

Clubs and Organizations

2016-2017



Art Service Club

Ms. Grace Barrett

Meets in room A-14, 2:50-3:30 pm, every Wednesday.

The Art Club is the club for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who are interested in connecting their interest in art with community service. The club will have a different focus each month and will be involved in service work to our CMS community as well as service projects designed for a broader audience. Students will explore a variety of materials in their creation of personal works that are focused on common goals. This club provides an excellent opportunity to discover new friends with similar interests, to build leadership skills, and to do compassionate work for those around us. ASC also supports Community Outreach Soup Kitchen Fridays every other month starting in October from 3:30-5:00.

Art & Literary Magazine

Ms. Ariel Adrian & Mrs. Stephanie Zweibel

Meets in room D2-2, 2:50-3:30 pm, last two Mondays of the month.



ILLUSIONS, CMS' own Art & Literary Magazine, is published at the end of the school year. The magazine is a collection of original artwork, poems, and short stories created by the students. Members of the club will learn how to collect, compile, illustrate, edit, and publish the works that are submitted. Each member of the A&L staff will have an original work of his/her own featured in the magazine. The end product will be a perfect blend of visual and written expression.

Best of Buddies

Mrs. Adele Daigger, Mrs. Mary Hanna & Mrs. Deborah Teller

Little Theater, 2:50-3:30 pm, twice a month on Tuesdays.

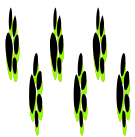


Best of Buddies is a friendship club designed to promote friendships between students with disabilities and their non-disabled peers. Best of Buddies welcomes all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students willing to make a difference in someone's life. Together, members promote the growth of social skills while forming meaningful friendships! All members will have wonderful opportunities to interact with one another through different fun activities and fundraisers. We hope to see you as a member!

Cause Four Paws

Ms. Renee Landsman & Ms. Danielle Rogers

Meets once a month; day & room will be announced 1 week prior 2:45 - 3:30 pm.



"MS Cause Four Paws" is a club whose goal is to teach students how to respect animals, be responsible for their pets, and build loving relationships with animals. Members will have the opportunity to meet different organizations that teach about animal rights, such, as the Suffolk Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and local shelters, trainers, groomers, and volunteers of various animal shelters. Members will also have a chance to meet trainers who will educate students about the various ways that animals are used for service (Veteran Dogs, Therapy dogs, READ dogs, Canine Dogs, Search and Rescue Dogs, and Guide Dogs). The work of the club will also be to spread awareness of the needs of animals in shelters so that we as a club can help local shelters via a pet drive.

Chamber Orchestra

Ms. Ellen Richardson

Meets in the Orchestra Room, A-9, 7:00 - 7:45 am (before school), every Thursday.



Chamber Orchestra is offered to challenge advanced string-music students. Membership in the Chamber Orchestra is determined by audition requirements. Audition packets are available to all orchestra students of every grade.



CMS Unplugged

Ms. Joanne Ziello

Meets in room A-2, 2:50-3:35 pm, every Tuesday.

CMS Unplugged is a creative gathering place for musicians, songwriters, and singers of all grade levels, who share ideas and skills and encourage creative, personal, and social growth through music. The club will give young musicians an opportunity to learn from one another and to write, create, and perform original music. All instruments are welcome. CMS Unplugged also encourages students who have technical skills to record music, video tape performances, photograph events, and decorate the stage area.



Digital Media Club

Mr. Ed Cuff & Mr. Joseph Bisulca

Meets in room A-16 on Thursday after school.

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students will have an opportunity to script, produce, and participate in animation, videos, public service announcements, and more, in order to promote and advertise local and school community activities and fundraisers, student accomplishments, and issues deserving of greater student body and community attention. Students will develop 21st century media skills as they lead different projects using video equipment and editing programs.



Europa Club

Ms. Patti Emola

Meets in room D-13, 2:50-3:35 pm, one to two times a month on Friday. The first meeting is Friday, September 30.

The Europa Club is the club for all students interested in exploring other cultures and their languages and in promoting inter-cultural understanding. The students will learn basic expressions in other languages and how other cultures express themselves through song, dance, arts and crafts, and food. Members of the club are involved in community service and will participate in International Night.



The Fan Club

Mr. Keith Reyling

Meets once or twice a month in D-21 from 2:45 – 3:30 pm.

