvingtonschools.org)**

**Where: Room D-204**

**When: Thursday at 7:50am-8:25 twice a month**

**Who: The club welcomes all 6,7, and 8th graders**





# *BUILDING CONNECTIONS*

## **BUILDING CONNECTIONS**

Building Connections provides a means for the members of Irvington Middle School to interact with fellow students in a meaningful way. After having lunch together, members participate in a number of activities ranging from games to dialogues that provide valuable mentorship to other students.

7th grade students will meet during their lunch time in the theater lobby on Fridays.

Informational meeting TBD.

Check the Club Bulletin Board for more information.

Please see Ms. Leite in Guidance for details.

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# CHESS

**The 'Game of Kings' has something for everyone.**

**It takes minutes to learn, but a lifetime to master.**

**Join Mr. Byers for fun with this great game.**

**We will explore puzzles, discuss strategy and play to learn.**

**Students of all levels are welcome.**

**Where:** Room B106

**When:** Tuesdays - 7:45 am to 8:25am

**Who:** YOU!!!

Email Mr. Byers with questions

[eli.byers@irvingtonschoools.org](mailto:eli.byers@irvingtonschoools.org)

# DEBATE CLUB

**DO YOU LIKE TO ARGUE ?**

**IF YES, JOIN THE DEBATE CLUB!**

The Debate club is a place to meet with friends and learn how to argue both sides of an issue.

**What is “debate”?** A form of speech competition where teams of 3 people argue for or against a topic.

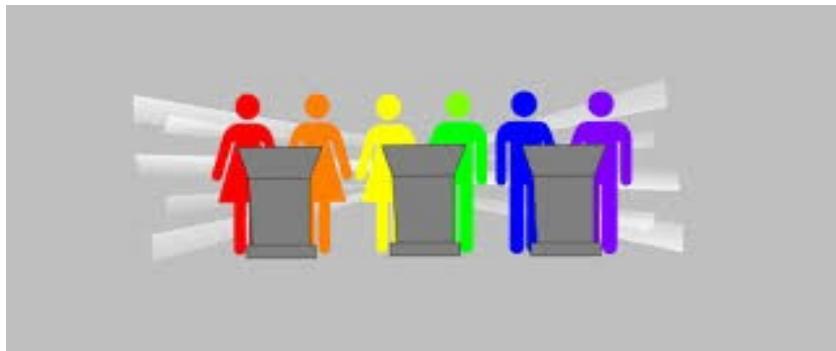
**What topics will we debate?** We will debate topics of interest to middle school students.

**What can Debate Club do for you?**

- Improve your ability to make a persuasive argument about anything.
- Make new lasting friendships.
- Expand your knowledge.

**Interested? Contact Ms. Zeese in A101**

**Or come to our first meeting Oct. 17th at 7:45am**



# DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Program encourages teams of learners to have fun, take risks, focus and frame challenges while incorporating science, technology, engineering, math, the arts and service learning. Participants learn patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics, respect for others and their ideas.

**Work on a long term solution to a central challenge in one of the following categories:** Engineering, Science, Technology, Improv, Fine Arts, Service Learning

**Engage in instant challenges-** The Instant Challenge competition is a chance for your team to show off its creative problem solving skills as they demonstrate their teamwork and ability to "think on their feet."

**Present challenges at tournaments held in** Ossining, Binghamton and Missouri

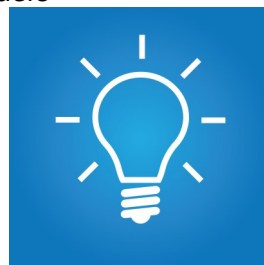
Who can join? 6, 7th and 8th graders

**Join a team  
of up to 7 students**

When do we meet?

Before school, after school, or on weekends.

