

**Edgar Middle School
Club Offerings
2017-2018**

**Art Club Advisor: Mrs. Gumbrecht
(Cycle 1 & 2 -7th & 8th Grade) - (Cycle 3 & 4 – 5th & 6th Grade)**

Meeting Day: Tuesday Location: Art Room

Description: This club opportunity allows students to explore art as they further develop their skills and creativity in an after school setting. Students will create various art projects under the direction of their art teacher/advisor.

Student Council 7/8 Advisors: Ms. Mertz/Mr. Smith

Meeting Day: Tuesday Location: Room 22

Description: The 7th /8th Grade Student Council is a student government organization whose goal is to contribute to the quality and welfare of Edgar Middle School. Students plan and participate in school dances, spirit days, and other student led activities. Club members also serve as guides for visitors to the school at evening events such as Parent/Teacher Conferences and Meet the Teachers Night. Various activities sponsored by the Student Council act as rallying points to help achieve the Council's goals.

Student Council 5/6 Advisors: Mrs. Petrakakos/Mrs. Muller

Meeting Day: Tuesday Location: Room 23

Description: The 5th and 6th grade Student Council is a Student Government organization for the youngest students at Edgar Middle School. Students are involved in a variety of activities which support the fifth and sixth grades. The organization actively participates in fundraising events for charities including Adopt a Family, March of Dimes, and Pennies for Patients to name a few. Students also plan and participate in activity nights throughout the year.

Chess/ Strategy Games Club Advisor: Mrs. Miller

Meeting Day: Wednesday Location: Room 24

Description: Chess Club is a place where students who enjoy chess can get together and play. It is also a place where students of any ability level may join including newcomers who want to learn how to play chess in a low-pressure environment. The club holds one-two chess tournaments per year for any interested participants. Strategy Games Club runs for the last few weeks of Chess Club. Students play a variety of strategy games such as Risk, Stratego, and Clue.

Environmental Club Advisors: Mrs. Graziano/Mr. Hogrebe

Meeting Day: Wednesday Location: Room 203

Description: The Environmental Club is a service organization that is dedicated to maintaining and improving the plant and animal habitats around Edgar Middle School. We primarily focus on the Edgar Courtyard and Edgar Woods. The Edgar Courtyard is currently certified as a National Wildlife Federation Schoolyard Habitat and is used as an outdoor classroom. Club members help in maintaining this habitat throughout the school year by weeding, planting, watering, maintaining pond water quality, caring for turtles and fish, composting, and monitoring bird feeders. Within the Courtyard, we also plan, plant, and harvest vegetables and herbs in a small garden. Club members help monitor the health of Edgar Woods, and annually conduct a clean-up for Earth Day. The Club is also dedicated to participating in environmental concerns that concern the students. Past projects have focused on increasing paper recycling and use of reusable water bottles.

Spanish Club Advisor: Mrs. Smith

Meeting Day: Friday Location: Room 114

Description: The club serves to expose its members to the rich Spanish and Latin American cultures through art, food, music, games and language. Membership is open to students in grades 5 through 8. In addition to regular meetings, club members participate in a field trip or special activity that offers an opportunity to experience Spanish culture.

Newspaper Club Advisors: Mrs. Little

Meeting Day: Thursday Location: Library

Description: Newspaper Club is a team that creates a student-centered publication three times a year. Club members brainstorm topics at their editorial meetings and develop ideas for the school newspaper. Research activities, creative writing, interviewing, photography, and paper layout are included in the production of the school newspaper. Membership is open to all students in grade 5 through 8.

Yearbook Club(7th & 8th Grade Only) Advisor: Ms. Connors

Meeting Day: Wednesday Location: Room 103

Description: Students participate in all aspects of organizing and developing the School Yearbook. The production of the yearbook includes using an on-line program. Students are also trained in Photoshop for digital photography and the Josten's Yearbook production program. Club participants oversee all aspects of production of the EMS yearbook. Membership is open to all students in grades 6 through 8.

Digital Photography Club & Computer Club Advisor: Ms. Presuto

Meeting Day: Friday Location: Room 26

Description: The Digital Photography and Computer Club is open to all students in grades 5 through 8 with an interest in photography and technology. Previous experience with cameras is not required. Students may bring their own camera or use one of the school's cameras when possible. The club allows students to explore digital photography, photography editing and enhancement techniques, as well create projects displaying their photographs. Students will also be able to explore computer programs such as SMART, Publisher, and Google platforms.

