

# THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

**2023-2024**

**Clubs begin October 5, 2023**

## **FCCLA**

Imagine being a member of a school club where you can: Setup and RUN a fundraising business, sharpen your chef skills to compete in a cupcake challenge against other schools, show off your artistic talents by creating advertising posters, practice being a journalist in your own newsletter, help your favorite charitable cause grow awareness and donations, be a leader in your own community and meet new and interesting students, teachers and professionals from all over. This is what FCCLA is all about. It is a new club here at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. This club will meet every WEDNESDAY from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM in Room 116 (Foods Room). **Sponsor: H. Esteves**

## **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

This club is for library volunteers and Battle of the Books participants! You can help out in the library and earn community service hours. You also practice for Battle of the Books with your team. This club will meet on WEDNESDAYS from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM in the Library.

**Sponsor: J. Volk**

## **MATH COMPETITION CLUB**

Do you enjoy working out Math problems? Are you a problem solver? Do you like competition? Test your Math skills in several math competitions throughout the year and represent TJMS. The competitions that selected students will compete in are AMC 8, Math Counts and Math Olympiads. So come show off your problem solving and math skills. Math Club will meet on THURSDAYS from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM in Room 107.

**Sponsor: M. Bienvenue**

## **MEMORY YEARBOOK**

8th Grade students only. The Yearbook Club is a great way for 8th grade students to get involved at TJMS! Students will help design yearbook pages, assist with photography at events, and will help promote yearbook sales. The Yearbook committee will meet after school on WEDNESDAYS from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM in Room 121. **Sponsors: E. Lalor, C. Cowley**

## **THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BEE COMPETITION CLUB**

Do you have an interest in science? Do you like competition? Test your science skills against other schools around New Jersey and represent TJMS in the National Science Bee, a science-themed, buzzer-based academic quiz competition for individual student's 6th- 8th grade.

This club will meet on WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS from 3:05 PM to 3:55 PM in Room 105.

**Sponsors: M. Wolenter, H. Rebovich**

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

The Student Council Club will provide a student body community that will take part in collaboration of school functions, community service, and fundraising. This club will meet on WEDNESDAYS from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM in Room 114. **Co-Sponsors: (Gr. 6) J. O'Leary, (Gr. 7) G. DiPalermo, (Gr. 8) C. Austria**

**BAND**

Calling all band students! It's time to begin preparing for our concerts! In after-school band rehearsal, students will learn how to balance, blend, and contribute their individual instrument's sound within the group to create an impactful performance for an audience. This is mandatory for all students enrolled in the band as a class. We are looking forward to heading back to Great Adventure this spring once again!!!

**Sponsor: C. Lopez**

7th/8th Grade Band—WEDNESDAYS from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM

6th Grade Band and All Beginners—THURSDAYS from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM

**TJMS JAGUAR JAZZ BAND**

Looking for a challenging, new style of music to perform? Do you play the piano, guitar, bass, drum set, Trombone, baritone, saxophone, trumpet, clarinet, or flute? Jazz band is what you've been looking for! The TJMS Jaguar Jazz Band introduces music students to the history and performance practice of Jazz, Funk, Latin, and Big Band styles, as well as an introduction to improvisation and other forms found outside the traditional band curriculum. We will perform at the winter and spring concerts, as well as District Jazz Night. Auditions will be held the week before our club begins. Auditions will consist of learning a piece of music (provided by Mr. Lopez) and playing it in a full band setting. **Sponsor: C. Lopez**

**Jazz Band—TUESDAYS from 7:30 AM-8:15 AM**

**6<sup>th</sup> GRADE CHORUS**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus will rehearse after school on THURSDAYS. We will be working on putting our pieces from class together in a full ensemble setting to prepare for concerts and build basic musicianship skills. It is encouraged for all students enrolled in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Class to attend, but required in order to be eligible to go on the Six Flags trip at the end of the year. Make-up rehearsals TBA as needed. Any student that is not enrolled in Chorus but has a musical background is welcome to audition for Ms. Fabe. Please email [abigail.fabe@edison.k12.nj.us](mailto:abigail.fabe@edison.k12.nj.us) if you are interested or have questions! This club will meet every THURSDAY from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM. **Sponsor: A. Fabe**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CHORUS**

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus will rehearse after school on Wednesdays. We will be working on putting our pieces from class together in a full ensemble setting to prepare for concerts and other performances, and continue to build musicianship skills. It is encouraged for all students enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Class to attend, but required in order to be eligible to go on the Six Flags trip at the end of the year. Make-up rehearsals TBA as needed. Any student that is not enrolled in Chorus but has a musical background is welcome to audition for Ms. Fabe. Please email [abigail.fabe@edison.k12.nj.us](mailto:abigail.fabe@edison.k12.nj.us) if you are interested or have questions! This club will meet on WEDNESDAYS from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM. **Sponsor: A. Fabe**

**ORCHESTRA 6**

Students will prepare for upcoming concerts, assemblies, competitions, and performances. This club will meet on WEDNESDAYS from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM. **Sponsor: D. Pasquarelli**

**ORCHESTRA 7/8**

Students will prepare for upcoming concerts, assemblies, competitions, and performances. This club will meet every THURSDAY from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM. **Sponsor: D. Pasquarelli**

**CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

This ensemble is by audition only and open to orchestra students with prior experience. This is meant to be a challenging musical experience. Students will prepare concert material for concerts and festivals. This club will meet before school at 7:30 AM on FRIDAYS. **Sponsor: D. Pasquarelli**

