

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES 2020-2021



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



IMS Baking Club is open to all middle school students. This club provides an opportunity for students to learn baking skills while preparing fun foods they can share with their family and friends! Besides developing food preparation skills, students can make new friends and have fun.

During Hybrid Learning, Baking Club will be 100% remote at this time. To participate, students simply need to join the 2020-2021 IMS Baking Club Google Classroom. Communications, posted recipes, as well as "live" baking demonstrations will all take place through this platform. Baking Club will meet once a month after school from approximately 3:45 to 5:00. Listen to morning announcements and view posted messages in the classroom stream to find out which day Baking Club is meeting.

Baking Club Classroom code is:
kwoyrx6

Contact: Ms. Hunt at:

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@irvingtonschoools.org

Where: Virtual Google Meet

When: Meet times to be determined

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





BUILDING CONNECTIONS

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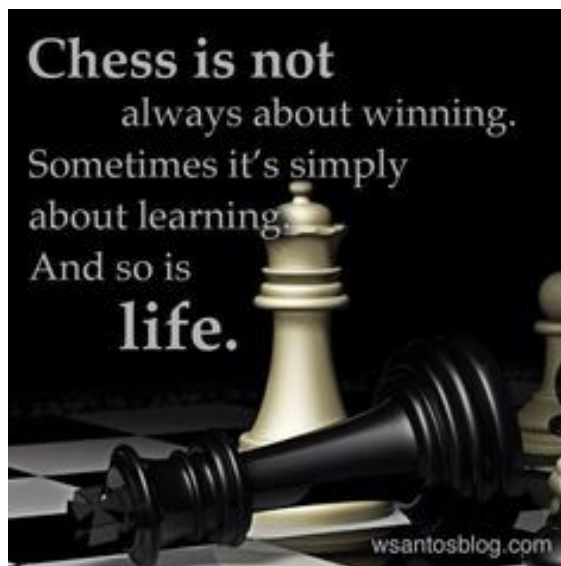
Building Connections provides a means for the members of Irvington Middle School to interact with fellow students in a meaningful way. After having lunch together, members participate in a number of activities ranging from games to dialogues that provide valuable mentorship to other students.

Check the Club Bulletin Board for more information.

Please see Ms. Leite for details.

Contact: Liza.leite@irvingtonschoools.org

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 B105

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

Who: YOU!!!

Email Mr. Byers with questions

eli.byers@irvingtonschools.org

DEBATE CLUB

Do you like to learn more about current events?

Do you think you can win any argument?

If yes, you should join the debate club.



What is a debate? A debate is a type of speech competition where teams argue for or against an idea or topic.

What topics will we debate? The club will choose it's topics, spend some time learning more about them and then teams will be assigned a side of the topic to debate.

What can debate club do for you?

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

Interested? Contact Ms. Zeese:

**Eve.zeese@irvingtonschoools.org with any questions
or join the Debate Club on Google Classroom with
code: uoikyhk**

Come to our first meeting - We will have our first meeting on Thursday, November 5th at 4:15 PM. We can discuss at that time when to schedule future meetings. Meet link on the Debate Classroom page.

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 "High School Musical Jr.", "Legally Blonde Jr.", "Peter Pan" and "Aladdin Jr."

DRAMA CLUB

Contact:

Ms. Ricciardi: luann.ricciardi@irvingtonschoools.org

Ms. Hunt: Teresa.hunt@irvingtonschoools.org

Rehearsals are after school. The performance will be in the spring; date to be determined.

Join the Google Classroom for more info:

Code: bkqqtho

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB



The Environmental Club is a group of students who work to make our IMS community an environmentally healthy place. Educating community members on steps to helping keep our planet healthy and reducing our carbon footprint are just some of the things the Environmental Club does. Students from all grades are welcome. Meeting times will vary depending on the group.

Contact: Ms. Ricciardi Room C205

luann.ricciardi@irvingtonschools.org

Google Classroom code: of26ax6

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

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 (bocce ball). French Club students perform 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@irvingtonschoools.org

6th & 7th grade meets before school on Mondays and Fridays

8th grade meets period 6 on Mondays and Fridays

6th, 7th and 8th 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@irvingtonschoools.org

Ms. Nadler: Grade 6 –Room D201

judy.nadler@irvingtonschoools.org

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

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).

