



PINEY GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES
2017-2018

Academic Bowl – The Piney Grove Academic Bowl Team is not really a club at all. It is a highly competitive team similar to your middle school football, basketball, and track teams. It is essentially Team Jeopardy. We practice, we plan, and we strategize just like the rest of them. This year's team will be sponsored by Mr. Jim Wiles and Mr. Ryan Bartlett.

Chess Club - Chess Club is a fun active club with both beginner and experienced chess players. All are welcome to attend. Come play chess to "exercise your mind." Chess is a fun way to practice concentration, patience, logic and mental calculations. The chess club is sponsored by Mr. Randolph Thrower and Mrs. Noelle Robinson

DECA - DECA is an organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in careers in marketing, management, finance and hospitality. Students work through projects for competitions, attend competition related field trips and assist in decisions for the DECA sponsored school store, *The Cabin*. Meetings are monthly. This club is open to all 7th and 8th graders, Club sponsors are Mrs. Irwin & Mrs. Johnson.

Fantasy Football Club -- The fantasy football club meets weekly in the mornings during the NFL schedule to discuss current happenings and weekly progress. We analyze player statistics, while managing mock NFL teams through ESPN.com. The purpose of the club is for students to compete in a friendly fashion, while learning more about football statistics. We welcome club members of all levels. For more information, contact the club sponsor, Ms. Kim Zimmerman

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) – FCA will meet every other week before school for fellowship, food, and fun. We work on local, national, and international mission projects in order to make a difference in others' lives. For more information, contact Mr. Miles Walker, Mrs. Rene Blackstone, or Angie Smith.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)- FBLA is the premier student business organization. Students compete in many individual, team, and chapter competitions as well as other leadership training opportunities that will engage your child, providing valuable business skills that will help prepare him/her for the future. The club is open to all grades and meets every other week at 8am. This club is sponsored by Mrs. Carmen Linn.

Future Teachers of America - This is an opportunity for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to get hands-on experience in an elementary classroom. PGMS students are assigned to one teacher at Shiloh Point (grade choices are given) for the entire school year. We meet at Shiloh EVERY week from 7:30-8:30 to help our young friends with a multitude of activities from reading to students, to flashcard practice, to completing work. PGMS students who think that teaching may be in their future are encouraged to try this club out! It is a very big commitment type of club. The sponsor will be Ms. Cindy Carroll.

Junior Thespian Troupe - Piney Grove's Junior Thespian Troupe is the student honor society that recognizes and rewards the excellence among the participants of the PGMS Theatre Program. Throughout the year members attend theatre workshops, master classes, and performances in addition to meeting twice a month. Any Piney Grove student may be a member of and participate in the PGMS Theatre Program (drama class, PGMS Musical, etc.), but only students who have earned membership may be inducted into the Junior Thespian Troupe. To be inducted, students must earn points that can be accumulated through work and involvement in the PGMS Theatre Program – for example, performing in the annual PGMS Musical, being a member of stage crew, attending a performance, work in drama class, etc. For more information, please see Mrs. Amanda Steinberg.

Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team - Meeting and try-outs will be announced during the first month of school. To try out, students will read a minimum of 4 of the current Georgia Children's Book Award nominated books, write questions for each book, and complete a short Q & A on those books during try-out week. Only the top 5 students and two alternates will make the team. Once the team is selected, members will complete reading the 20 books, continue to write questions on the books, attend weekly meetings, and participate in quiz bowl style competition. For more information or a list of books, see Mrs. Dawn McCaskill (Room 1111).

Just One Africa - Join Just One Africa if you want to help kids across the world have clean, safe drinking water. You can be ONE person to help save a life! We will string bracelets made from recycled paper (Bead made in Kenya!). Each bracelet provides 200,000 gallons of clean water to families in need. This club is sponsored by Mrs. Rene Blackstone, Mrs. Jackie Whitley, and Mrs. Theresa Witalis.

Math Club – Math Club provides an opportunity for students to apply their knowledge of math beyond the classroom. Students can expect to explore careers that utilize math and to compete in competitions and contests. The Math Club will meet before school throughout the year. This year the sponsors are Mrs. Karin Francis and Mrs. Jenna Kliesch.

Minecraft Club - Students who enjoy the challenge of creating, building, and defending various environments will enjoy Minecraft Club. Students will be creating their own structures/environments using the Minecraft Game, and no prior knowledge or experience with the game is required. This club is sponsored by Ms. Erin Powell.

(VEX) - VEX is a competitive Robotics club for 7th and 8th grade Students. VEX is a yearlong very involved club. It is important that parents and students attend the club kick off. Information for this parent meeting will be communicated through morning announcements and the Piney Grove website or email. Please contact Mr. Ryan Henson at rhenson@forsyth.k12.ga.us.

Soccer Club – Play soccer before/after school for friendly game(s) against Otwell Middle School students. Mr. Chad Brady sponsors the soccer club.

Art Club- A creative club that focuses on the basics and advanced process of painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, ceramics, photography, and graphic design.

The field trip to the High Museum of Art will be scheduled for the first week of February.

The Art Club is sponsored by Gena Robbins - grobbins@forsyth.k12.ga.us