

**McCarthy Middle School
Activities
2022-2023**



Homework Club

Ms. Sherlock

Tuesday

Library

This program is designed to give students a "Study Place". Come do your homework, work on a project, catch up on your reading etc. Students must bring their chromebooks for computer access for assignments and research. Please make sure you have homework to do while in Homework club.

7th & 8th Grade Art

Ms. Kiley

Wednesdays

Room 122

Art club for 7th and 8th grade Artists will be an opportunity for serious artists who want to focus on Community Art. We will be doing school and town wide group displays to beautify our space as well as connect with many who visit our school and other areas in town. * Limited to 20 students.

Art Club for Performance Music Students- Grades 5 & 6

Ms. Mayer

Tuesday

Art Room 120

Do you love Art and are unable to attend due to Band, Orchestra and Chorus? Come join us in art club and explore techniques in various mediums including drawing, collage, origami, painting, sculpture, fibers, printmaking and more! * Limited to 20 Students.

5th and 6th Grade Student Council

Ms. Dussourd/Ms. Lanouette

Library

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Cross Country Running Team

Mr. Felzani

Tuesday & Thursday (September – October)

The McCarthy Cross Country Running Team is a group that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the fall. We will be training to compete in several meets this season, in addition to our own “mini marathon”. Races vary from one-two miles. Practices are created to meet the needs of both beginners and more experienced runners. Students must provide their own rides home until late buses start in early October.

Magic the Gathering Club

Mr. Warnock

Room 219

Thursday

Attention all Wizards! Come learn how to play the popular trading card game Magic: the Gathering! In this club, all students, both new and veteran players, will learn how to play the game, socialize in a competitive and respectful manner, and battle against their peers in this fun, friendly, and exciting club! Stop by room 219 and try it out! Grades 6-8

Yearbook

Room 107

Wednesday Mornings 7:30am

The yearbook is a treasured keepsake for all students and staff each year. It is a place to share the marvelous happenings here at McCarthy whether academic, athletic, social, or creative. Meetings will take place in Mrs. Scheinbart's room before school Wednesday at 7:30 AM. Yearbook is open to all grade levels so please join us.

Stand Up McCarthy (GSA)

Dr. Hanlon

132

Tuesdays

Stand-up McCarthy is a GSA that brings together students to support each other, provide a safe place to socialize, and create a platform to work for LGBTQIA rights. We encourage students to participate in school and community events including Ally Week (a national youth-led effort encouraging students to be allies with the LGBTQIA members of their community in standing against bullying, harassment and name-calling) and Pride Week.

Jazz Band

Mr. Wright

Band Room

Tuesday Grades 6-8

Jazz Band will be a weekly activity held on Tuesday afternoons. This group will focus on the performance, history, and interpretation of jazz music throughout American history. A core component of this group will be improvisation and soloing. There will be a discussion of important people, genres, and events in the history of jazz.

Rehearsals will focus on learning important jazz literature and performing in the style of the era. There will be performances held at both the Winter and Spring McCarthy Band concerts. There will also be a performance with the Parker Middle School and CHS at the Jazz Showcase concert later this spring. Additional performances will depend on community interest.

Any Band instrument can participate in Jazz Band. Additionally, the Jazz Band also includes the following instruments:

- Guitar
- Bass Guitar or Double Bass
- Auxiliary Percussion

This jazz program will continue to be an integral part of the overall music education of our McCarthy students. This group provides extra opportunities for our students to play challenging and diverse musical literature otherwise not offered within the school day.

Track & Field Team

Mr. Felzani

Tuesdays & Thursdays (April-June)

The Track & Field team is a group that meets on Tuesday & Thursdays throughout the Spring. We will be training to compete in several meets this season. Additionally, we are very excited to team up with the Chelmsford High School team and have access to a variety of events. Practices are created to meet the needs of both beginners and more experienced athletes.

Select Chorus

Mrs. Richardson

Wednesdays

Room 127

Select Chorus is an auditioned group of 6th -8th grade singers wanting an extra musical experience beyond classroom performing groups. This group will learn a moderate to difficult level of music, perform at both choruses. Select Chorus has been selected and started Sep. 28th

Festival Band/ATWE

Mr. Wright

Band Room

Wednesday Evening 6-8

The CPS All Town Wind Ensemble (ATWE) is a group made up of volunteer students in grades 6-12 from McCarthy, Parker, and Chelmsford High School. It is an advanced ensemble and performs high school level repertoire. Older students' mentor younger members and everyone's musicianship improves! Members of the program must be enrolled in their respective ensemble programs during the school day.