Details about the specific activities and a timeline will be communicated to families in the future.



LITERATI:

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IMS LITERARY

MAGAZINE

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

Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th 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 creative ways outside of your ELA classroom. Your work will be **published** in the June publication of ***Literati*** magazine!

Contact:

Karen Acrish - karen.acrish@irvingtonschoools.org

Amy Panitz - amy.panitz@irvingtonschoools.org

Meetings will take place remotely through a Google Meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, twice a month. Interested students can join our Literati Google Classroom with this code:

pv3fe6m

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:

eli.byers@irvingtonschoools.org

gregg.pernick@irvingtonschoools.org

MIDNIGHT RUN

This club is open to all IMS students and staff.

The mission of the Midnight Run organization is to find a common ground between the housed and the homeless. Student will work to collect food, clothing and toiletries for folks living on the streets of New York City. We will work to support the Midnight Run organization in Dobbs Ferry as well as do service work for other outreach programs.

Come learn how we can make a difference in the world by doing service for others.

Midnight Run needs everyone's help! Club will meet virtual and in person (C205)

Contact: Ms. Ricciardi in Room C205

luann.ricciardi@irvingtonschools.org

Ms. Evanko: Olivia.evanko@irvingtonschools.org

Google Classroom code: 2nykg5r



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 to apply. 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 into the NJHS during a ceremony in May.

Contact: Ms. Palumbo
linda.palumbo@irvingtonschoools.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 sign up 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 6th 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.

Contact: Ms. Leite, Mr. Pernick
and Mr. Murray

liza.leite@irvingtonschools.org

griffin.murray@irvingtonschools.org

gregg.pernick@irvingtonschools.org

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 7th and 8th grade students. The club will meet 1-2 times per month during lunch or on Wednesdays. Meetings will be in person or virtual, depending on need. The club advisor is Ms. Gamar

- Google classroom code: 27iobxr
- Email: Danielle.gamar@irvingtonschools.org





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?

*Once a week starting in late
November/early December*

What do we do?

*Build, plan and train for the ultimate problem-
solving, knowledge based Regional Competition in
the spring*

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

CONTACT:

Ms. BODNAR—ROOM S103

KAREN.BODNAR@IRVINGTONSCHOOLS.ORG

Ms. ARVANITES—ROOM S104

NICOLE.ARVANITES@IRVINGTONSCHOOLS.ORG



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 opportunities to FaceTime 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@irvingtonschoools.org

Meeting will rotate between Mondays & Fridays twice a month per cohort. 6th & 7th grades will meet at 8:05 in C206. 8th grade will meet during lunch in C206

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 fundraising for those in need and our *Epic* Multicultural Fair!

Contact: Ms. LaBella

Carol.Labella@irvingtonschoools.org

Or Ms. Lagana

Melissa.Lagana@irvingtonschoools.org

Student Council will meet either in B103 or via Google Meet.

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 8th 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

Teresa.hunt@irvingtonschools.org

TALENT SHOW

There will be one mandatory rehearsal for all participants 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 7th and 8th 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.

MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

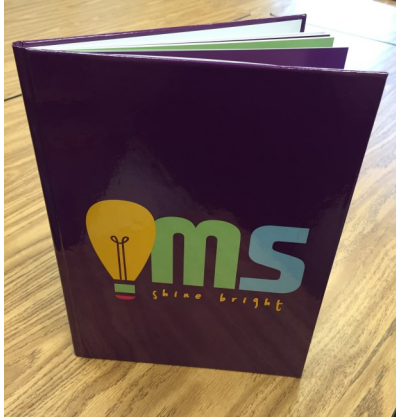
Contact : Mr. Scattaretico CM 105

Paul.Scattaretico@irvingtonschools.org



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.

Contact: Ms. Tomaselli—A102

diana.tomaselli@irvingtonschools.org

Meetings will be virtual through Google Classroom (2xchemv) with dates and times to be determined.

Please check the club bulletin board for additional information.

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