The Fan Club offers students who love sports an opportunity to gather with other fanatics and discuss their passion for the game. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will engage in lively debates and examine ways to support their opinions. Monday morning quarterbacks are welcome here! In addition to offering a forum for enthusiastic fans to discuss their opinions of the latest sports news, this club also teaches the nuances of sports and works directly with CMS teams in need of managers.



Fashion, Sewing, and Crafts Club

Ms. Angelina Napoli

Meets on Thursday in Room A-17 from 2:45 - 5:00 pm.

Students in the 7th and 8th grade will have the opportunity to use their sewing skills and creativity to make fashions they will wear, give as gifts, or donate to charity. A variety of handcrafted projects will be made to follow the seasons and holidays. Come in and have fun creating handmade projects.



Fitness Club

Mr. Jeff DiLorenzo & Mr. Pete Smith

Meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month on the boys' Phys Ed side.

Fitness Club is open to all students interested in getting fit. In the club, you will be exposed to weight training, cardiovascular training, and functional agility training.



Flip-It

Ms. Lisa Sigloch & Ms. Lorisa Martinez

Meets once a month in Room A-20, from 2:45 until 5:00 pm. Meeting dates will be announced at the first meeting.

All students are welcome to come and “flip” used household items into new treasures. So if you have an old T-shirt, some unused shoe laces, buttons, an empty cereal box or a milk carton, bring them to Flip It and see how creative you can be! Each month there will be a designated “Flip-It” project. Members will be encouraged to flip for others by sharing their works of art.



Geography Club

Ms. Lindsey Caggiano

Meets after school every 3rd and 4th Thursday of the month in room D2-10.

First Meeting: Thursday, October 20th.

The Geography Club is open to all students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade who have an interest in geography and competing in the geography bee. Did you know that Egypt is the world’s second largest consumer of cotton candy? (The United States is first.) Have you ever wondered why there is a Starbucks on almost every corner in New York City? Come to a meeting and you will find out all sorts of cool and fun facts about geography. We will learn about all different types of geography like population, human, and urban geography. Students will be encouraged to participate in the geography bee with the hopes of advancing to the state level. This club will also benefit students who are looking to take AP Human Geography when they reach the high school level.



History Club

Mr. Matthew Gallagher

Meets in room D-17, 3:00-3:30 pm, every Thursday.

The CMS History Club offers an opportunity for students with an interest in history and humanities to develop lively debate, enhance research and document analysis skills, and share an interest in history and politics with classmates and new friends. We will be working in conjunction with Commack Public Library as well as various Historical Societies in the area on genealogies, in order to understand the importance of historical records. Students will be able to work on their Social Studies projects in order to compete on a local and regional level in the National History Day competition. In addition, the History Club looks to develop a wide variety of opportunities for field trips where we may enjoy the wealth of history that Long Island has to offer. If you are a fan of history, or enjoy discussing politics and current events with friends and family, this club is for you.



International Cooking Club

Mrs. Christina Hirth & Mr. Andrew Mottola

Meets two Tuesdays per month until 3:30 pm; dates and location TBA.

This club is for all students who love to learn about, cook, eat, and share the foods of other cultures with old friends and new friends, alike. Together we will explore how food, language, customs, and traditions all come together to create a fun cooking, eating, and learning experience.



Jazz Band

Mr. Michael Abrescia

Meets in room A-8, 7:00-7:45 am (before school), every week on Fridays.

Jazz Band is designed for students who have previous experience and/or advanced ability in the area of jazz performance. The Jazz Band will have opportunities to perform throughout the year. It is open to all grade levels, and students must audition for membership. Instrumentation in the Jazz Band is limited to jazz instruments which include saxophones, trumpets, trombones, piano, guitar, bass, and percussion.



Leaders' Club

Ms. Theresa Bassett & Mr. Mike Kullack

Meets in the South Cafeteria, 7:15-7:45 am (before school). Meeting dates vary.

The Leaders' Club welcomes 7th and 8th graders who have leadership potential and an interest in sports activities and service to others. Members experience the responsibilities of leadership through our physical education classes and special programs. Interested students must apply for membership in the Leaders' Club by the deadline date.

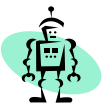


Lego Club

Mr. Mark Schwartz & Ms. Denise Pihlkar

Will be meeting on select Wednesdays 1-2 times a month; 2:50-3:30 pm in the new cafeteria. (dates to be announced).

