

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES 2017-2018



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.



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.

6th grade students will meet during their lunch time in the theater lobby on Fridays.

Informational meeting TBD.

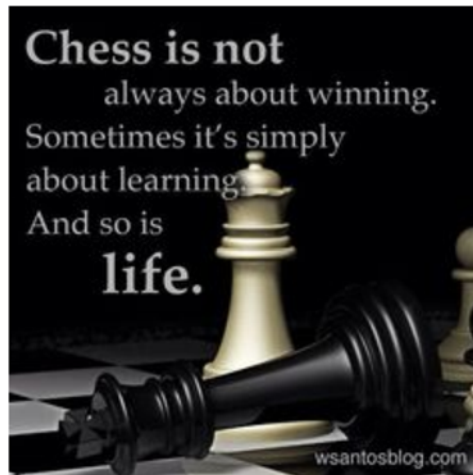
Check the Club Bulletin Board for more information.

Please see Ms. Leite in Guidance for details.

Contact: Ms. Leite

liza.leite@irvingtonschools.org

IMS 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

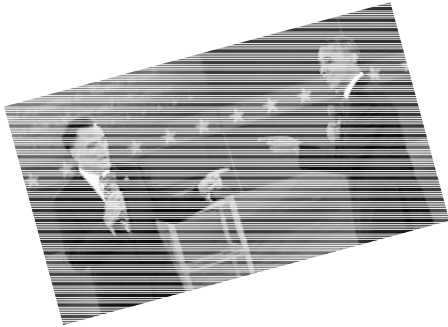
When: Tuesdays - 7:45 am to 8:25am

Who: YOU!!!

Email Mr. Byers with questions

eli.byers@irvingtonschools.org

IMS Debate Club



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

Do you like to argue? If yes, join the Debate Club!

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

eve.zeese@irvingtonschoools.org

Or come to our first meeting, Wednesday October 19 at 7:45 am in A101.

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.

Who can join?

Grades 6, 7th graders

When do we meet?

Before school, after school, or on weekends.

Club advisor is a parent.



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

Meets in room B104:

6th grade meets before school

7th grade meets before school

8th grade meets during lunch

IMS GARDEN CLUB



The IMS Garden Club is a group of students who work together to maintain our school community garden. Students learn how to start plants from seeds, tend the compost bin and prepare the raised beds for planting in the spring and fall.

Our garden group grows many varieties of vegetables that we eventually harvest and eat! A true farm to table experience. Families are invited and encouraged to participate in our gardens care and maintenance during the summer months with the added benefit of eating what they grow.

GARDEN CLUB

Contact: Ms. Ricciardi—C205

luann.ricciardi@irvingtonschools.org



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

As far as we know there has 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 would like 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

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@irvingtonschools.org

Ms. Nadler: Grade 6 –Room D201

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. Students will need a permission slip to participate. 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

Fitness-Fitness Center

Floor Hockey

Flag Football

Basketball- Maher Gym

Soccer

Badminton

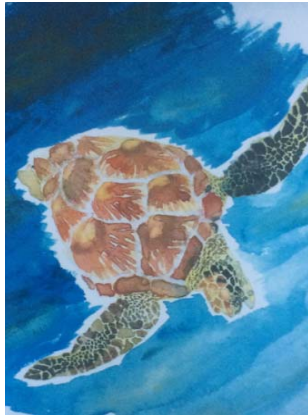
Other activities may be offered throughout the year.

PERMISSION SLIPS

Students must turn in a permission slip to supervisor of the activity.

Permission Slips must be signed by a parent/guardian.

Slips must be handed in for each activity in which the student participates.



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 different ways than in your ELA classroom. Your work will be **published** in the June publication of *Literati*!

Contact:

Karen Acrish B102

karen.acrish@irvingtonschoools.org

Amy Panitz S106

amy.panitz@irvingtonschoools.org

Meetings are held on Thursday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. 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@irvingtonschools.org

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!

MIDNIGHT RUN



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

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. 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 times will be announced via email and posted on the club bulletin board.

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 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

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 week 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 identify creative ideas in order to 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 & 8th grade students, and it meets on Wednesdays during lunch periods outside the cafeteria with Mrs. Nunziato.



- * Google classroom code:k5ar4sk
- * Email: Jennifer.nunziato@irvingtonschools.org

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



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, **Chao, 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

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

STUDENT COUNCIL



All students in grades 6, 7 and 8 can join by going to a meeting or speaking to an advisor.

The student council works for the school and represents students' opinions, interests and feelings. It

STUDENT COUNCIL gives members a chance to share in democratic decision-making, as well as to develop leadership skills and good citizenship. It is an organization of, by and for students who have the job of working together with their advisors and the school administration to promote activities which inspire school pride and spirit among both students and staff.

Contact: Ms. LaBella B101

and Ms. Lagana D202

Carol.Labella@irvingtonschools.org

Melissa.Lagana@Irvingtonschools.Org

Meets: Friday 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 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

There are two mandatory rehearsals during lunch, before or after school prior to the Talent Show.

Keep an eye and ear out for posters and announcements!

TALENT SHOW

THEATRE CLUB



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

The Theater 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 “Guys and Dolls Jr.”, “Willy Wonka Jr.”, “Alice In Wonderland”, Dr. Dolittle”, “High School Musical Jr.” and “Legally Blonde Jr.”

Contact: Ms. Ricciardi in Room C205

luann.ricciardi@irvingtonschools.org

Meets: Rehearsals are after school. The performance will be in March 2018.

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.

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

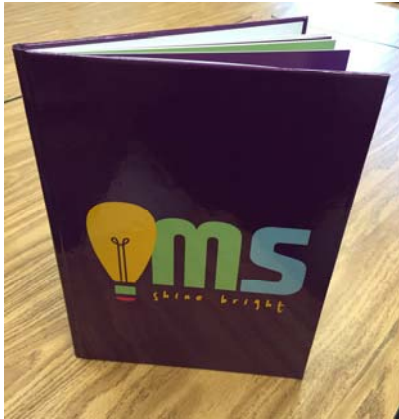
Contact : Mr. Scattaretico CM 105

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/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.

IMS Extracurricular Clubs and Activities

Club Name	Advisor(s)
Building Connections	Ms. Leite
Chess Club	Mr. Byers
Debate Club	Ms. Zeese
Destination Imagination	Parent
French Club	Ms. Tessler
Garden Club	Ms. Ricciardi
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
National Junior Honor Society	Ms. Palumbo
PALS	Ms. Leite, Mr. Murray & Mr. Pernick
Ping Pong Club	Mr. Murray & Mr. Pernick
Positive Impact Club	Ms. Nunziato
Science Olympiad	Ms. Bodnar
Spanish Club	Ms. Tempest
Student Council Grade 6,7,8	Ms. Lagana & Ms. LaBella
Talent Show	Ms. Hunt
Theater	Ms. Ricciardi
IMS-MHS Music Honor Society	Mr. Scattaretico
Yearbook	Ms. Tomaselli