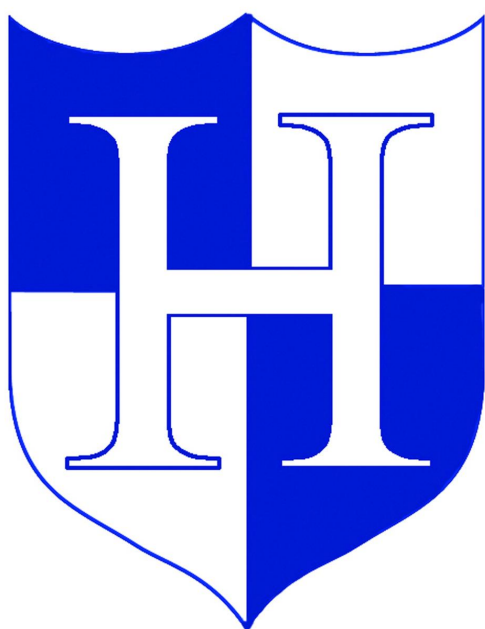


Herricks Middle School



CLUB AND ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS *2023-2024*

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ANIME CLUB

Joe Mauro

Tuesday 3:00-4:15pm (Sci 5)

With roots way back in the early 1900s, Japanese animation has made its way from comic book origins to dominating the mainstream here in the 2020s. What started with superhero stories has evolved into a medium that encompasses every genre imaginable. These compelling stories have captured the awe of students across the globe, inspiring many of them to get involved in art and storytelling of their own. The anime community is strong here in the Herricks district. Students will drive their own discussions, debates, and reviews of anime shows, movies, and manga (the text version of anime). Many of the novels read by our middle school students in English class have anime or manga that is either directly parallel to those stories or is the actual basis for the Western counterpart. The series Hunger Games, for example, is directly based on a classic manga book. With crosscutting themes and characters between student's academic reading and the anime they watch for fun, this club will increase literacy and analysis skills, all while giving them a place to make friends!

ART CLUB

Kim Friedman

Monday 3:00-4:00pm (Art 2)

Do you enjoy drawing, painting, or working on craft projects in your spare time? Would you like to meet other student artists and work on projects together? The Art Club is open to all students that love the visual arts. The club gives an opportunity for students to be creative at their own pace, and to be able to work with many different mediums. Students can come with their ideas, and I'll provide some fun methods and techniques. Please bring your willingness to create and your desire to have fun. I will be sharing all kinds of concepts to enhance your art ability and knowledge. My hope is to inspire you to create with unique materials and find inspiration in everyday things. Come. Hang. Create Some Art!

ART HONOR SOCIETY

TBD

Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm (FACS 1)

The National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS) is designed specifically for 8th grade students. In 1989, the National Art Education Association began the NJAHS program to inspire to recognize students who have shown an outstanding ability and interest in art and to generate interest in art programs at the secondary level and beyond. Students who are interested in joining must fulfill requirements as well as be selected by the club's advisors.

CHAMBER CHOIR - UPPER VOICES

James Ludwig

Tue/Fri 3:00-4:00pm (Chorus Room)

Open by audition to all students in grades 6, 7, 8. Chamber Choir is an auditioned vocal ensemble for Soprano/Alto voices that performs choral music in a wide variety of styles. This choir is intended to provide an opportunity for our most motivated singers to participate in an advanced level ensemble. Students will rehearse and perform with the Lower Voices Chamber Choir singers. Students will be selected based on a performance rubric. This ensemble will rehearse twice a week in sectionals or full ensemble settings.

CHAMBER CHOIR - LOWER VOICES

James Ludwig

Tue/Fri 3:00-4:00pm (Chorus Room)

Chamber Choir Lower Voices is an auditioned vocal ensemble for Tenor/Bass voices that performs choral music in a wide variety of styles. This choir is intended to provide an opportunity for our most motivated singers to participate in an advanced level ensemble. Students will rehearse and perform with the Upper Voices Chamber Choir singers. Students will be selected based on a performance rubric. This ensemble will rehearse twice a week in sectional or full ensemble settings.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Geoff Stone

Mon/Wed 3:00-4:00pm (Band Room)

Open by audition to students in grades 6-8, Chamber Orchestra is a select performing ensemble that offers advanced students an opportunity to perform more challenging repertoire than is typically found in orchestra class. Chamber orchestra performs several times throughout the year, including NYSSMA Majors and the Long Island Music Festival.

CHESS & GAMES CLUB

Jackie Lipsky

Monday 3:00-4:00pm (218)

Do you enjoy playing chess, checkers or even an occasional board game like Monopoly in your spare time? Would you like to meet other students who share the same interests? The Chess and Board Games club is open to all students. The club will give students an opportunity to brush up on chess strategies, make new friends, and just play for fun. Monopoly, Jenga, Clue and other board games are also played. There is a chess ladder tournament in the spring for those who wish to participate.