The Lego Club is designed to foster creativity, imagination and friendships. Students will explore new ideas and develop problem-solving skills as they collaboratively work with one another to create their Lego structures. As students complete their projects, they will have the opportunity to present their work to others.



FLL Robotics Club

Mr. Ed Cuff & Ms. Danielle Rogan

Meets every Tuesday in room A-16.

The FLL Robotics Club will take part in multiple games and competitions, such as teambuilding, research solutions projects, robot and Lego building, and a competition that involves strategizing and completion of obstacles/tasks for a robot competition against other school districts. The team will be limited to 10 students, and the robotics competition and research presentations will take place in the late winter of 2017. As the competition draws nearer, frequency of meetings may increase.



24 Math Club

Ms. Michelle Hidalgo

Meets in room E-7 every 1st & 3rd Thursday morning of the month.

7:15-7:45 am – schedule on EBoard and posted outside of room E-7.

Do you like to play games? This game is both fun and challenging whether you're a math whiz or novice. It is a game that develops quick and accurate mathematical solutions to special number cards. Each card has four numbers that need to be manipulated into equaling 24. 24 Math helps students build math fluency and skills for problem solving. We will also be playing other games as the year progresses. Open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders.



Math Counts Club

Ms. Jamie Handler

Meets in room C-10, 7:15-7:45 am (before school) weekly on Wednesdays.

The Math Counts Club is the club for select 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who have demonstrated exceptional problem solving and mathematical ability in AMC, SCMTA, and other advanced mathematical forums. The club competes on a local, state, and potentially national level against other middle school students. Competitions and club meetings end in late March.



Math Olympiad

Mr. Peter Jensen & Ms. Michelle Hidalgo

Meets in room E-7, 2:50-3:30 pm. Practices are held bi-monthly on Tuesdays; competitions occur once a month. Schedule of practice and "Meet" dates are on EBoard and posted outside of E-7 and E2-16.

The 6th grade Math Olympiad Team consists of a group of 6th grade students who want to be challenged by math problems that go beyond the ordinary. Strategy is the key to success. Competitions and club meetings end in late March. Top 10 scores will compete at competition in Stony Brook in May.



Math Team 7th Grade

Ms. Erin McNamara

Meets in room C-12, 7:15-7:45 am (before school), weekly on Tuesdays.

The 7th Grade Math Team welcomes students who have special talents in math and who have an interest in preparing for competitive math meets against other schools in Suffolk County. Select members of the team compete in five monthly 7th grade contests during the year, from October to February.



Math Team 8th Grade

Mr. Harry Cuff

Meets in room C-11, 7:15-7:45 am (before school), weekly on Tuesdays.

The 8th Grade Math Team welcomes students who have special talents in math and who have an interest in preparing for competitive math meets against other schools in Suffolk County. Select members of the team compete in five monthly 8th grade contests during the year, from October to February.



Mock Trial/Debate Team

Mr. Christopher Boundy

Meets in room C2-16, 2:50-3:30 pm, weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Mock Trial/Debate Team provides students with an opportunity to become acquainted with the operations of the American judicial system. Students will argue major issues with other members of this club and participate in a mock trial tournament with students from other schools on Long Island.



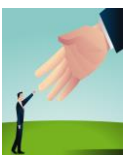
Musical Show Club

Ms. Alice Marques, Ms. Michelle Hidalgo, & Ms. Laura Suchopar

***First informational meeting: November 3rd in the auditorium.**

Meets in the auditorium, after school until 3:30 or 5 pm, Monday through Friday, December through March. Meeting dates vary.

Auditions for the annual Musical Show are open to all students who wish to participate in a Broadway musical (adapted for school production), staged, directed, and performed at CMS. There will be an informational meeting at the beginning of November; auditions will be held in November. Listen to the announcements for specific dates and times. Rehearsals begin in early December and end with performances, this year, on March 25 and March 26.



National Junior Honor Society

Ms. Ellen Richardson & Ms. Donna Phillip

Meets on Mondays in D-8, 7:15-7:45 am. Meeting dates vary. Please listen to the announcements for more information.

The National Junior Honor Society gives recognition to exemplary students and also engages in service projects throughout the year. Students are selected for the NJHS on the basis of their outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service, and citizenship. Students eligible for membership on the basis of scholarship are so notified. Interested students must then complete an application to be reviewed by the NJHS Faculty Committee for acceptance into our chapter of the NJHS.