The ensemble meets on Wednesday evenings from 6-8PM in the McCarthy Band Room. ATWE performs throughout the school year, and major performances take place in December and May. Field trips, clinics, and enrichment performances do come up. Travel will be communicated with ample notice.

Achievements: 2022 MICCA Silver Medal Rating, 2019 Silver Medal Rating

2018: Carnegie Hall Debut, MICCA Gold Medal Rating, Mechanics Hall Gold Medal Showcase Concert, Performance at Fenway Park

2017: MICCA Silver Medal Rating, Performance at Fenway Park, Clinic at The Boston Conservatory

2016: MICCA Bronze Medal Rating, Performance at Fenway Park

2015: MICCA Silver Medal Rating

2014: MICCA Silver Medal Rating

American Sign language

Ms. Fitzsimmons

Tuesdays Bi-weekly (starts 10/11) Virtual

American Sign Language club brings awareness about the Deaf culture while teaching ASL to the students of the Chelmsford community. We spend time learning the basics of the language through games, activities and learning how to sign

songs. <https://classroom.google.com/c/MjA5MjE3MDU3MzEz?cjc=ygtuwaha>

<https://meet.google.com/uap-ogyo-nzr?hs=179>

Festival Orchestra

Mr. Miller

Room 124

Wednesdays

The McCarthy Festival Orchestra is open to any 6th -8th grade orchestra student (or 5th grade orchestra student with previous experience). This ensemble will meet weekly on Wednesdays and will rehearse additional music to prepare for concerts, community outreach performances, and festival auditions.

Writers Society

Ms. McMahan

Room 222

Thursdays

Writers in grades 5-8, you are welcome to attend McCarthy's Writers Society! No matter your writing level, room 222 is the place for you. You can write poems, riddles or word puzzles for others to solve, type epic stories, or conduct research and create an article. The choices are limitless. Each week mini lessons are designed to suit your writing needs and desires. Do you need to add details to your writing? Maybe you need help getting started, or you simply want a place to write with friends. Join Writers Society on Thursdays in Ms. McMahan's room 222. Happy Writing!

Newspaper Club

Ms. Lanouette

Room 112

Wednesdays

Grade 7/8 Newspaper Club will create a monthly "newspaper" to distribute via homeroom to students in grade 7 and 8. Students who participate will be responsible for brainstorming newspaper topic ideas or themes relevant to their age level as well as writing articles, providing visuals, and editing newspaper content.

Backstage Crew

Ms. Mayer

Auditorium

Wednesday

This is for students interested in building sets and props for our school musical. We will meet every Wednesday from 2:45-3:45 up until tech Week (2 weeks before the show), when we will work every day after school until 5:30.

Live Smart

Ms. Lyons

Thursdays *bi-weekly

Room 133

Live Smart is a Health Club! We will complete healthy activities each time we meet! Some examples are: movement activities, social games, and mindfulness practice. We will also explore the idea of supporting a health related "cause" and our planet. Living HEALTHY is living SMART!

Book to Big Screen

Ms. Schroth

Thursdays @ 7:30 AM

Room 216

Ever wonder about the books behind big movies or TV shows like Harry Potter or A series of Unfortunate Events? OR do you love reading and want to see one of your favs on film? In Books to Big Screen, we'll decide as a group which selections to read from authors like Edgar Allen Poe, J.R.R. Tolkien, and more. Open to 5th-8th graders. ***Before school**

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction/Yoga

Ms. Ramu

Wednesdays

Library

Breathing exercises (pranayama) are the main components of Yoga. Pranayama decreases stress and increases mindfulness. It positively works on respiratory and nervous systems. The goal of Pranayama is to strengthen the connection between your body and mind. It promotes relaxation and improves focus and control. Sun salutations will bring more strength, flexibility and tone to the body.

Ms. Downing

Room 130

Tuesdays

Cafe

Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) is a fantasy role playing game (RPG) in which players create characters and embark upon imaginative adventures within a fantasy setting. Together they solve dilemmas, engage in battles, and gather treasure and knowledge. In the process, the characters earn experience points (XP) to rise in levels and become increasingly powerful over a series of separate gaming sessions. Weekly Dungeons and Dragons groups with a small number of students help promote creativity, teamwork, camaraderie, and most of all FUN!