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<p align="center">FFA</p> <p>FFA is an intra-curricular organization for students interested in agriculture. Students can participate in monthly chapter meetings, community service projects, leadership conferences, and career development event competitions, such as Livestock & Horse Evaluation, Forestry, Floral Design, Ag Mechanics and Public Speaking.</p>	<p align="center">Ag Room</p>	<p align="center">Audrey Davis davisa@tcjackets.net</p>	<p align="center">Monthly / 3:00-5:00</p> <p>Dates vary, students should listen to announcements for meeting days and times</p> <p>Competition practices 2-3 afternoons a week for 5-6 weeks; dates vary depending on competition</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>
<p align="center">Photography Club</p> <p>A club for students to come learn about and share their love of photography. Get ready for our new drones! How exciting!</p>	<p align="center">806</p>	<p align="center">Clayton Woodfin cwoodfin@tcjackets.net</p>	<p align="center">Monthly 3:30-4:40pm</p>	<p align="center">No</p>

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<p align="center">LEGO League</p> <p>(1 team, 6 to 10 students in grades 5-8) First Lego League encourages students to think like scientists and engineers. They compete in three areas: Robot, Core Values, and Project. Students will research and solve a real-world problem. They will build, test, and program a robot. Throughout the competition and practice, they must learn to work together.</p>	<p>Media lab/Mr. Palmer's classroom</p>	<p>Ashley Palmer apalmer@tcjackets.net Will Hanna whanna@tcjackets.net Sam Sturup ssturup@tcjackets.net</p>	<p>Weekly 3:30-4:30</p>	<p>Yes Students must apply for this club.</p>
<p align="center">TCMS Band</p> <p>Participation in our award winning band is a must for MERIT students!</p>	<p>201</p>	<p>6th - 8th Mr. Majors wmajors@tcjackets.net Mr. Booth rbooth@tcjackets.net</p>	<p>Dates to be determined by band events.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p align="center">National Junior Honor Society</p> <p>The National Junior Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These characteristics have been in place in the</p>	<p>802/804</p>	<p>Charla Floyd cfloyd@tcjackets.net Meggin Nix mnix@tcjackets.net</p>	<p>TBA</p>	<p>No 8th Grade Only By invitation</p>

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<p align="center">Reading Bowl</p> <p align="center">2 Teams 5th grade & 6-8th grade</p> <p>Students read Georgia Children's Book Award Nominee books and meet weekly to answer practice questions. Students then compete against other schools in answering questions about the books. Club will meet weekly from 3:00-4:00 in the Media Center.</p>	Media Center	<p align="center">Kathie Craven kcraven@tcjackets.net</p> <p align="center">Betsy Garbett bgarbett@tcjackets.net</p>	Mondays 3:00-4:00	Yes
<p align="center">Spanish Club</p> <p>Students will study spanish cultures, prepare dishes, and create Spanish arts and crafts.</p>	718/618	<p align="center">Dina Ortiz dortiz@tcjackets.net</p> <p align="center">Sarah Kate Hudson shudson@tcjackets.net</p>	Every other week Day TBD 3:30-4:30 Fall & Spring semester	No

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<p>Drama Club Drama club is for students who desire to become actors, directors, designers, and technicians. This club focuses on giving students the opportunity to improve their speaking skills, express themselves, and just plain “ham it up” in front of an audience. This club includes scene work, movement exercise, improvisation, pantomime, make-up skills, monologues, and oral interpretation.</p>	805	Sarah Glass sglass@tcjackets.net		No

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<p align="center">The Stock Market Game</p> <p>The Stock Market Game is an exciting simulation that gives students the opportunity to invest a virtual \$100,000 for 10 weeks in real stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. At the end of the 10 weeks, teams with the highest total equity are eligible for a variety of prizes and awards. Eighth grade students compete in teams of no more than 4. Students must meet minimum requirements for competition credit.</p>	804	<p align="center">Stacie Layne slayne@tcjackets.net</p>	<p align="center">Fall (will be announced)</p> <p align="center">Spring (will be announced)</p>	<p align="center">Yes 8th Grade Only</p>
<p align="center">Future Problem Solvers Scenario Writing and Performance</p> <p>The Scenario Writing (SW) component strives to help students enlarge, enrich, and make more accurate their image of the future, while honing creative writing skills. In Scenario Performance (ScP), students project twenty years into the future and create a futuristic story.</p>	719	<p align="center">Retha Lee rlee@tcjackets.net</p>	<p align="center">Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 January</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>

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<p align="center">Builders Club</p> <p>Are you interested in helping your community? Do you want to learn more about service learning? Were you a K-Kid at CC? This is the club for you! Students must be picked up on time to remain in the club. Please sign up for Remind.</p>	613	<p align="center">Amanda West awest@tcjackets.net</p>	TBD	No
<p align="center">4-H</p> <p>4-H is the nation's largest youth organization where kids learn through fun, hands-on projects in STEM, healthy living, agriculture and civic engagement.</p> <p>Great for students who ride the bus since it meets during school hours.</p>	TBA	<p align="center">Cindy Mott Wynn cmwynn@uga.edu</p>	<p align="center">TBD</p> <p>Once a month during students exploratory time, does require some Saturday participation and some after school participation time (usually at the 4-H office).</p>	DPA-yes
<p align="center">Student Council</p> <p>This club is for students that like to be involved in setting up school events, such as dances and the can drive. We also try to help MERIT students get their service learning hours. Please sign up for the Remind.</p>	602	<p align="center">Rachel Singletary rsingletary@tcjackets.net Quinton Finn qfinn@tcjackets.net Katie Beck kbeck@tcjackets.net</p>	Every other Tuesday (subject to change)	No

