

September 19, 2017

Parents and Students,

Enclosed you will find a packet of information related to your child's activity/club selections. I ask that you look over the offerings and assist your child in selecting his/her clubs. I hope that you will be pleased with the offerings that the SMS staff has generated. These activities appear to be fun and informative. There is no need to return this form back to the school. This year, the Club Selection process will be streamlined and completed on October 2nd and October 3rd in students' Info Tech classes.

Please keep the following facts in mind in order to choose clubs successfully:

- Club periods will be offered on Day 2 of the 6-day cycle and will be alternated with class chats.
- Clubs will rotate three times per year with the exception of clubs that meet the entire year. There will be approximately three club periods in a rotation.
- Each student will be asked to select his/her top 3 choices and 6 alternative choices. Keep in mind that this process is a computerized random selection, with 8th Grade being scheduled first, 7th Grade second and 6th Grade third.
- Some clubs are offered to students in designated grade levels only or will be offered during certain rotations only. These specifications will be listed on the Club Options and Descriptions packet. Take this into consideration when choosing clubs.
- We make every effort to see that your child receives their top choices; however, it is possible that your child may not receive one of his/her top choices. Therefore, be certain to take your time in selecting alternative choices.
- Once your child is scheduled for an activity, he/she will remain in that activity until the next rotation. Schedule changes are discouraged.
- Any student who has been chosen/elected to participate in the following activities will report to that activity on a Day 2 during club periods and **DOES NOT** need to sign up for any other club:
 - **Yearbook**
 - **Student Council**
 - **Future K**
 - **Robotics**
 - **PALS**

With careful planning, I think you will find that our club program provides a rich, additional dimension to the middle school experience.

Sincerely,
Alison Z Thompson, Assistant Principal

Springhouse Middle School
Club Descriptions
2017-2018

24 Math Challenge

Are you good with numbers? Join this club and have fun playing the 24 challenge game! We will end the club session with a bracket battle for our 24 champion.

Academic Trivia

Students answer trivia questions in the areas of math, science, history, and geography.

ARP Club

Do you want more time to read and earn those ARP points? Join the ARP club to get that reading and done in the "living room", take those ARP tests, and borrow some new books!

Board Games

With so many new and exciting games out there, who has time to play them all? Participants will have a chance to try a new game every week.

Boggle

Boggle your mind! Wake up your brain on club days by playing the best word game ever invented. Weekly prizes will go to the best Boggler each club period. Even if you never played, give Boggle a try. It's fun!

Brain Exercise

Crosswords, hidden pictures, puzzles, and more! Riddles, mazes, word searches, and trivia galore!

C3-PO: Coming Collector's Club

Come get your geek on at C3-PO-- the Comic Collector's Club and Popculture Organization! This club is for anyone who loves anything related to pop culture - from Superman to Star Wars to The Walking Dead and everything in between!

Calm Coloring

Relax and unwind with intricate coloring pages. Bring your own or choose from an assortment from mandalas, to nature, to star wars!

Card Games

Members will engage in playing different family friendly card games with friends each week. All students are invited to join in on the fun!

Cartooning

Have fun cartooning. Draw cartoon animals and characters. Practice cartoon doodle tricks and other simple cartooning techniques. Many resources are available including a variety of cartooning books, packets, and handouts.

Chess

Come learn and play chess in a positive and relaxed environment. All students are welcome from novice to advanced players.

Computer Fair Club – Meets T1 & T2

This club will get you started on creating a project that you can enter in the Middle School Computer Fair competition. Learn tips and tricks for success, work on your project, and compete. If you're skilled at graphic design, programming, creating animations, video editing, or filmmaking, this is the club for you!

Computer Games and More....

This club is for students who want to play approved computer games (CoolMath, FunBrain, FunSchool, BrainPop and more) and/or work on Study Island and other school-related computer projects.

Crossword Puzzles

If you love words, puzzles and games, this club is for you. Each week will feature two new crossword puzzles to choose from. So let's get your game on! We will do a wide variety of puzzles for all areas of interest.

Doctor.....Who?!?

"Hello Sweetie!!" Step through the blue door and go on an adventure through space and time with Smith, Tennant or Eccleston! Flying sharks pulling sleighs, killer Christmas trees and dinosaurs on a space ship?!?...Did that statue just move? We won't take our eyes off of the screen as we watch some of our favorite wibbly-wobbly-timey-wimey episodes!

Because bow ties are cool...so bring your sonic screwdriver and your favorite sidekick! (Fish fingers and custard are optional.)

Duolingo & World Language Enrichment

Would you like to learn a new language? Or are you an 8th grader in French, German & Spanish and need a little help with your grammar skills? Sign up with Duolingo and World language help club.

Everyday Crafts

Take everyday items and turn them into something extraordinary. In this club, we'll use common items to create gifts and decorations for yourself, your friends, and your family!

Food Facts

Come enjoy food programs that will teach and entertain you about recipes and exciting foods. Iron Chef, Chopped, Good Eats, and Bizarre Foods... just to name a few.

Football

Interested in football? This club will help you improve your skills and knowledge. You will review plays, watch films, participate in activities and discuss football on every level, from the Middle School to the NFL.

Friendship Bracelets

Sign up for this cool club to make funky bracelets to either keep or give to a friend! Choose from a variety of colors and styles.

Games & Music

Have a blast playing your favorite games with your friends while listening to your iPod or MP3.

