

CANDLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS & ACTIVITIES 2020-2021



We invite you to explore all of the opportunities we have to offer through our clubs and activities program. Please read through our offerings for the 2020-2021 school year and see why Candlewood Middle School is the perfect place for you to get involved and find your passion!

Please visit our Candlewood News and Announcements Canvas page or our Candlewood Middle School website to access up-to-date information for each club. Just follow the link for the club you are interested in, and visit that Canvas page for access to remote meetings, club information and other important news.

"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

-Walt Disney

ART CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Karolyn Casazza

The art club gives students the chance to make detailed art projects and be part of a community of children who are passionate about art. Students in the Art Club work in various media to further their artistic skills. The members have the opportunity to explore and take different art mediums beyond what is offered in the regular classroom setting.



Start Date: September 30th

Club will meet In Person 9th period in Room 602

BOOK CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Erica Schultheis

The Book club promotes reading and literacy without the pressure of assignments or grades. Kids read selections in literature circles and participate in guided book talks in a relaxed and supportive environment. A lifelong love of literature is a page-turn away!



Start Date: September 29th

Club will meet Remotely after school

CAREER CONNECTION CRAFTS

Advisor: Mrs. Beth Ann Magali

The goal for the Career Connections Craft Club is to teach children how to positively engage in independent activities during unstructured times throughout their day. The children will be introduced to various crafts and will be able to work on the skills needed in order to become independent.

Start Date: September 30th

Club will meet In Person after school 2:40 pm – 3:40 pm in Room 111

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Advisor: Mrs. Nicole Abrams

The purpose of the club is to provide an extension of the exiting orchestra program. Students need to be currently enrolled in 6th, 7th or 8th grade orchestra.

The music is typically more advanced than what students learn during regular class time.

Students will be auditioned to assess their readiness for the group and will be seated according to ability. If accepted into the group students will learn skills needed to perform with a small group such as playing without a conductor, blending with their section and the whole ensemble, and more advanced expression and phrasing techniques.

Start Date: October 7th

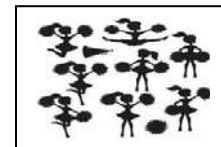
Club will meet In Person after school 2:40 pm – 3:40 pm in the Band Room



CHEERLEADERS CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Susan Smith

The purpose of the club is to promote and uphold school spirit and to develop a sense of good sportsmanship among students and fans. The members of the club are expected to create and promote teamwork,



collaboration, encourage quality performance and high academic standards. Through the development of spirit and cheer technique, leadership, cooperation, self-discipline, and sportsmanship, the cheerleading team encourages their student body and their community through support of athletic events and activities.

Start Date: September 30th

Club will meet In Person after school 2:40 pm – 3:40 pm in Room 605

COMPUTER & CODING CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Krista Calvanese

The coding club is designed to demystify “code”, to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st century career path. We will use code.org and a few other sites to learn the basics.

Start Date: October 1st

Club will meet Remotely during 9th Period

CRAFTS CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Karen Andres

Students interested in expanding their knowledge of art through mediums not taught in Art class are the perfect candidates for this club. Students work in various mediums and create both 2 dimension and 3 dimensional pieces.

Start Date: September 29th

Club will meet Remotely during 9th period

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Erica Schultheis

The creative writing club is the perfect place for students to explore poetry, narrative and other writing styles. Challenge yourself to be creative...we dare you!

Start Date: October 1st

Club will meet Remotely after school



DANCELINE KICKLINE CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Taylor Steffek / Assistant Advisor: Ms. Marina Hallaran

Danceline is a competitive team that participates in building school spirit and strives to build leadership skills between all grade levels through the love of dance. Our team consists of an average of 14-20 girls, grades 6-8. A background of dance is beneficial and helpful in making the team, but this is not required to make the team."

Start Date: September 29th

Club will meet In Peron after school 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

DOUBLE DUTCH CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Janice Boccasini

The Double Dutch club teaches students how to develop hand-eye coordination as well as the ability to work cooperatively turning rope with a partner to practice the skill of jumping Double Dutch. Students are encouraged to take risks when jumping in the rope. The club also fosters the making of new friendships.

Start Date: October 7th

Club will meet In Person 9th period



DRAMA CLUB

Director: Ms. Dunn, Mr. Gerbino and Mr. Dluginski - Fall Production

This club will provide students with the opportunity to explore the art of theatre through the production of two shows – Fall Musical and Spring Musical. The student are provided an opportunity in acting, singing, dancing, stage production, lighting and sound.