Nature Explorers and Earth Protectors

Ms. Debra Lindquist

Meets 2 times a month from 2:50-3:30 pm on Wednesday; in room E2-3.

Put your eco-enthusiasm to work! This club will allow students to appreciate and connect to nature through various activities. Once connected and recognizing historical and contemporary environmental issues, students will brainstorm ideas and then implement activities to protect our planet. This club will provide an outlet for those students who value the environment and want to act as caretakers of our planet.



Newspaper Club

Ms. Jennifer Smith

Meets in room C-13, 2:50-3:30 pm, two to three Tuesday afternoons per issue.

Executive Board members meet more often.

The Newspaper Club publishes *The Wildcat Courier* three times a year. Issues are distributed in December, March, and June. Students may join the club at any time to experience news reporting, sports writing, and more. Join the club and become a part of *The Wildcat Courier's* news-reporting process!



Pay It Forward

Ms. Jaclyn Martella & Ms. Adele Daigger

Meets in Room A-10 twice a month on Thursday; at 2:45 – 3:30 pm.

The Pay It Forward Club at CMS will be a place for students who are interested in: making a difference in their school, community & world; creating friendships and connections with peers and staff; finding a venue to turn their ideas, passions, and visions for helping others into reality; taking a stand against bullying and social exclusion of others; having a safe space to go to be with their peers and HAVE FUN! This space will be free of judgment, exclusion, and stereotyping.

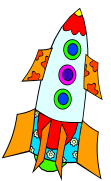


The Political Activism Club

Ms. Laura Suchopar

Meets in room D-19, 2:50-3:30 pm, twice a month on Tuesdays.

The Political Activism Club is for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who want to become more informed about political parties and current events. Members will research and discuss topics that are important to them in a non-judgmental setting. The club will also provide opportunities to get involved in current events. Members will learn how to appropriately take action on an issue important to them by getting more informed about and contacting their local, state, and national government representatives. All who are interested in discussing and getting more involved in current events and politics are welcome.



Rocket Club

Mr. John Murray & Mr. Eric Jensen

(Two sessions; one session meets in the fall and the other meets in the winter.

***Student must attend the 1st meeting, TBA, to be selected into either session.)**

Meets in room A-6, 2:50-4:50 pm, days of the month TBA.

The CMS Rocket Club gives interested 6th and 7th graders an opportunity to properly construct and launch their own model rockets. Students can purchase kits from the club. Basic flight principles will be discussed during each phase of the construction. Glue and tools required will be provided. The club culminates with the launching of the rockets.



School Store Club, the "Wildcat Warehouse"

Ms. Lisa Sigloch

Our managerial team meets weekly in room A-20 to place product orders, complete treasury work, plan meeting agendas and sales events, and organize employee work schedules.

Our sales associates meet daily in the school store, located in the auditorium lobby. Workers organize, display, restock, and sell school supplies and holiday and fundraising merchandise. All members are trained to relate well to customers and responsibly deal with money and merchandise. All members experience the good will of doing for others through community and service ventures. Interested students can check the club e-board to stay current on upcoming events.



Science Quiz Bowl Club

Mary Petrano - Advisor

Science Quiz Bowl will meet in room D2-3 at 2:50-3:30pm on Wednesday afternoon.

The Science Quiz Bowl Team consists of a group of students who want to be challenged by science, math, and technology problems. Preparation throughout the school year culminates in a highly publicized regional competition, with an opportunity to be invited to the national competition in Denver. The Jeopardy-style competition focuses on current issues that are of importance to the Department of Energy and the nation. Teamwork and strategy are the keys to success.



The Scrapsters Club

Ms. Lorisa Martinez & Ms. Lisa Sigloch

Meets once a month from 2:45 - 5:00 pm. Dates will be announced at the first meeting.

The Scrapsters Club invites students to come and preserve their memories. Whether new to scrapbooking or looking for fresh ideas, this club is designed to introduce students to scrapbooking, new techniques, paper-crafting, and additional outlets to display their memories and memorabilia. Students will be inspired to be creative and become a "Scrapster".



Select Band

Mr. Mark Burr

Meets in room A-8, 7-7:45 am (before school) every Tuesday.

The Select Band is offered to challenge advanced instrumental music students. It is open to all grade levels, and students must audition for membership. (Sixth grade students may audition in January.) The Select Band performs in the spring concert and may perform at other events.