**Contact: [Nancy.Woekener@irvingtonschools.org](mailto:Nancy.Woekener@irvingtonschools.org)**



# *DRAMA CLUB*



*DRAMA CLUB*

*This club is open to students in grades 6, 7 and 8.*

*The Drama Club puts on a full-scale production every year. Students may work behind the scenes building scenery, creating costumes, applying makeup, running sound and designing the lighting. Students may also audition to be performers in the show itself. Past performances include "Dr. Dolittle", "High School Musical Jr.", "Legally Blonde Jr." and "Peter Pan".*

**Contact:** Ms. Ricciardi in Room C205

Ms. Hunt in Room S101

[luann.ricciardi@irvingtonschools.org](mailto:luann.ricciardi@irvingtonschools.org)

[Teresa.hunt@irvingtonschools.org](mailto:Teresa.hunt@irvingtonschools.org)

***Auditions will be in Jan. 2019***

*Rehearsals are after school beginning late January 2019. The performance will be in April 2019.*



# ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB



The Environmental Club is a group of students who work to make our IMS community an environmentally healthy place. Recycling, composting, maintain our community garden and educating community members on steps to helping keep our planet healthy and reducing our carbon imprint are just some of the things the Environmental Club does. Students from all grades are welcome. Meeting times will vary depending on the group. Meeting will be either before or after school.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

**Contact:** Ms. Ricciardi Room C205

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# FRENCH CLUB



French Club offers French students an opportunity to practice speaking French in a fun and lively atmosphere. The emphasis is on French and francophone culture, and students will enjoy traditional foods, watch films, play board games and other traditional games such as pétanque (bocci ball). In the past, French Club students have performed community service by fundraising for worthy causes, including purchasing French books for middle schools in Sénégal and raising money for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders). French Club students take a leadership role in our school –wide celebrations of National French Week and Mardi Gras.

**FRENCH CLUB**

**Contact:** Madame Tessler

[deanna.tessler@irvingtonschools.org](mailto:deanna.tessler@irvingtonschools.org)

Meets in room B104:

6th grade meets before school

7th grade meets before school

# HISTORY CLUB



All are welcome to History Club. We were a new club last year at IMS proposed by former 6th grade students who want to share their love of history.

As far as we knew there had never been a history club in the middle school, and there seems to be an interest among students. There has always been a high school history club which seems to be very popular, and we wanted to broaden this opportunity for middle school students as well. We think that this club would not only teach us more about history but about working together and Habits of Mind such as Creating, Imagining, and Innovating, Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations and much more. Club meetings would provide a fun and challenging way to learn about historical and current events. Students will have the opportunity to work in small groups and study concepts in history together. Each week students can have deep discussions and watch videos about history in a group setting. In addition, we are looking to design some hands on models, and have guest speakers.

For the first 2 years we would like to pilot a club fair and stay small among the club. In the future, we hope to expand our activities with the whole school.

Meetings will take place Monday mornings, 7:45 - 8:25 and will also meet sometimes on Thursday afternoons from 3:20 - 4:00 if needed. The club is open to all students in grade 6, 7, and 8.

We hope to see you at our first formal meeting on Monday, October 16th in Room B-103.

**Contact:** Ms. Scofield

[Deborah.scofield@irvingtonschools.org](mailto:Deborah.scofield@irvingtonschools.org)

# HOMework CENTER

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## HOMework CENTER

The Homework Center is an after-school program where students can work to complete homework assignments and study for upcoming tests. Students can also receive assistance with assignments they find difficult. Please note, that the Homework Center does not replace extra help with individual teachers.

### Contact:

Ms. Tessler: Grade 7/8 –Room B104

[Deanna.tessler@irvingtonschools.org](mailto:Deanna.tessler@irvingtonschools.org)

Ms. Nadler: Grade 6 –Room D201

[judy.nadler@irvingtonschools.org](mailto:judy.nadler@irvingtonschools.org)

This program is available every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30pm until 4:05pm. Homework Center will begin in October.

# Irvington Middle School Intramurals

Irvington Intramural activities provide students with opportunity to interact with peers from all grade levels. The intramural program provides students with the ability to work together in a group setting and develop physical/social skills. All activities foster social, physical, and emotional growth. We encourage all students to get involved in INTRAMURALS!