Start Date: October 13th

Club will meet Remotely during 9th period



ENL Diversity Club (Bi-Weekly)

Advisor: TBA

This club aims to provide students with opportunities to practice English and experience American and other cultures in a relaxing, enjoyable environment. Students will practice spoken English while chatting with peers, making new friends, playing games.



HOME & CAREERS/COOKING & COMMUNITY CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Warren Kaplan

Come join the Fun! If you like to cook or help others, this club may be just for you! While we are going to do a lot of cooking, we will be giving back to the less fortunate as well. The first 12 student who bring in permission slips will be in the club. In addition, 12 remote students can Zoom this club. There will be a waitlist and this club will be offered again on a different day in the Spring for the Green Cohort students!



Club will meet In-Person after school 2:55 – 3:55 on October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 18 and December 2, 9 & 18 in Room 402

JAZZ CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Brian Brozzoski

To provide students the opportunity to work on music from the jazz repertoire, learn how to improvise, and prepare pieces for the Winter and Spring concerts.

Start Date: October 6th

Club will meet In Person after school 2:40 pm – 3:40 pm in the Band Room



JUNIOR TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor: Mrs. Nicole Abrams

Junior Tri-M Music Honor Society is a nationally recognized society for students who have already shown themselves to be academically capable and musically gifted. Through performance and community service, they'll develop confidence, creativity, critical thinking, compassion, and a host of other leadership skills sure to serve them well in school and beyond. Students in Band, Orchestra or Chorus can join and must maintain a 95 or higher average in their music class. They also must maintain an 85 or higher overall average. Students must participate in 2 service events over the course of the year. Students will choose officers to help run the meetings and events. There will be four meetings per month, two for just officers, one for all members, one for a service event. Service activities include any actions undertaken by the student that are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation to the individual performing the service. (food drives, concert ushers, practice buddies, etc.) There will be an induction ceremony at the end of the year for members who've met the requirements for the year.

Start Date: October 8th

Club will meet In Person after school 2:40 pm – 3:40 pm in the Band Room

KALEIDOSCOPE

Advisor: Ms. Marina Hallaran

The purpose of this club is to create a safe, welcoming, and accepting space for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Kaleidoscope is a student-led club that aims to unite LGBTQ+ and allied students to build community and organize around issues impacting them in their school and community.

Start Date: October 5th

Club will meet In Person on Mondays from 2:45-3:45 in the Cyber Cafe

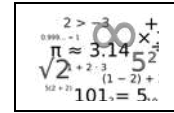
MATH OLYMPIADS – 6th Grade (Bi-Weekly)

Advisor: Ms. Gwen Shaw

The purpose of the club is to provide opportunities for Grade 6 children to engage in creative problem solving activities which develop a child's ability to reason, be logical, resourceful, and occasionally ingenious. The Olympiad's goals for children are: 1) Develop enthusiasm for problem solving and mathematics; 2) Deepen understanding of mathematical concepts and strengthen ability to use these concepts; 3) Consider concepts that they might encounter in their life; 4) Enrich experiences in intellectually stimulating and significant mental activities.

Start Date: October 5th

Club will meet Remotely after school



MATHLETES – 7th & 8th Grade (Bi-Weekly)

Advisor: Mrs. Krista Calvanese

Do you like working with numbers, solving equations and unraveling logic problems? Whether you are interested in fast-paced competition with peers, or relaxed projects exploring the math in the world around you, Mathletes is the place for you. The MOEMS goals are to:

- develop enthusiasm for problem solving and mathematics,
- deepen understanding of mathematical concepts and strengthen ability to use these concepts,
- consider concepts that they might not otherwise encounter,
- enrich experiences in intellectually stimulating and significant mental activities, and
- build a stronger foundation for assessments and for future mathematics studies.

Start Date: September 29th

Club will meet Remotely 9th Period



MOCK TRIAL CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Adam Stern / Assistant Advisor: TBA

To provide students the opportunity to prepare a mock and argue it against another school at a competition. The club's defense will argue against another school.

Start Date: September 24th

Club will meet Remotely after school

MURAL CLUB (Bi-Weekly)

Advisor: Mrs. Karen Andres

Students who have an interest in art and painting are urged to participate in this school beautification club. Students will design original works of art which will be transferred to places in our building through mural painting. Members need to be independent, creative people able to work in small groups.