Writers' Club Advisor: Mrs. Harley

Meeting Day: Thursday Location: Library Writers Lab

Description: In Writers' Club, students who love to write become a part of a community of writers. Student writers have the opportunity to create pieces of their own choosing and get feedback and support from their peers and club advisor. Students will also be able to showcase their writing in an end-of-year publication. Membership is open to all 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

Battle of the Books Advisor: Ms. Presuto

Meeting Day: Wednesday Location: Room 26

Description: This is a reading club that encourages students to read as it promotes a spirit of healthy competition. Student in grades 5 and 6 work together to read 15 pre-selected novels over the course of the year. In April, students in the group battle each other to see which team knows the most about the books, and then travels to Manalapan NJ to battle another school.

Student Wellness Club Advisors: Mrs. Stoner

Meeting Day: Wednesday Location: Library

Description: The Student Wellness Club, S.W.E.E.T. is designed to focus on Student Wellness Each and Every Time. Meetings will address and practice ways our student body can lead a healthy, positive lifestyle not only physically, but emotionally and mentally.

Woodworking Club Advisor: Mrs. Dooley

Meeting Day: Thursday Location: Room 115

Description: This club is open to all 7th & 8th grade students interested learning about woodworking and creating more complicated projects outside of the classroom.

Math Club 5/6 Advisor: Mrs. Logan and Ms. Araneo

Meeting Day: Thursday Location: Room 101

Description: The goal of the Math Club is to provide opportunities for students interested in math to participate in a variety of problem solving strategies through games and activities. Some members may participate in one or more math competitions throughout the school year. All ability levels are welcome.

Science/Engineering Club Advisor: Mr. Ronk

Meeting Day: Tuesday Location: Room 205

*Description: The club will build upon and expand topics covered in the regular science curriculum. The club affords students the opportunity to delve deeper and learn more about topics that interest them. We will be conducting experiments in Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Earth Science. Students will use engineering design principles to find solutions to specific problems. Students will build prototypes and test their performance. It is expected that students and their solutions will be entered into competitions against other schools in the area. (**This club will meet November-March)*

**Spring Play Drama Production Advisors: Mrs. Krombholz (Drama Director)/
Ms. Keyes and Ms. Gallagher (Musical Director)**

Description: Seventh and eighth grade students who are interested in drama are invited to audition for the spring play. Those selected rehearse for approximately four months in preparation for three performances in March. The Director coordinates and directs all aspects of the production including but not limited to scenes, choreography, costumes, props, lighting and sound. Additionally, other aspects of the production may include programs, publicity, and concessions.

Competitive Math Team 7/8 Advisors: Mrs. McCadden & Mrs. Kennedy

Meeting Day: Thursday Location: Room 211

Description: This activity is for high achieving mathematics students who wish to be part of a competitive math team. The advisor will select a competitive math team to represent the school at the annual Math Counts, St. Joe's High School, AMTNJ, Math Olympiad and i-Learn competitions.

Guitar Club: Advisor: Ms. Gallagher

Meeting Day: Thursday Location: Room 119

Description: The guitar club provides a music opportunity for beginners and experienced guitarists to work together in small ensemble groups. This club is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade

students. Students will learn basic chords, techniques, and note reading. Students will have the opportunity to perform at Café Night.

Breaking the Chain: Advisor: Mr. Gural

Meeting Day: Wednesday Location: Room 114

Description: Breaking the Chain Through Education Inc. aims to eradicate child slave trafficking in impoverished regions of Ghana through a variety of approaches. By establishing schools in destitute villages, we provide local fisherman and their children with educational opportunities and alternative ways of earning their living; in exchange trafficked children they employ are set free and returned to life with their families. Students in the club will learn about humanitarian efforts and have opportunities to engage in fund raising. Grades 5 through 8 are welcome.

Theatreprov Advisor: Cheryl Hulteen

Meeting Day: Tuesday Location: Library

Description: The goal of this club is to provide students with experiences in improvisation through the direction of a local artist. The club is for seventh and eighth grade students. This club will run from October to December only.

Intramurals

Fall Advisors: Mr. Carter/Mr. Smith

Winter Advisors: Mr. Carter/Mrs. Gilbert

Spring Advisors: Ms. Gilbert/Mr. Albanese

Meeting Days: Tuesday- Grade 8, Wednesday- Grade 7, Thursday- Grade 6, Friday- Grade 5

Location: Gymnasium

Description: Intramurals are seasonal. Fall Intramurals provide students with an opportunity to compete in basketball with their grade level peers. Winter Intramurals provide students with an opportunity to compete in floor hockey with their grade level peers. Spring Intramurals provide students with an opportunity to compete in Team Handball with their grade level peers. This activity is a combination of soccer, basketball, and football.

(Please note that students in 6th, 7th & 8th grade must have an athletic physical in order to participate in intramurals. 5th graders are **not** required to have a physical.)