Gardens & Games

Something is always growing in Springhouse's newest club. If you have an interest in developing, planning, or designing landscapes this is the club for you! In addition to landscaping, this club will also focus on gardening. Learn how to possess the most beautiful and lush garden on your block. During the winter months we will play games indoors.

Harry Potter Club

Do you love the Harry Potter books and movies? Are you still disappointed you didn't get a Hogwarts letter on your 11th birthday? Join the Harry Potter Club! Activities include wizarding world themed trivia, games, and making our own wands! Witches, wizards, squibs, and muggles are welcome.

History's Mysteries

Ever wonder who really built Stonehenge? Was King Tut clobbered on the head or did he die from some nasty disease? Is there really a curse of the mummy? If you're a history fan, join us for some energizing discussions after we watch episodes from the History Channel's Digging for the Truth. We'll explore the mysteries of pyramids, mummies, Vikings, and entire civilizations that simply disappeared.

Homework/Study Club

Need more time to work on homework, projects, or to study? Join us at the homework club...a quiet place to focus on all the schoolwork that you might want to do instead of having to do it at home.

Jazz Band Club – Full Year Club

This club is for students in the SMS Jazz Band ONLY. We will work on our current Jazz band music and also focus on learning improvisation.

Journaling

Are you looking for a creative way to express yourself? Do you enjoy creating stories, writing poetry, or journaling? If so, jump WRITE into The Journaling Club! You will have the opportunity to create poems, journals, stories, acronyms, and/or songs. You may choose to work on your own writing pieces or participate in guided activities.

Lawn Games

Come out and play your favorite lawn game. Lasso golf, washers, cam jam, etc. When it is nice, we will play outside!

Looney Tunes

Students will view classic videos from Looney Tunes featuring Bugs Bunny and friends. Students will learn about the creation of the cartoons and discuss historical references in the cartoons.

Mindfulness

Students around the globe are taking time out each day to be mindful! This simple practice reduces stress in students. Learn techniques to calm your mind, improve focus, and promote a sense of well-being. See how mindfulness may even improve your academic achievement.

Movie Maker – Full Year Club

Learn how to create movie trailers and short movies in this hands on club.

Music Discovery Club

Music Discovery Club is about broadening students' awareness of the different types of music in society. Students will be allowed to share appropriate music with each other and discuss the positives and negatives of each genre.

Mythbusters

Did you ever watch the Discovery Channel's show "Mythbusters?" If not, now you have the chance to do so. Each week we will watch a new episode of Mythbusters to confirm or dispel the myths of science.

Nerf Ball - 7th & 8th Grade Only

Come join in one of your favorite Physical education activities! Students must wear sneakers to participate.

Newspaper Club – Full Year Club

The Timberwolves Newspaper Club is designed to give staff writers, photographers, and artists time to complete their assignments and to help with production of the school newspaper. This club meets all year to produce and edit the two issues that are produced.

Ozobot Adventure

Robots are cool! Ozobots are tiny little robots that you can code to do amazing things using nothing but regular markers and your imagination! Sign up for this club and learn the basics of coding in order to make your Ozobot the champion at different challenges! In addition, you'll have a chance to learn some additional coding skills with the Ozobot iPad App, OzoBlockly!

Peanuts!

In this club we will watch the Classic Peanuts specials with Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and the gang!

Reading Club

If you enjoy a good book, this club is for you. We all will read the same book and discuss it over treats ☺

Rocketry

Students will learn about how rockets work and then build their own model rocket. STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN KIT.

Scattergories

Test your knowledge by coming up with unique answers for each category. Earn points if your answer is different from the other players!

Scrabble Club

Do you love words? Are you a Scrabble fan, or just want to learn how to play this classic game? This club will teach you the basics and let you stretch your word muscles against others. All ability levels are welcome!

SMS Cares– Full Year Club

SMS Cares is a club for students that would like to volunteer their time to help families and students within our school. One of the main club duties is for students to help collect, organize, and distribute food and other items from the "SMS Pantry." We will have additional events and fundraisers around the holidays to help less fortunate families feel the joys of the holiday season.

SpongeBob Club

Welcome to the underwater city of Bikini Bottom. We will view videos of the fun adventures of SpongeBob Square Pants and his friends. Let's watch both classic and new episodes highlighting SpongeBob and his friends Patrick Star, Squidward, Sandy Cheeks, and Mr. Krabs. Want to begin your day laughing about the underwater world in Bikini Bottom? –join the SpongeBob club!

Sports Zone

If you love sports, this club is for you. Club members will participate in various indoor sports like basketball, volleyball, or mat kickball.

Twilight Zone

You unlock this door with the key of imagination. Beyond it is another dimension...a dimension of sound, a dimension of sight, a dimension of mind. You're moving into a land of both shadow and substance, of things and ideas. You've just crossed over into the Twilight Zone. Watch episodes of the classic TV series in this club.

Weightlifting

Students will have the opportunity to utilize the exercise equipment in the gym to personalize their own workout routines.

West Point Bridge Designer Club

In this club, you will design a virtual bridge on the computer and load test it to see if your bridge works properly.

Word Search/Mad Libs

Challenge your mind and search through holiday and themed word search fun.

YouTube

Are you interested in learning something new? Then, the YouTube Club is perfect for you! Come to this club and learn about any school appropriate topic. The learning in this club is limitless.