Participation is the cornerstone of the intramural program. Students are encouraged to participate in at least one activity throughout the school year.

Intramurals are supervised by district employees. All intramural supervisors are middle school staff members. All activities are held before school from 7:45 – 8:30.

Students may participate in any Intramural activity on a drop in basis Monday and Thursday. Sports are co-ed unless otherwise specified. All grades are welcome unless otherwise specified (some sports are split by grade level due to the high level of participation).

## Activities offered:

Volleyball

Flag Football

Fitness-Fitness Center

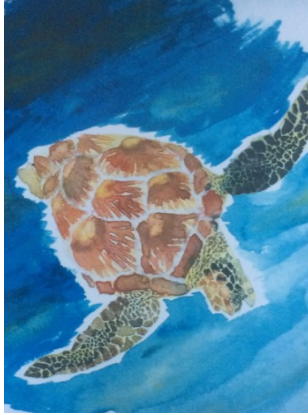
Basketball- Maher Gym

Floor Hockey

Badminton

Soccer

Other activities may be offered throughout the year.



***LITERATI:***  
The  
*IMS LITERARY*  
*MAGAZINE*

Become a staff member of  
the **IMS Literary Magazine.**

Students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join our sessions to work on **original** writing pieces and art design. This is an exciting way to **express yourself** through your **writing/artistry** in different ways than in your ELA classroom. Your work will be **published** in the June publication of *Literati* magazine!

Contact:

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Amy Panitz                         S106  
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Meetings are held on Thursday mornings and occasionally Tuesday afternoons for 8th graders. Please check the club bulletin board for additional information.

# IMS Math Club



# Math

Do you love solving interesting problems?

Wish you had more chances to show your stuff?

Come join the math club to work on independent and group problem solving. We will prepare to compete against other top schools in Westchester and hope to take down the grand prize.

**Where:** Room B106

**When:** Thursdays - 7:45 to 8:25

**Who:** YOU!!!

email Mr. Byers or Mr. Pernick with questions:

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[gregg.pernick@irvingtonschools.org](mailto:gregg.pernick@irvingtonschools.org)

# MIDNIGHT RUN

This club is open to all IMS students and staff.

The mission of the Midnight Run organization is to find common ground between the housed and the homeless. Each month a group of 8th grade students, with the help of teachers and parent volunteers, travels into the city to distribute food, clothing and toiletries to folks living on the streets. In addition to providing supplies, the Midnight Run students provide companionship to the folks that we serve. Come and help make dinner, sort clothing and package toiletries. Midnight Run needs everyone's help! Club meets before or afterschool as needed.

MIDNIGHT RUN

**Contact:** Ms. Ricciardi in Room C205

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# **MODIFIED SPORTS**

## **7th and 8th Graders Only**

Modified sports teams are open to all 7th and 8th grade students. All students need to have sports medical forms filled out and returned to the nurse prior so they can be cleared to begin practice. Forms are available in the main office of the HS/MS.

Practices for MS sports are held Monday-Friday for approximately 90 minutes. There are no games (except MS football) or practices on the weekends or holidays.

There is no transportation provided to practice locations or for home games held at Dows Lane or Scenic Hudson. Students are responsible for their own rides or can walk. Practices at Dows and Scenic will not start until 3:45/4:00pm. Transportation will be provided to and from all contests that are not located in Irvington.

The number of athletes going out for a particular sport may dictate if cuts need to be made. Coaches will explain to the athletes at the meetings in September about the tryout process.

A schedule of games will be posted on Edline.

Students participating in religious education classes during the week will be excused from practice without penalty.

Please call the Athletic Office with questions at 269-5491.

**FALL**

**Cross-Country**

**Football**

**Soccer - Boys and Girls**

**Volleyball**

**Tennis- Girls**

**Field Hockey**

**WINTER**

**Wrestling**

**Basketball—Boys and Girls**

**Winter Track—Boys and Girls**

**SPRING**

**Softball**

**Lacrosse—Boys and Girls**

**Spring Track**

**Baseball**

**Tennis—Boys**

# NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



This is **not** an open enrollment club.

