

WMS Student Clubs

2016-2017

Student Council - WMS Student Council plans and organizes events for middle school students. It helps to build character, leadership, decision making, organization skills and responsibility. Student will help all of WMS be aware of the great things happening at our school and will have the opportunity to make locker signs and decorate the school for various sporting events and activities. Student council members will help raise student and staff spirit! They will have the opportunity to help create and execute homeroom challenges, school-wide spirit days, design t-shirts, etc. They are also apart of homecoming spirit week, fundraisers for causes of their choice, and school dances.

Sponsors: Ms. Huben and Ms. Sahak

Doctor Who Club--We will be watching episodes, discussing the love of all things Who and enjoying the Doctor's trip through history! Club participants will have the opportunity to learn about time travel, ethics of life and how things are different "across the pond." No previous experience with the Doctor necessary, just a love of learning and the ability to figure out "wibbly-wobbly, timey-wimey stuff."

Sponsor: Mrs. Madsen

Computer Science Club—If you're interested in learning more about computer science, specifically computer programming, this is the club for you. Come hang out with students that have similar interests and learn from each other. This club is for the beginner student and the advanced student.

Sponsor: Mrs. Shabram

Green Team--This club is designed to encourage students to explore and develop Earth friendly solution to modern day problems. In the past, projects have included solar collectors (death ray), solar phone charger, wind turbines, projectile launchers and greenhouse designs. There are a lot of other neat projects that we are excited to get into this year. Our projects usually depend on a degree of scrapping old technology and repurposing them, but for when reusing isn't an option, there is a \$5.00 entrance fee to cover potential purchases.

Sponsors: Mr. Durante

Book Club--This club is for book lovers that like to talk about the books they are reading. Students will vote on as a group what book they would like to read from a given selection, and meet once a month to discuss. \$5.00 fee for snacks.

Sponsor: Ms. Clark

Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)—This club provides a safe environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, straight, and questioning youth to meet, socialize, and support one another. The club encourages a friendly, tolerant atmosphere for students of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Sponsors: Mr. Hauserman and Mr. Hoffmann

Speech Club— Speech Team is an activity that meets in the winter and spring to prepare speeches in the hope to eventually complete in area competitions or at least to speak in front of an audience. It will help you gain confidence and prepare you to become an amazing public speaker. You will build teamwork and social skills too. You can choose to compete in Public Speaking, where you write and present a speech, or you can try Interpretation, where you show off more of your acting skills.

Sponsor: Ms. Christiansen

Gamer Club - For people interested in playing competitive, cop-operative, and recreational games -from board games to the most current video games. Students are encouraged and allowed to bring in their favorite games to share with the club, as long as they are G rated. Our goal is to provide an open and friendly environment for playing games, and meeting folks. Amateur, expert, or just a little curious, everyone is welcome to bring and play any game they would like. The Game Club currently has a Wii game system to utilize during club meetings.

Sponsor: Ms. Dorris

Pokemon Club - Do you love Pokemon? This club is a great opportunity to meet other players to share ideas and strategies. Join us to play in tournaments, participate in trivia, trade cards, and much more. Bring your trading cards, games, or anything else you would like to share.

Sponsors: Mr. Apfelbeck, Ms. Mahacek, & Ms. Albers

Louder Than a Bomb - Louder Than a Bomb: Great Plains is the biggest youth poetry festival in the Midwest, fostering an understanding and appreciation of poetry for thousands of students each year in dozens of Nebraska high schools and middle schools. Students work closely for months with one of our community's finest poets, who help them write, revise, and rehearse original individual and group performance poetry pieces. Students do all this while finding common ground in a safe space with their peers. This is a performance oriented club, so we will host live events during the year, and we will participate in the regional competition in the spring. (No prior knowledge of poetry is necessary.)

Sponsor: Mr. Horton

Chess Club - Come challenge your mind and your skills by playing the greatest game ever invented! Students can practice and share techniques. Students will be able to play for enjoyment or compete against each other in a tournament format. This club is for all levels of experience.

Sponsor: Ms. Herink

Project Unify - Students of all abilities have the power to positively impact their school communities by promoting social inclusion. Special Olympics Project UNIFY® provides opportunities for young people of all abilities to be leaders in their schools and communities by promoting equality and acceptance. These leadership activities help students with and without intellectual disabilities find their voices by teaching them to become change agents striving for respect and inclusion.

Sponsors: Ms. Jackson & Mr. O'Brien

Fall Play - Auditions for the Fall Play, "Something's Rotten in the State of Denmark" will take place on Monday and Tuesday, August 29 and 30 in the PAC. The play is a satirical farce of Shakespeare's Hamlet. If you enjoy ridiculous comedy with a little witty Shakespeare on the side - we need you! You can pick up your audition packet and tryout scene outside of room 219. You must have a signed audition packet at your tryout.

Director: Ms. Job

Spring Musical - Love to sing, dance and act? Want to get involved at Westside Middle School? If you answered yes, the spring musical is for you! This year's musical is *Loserville*. "IT'S 1971. MICHAEL DORK MAY BE A COMPUTER GEEK BUT HE'S INVENTED SOMETHING THAT COULD CHANGE **THE** WORLD. HE'S ALSO DISCOVERED GIRLS: A PROSPECT (ALMOST) AS EXCITING AS HIS LOVE OF BINARY." <http://www.loservillethemusical.com/about.php> TRYOUTS: December 13th and 15th in the Vocal Music Room right after school. See you then!

Directors: Ms. Meyers and Ms. Steiner

Science Olympiad:

Sponsors: Mrs. Lowther and Mr. Hoffmann