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# Briarcliff Middle School



***Please note that any club text that is underlined is a link to a club video.***

***\*Dates are subject to change. Students will be notified by their Club Advisor.***

### **ART and CLAY CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Jessica Dubin

**Tuesdays, 3:05 - 3:40 pm - starting October 4th**

Location: MS Art Room

Do you like to make art and play with clay? Would you like to paint, draw, and make prints or clay projects, maybe sculpt with wire? Then the Art and Clay club is for you! We meet once a week and provide students with the opportunity to make projects in a variety of different art materials including ceramic clay (clay projects can be fired and glazed in our kiln). Participants will be honing skills and learning many new techniques throughout the year.

### **AUDIO-VISUAL CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Amanda Schwartz

**Mondays, 3:05 - 3:40 pm - starting October 3rd**

Location: MS 102

The Audio-Visual Club is back! Do you want to write, direct, film and edit Middle School news reports and interviews? Maybe you want to make movies, commercials, and music videos? If so, this is the club for you! Club members will decide which projects they would like to work on and let their creative juices flow!

### **BEAR2BEAR CLUB (B2B)**

Advisor: Ms. Alexa Mennuti

**Tuesdays, 3:05 - 3:40 pm - starting October 4th**

Location: 8<sup>th</sup> Gr Computer Lab

Bear2Bear Club is a student leadership club that teaches students to be positive influencers in their school and community. Students will learn about their strengths as leaders and use it to empower others. Students will also help spread awareness to their

peers about substance use and mental health as they will help plan and participate in school-wide activities. ***This club is open to 7th and 8th grade students only.***

### **BMS SINGERS**

Advisor: Jenna Stufkosky

***Tuesdays, 3:05 - 3:40 pm - starting October 4th***

Location: MS Little Theater

The BMS Singers is a singing specific club to provide enriching chorale experiences for all student grades: sixth, seventh, and eighth. In BMS Singers, students will work in a positive and uplifting environment to enhance their vocal technique, musicality within an ensemble, and musicality within themselves. The prior singing experience needed for this club is already within each student at BMS as the pairing of their unique individuality and musical strengths will be enhanced and nurtured. As students revel in their joys of singing, they will flourish as choristers, students, and musically minded individuals.

### **DANCE CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Diane Guida

***Mondays, 3:05 - 3:40 pm - starting October 17th***

Location: HS Dance Studio

The Dance Club provides an opportunity for students to immerse themselves in movement experiences with peers, advanced dancers, and faculty advisors. The focus is on the joy of dancing and developing self-confidence. Performance opportunities may be available and based solely on attendance. No experience needed and performance is not required.

### **GAMES WITH FRIENDS**

Advisor: Mr. Austin Perry

***Wednesdays, 3:05-3:40 pm***

***Every other Wednesday - starting October 12th***

Location: MS 206

Do you enjoy the challenge of a well-played game of Chess or maybe you prefer a fun filled game of Sorry. Either way, come relax after school with friends playing board games. From traditional board games like chess and checkers to completing a puzzle, strategy games and more. Come have fun playing games with your friends.

### **GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA)**

Advisor: Ms. Amanda Schwartz

*The 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, 3:05-3:40 pm - starting October 20th*

Location: MS 102

The GSA is a student-run organization that unites LGBTQ+ and allied youth to build community and organize around issues impacting them in their school and community. All students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are welcome. The GSA will provide a safe space for LGBTQ+ and allied youth to build a social network where their identities are respected. Join and show your support and acceptance of your classmates!

### **GREENHOUSE CLUB**

Advisor: Mr. Bob Iovino

*Fridays, 3:05-3:40 pm*

*Every other Friday - starting October 7th*

Location: MS 106

Do you enjoy watching the world around you grow? Are you someone who thinks they may have a "Green Thumb"? If the answer is yes, then you may be interested in joining the Briarcliff Middle School greenhouse club. In this club you will have the opportunity to become a "botanist in training" and assist in helping to maintain our schools very own greenhouse! We will be growing herbs and vegetables from seed while also learning about the ways you can "go green" and take care of the planet. In addition to helping taking care of the plants inside our school you will also be part of the young "farmers" club that takes care of the outdoor classroom and gardens we have here in the middle school. A schedule of Friday meetings will be provided to participants.

## **HOMEWORK HELP DESK**

Advisor: Ms. Johanna Foster

*Tuesdays, 3:05 - 3:40 pm - starting October 18th*

Location: MS Library

Students have an opportunity to study, complete homework, read, work on presentations or projects, organize materials and more! At each meeting Ms. Foster, along with tutor volunteers from the high school, will be available to assist students when needed. Also, at the Homework Help Desk students can work individually with a high school tutor in a specific subject area. To arrange this, students should contact Ms. Foster. She will create a schedule for one-on-one sessions. Students are invited to come individually or with friends. They do not have to sign up ahead of time.

