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2020 – 2021 Clubs and Organizations at Thomas County Middle School for MERIT Students  
Please contact the sponsoring teacher with specific questions and concerns.

<b>Coding and Engineering</b> Students will work on an engineering project using Arduino and/or Raspberry Pi	Maker's Space Room	Tammy Sharpe <a href="mailto:tsharpe@tcjackets.net">tsharpe@tcjackets.net</a>	Tuesday/Thursday 3:30 - 4:30 February	No
<b>Duke Tip</b>	719	Retha Lee <a href="mailto:rlee@tcjackets.net">rlee@tcjackets.net</a>  Kendra Reeves <a href="mailto:kreeves@tcjackets.net">kreeves@tcjackets.net</a>	Wednesday 3:30-4:30 September Online	Yes By invitation
<b>FFA</b> 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.	Ag Room	Audrey Davis <a href="mailto:davisa@tcjackets.net">davisa@tcjackets.net</a>	Monthly / 3:00-5:00 Dates vary, students should listen to announcements for meeting days and times  Competition practices 2-3 afternoons a week for 5-6 weeks; dates vary depending on competition	Yes
<b>Ga STC Science and Technology</b> Students will create a variety of technology projects in preparation to compete. Projects may be in the areas of animation, device modification, digital game design, digital	Maker's Space Room	Tammy Sharpe <a href="mailto:tsharpe@tcjackets.net">tsharpe@tcjackets.net</a>	Tuesday/Thursday 3:30 - 4:30 January and February	Yes

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photo production, graphic design, internet applications, mobile apps, multimedia applications, robotics, etc.				
<b>Girls Who Code</b> Girls will work together on a community improvement project using coding and design. 6th - 8th grade girls	Maker's Space Room	Tammy Sharpe <a href="mailto:tsharpe@tcjackets.net">tsharpe@tcjackets.net</a>	Tuesday/Thursday 3:30 - 4:30 Sept. and Oct. <a href="https://girlswhocode.com/">https://girlswhocode.com/</a>	No
<b>LEGO League</b> (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.	Media lab/Mr. Palmer's classroom/ Virtual	Sarah Rigdon <a href="mailto:srigdon@tcjackets.net">srigdon@tcjackets.net</a>  Ashley Palmer <a href="mailto:apalmer@tcjackets.net">apalmer@tcjackets.net</a>  Will Hanna <a href="mailto:whanna@tcjackets.net">whanna@tcjackets.net</a>  Kim Simmons <a href="mailto:Ksimmons@tcjackets.net">Ksimmons@tcjackets.net</a>  Sam Sturup <a href="mailto:ssturup@tcjackets.net">ssturup@tcjackets.net</a>	Weekly 3:30-4:30	Yes Students must apply for this club.
<b>Math Nerds United</b> Students will solve math problems each week and will receive points based on accuracy and speed.	Virtual	5th/6th Pam Piland <a href="mailto:pmiles@tcjackets.net">pmiles@tcjackets.net</a>	Weekly Date to Be Determined 3:30 - 4:30	Yes

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TCMS Band	201	Mr. Majors <a href="mailto:wmajors@tcjackets.net">wmajors@tcjackets.net</a> Mr. Booth <a href="mailto:rbooth@tcjackets.net">rbooth@tcjackets.net</a>	Dates to be determined by band events.	Yes
<b>National Junior Honor Society</b> 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 associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1929.	802/804	Nancy Rogers <a href="mailto:narogers@tcjackets.net">narogers@tcjackets.net</a>  Charla Floyd <a href="mailto:cfloyd@tcjackets.net">cfloyd@tcjackets.net</a>	TBA	No 8th Grade Only By invitation
<b>Reading Bowl</b> 2 Teams 5th grade & 6-8th grade 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.	Media Center	Kathie Craven <a href="mailto:kcraven@tcjackets.net">kcraven@tcjackets.net</a>  Laurel Johnson <a href="mailto:ljohnson@tcjackets.net">ljohnson@tcjackets.net</a>  Dawn Hunnewell <a href="mailto:dhunnewell@tcjackets.net">dhunnewell@tcjackets.net</a>	Mondays 3:00-4:00	Yes

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<b>Spanish Club</b> Students will study spanish cultures, prepare dishes, and create Spanish arts and crafts.	718/618	Dina Ortiz <a href="mailto:dortiz@tcjackets.net">dortiz@tcjackets.net</a>  Sarah Kate Hudson <a href="mailto:shudson@tcjackets.net">shudson@tcjackets.net</a>	Every other Tuesday 3:30-4:30 January - May	No
<b>Prep Club</b>	805	Amanda McConnell <a href="mailto:amcconnell@tcjackets.net">amcconnell@tcjackets.net</a>	Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 January-May	No
<b>The Stock Market Game</b> 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, and there is a Fall and Spring session. Students may compete in one or both sessions.	804	Charla Floyd <a href="mailto:cfloyd@tcjackets.net">cfloyd@tcjackets.net</a>		Yes 8th Grade Only
<b>Writing Club</b>	719 615	Retha Lee <a href="mailto:rlee@tcjackets.net">rlee@tcjackets.net</a> Laurel Johnson <a href="mailto:ljohnson@tcjackets.net">ljohnson@tcjackets.net</a>	Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 January	Yes