COMPUTER LAB

Roxanne Green/Cecilia Lee

Mon-Wed/Fri 3:00-4:00pm (221)

The computer room is open for one hour after school for students who need to use the computers. During this time students can work on homework, writing, coding, or art. Students are not permitted to play games during this time.

FRENCH CLUB

Loredana Losso

Monday 3:00-4:00pm (113)

The French Club is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade French students and also to students taking other languages. The French club activities will focus on cultural enrichment as well as the opportunity to speak French in an informal setting. Activities will include preparing French food, playing French games, making arts and crafts, participating in community-based activities, listening to French music and watching French movies, and virtual trips to the most famous attractions in France and Quebec, and learning more about the culture of France.

GARDENING CLUB

Nina Taliercio

Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm (Room 228)

This club will meet to maintain our existing garden, greenhouse and pond. Members will undertake new projects that include but are not limited to designing, planning, and installing new plantings to make our green spaces more beautiful. Students will research important techniques for gardening in order to gain knowledge of plants and ecology as they work on our gardens. The club will also promote sustainable living through the use of our gardens and greenhouse.

ITALIAN CLUB

Loredana Losso

Monday 3:00-4:00pm (113)

The Italian Club is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade Italian students and also to students taking other languages. The Italian club will be exploring Italian culture and language through a variety of activities, and it will offer also the opportunity to speak Italian in an informal setting. Activities will include preparing Italian food, playing Italian games, making arts and crafts, participating in community-based activities, listening to Italian music and watching Italian movies, virtual trips to the most famous attractions in Italy, and learning more about the culture of Italy.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

TBD

Mon/Wed 3:00-4:00pm (Cafeteria/Fields)

Intramural sports are held at the Middle School on Monday and Wednesday from 3:00-4:00pm. All boys and girls in grade 6 are welcome to participate. Students wishing to participate must have a signed parental consent form on file.

JAZZ BAND

Mark Bennett

TBA (Auditorium)

This club will be open to all students who want to learn more about listening to and playing jazz music. During the weekly meeting, students will learn about various styles and eras of jazz music, as well as techniques for playing/singing the music. Students will be given optional playing assignments to develop their abilities to play jazz and improvise. Once it is possible, we will hold auditions to create a performing group that will rehearse jazz repertoire to perform at an evening concert.

MATH OLYMPIADS

Cecilia Lee

Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm (119)

Math Olympiads is a club open to 6th-grade math enthusiasts who will be participating in several math competitions as a team throughout the year. During our sessions, students will solve practice problems to prepare for these competitions.

MATH RESEARCH PROGRAM

Alyssa Khan

Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm (101)

Math Research Program is an opportunity for 7th and 8th-grade students to write a math research paper and present their topic in a 15-minute presentation at the Long Island Math Fair.

MATHCON

Josephine Bruno

Meeting Dates TBA

Math Con is an online international mathematics competition. Students train by grade level and based on their performance on the online competition can qualify to attend finals in Chicago. The interactive competitions allow students to develop their problem-solving skills and excitement for competitive mathematics.

MATHLETES

Josephine Bruno

Monday 3:00pm (101)

Mathletes is an opportunity for 7th and 8th-grade students to compete, both individually and in teams, with students from across the country. The contests we will participate in this year include Math Olympiad, MathCounts, ASMA, Noetic Learning and Arete Labs Math Madness. In addition to competitions, students will have the opportunity to work collaboratively to train and develop their creative problem-solving skills.

MORNING INTRAMURALS

Phys. Ed. Dept.

Tue-Fri 6:40-7:25am (Gym)

This is an opportunity to be physically active before school on from 6:40 am until 7:25 am. Sixth Grade students are invited on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Seventh and eight graders participate on Mondays and Wednesdays. Participants will be able to choose from a variety of activities such as basketball, badminton, volleyball, etc.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB (Or other important adult females)

Jenna Caggiano/Tammy Eng

Approx. 5x's a year 7-8pm (Library)

This club offers an opportunity for girls to read books together with their parents, grandparents, or other adults who are important in their lives. The books we read will involve themes that are of particular interest to middle school girls, such as growing up, being popular, and dealing with relationships among family members. Please look for the club welcome flyer from your ELA teachers.

MUSICAL PRODUCTION

Tyler Matos/Andrew Muller

Fall/Winter Rehearsals (Auditorium)

Auditions are at the beginning of October; the performance is in February. Show off your talent – sing, dance, and act!! Possible need for instrumentalists as well.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY CLUB

Amanda Banke/Jodi Thompson

Tuesday 3:00-4:00pm (Library)

The National History Day Club helps prepare students for the National History Day Competition, the largest social studies event in our nation. Students are given a theme around which they create one of five possible research projects; a documentary, a performance, a written paper, a website, or a museum exhibit. Students may work alone or with a small group. During the after-school meetings, the advisors of the club help students refine their research skills, find resources to use, and provide guidance in project creation.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Lisa Kellachan/Erika Palmer

Tuesday 3:00-4:00pm (Library)

The Honor Society consists of 8th-grade students who are selected at the end of the third quarter of 7th grade. Grades from the first three-quarters of grade 7 are used to determine eligibility. A cumulative average of 3.66 must be achieved. Sixth-grade students are not eligible and no sixth-grade marks can be used toward meeting criteria. In addition to the academic achievement of a 3.66 GPA, student candidates must show evidence of exemplary behavior and a wholesome attitude toward other students, faculty, and school property. Faculty assessment of behavior and attitude toward peers, staff, and school property is a major step in establishing eligibility for membership.

