**Wellesley Middle School After School Clubs 2018-2019**

WMS Clubs are offered:

· To further support the academic, social, and emotional needs of children in extension of their school

 day.

· To meet student interests in areas other than those emphasized during the school day.

· To provide an opportunity for teachers to share a special talent or skill they have with students, aside

 from what they typically focus on during the school day.

For the 2018-2019 academic year, WMS is offering a variety of different clubs. Clubs are organized to address interests in culture, technology, the arts, community service and health/fitness. Clubs typically meet once a week from October through May. The club advisor will confirm specific dates during the club’s first meeting. Students are encouraged to participate in multiple clubs throughout the year.

In order to participate in the after school clubs, students must present an activity card.

These cards can be purchased online through the WMS website. Go to the WMS website, then to “fee payment” and then to “MS/HS activity fees.” The cost of the card is $150.00.

We look forward to your active participation and hope you enjoy the clubs.

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**Best Buddies**

**Advisors: Ms. Egan & Ms. Venditto (Faculty Dining Room)**

**Wednesdays: 2:30-3:25 pm, twice a month**

Best Buddies is a friendship club that promotes inclusion of all types of students. We have many fun activities focusing on teambuilding and friendship development. Activities include: arts & crafts, sports games, movies/ holiday parties. We also participate in Best-Buddies sponsored activities such as the Milton 5K and Celtics night. Our chapter members have the opportunity to join the inclusion revolution!

**Chinese Culture Club**

**Advisor: Ms. Zhou (Room 249)**

**Thursdays: 2:30-3:25 pm ( exact dates will be sent home), twice a month and more frequently in January and February in preparation for the Chinese New Year celebration for all of WMS.**

Introduce Chinese culture through hands-on activities such as calligraphy, ink painting, games, dance and cooking. Topics include Chinese art, history, traditions, holidays and cuisines.

**Community Chorus /Junior District Prep Choir/WMS Song Lab**

**Advisor: Ms. Connors (Room 400)**

**Mondays: 2:30-3:25 pm**

Each of the three choirs serves a different purpose**: Community Chorus** meets October-December, preparing holiday music for performances at local holiday events and local retirement communities. The **Junior District Prep Chorus** meets January-February. The early part of this chorus prepares singers for successful auditions for the MMEA Eastern District Junior Choir. After auditions, students then work to learn festival songs**. WMS Song Lab** meets March-June and is a student-driven jam session. All instrumentalists and singers are welcome. We make a list of songs we’d like to play and choose which instruments we’d like to learn (keyboard, guitar, ukulele, and percussion are available.) At each meeting there is a bit of practice time and then we record a performance of the chosen song.

**GSA (Gay/ Straight Alliance)**

**Advisors: Ms. Bennett, Ms. Hannon & Ms. Gabrielson**

**Tuesdays: during all 3 lunches (Room 229)**

We strive to create an inclusive environment at WMS for all, this group will focus on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Allied students. We also aim to educate the community about issues facing LGBQT+ people.

 **Dungeons and Dragons Club**

 **Advisor: Ms. Cohen (Room 325)**

 **Thursdays: 2:30-3:25 pm**

“Dungeons and Dragons” is a fantasy role-playing game where one player leads the others through an adventure story. The game involves building cooperative skills, improvising, and creative problem solving. The club also helps to build friendships across grades.

**Intramural Sports**

**Advisor: Mr. Johnson (Room varies depending on activity selected)**

**Mondays-Thursdays: 2:30-3:25 pm**

Join us for a variety of fun sports.

**Math Team**

**Advisor: Mr. Bogage (Room 308)**

**Thursdays: 2:30-3:25 pm**

From October through February, we will spend time preparing for the “Math Counts” competition in Boston. Club members can compete individually or as a group against other schools. This is a great club to challenge your mathematical thinking and stretch your mind by working on difficult problem-solving questions. This year we will also be competing in the IMLEM Competition Series.

**Robotics Club**

**Advisor: Mr. Kelly (Room 244)**

**Wednesdays: 2:30-3:25 pm**

The Robotics Club is a place for students to explore the concepts behind robotic devices using Lego parts. It is an opportunity for students to learn or further develop programming and/or mechanical design skills using Legos. Eighth grade students that are taking the Robotics elective can use this time to work on their projects, if necessary.

 **Rubik's Cube Club**

 **Advisor: Ms. Connor (Room 321)**

 **Mondays: 2:30-3:35pm**

 Learn to solve the Rubik’s cube! Improve your problem solving skills and team building. Practice following directions, perseverance, resilience, an a growth mindset. Improve your solving time, create cube “mosaics” and learn more about team competitions held across the state.

**Science Olympiad**

**Advisor: Ms. Longley-Cook (Room 101) & Ms. Derian ( Room 103)**

**Tuesdays: 2:30-3:25pm**

Experience science to an “Olympic” degree. The 23 events of Science Olympiad range from Bottle Rocket to Wheeler Vehicle. Reach for the Stars to Anatomy, Crime Busters to Experimental Design. Two optional practices will be on Saturdays. The State meet will be March 23rd

**S.T.A.R.S. (Students Talking About Race Skillfully)**

**Advisor: Mr. Chute (Room 234) Mr. Craft & Ms. Hannon**

**Wednesdays: 2:30-3:25 pm**

The goal of S.T.A.R.S. is to engage and educate students through a culturally responsive pedagogy. This will include discussions and activities related to issues and challenge involving stereotypes, race, tolerance, cultural differences, and diversity in Wellesley, the United States, and beyond. The club also aims to proactively celebrate diversity, positivity, and growth both at WMS and within the larger community and country. Students will learn more about themselves, their individual perspectives, and the range of attitudes that make our country a gigantic melting pot of ideas. We want to create an atmosphere of trust in order to promote engagement and open communication about difficult topics. We believe that now more than ever, students need to have as many chances as possible to safely express themselves about issues of race, tolerance, and cultural diversity.