## **INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

Advisors: Ms. Johanna Foster

*Mondays, 3:05-3:40 pm - starting October 3rd*

Location: MS Library

International Club celebrates diversity and cultures from around the world! Activities include: Learning to say things in other languages; Playing language games; Cooking and eating delicious foreign foods (yum!); Learning about holidays and celebrations; Watching and discussing foreign films; Inviting guest speakers/presenters in to teach cultural topics such as Tae Kwon Do, Irish Step Dancing and Indian pop dance, the Spanish sport Jai alai and more! Join us for an exciting journey of learning and celebrating diversity.

## **JAZZ CLUB - CANCELED December 2022**

Advisor: Mr. Julian Donaghey

*Mondays, 3:05 - 3:40 pm - starting October 24th*

Location: MS Band Room

Members of the Jazz Band will play Jazz pieces in addition to learning how to improvise, and solo on their instruments. All grade levels, skill levels, and instruments are welcome!

## **MATHLETES**

Advisor: Mrs. Svetlana Ryzhik

*Every Thursday - October – January, 3:05–3:40 pm - starting October 6th*

*Every other Thursday - February - June, 3:05-3:40 pm*

Location: MS 202

Learning to solve problems is the underlying reason for studying mathematics. Students will practice problems that stimulate and challenge the minds of young people. As a math team, students will participate in Math Olympiads, Math Counts and other contests to develop problem solving skills.

There is a competition at the end of the club, so students are encouraged to come from start to finish to participate.

## **NATURE CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Jessica Loprieno

*Thursdays, 3:05-3:40 pm - starting October 20th*

*Every other Thursday*

Location: MS 308

Do you love exploring and learning about all things nature? Join the nature club where you will have the opportunity to raise wild trout in our classroom and release them in the wild this spring. We will also learn about plant and animal life cycles and explore the outdoors with nature hikes and scavenger hunts for insects, birds, and plants. Students will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of nature and work to raise awareness about the consequences of human activity on the natural world. Students in grades 6,7,8 are all welcome.

## **STEM CLUB**

Advisor: Mrs. Jodi Shearer

*Mondays, 3:05 – 3:40 pm - starting October 17th*

Location: MS 205

Are you interested in how and why things happen? Do you like to create things? The Science & Engineering Team has many different ways to accomplish this. Compete in the Fluor Engineering Challenge with a partner and enter your creation in their online competition. Build a Rube Goldberg machine that can open a book and compete against

other local teams in March. If you are interested in science and engineering, we have lots of ways to participate. You can choose both competitions or focus on only one.

There is a competition at the end of the club, so students are encouraged to come from start to finish to participate.

### **STRING AND WIND ENSEMBLE**

Advisor: Ms. Nicole Gillen

*Wednesdays, 3:05 - 3:40 pm - starting October 12th*

Location: MS Band Room

Members of the String Ensemble will play different styles of music and perform a variety of events throughout the year. All grade levels are welcome!

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Advisors: Dr. Stephanie Muson & Mr. Robert Connolly

*Tuesdays, 3:05-3:40 pm - starting October 4th*

Location: MS 108

Student Council is involved in many different activities from charity fundraisers to organizing school-wide events. Student Council does it all!

Middle School Student Council is open to all students. There are seven positions for officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 8th Grade President, 7th Grade President and 6th Grade President.

There are also homeroom representatives who are elected in each of their individual classrooms. Once elected, the members of Student Council set the agenda for the year. The goal is to improve the leadership quality of the students themselves, improve the school as a whole and support charitable causes outside the school.

### **WELLNESS CLUB**

Advisor: Mrs. Alicia Moraitis

*Thursdays, 3:05-3:40 pm - starting October 20th*  
*Every other Thursday*

Location: MS 311

The middle school Wellness Club is a student led organization that allows students to explore all tenants of wellness: health, emotion, self, mindfulness, etc. The goal of the club is to have a place for students to go to learn strategies for handling stress and thereby working towards his or her highest emotional and academic potential. With activities like mediation, crafting, yoga, journaling, and mindfulness, students will explore options when life becomes stressful. Students from grades 6, 7, & 8 are welcome to attend. Our club will be integral in the planning of Wellness Day, a tradition in the middle school, in the spring.

### **WRITERS CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Tekka Keane

*Mondays, 3:05-3:40 pm; starting January 23rd  
Every other Monday*

Location: 6th Grade Middle Room

Inviting all writers to join the new Writers Club at the Middle School! Do you like to write? Draw? Interested in Poetry? The new Writers Club is open to all students who want to help make publication for the school. All writers and artists are welcome.

### **YEARBOOK CLUB**

Advisor: Ms. Tekka Keane & Mr. Bob Iovino

*Wednesdays, 3:05 - 3:40 pm - starting October 12th*

Location: MS Library

The Yearbook Club will meet every Wednesday - all grade levels are welcome to join! Be part of making *your* yearbook GREAT! We will take pictures, plan the layout, develop themes, write the text in the book, and HAVE FUN. Join and make sure your favorite memories are part of this year's yearbook!