The society engages in charitable and social activities determined by the members, student officers, and the advisor. Service to school and community is emphasized. Student officers are expected to attend additional planning meetings beyond those for the general membership.

ROBOTICS

Samantha Bartels

Spring (Tech 1)

The Students will be working with Lego Mindstorm kits. Their goal will be to build a robot to complete as many missions as possible for the competition which will be held in the Spring. This club is open to 7th and 8th grade students.

SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

Lubaba Choudhury/Carolyn Glauda

Tuesday 3:00-4:00pm (Sci 7&Sci 4)

This club will focus on different hands-on activities related to science. Students will perform various experiments while working along with Ms. Choudhury and Ms. Glauda. Supplies will be provided!

SOCIAL JUST-US HMS BOOK REVIEW

Alysa Leonard

Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm (Room 122)

Do you love to read? Do you enjoy learning about different cultures, tasting new foods, and trying hobbies and crafts you have never experienced? Well, this club is for you. Throughout the year, we will read books to celebrate our differences and explore untold stories. There will also be opportunities to participate in activities like cultural food tastings, Chinese Yo-Yo, guest speaking sessions, field trips, and more. The Social Just-Us HMS Book Review will be a safe and brave space to have conversations about social justice issues and to engage your voice as the changemakers of tomorrow. All are welcome!!

SPANISH CLUB

Adriana Mendrinos

Tuesday 3:00-4:00pm (116)

The Spanish Club is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Spanish & Spanish Immersion students. Club activities include a variety of cultural experiences that allow us to explore the different practices, products, and perspectives of the Spanish-speaking cultures. Students will engage in activities to acquire knowledge about culture, new language skills, promote language learning and fundraise for local and global communities.

STEAM CLUB

Josephine Bruno/Matt Cannata

Seasonal Events

Participants have the opportunity to be actively engaged while developing the skills of a 21st-century learner in the areas of communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. Students will be given a real-world scenario that presents a specific need for a given group or individual and requires them to design, test, and modify a unique prototype. Students will be provided with a suggested list of supplies and constraints to work with. Upon completion, students will be asked to share a video submission of their final product. Events include Halloween, Winter, Spring, & Summer.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Amanda Banke/Denise Bucher

Monday 3:00-4:00pm (207)

The Student Organization is open to all students. The Student Organization will be involved in many activities including planning and running fundraising and charity events and community service projects. Over the years, we have worked on projects including, Valentines for Veterans, ALS Ride for Life, food collection drives for pantries, bake sales for various causes as well as other projects that support our community. The Student Organization works closely with the Student Council which is made up of elected representatives of the student body. Students may be part of both groups.

TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Samantha Bartels

Wednesday 3:00-4:00 (Tech 2)

All students are welcome to join the Technology Club. The club's purpose is to encourage creative thinking. Students will use computers to build 3-dimensional models using the latest industry software. We will also be exploring other technology resources and tools such as Canva and Google Hub Applications

TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

Alicia Brown

1/month Tue 3:00-4:00pm (Auditorium)

Tri-M is a music honor society open to 7th and 8th-grade students. Tri-M focuses on building leaders and music advocates. Tri-M would offer students the opportunity to serve our local community through music-based service projects, such as performing at local events, assisting with organized music festivals, being a part of a music mentoring program, and hosting fundraising events for organizations students care about. Requirements need to be met to be inducted into the honor society.

VIDEO GAME CLUB

Joe Mauro

Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm (Cafeteria)

Video Game Club is for all gamers out there who would love a place to play and discuss games after school! We will discuss new games and consoles coming out, as well as things going on in the world of video games. As we grow and develop as a club, we will create new and exciting ways to play that are based on students' ideas! We will host tournaments as well as casual play. Some games we will play each meeting include Super Smash Bros and Mario Kart!

WIND ENSEMBLE CLUB

Alicia Brown

Tue/Thu 7:00-7:35am (Band Room)

This club provides student musicians who play band instruments an opportunity to play in an ensemble more challenging than their school ensemble. Students learn music at a higher level and perform several times throughout the school year. This is a smaller ensemble than their school ensemble providing students the opportunity to explore leadership skills and ensemble skills they would not develop in a during school concert band setting. Students will audition for a place in this ensemble.

YEARBOOK CLUB

Vanessa Sanchez

Tuesday 3:00-3:30pm (215)

This club will provide students with an opportunity to play an active role in the yearbook making process. From taking the pictures to choosing the photos and layouts in the yearbook you will see what goes into the final product step by step! I will be looking for one representative from grade 6, 7, and 8th grade to ensure all grades are included. Lets make a fantastic 2023-24 school yearbook!