**Tenacity Challenge**

**Advisor: Ms. Marquedant ( Room 319) & Ms. Greenawalt (Room 219)**

**Mondays: 2:30-3:25pm**

The club will coach and prepare participating Latino and African-American WMS students to enter the 2nd annual Middle School Tenacity Challenge, an annual academic competition for teams of 7th and 8th grade Latino and African-American students from urban and suburban middle schools across Massachusetts.

**Video Game & Card Club**

**Advisor: Ms. Sharpe (Room 241)**

**Tuesdays: 2:30-3:25 pm**

If you like portable video games, strategic card games like Magic: The Gathering, Yu-gi-oh or Scrabble, then this is a great club for you. With parent permission, participants can bring Nintendo DS or other game systems to play with peers. Please note that school computers are not available for use for games.

**Yearbook**

**Advisors: Dr. Peltier (Room 311) & Ms. Marquedant (Room 319)**

**Wednesdays: 2:30-3:25 pm**

Join the Yearbook Club to be involved in the creation of the 2018-2019 WMS Yearbook. We are looking for students who enjoy taking photos and creating pages. Students from all grades are welcome and access to a camera or a phone with a camera is helpful but not necessary.

 **WMS Literary Magazine**

 **Advisor: Mr. Campbell ( Room 215)**

 **Wednesdays: 2:30-3:25 pm**

 Like the news? Always reading the latest magazine? Join the WMS Literary Magazine. Following in the footsteps of many “Lit Mags”. Designed for students who love the creative world of art and writing. Broaden your knowledge and experience in editing, production, and publication of a magazine. We will create 2 publications per year and themes will be student-chosen.

**Ambassador Club**

**Advisors**: **Ms. Mahoney and Ms. Chandler (Room 312)**

**Wednesdays: 2:30-3:25 pm**

This is an exciting new club here at WMS. Student ambassadors are representatives of Wellesley Middle School. As a representative, you will lead school tours, be a buddy to new students, speak on panels, and help injured students navigate the building. There will be other duties as well that the group will brainstorm and agree upon. The Ambassador Club will help spread positivity at Wellesley Middle School.

**NaNoWriMo Club ( National Novel Writing Month)**

**Advisor: Ms. Eichner (Room 207)**

**Thursdays, 2:30- 3:25 pm**

Let’s get prepared for an participate in the National Novel Writing Month in November. Student will write their own novel, with the support of other novelist from around the world. Students can share their own stories, develop their voice, and achieve a challenging goal! You can find more information about the Young Writer’s Program with NaNoWriMo, with recourses to help young people plan a novel at <https://ywp.nanowrimo.org/>

 **Video Announcement Club**

 **Advisor: Mr. Allieri (Library)**

 **Wednesdays 2:30-3:20 pm**

The Friday Video Announcements Club at WMS will work together to produce a bi-weekly/monthly video to be shared with the entire WMS community, in place of the Friday announcements. The focus will, initially, be reporting only the announcements that would normally be done over the PA. As the club becomes more comfortable, students will begin to add items such as weather reports, spotlight interviews, sports updates, etc. Students will also have the opportunity to use some new video equipment such as a Pad-Caster (a new portable video stand with built in camera and microphone) and Green-Screen.

Additional time to collect and edit videos may also be required.

 **Graphic Novel Club**

 **Advisors: Wellesley Public Library**

 **Tuesdays ( the first Tuesday of the month)**

 The Graphic Novel book Club will be meeting during all three lunches on the first Tuesday of each month. During lunch times to read and discuss various books. Grade 6 will meet in room 329 from 11:52-12:17. We will be reading, “ Witch Boy” by Molly Ostertag. Grade 7 will meet in room 338 from 11:23- 11:48. We will be reading, “Space Boy” by Stephen McCranie. Grade 8 will meet in room 224 from 12:21-12:46 reading ”Anya’s Ghost” by Vera Brosgol.

**Student Council ( Grade 8 students only)**

**Advisor: Ms. McCarthy ( Room 315)**

**Wednesdays: 2:30-3:25**

 Student council will be open to all 8th graders. Student Council will be led by students and supervised by adults.  The purpose of the student council is to give students an opportunity to develop leadership skills, and become more active in the school and the community at large. Students will organize and carry out school activities and service projects. All projects and activities are subject to approval by the club advisors and school administration. In addition to planning events that contribute to school spirit and community welfare, the student council is the voice of the student body.  They help share student ideas, interests and concerns with the school community.

The student council is based upon a set of standard procedures.  Ideas will be presented, voted upon and confirmed by the student body president and the club advisors.  Any student that is interested in leadership, event planning or becoming more involved in the school is welcome to become involved.  Officers and homeroom representatives will be required to run for the position and deliver a speech to their peers prior to a vote.

**Sound and Light Club (Tech. Crew)**

**Advisor: Ms. Speed**

**Wednesdays: 2:30-3:25 pm (in the auditorium)**

Students will learn about the technical aspects of putting on a theatrical production. Students will learn how to operate sound and lighting boards, set up equipment for school concerts and more. In addition, students will be able to participate in all school musicals/concerts/performances as the tech crew. Tech crew is the team behind the scenes of a production that is responsible for running the technical elements of a show.

**Anti-Gravity Club**

**Advisors: Mr. Orlando**

**Mondays: 2:30-3:25 (room 334)**

This club is designed to have kids think “out side of the box” with performing. This group will perform and gain confidence in their acting/choreography, along with impressing their peers in a school performance. If you have ever seen America’s Got talent you may have seen the Fighting Gravity perform for the judges. I am hoping that we can create the same type of excitement in this group.