NJHS is a nationally recognized honor society with a focus on academics, leadership, integrity and community service. Students' cumulative GPAs will be calculated at the end of the first marking period of their 8th grade year and invitations to apply will be sent out to all students whose GPA meets the NJHS requirement of 3.9 or higher.

8th grade students are continually monitored throughout the year and students whose cumulative GPA reaches 3.9 at the end of the 2nd and 3rd quarter will be invited. Throughout the remainder of their 8th grade year, prospective members will have multiple opportunities to complete community service projects both independently and within NJHS. Students will be formally inducted in the NJHS at a ceremony in May.

**Contact:** Ms. Palumbo  
linda.palumbo@irvingtonschools.org

This club meets in room C201. Additional information about meeting dates and community service opportunity will be announced via google classroom.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

# PALS



The Peer Assistance Leadership or PAL Program is a mentoring program at IMS. End of year seventh graders are selected to be PALS and these students meet with end of year fifth graders when they visit IMS for the first time in the spring before they start middle school. PALS connect with their assigned 6<sup>th</sup> graders on the first day of middle school. The students eat a BBQ lunch sponsored by the PTSA and then participate in a multitude of activities throughout the afternoon, including a tour of the campus.

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and Mr. Murray

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# **PING PONG CLUB**



**The Ping Pong Club is for students in grades 6, 7 and 8. The goal of the club is to have simple-fun ping pong times!**

**Contacts: Mr. Murray (Guidance)  
and Mr. Pernick (C204)**

**Griffin.Murray@irvingtonschools.org**

**Gregg.Pernick@irvingtonschools.org**

**This club meets several mornings a month at 8 am in the lobby by the Fitness Center/ HS gym.**

**Interested players should look on Google Classroom for schedule of tournament dates.**

**PING PONG CLUB**



# Positive Impact Club



The Positive Impact Club is a leadership group that promotes self-esteem & healthy decision-making. Club members spread messages of prevention & awareness to Irvington Middle School and the local community about stress, media literacy, alcohol, tobacco, & other drug use. The club is for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The general club meetings are 2x/month after-school in the cafeteria, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade leadership committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month during lunch in Room S103. The Club advisor is Mrs. Nunziato (Leave Replacement: Mrs. Bernice Pagan).

\* Google classroom code: 7a4e9n

\* Email: [Jennifer.nunziato@irvingtonschools.org](mailto:Jennifer.nunziato@irvingtonschools.org)

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# SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

**Love** science, math and technology?

**Want** to become a science and technology leader of tomorrow?

**Like** to discover, create and challenge yourself?

**Join the Science Olympiad Team!**

**Who can join?**

*Students grades 6-8*

**When do we meet?**

*Several times weekly starting in November*

**What do we do?**

*Build, plan and train for the ultimate problem-solving, knowledge based Regional Competition in the spring at Scarsdale Middle School.*

**WIN MEDALS, HAVE FUN, AND BE A PART OF A TEAM.**

**CONTACT: MS. BODNAR—ROOM S103  
KAREN.BODNAR@IRVINGTONSCHOOLS.ORG**

**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**



# SPANISH CLUB



The Spanish club's goal is to promote diversity awareness and offer all students of IMS to be involved in Hispanic-themed events. Each month the Spanish Club will highlight a different country decided by the club membership. Students do the fact finding on their own and then we meet to discuss, watch videos and plan a cumulative celebration involving food, music and Skyping with native speakers. We will also have several community service projects which benefit local Spanish-speaking communities. So, **Ciao, Au revoir, Sayonara, Auf wiedersehen, Shalom!** Remember, the Spanish club is open to students of all languages. ¡Gracias y hasta pronto!

**Contact:** Profesora Tempest

[allyson.tempest@irvingtonschools.org](mailto:allyson.tempest@irvingtonschools.org)

All grades will meet at 8:05 am on Fridays in C206 and at times during lunch and after school.



# STUDENT COUNCIL



Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are welcome to join.