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<b>Builders Club</b> Are you interested in helping your community? Do you want to learn more about service learning? This is the club for you! Students must be picked up on time to remain in the club. Please sign up for Remind.	613	Amanda West <a href="mailto:awest@tcjackets.net">awest@tcjackets.net</a>	First Thursday of each month 3:30 - 4:30 November - March *May be virtual*  Other events as scheduled	No
<b>4-H</b> 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.  Great for students who ride the bus since it meets during school hours.	TBA	Cindy Mott Wynn <a href="mailto:cmwynn@uga.edu">cmwynn@uga.edu</a>	TBD Once a month during students exploratory time, does require some Saturday participation and some after school participation time (usually at the 4-H office).	DPA-yes
<b>Student Council</b> 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.	602	Rachel Singletary <a href="mailto:rsingletary@tcjackets.net">rsingletary@tcjackets.net</a>	Every other Tuesday (subject to change)	No
<b>FCCLA</b> 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.	FCS Lab	Megan Palmer <a href="mailto:mpalmer@tcjackets.net">mpalmer@tcjackets.net</a>	First Thursday 7:30	No

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<b>Science Olympiad</b> Team competition in which students compete in 23 events pertaining to various scientific disciplines, including earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering.	806	Clayton Woodfin <a href="mailto:cwoodfin@tcjackets.net">cwoodfin@tcjackets.net</a>	Monday through Thursday When students can make it	Yes
<b>Quiz Bowl</b>	721	Heather Ward <a href="mailto:hward@tcjackets.net">hward@tcjackets.net</a>		Yes
<b>Science Academy</b> 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 Studios. A MUST DO for all Science Nerds!	603	Dana Studdard <a href="mailto:dstuddard@tcjackets.net">dstuddard@tcjackets.net</a>  Kim Simmoms <a href="mailto:ksimmons@tcjackets.net">ksimmons@tcjackets.net</a>	Mondays 3:30pm - 5:00 pm 8th - Fall 7th - Spring 6th - Winter	No

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<p><b>Academia de Español</b></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  <a href="mailto:rbraswell@tcjackets.net">rbraswell@tcjackets.net</a></p> <p>Website:  <a href="https://www.thomas.k12.ga.us/olc/804/class/127657">https://www.thomas.k12.ga.us/olc/804/class/127657</a></p> <p>Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ \$ 5 - Club Dues</li> <li>→ \$15 - Club Shirt (Optional)</li> <li>→ \$15 - Terms 1, 2, &amp; 3 Saturday Field Trips (Optional)</li> <li>→ \$85 - Term 4 Overnight Field Trip to St. Augustine (Optional)</li> </ul>	<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>Yes</p> <p>National Spanish Examination offered in April by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese</p>
<p><b>CoderZ</b></p> <p>CoderZ League (former CRCC) is an exciting, engaging, and entertaining virtual robotics competition for students of all levels to participate and learn about STEM, robotics, and coding and to ignite their technology career paths.</p>	Makerspace Room	<p>Tammy Sharpe  <a href="mailto:tsharpe@tcjackets.net">tsharpe@tcjackets.net</a></p>	<p>This club is entirely online. Students will be expected to make progress each week on the coding levels in preparation for competition. August - December  Limit -30 students/ \$15 fee  <a href="https://coderzleague.com/">https://coderzleague.com/</a></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Opening round of competition begins October 19</p>
<p><b>Junior Science Academy</b></p> <p>Come learn about the “Science of Flight” as we investigate airplanes, birds, drones, and rockets.</p>	508	<p>Ashley Lanatta  <a href="mailto:alanatta@tcjackets.net">alanatta@tcjackets.net</a></p> <p>Billie Campbell  <a href="mailto:bcampbell@tcjackets.net">bcampbell@tcjackets.net</a></p>	<p>Beginning in March 2020  Weekly</p>	<p>No</p>

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<b>Wells for Hope</b> Earn community service hours by designing and implementing a service learning project to support <a href="#">Wells for Hope</a> .	Virtual/Face to Face 507	Carrie Holland <a href="mailto:cholland@tcjackets.net">cholland@tcjackets.net</a> Sarah Rigdon <a href="mailto:srigdon@tcjackets.net">srigdon@tcjackets.net</a>	Bi-weekly Beginning in October	No

Thomas County Middle School Athletics also count as a club / organization. Students must complete the 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. Honor Chorus also counts in this area.

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