Select Chorus

Mrs. Alice Marques

Meets in room A-11, 7:00 - 7:45 am (before school) on Fridays.

This is a highly selective ensemble for exceptional singers in grades 6, 7, and 8. Membership in Select Chorus is determined by audition (held in early October) and limited to students who participate in Middle School chorus or lunch chorus. The Select Chorus performs at concerts and events throughout the school year.



Stage Band

Mr. Mark Burr

Meets in room A-8, 7:00-7:45 a.m. (before school) every week on Thursdays.

Stage Band is designed for students who have an interest in learning more about jazz performance, but are not yet ready for the Jazz Band. The Stage Band will have opportunities to perform throughout the year. It is open to all grade levels, and students must audition for membership. Instrumentation in the Stage Band is limited to traditional jazz instruments which include saxophones, trumpets, trombones, piano, guitar, bass, and percussion.



Stage Crew

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The Stage Crew is for students in grades 6, 7, and 8 who are interested in lighting, sets, backdrops, and other behind-the-scenes activities, which support all our on-stage productions. The Stage Crew is an important part of our school's musical show.



STEMx Club

Ms. Jeanne Suttie & Mr. Sean Mahoney

Meets in room C2-4, 2:50-3:30 pm two Wednesdays a month (please listen to announcement; for the day)

Students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) will have an opportunity to explore the natural world in a systematic way. Students will develop a project with the help of the club advisors. Past projects have included: designing an app for your phone, writing a computer program, upcycling trash to fashion, demonstrating new technology and much more! Student projects will culminate with the student sharing their creation at a maker fair or an exhibition. Students may choose to get involved in contests or competitions depending on their level of interest and experience.



Student Government: the Senate and the Student Government Executive Board

Ms. Luz-Adriana Ramirez, Ms. Debra Lindquist & Mr. Roger Eisenhardt,

The Senate meets in the Auditorium, 7:15-7:45 am (before school), on Wednesdays.

Executive Board and committee members meet in the Student Government Office, 2:50-3:35 pm, on designated Tuesdays and Thursdays. This student-centered organization serves as the voice of the student body, hosts selected functions, and organizes many of our school-spirit activities. The Student Government is composed of the Senate and the Student Government Executive Board. Membership in the Senate is open to 7th and 8th graders. Membership in the Senate will be open to 6th graders in January by election in homeroom. Members of the Executive Board are elected by the Senate.



Treble Singers (Women's Choir)

Mrs. Amy Dank

Meets in Room A-11, 7:00 – 7:45 a.m. (before school) on Mondays.

This is a highly selective ensemble for girls in grades 6, 7, and 8. Membership in the Treble Singers is determined by audition (held in early October) and is limited to students who participate in one of the Commack Middle School choruses. The Treble Singers perform literature specifically written for women's voices. The ensemble will perform throughout the year in the school and community.



Tri-M Music Honor Society

Ms. Alice Marques & Mr. Michael Abrescia, Co-Advisors

Meets in room A-11, 7:15-7:45 am (before school), one Wednesday morning of every month. (Please refer to the e-board for any schedule changes.)

Students are selected for this national Music Honor Society on the basis of their ability in music and their scholarship in all subjects. The club gives recognition to outstanding students of music and also engages in service projects throughout the year.



Woodworking Club

Mr. Jordan Jankowski

Meets in room A-7, 2:50-4:50 pm, day of the week to be announced.

Woodworking Club welcomes all 6th, 7th & 8th grade students that have an interest in learning some traditional and modern woodworking techniques. Your skills will be tested using hand and power tools at an intermediate level. All members will learn about manufacturing techniques while following the steps necessary to build a product. There will be a fall 6th grade section and a spring 7th & 8th section.



Yearbook Club

Ms. Jennifer Smith and Ms. Lindsey Caggiano

The Yearbook Club will meet twice a month, every other Wednesday. Meetings will be held in D2-10. The frequency and day of meetings may change depending on school events and yearbook deadlines.

The Horizons Yearbook Club, a year-long work-in-progress, is a club that provides students with first-hand publishing experience. Students interested in becoming club members would preferably have experience in digital photography, word processing, and/or Photoshop; but the club is open to everyone with or without such experience. Members must be willing to attend some after-school events. The advisor will provide the yearbook staff with a hands-on learning environment wherein individual and group goals can be met. Everyone in the Yearbook Club will find great satisfaction in the creation of such a meaningful keepsake.