The student council represents students' opinions, interests and feelings. It gives members a chance to share in democratic de-

**STUDENT COUNCIL** cision-making, as well as to develop leadership skills and good citizenship. It is an organization of, by and for students. Members have the job of working with advisors and the school administration to promote activities which inspire school pride and spirit. We build community through the Halloween School Dance, fundraising for those in need and our *Epic* Multicultural Fair!

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and Ms. Lagana D202

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[Melissa.Lagana@Irvingtonschools.Org](mailto:Melissa.Lagana@Irvingtonschools.Org)

Meets: Tuesday mornings at 8:05 in room B101

# 8TH GRADE TALENT SHOW



This club is open only to students in grade 8.

Sign up, auditions and rehearsals will begin in the spring.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Talent show is a showcase of student talent held toward the end of the school year. There will be a school-wide assembly where students perform their unique talents.

We are looking for all types of talent that include but are not limited to: actors, singers, dancers, musicians, comedians, artists and anybody interested in hosting the show.

**Contact:** Ms. Teresa Hunt—Room S101

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**TALENT SHOW**

There are two mandatory rehearsals for all participants either during your 8th grade lunch period or after school prior to the Talent Show.

Keep an eye and ear out for announcements!

# IMS-MHS MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY



Membership in this “Honor Society” is for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are part of the IMS music department. IMS band, IMS chorus and IMS orchestra students are nominated by IMS music teachers to be inducted into this “Honor Society” based on their academic achievement, musical aptitude, overall character and leadership skills.

After accepting a nomination, students complete an application packet, submit the packet to the IMS-MHS club advisor and are inducted into IMS-MHS in the fall.

The focus of IMS-MHS activities is community service work both on and off the IMS campus as well as opportunities to grow musically by hearing other musicians speak and/or perform.

To remain an active IMS-MHS member, students must participate in at least three IMS-MHS events over the course of the school year. IMS-MHS events take place before or after school, in the evenings and on the weekends so if you have a busy schedule, keep this in mind when applying for membership.

**MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY**

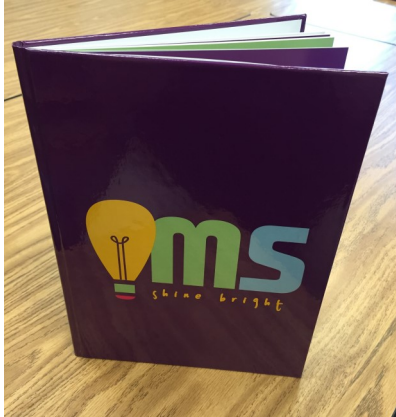
**Contact :** Mr. Scattaretico CM 105

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# YEARBOOK

## “Riverview”



Students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades are welcome to join the yearbook staff.

YEARBOOK

Each volume of “Riverview” tells the annual story of IMS through color photographs. Students document school wide events beginning on the first day of school and wrapping up in the spring. Events include athletics, field trips, club activities and other daily happenings in the life of a middle school student.

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Meetings/work sessions are held the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at 3:30pm in A102.

Please check the club bulletin board for additional information.

**IM\$ Extracurricular Clubs and Activities Index**

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Advisor(s)</b>
Baking Club	Ms. Hunt
Book Club	Ms. Meiseles
Building Connections	Ms. Leite
Chess Club	Mr. Byers
Debate Club	Ms. Zeese
Destination Imagination	Ms. Woekener
Drama Club	Ms. Ricciardi
Environmental Club	Ms. Ricciardi
French Club	Ms. Tessler
History Club	Ms. Scofield
Homework Center- Grade 6/7/8	Ms. Nadler & Ms. Tessler
Intramurals	Mr. Agosti & Ms. Becker
Literary Magazine	Ms. Acrish & Ms. Panitz
Math Club	Mr. Byers & Mr. Pernick
Midnight Run	Ms. Ricciardi
Modified Sports	Mr. McCormack
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IMS-MHS Music Honor Society	Mr. Scattaretico
Yearbook	Ms. Tomaselli