**HOMEWORK CLUB**

Are you looking for a little homework help or just a quiet place to get it all done? After-school Homework Clubs are growing in many communities. Often when students get around to starting their homework, distractions from television, computers, friends, and family make studying a challenge and help is not available. More students are doing their homework in places other than home like libraries and homework clubs. This club will meet on WEDNESDAYS from 3:05 PM - 3:55 PM in Room 102. **Sponsor: A. Bass**

**LITERARY MAGAZINE / NEWSPAPER CLUB**

For all future writers, journalists, newscasters, editors, and publishers, this club will give you an opportunity to create and contribute to the school newspaper. Students will be conducting interviews, taking photographs, designing layouts, and reporting on school and world news! The Jaguar Journal will publish seasonal issues, in addition to posting blogs throughout the year. For creative writers, the club will explore a range of writing styles: poetry, short story, essay, literary criticism, drama, and graphic novels. This club will meet on THURSDAYS from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM in Room 114. **Sponsor: J. O’Leary**

**MOVIE CLUB**

The Movie Club is for TJMS students who love movies. We will watch and discuss movies from different genres. We will explore comedies, action movies, animated movies, and much more! The club will analyze current and past movies through discussions and interactive activities. This club will meet on THURSDAYS from 3:05 PM - 3:55 PM in Room 123. **Sponsors: F. Kousoulis, C. Vergara**

**MULTICULTURAL CLUB**

Culture Club is the place where we learn about many different cultures, act as helpers to our ESL friends and raise awareness in our school of many cultures around us. So, if you want to learn more about your friends, but are too shy to ask, help other students, but don't know where to start, and be a factor in an inclusive school environment then this is the place to be. This club will meet on WEDNESDAYS from 3:05 PM - 3:55 PM in Room 120. **Sponsor: J. Hinterstein**

**CHESS CLUB**

Interested in playing chess with other TJ students? Come to the chess club. The chess club will provide students with a place where they can play chess for fun against their friends and other members, and also give students an opportunity to learn some new strategies to improve their game. The club is open to students of all skill levels, from beginners to competitive players. This club will meet on THURSDAYS from 3:05 PM - 3:55 PM in Room 204. **Sponsors: T. George, R. Hanas**

**DEBATE CLUB**

“Join Debate Club and sharpen your communication skills while exploring important real world topics! Engage in lively discussions, learn persuasive techniques, and build confidence in public speaking. Be part of a fun and supportive community that encourages critical thinking, creativity, and teamwork. Unleash your inner debater and make your voice heard!” This club will meet on WEDNESDAYS from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM in Room 203. **Sponsors: J. Sackie, S. Nigro**

**HIP HOP CLUB**

Popular styles such as Locking, House, Popping, Breaking, Krumping, and Modern Choreography will be explored, studied, and practiced with Mr. Austria during after school club hours. Mr. Austria has trained and directed Hip-Hop dance teams over the last three years, and has competed and performed in the United States and internationally over the last thirteen years. Come and get your groove on! See you there! This club will meet on THURSDAYS from 3:05 PM-3:55 PM in the Fitness Room. **Sponsor: C. Austria**

**ODYSSEY OF THE MIND**

As members of Odyssey of the Mind, students are able to showcase their talents and creativity. Students work as a team, thinking outside-the-box, to create a presentation that offers a solution to a selected problem. Groups will use their engineering, artistic, and drama skills to accomplish their task and present their work at a competition. Students must be able to attend meetings regularly and complete parts of their project at home. This club will meet on WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM in Room 216.

**Sponsors: Ms. Petersen, E. Levy**

**SLAM POETRY CLUB**

Are you comfortable speaking in front of a crowd? Do you want to be? Slam poetry is competitive performance poetry. Members will write and perform original poems in a nurturing, supportive environment. This club helps members grow as poets and as people, increasing confidence and creating lasting bonds with peers. Club members will learn and practice using various poetic elements as well as performance techniques, and will have opportunities to be mentored by high school students. This club will meet on THURSDAY from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM in Room 217. **Sponsor: J. Sackie**

**GIRL POWER**

The "Girl Power Club" is a dynamic and empowering group dedicated to fostering strength, confidence, and unity among girls and young women. This club will provide a safe and supportive environment where girls can develop self-confidence, discuss joys and concerns while enjoying empowering creative activities. Weekly goals will include Identifying Strengths, Positive Friendships, Growth Mindset, Resilience, Healthy Mind/Healthy Body, and Gratitude/Relaxation. This club is open to all girls in grades 6-8 and will meet on WEDNESDAYS from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM in Room 103. **Sponsor: B. Giarrusso**

**BOOK LOVERS CLUB**

Book Lovers Club is a place where those who love to read can gather together in a stress free environment. The objective of the club is to read student selected, teacher approved novels as a group as a means of sharing fun personal connections, answering questions, or just simply sharing in the joy of reading! Students are responsible for acquiring the novels chosen from either the school or public library and attending scheduled meetings. This club will meet on Wednesdays from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM in Room 215.

**Sponsor: K. Newton-Neal**

**GET YOUR GAME ON**

Do you like to game? Join our Club! Get Your Game On is a club open to all TJMS students who love card games, board games, video games, or any other type of gaming. Join us for a fun opportunity to play games with old and new friends. This club will meet on Thursdays from 3:05 PM – 3:55 PM in Room 215.

**Sponsor: K. Newton-Neal**

**SCHOOL STORE**

The club will acquaint students with money and making change as they satisfy student's requests. It also gives students the opportunity to practice their English skills as they communicate with other students. This club meets on MONDAYS, THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS

at 8:05 AM in Room 214. **Sponsor: M. Weber**

**Students are not required to register for an after-school club. However, students must get their parents' permission to attend a club prior to the day of the assigned club.**