

CANDLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS & ACTIVITIES 2021-2022



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 2021-2022 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

ANIME CLUB (Bi-Weekly)

Advisor: Mrs. Marina Hallaran

The Anime Club is a place for any student who enjoys watching, discussing, or drawing anime (or manga). We promote the appreciation and enjoyment of anime as an art form as well as an awareness and understanding of Japanese culture. Everyone is welcome; students can join at any point in the school year.

Start Date: October 7th

Club will meet every other Thursday 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm in the Cyber Cafe

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: October 6th

Club will meet Wednesdays 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm 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 28th

Club will meet Tuesdays 2:50 pm – 3:50 pm in Room 210



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 22nd

Club will meet Wednesdays 2:45 pm – 3:45 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 13th

Club will meet Wednesdays 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm in the Auditorium



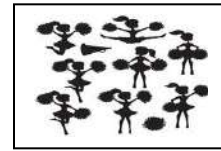
CHEERLEADERS CLUB

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 21st

Club will meet Tuesdays 2:45 pm – 4:45 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: Second Quarter

Check morning announcements in November for club details

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 30th

Club will meet Thursdays 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm in Room 601

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: September 29th

Club will meet Wednesdays 2:50 pm – 3:50 pm in Room 210



DANCELINE KICKLINE CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Taylor Steffek / Assistant Advisor: Mrs. Elese Marks

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."

Try outs Tuesday September 21st and Thursday September 23rd

Practice Starts: October 4th

Club will meet Mondays and Wednesdays 2:45 – 4:30 in the Cafeteria

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: September 22nd

Club will meet Wednesdays 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm in Room 206

DRAMA CLUB

Director: Ms. Dunn/Mr. Dluginski - Fall Production & Spring 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: Auditions will begin early October. More details will be posted in the morning announcement. Fall Musical production in December & Spring Musical production in April



ENL Diversity Club (Bi-Weekly)

Advisor: Ms. Lisa Rodriguez

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.

Start Date: October 6th

Club will meet every other Wednesday 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm in the Cyber Cafe



HOME & CAREERS/COOKING & COMMUNITY CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Waren 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!



Start Date: September 30; October 7, 14, 21, 29; November 4 & 18

Club will meet Thursdays 2:55 pm – 4:45 pm 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 1st

Club will meet Tuesdays 2:50 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 7th

Club will meet Thursdays 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm in the Band Room

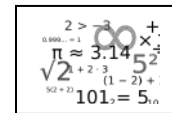
KALEIDOSCOPE (Bi-Weekly)

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: September 30th

Club will meet every other Thursday 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm 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.

Enrollment is capped at 24 members.

Entrance Exam is October 5th at 7:00 am or 2:20 pm

Club will meet Tuesdays twice a month at 7:10 am in Room 214. All details and information will be posted on the Math Olympiad Canvas Page.

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: Second Quarter

Check morning announcements in November for club details



MOCK TRIAL CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Adam Stern / Assistant Advisor: Andrew Doniger

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 28th

Club will meet Tuesdays 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm in Room 215

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: September 29th

Club will meet every other Wednesday 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm 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: September 29th

NJHS will meet the last Wednesday of each month 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm in the Auditorium

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: Tuesday September 21st

Club will meet Tuesdays 7:15 am – 7:45 am in Room 213

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: October 7th informational meeting

Club will meet Monday through Thursday from 2:40 pm – 2:55 pm in the Cafeteria

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Advisor: Ms. Shawn Dunn / Assistant Advisor: Ms. Melissa Watkins

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: TBA

Club will meet on Thursdays with some additional meetings during the week. Further information TBA in morning announcements.

STEM - ROBOTICS

Advisors: Mr. William Ulrich and Mr. Joseph Polley

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

Start Date: September 23rd

Club will meet Thursdays 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm in Room 301



STUDENT GOVERNMENT/COUNCIL 6th & 7th Grade

Advisors: Mrs. K. Andres/Ms. J. Monsees (1st Half); Mrs. K. Andres/Mrs. K. Calvanese (2nd Half)

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.

Student Government/Council meet Daily in Advisory

8th GRADE ADVISOR

Advisors: Mrs. Maureen Mott and Mrs. Christina Drake

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. The 8th grade class advisors are excited to generate new ideas and create memorable events to commemorate your time at Candlewood. The 8th grade advisors plan and facilitate the 8th grade end of year events and moving up ceremony in June.

The 8th Grade Advisor meets during Advisory

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 22nd

Club will meet Wednesdays 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm 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.

Start Date: September 21st

Club will meet Tuesdays twice per month 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm in Room 103

Club runs from September – March

YEARBOOK

Advisors: Ms. Marina Hallaran and 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: September 28th

Club will meet every other Tuesday 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm in Room 205

Intramurals 2021-2022 – 6th Grade Students Only



The intramural program at Candlewood Middle School is an outgrowth of the physical education program. All 6th grade students are invited to attend on a voluntary basis regardless of their sport skill level. Participation – rather than competition – is emphasized. A variety of activities are offered with most meeting twice weekly for a ten-week period of time. Activities change seasonally and are led by staff members. The intramural program is publicized through public address announcements in advisory, written notices, announcements in physical education classes, and posters. . The intramural programs may include Flag Football, Soccer, Yoga, Weight Room, Basketball and Softball.

**Further details for the Intramurals will be posted
in the morning announcements and Candlewood website.**

CANDLEWOOD ATHLETICS

It is our goal to see that all coaches promote fitness, sportsmanship, skills improvement, team and school spirit, and character. There are twenty-six boys and girls interscholastic teams and Candlewood continues a solid athletic tradition with over 50% of all seventh and eighth grade students participating on at least one team during the school year. **(7th & 8th grade students only)**



FALL SEASON (September – October)

Co-Ed	Cross-Country
Boys	Football 8 th Grade Football 7 th Grade Soccer 8 th Grade Soccer 7 th Grade
Girls	Field Hockey Soccer 8 th Grade Soccer 7 th Grade

EARLY WINTER SEASON (November – January)

Boys	Basketball 8 th Grade Basketball 7 th Grade
Girls	Volleyball 8 th Grade Volleyball 7 th Grade

LATE WINTER SEASON (Mid January – March)

Boys	Volleyball Wrestling
Girls	Basketball 8 th Grade Basketball 7 th Grade

SPRING SEASON (End March – June)

Co-Ed	Swimming CW/WH
Boys	Baseball 8 th Grade Baseball 7 th Grade Lacrosse 8 th Grade Lacrosse 7 th Grade Track & Field 7 th & 8 th Grade
Girls	Lacrosse 7 th & 8 th Softball – 8 th Grade Softball – 7 th Grade Track & Field – 7 th & 8 th Grade

Fall Season begins: September 9, 2021

Early Winter Season begins: November 8, 2021

Late Winter Season begins: January 18, 2022

Spring Season begins: March 28, 2022

Please contact the Nurse's Office
for any athletic information.

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