Start Date: October 1st

Club will meet In Person during 9th period in Room 601



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Advisors: Mrs. Leslie Pilgrim and Mrs. Patricia Hobson

NJHS is a service organization and the members (by induction) are encouraged to complete their required community service in a variety of ways. This includes activities like office duty, volunteering at the community library, local hospitals and elderly care facilities, ushering at concerts, or helping out with school charitable organizations. The members support in-school

clubs as well, including student government, Candlewood Cares, Friendship Club and SOAR. 7th & 8th grade students are admitted to the NJHS based on established NJHS criteria. Criteria for membership to the National Junior Honor Society can be found on page 17 of the Candlewood Agenda Book.

Start Date: October 8th

Club will meet Remotely during 9th period

ONE WORLD YOUTH CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Sharon Holzman

One World Youth Club is a global citizenship club where students will explore how to be leaders in their local and global communities. Students will complete service projects which include: Breast Cancer Walk, Sunshine Toy Drive, Spring Food Drive, and other activities.

Start Date: September 23rd

Club will meet Remotely after school

SCHOOL STORE

Advisor: Mrs. Patricia McCarthy

If you like shopping or spending money, this club may be for you. Employees will be trained in departmentalizing, inventory, and ordering merchandise. They will also learn how to operate a cash register/box and count change, a valuable skill for a future job in high school. The School Store will be open daily at dismissal for student shoppers.

Start Date: September 23rd

Club will meet In Person after school 2:40 pm – 3:40 pm in the Cafeteria

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Advisor: Ms. Shawn Dunn / Assistant Advisor: Mr. Joseph Polly

The purpose of Science Olympiad is to compete in the Science Olympiad Middle School tournament. It is a national organization that competes on a regional, state and national level. The regional competition is held on a Saturday sometime in February or March. The student prepare to compete in over 15 science, technology and engineering events. In the past, we have 2 teams of 15 students each with a few alternates.

Start Date: October 22nd

Club will meet combination of In-person & Remotely depending on the various events



STEM - ROBOTICS

Advisors: Mr. William Ulrich and Mr. Andrew Black

Students will learn to build and program robots using the LEGO EV3 system.

Start Date: October 1st

Club will meet In Person after school 2:45-3:45 in Room 301



STUDENT GOVERNMENT/COUNCIL 6th & 7th Grade

Advisors: Mrs. Karen Andres and Mrs. Krista Calvanese

Student Government meets every morning during advisory in room 601 to discuss current school events, organize school activities such as dances, the pep rally, and "Spirit Week", and also organize fundraisers throughout the year.

Start Date: October 5th

Club will meet Remotely during 9th period

8th GRADE ADVISOR

Advisors: Mrs. Maureen Mott and Mrs. Jennifer Randazzo

The 8th grade advisors start the year off with a pie sale fundraiser, in order to benefit the 8th graders and offset the cost of their class trips. We are also collaborating to plan a fun-filled, exciting dance for all 8th grade students. Lastly, the 8th grade advisors plan and facilitate the moving up ceremony in June.

Start Date: September 21st

Club will meet Remotely during 9th period

TECHNOLOGY

Advisor: Mr. William Ulrich

Students will learn to use a variety of hand and power tools to create a variety of projects depending on their skill level.

Start Date: September 30th

Club will meet In Person after school 2:45-3:45 in Room 303



WORLD LANGUAGE CULTURE CLUB (Bi-Weekly)

Advisor: Mrs. Lori O'Connor

This club will offer students a place to reunite with their peers in a relaxed setting where they will be given the opportunity to share/learn new information about the culture and civilization of the country they are studying in their classes. The goal of the club will be to enhance cultural understanding of the 4 languages studied at Candlewood. This will be accomplished through target language movies, songs, discussions about traditions and customs. Meetings will be conducted in English. Sufficient time will be allocated for each country dividing meetings equally among the 4 countries: China, France, Italy and Spain.



First Meeting: September 22nd during 9th period in Room 103

Second Meeting: September 30th In person after school 2:45 – 3:45 in Room 103

YEARBOOK

Advisors: Ms. Marina Hallaran / Assistant Advisor: Ms. Amanda D'Onofrio

The purpose of this club is to design, promote, and distribute Candlewood's annual yearbook publication. Assisted by teachers, students use an online computer program to create pages, take photos, and capture the atmosphere of Candlewood Middle School.

Start Date: October 1st

Club will meet Remotely after school