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<p align="center">FCCLA</p> <p>Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. FCCLA is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private schools through grade 12.</p>	FCS Lab	<p align="center">Megan Palmer mpalmer@tcjackets.net</p>	<p align="center">First Thursday 7:30</p>	No
<p align="center">Quiz Bowl</p> <p>A game in which two teams compete head-to-head to answer questions from all areas of knowledge, including history, literature, science, fine arts, current events, popular culture, sports, and more.</p>	721	<p align="center">Heather Ward hward@tcjackets.net</p>	<p align="center">Tuesdays and Thursdays</p>	Yes
<p align="center">Science Academy</p> <p>Students will explore Space Science, Animal Science, and Roller Coaster Physics in an amazing after school program followed by a 4 day field excursion to Kennedy Space Center, EPCOT, Wonderworks, Merritt Island, Disney's Animal Kingdom, SeaWorld, and Universal</p>	603	<p align="center">Dana Studdard dstuddard@tcjackets.net</p> <p align="center">Kim Simmoms ksimmons@tcjackets.net</p>	<p align="center">Mondays 3:30pm - 5:00 pm 8th - Fall 7th - Spring 6th - Winter</p>	No

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Studios. A MUST DO for all Science Nerds!				
<p align="center">Academia de Español</p> <p>Students will experience and learn about International cultures, cuisine, spiritual beliefs, crafts, and entertainment. An experiential local travel opportunity is planned for each term. Native speakers of Spanish are invited to teach. Opportunities to earn service hours exist. Please text @blessakid to 81010 to sign-up for Club Remind messages.</p> <p><i>Some optional domestic travel opportunities involve a minor cost to each student.</i></p>	618	<p>R. Stewart Braswell rbraswell@tcjackets.net</p> <p>Website: https://www.thomas.k12.ga.us/olc/804/class/127657</p> <p><u>Costs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → \$ 5 - Club Dues → \$15 - Club Shirt (Optional) → \$15 - Terms 1, 2, & 3 → \$85 - Term 4 Overnight Field Trip to St. Augustine (Optional) 	<p>1st Tuesday Each Month 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Additional Dates TBA</p> <p>The target group for Academia de Español is MERIT students in Grades 5, 6, and 7.</p> <p>Prior knowledge of Spanish is NOT required. A desire to learn IS required.</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p> <p>National Spanish Examination offered in April by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese</p>
<p>Junior Science Academy</p> <p>Come learn about the “Science of Flight” as we investigate airplanes, birds, drones, and rockets.</p>	508	<p>Ashley Lanatta alanatta@tcjackets.net</p>	Beginning in March 2020 Weekly	No
<p>Future Problem Solvers</p> <p>A competitive club that develops the ability of young people globally to design and achieve</p>		<p>Stacey Hayes shayes@tcjackets.net</p> <p>Katie Beck</p>	Beginning in October	Yes

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positive futures through problem solving using critical and creative thinking.		kbeck@tcjackets.net		
Math Olympiad (5th & 6th Grade) Come explore mathematical concepts while developing flexibility in solving non-routine problems with multiple solution paths.	510	Sarah Rigdon srigdon@tcjackets.net	Bi-Weekly Beginning in November	Yes
Math Olympiad (7th & 8th Grade) Come explore mathematical concepts while developing flexibility in solving non-routine problems with multiple solution paths.	720	Kendra Reeves kreeves@tcjackets.net	Bi-Weekly Beginning in November	Yes

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<p>RAK</p> <p>Become a RAKtivist! Join the Random Acts of Kindness club. We are rooted in the belief that all people can connect through kindness and that kindness can be taught. We follow a simple framework for everything we do: Inspire, Empower, Act, Reflect, and Share. Learn how to make a difference in our world one kind act at a time.</p>	802	<p>Nancy Rogers narogers@tcjackets.net</p> <p>Staci Layne slayne@tcjackets.net</p>	<p>Monthly Beginning in September Room 802</p>	No
<p>Mathcounts</p> <p>The MATHCOUNTS Competition Series is a national program that provides students the opportunity to compete in live, in-person contests against and alongside their peers. Created in 1983, it is the longest-running MATHCOUNTS program and is open to all sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students. Students will meet every other week to prepare for the competition.</p>	616	<p>Quinnton Finn qfinn@tcjackets.net</p>	<p>Monthly Beginning in September</p>	Yes

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Thomas County Middle School Athletics also count as a club / organization. Students must complete the athletic season and remain in good standing as based on GHSA requirements. It must be a school sponsored team - YMCA, travel teams, etc. do not count.

Softball	Wrestling	Cross Country
Baseball	Tennis	Track / Field
Basketball	Golf	Cheer
Football	Soccer	Honors / Advanced Band
Swim	Honors Chorus	