

In addition to the sports programs,
the following clubs/activities are offered to the students

A. MacArthur Barr **5/6 Academy for Excellence and Middle School students** **2018- 2019**



Barr Video Production Club (Mr. Emanuel)

The Barr Video Production Club will provide an opportunity for students to learn professional video production skills. Students will be using industry standard tools and techniques to create a variety of projects. One main goal of the club is to create videos to highlight student achievements that will be shown to the student body and on the school website. The club will also work with other departments and faculty in the building to achieve curricular and extracurricular goals involving video production and multimedia. **Meetings will be held on Tuesdays, beginning October 16th.**



C.A.R.E. (Creating Awareness about Recycling and the Environment (Mrs. Schucker)

Students will create and maintain the courtyard garden; they will learn about and promote recycling, energy conservation and caring for the planet through club activities and field trips. We will be responsible for raising trout and participating in a Journey North symbolic butterfly migration this year as well!
The club will meet in room 120 **every other Tuesday starting on October 2, 2018.**



Chamber Orchestra (Ms. Rife)

Chamber Orchestra is open to qualified students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 who have attained a NYSSMA solo level of 4 or above and are interested in chamber music repertoire for strings. Students audition in the spring for the group. Placement is done according to the demands of the instrumentation and with priority given to students in grade 7 and 8. We will perform in the winter and spring A. MacArthur Barr concerts for grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 and for State music festivals. The group will meet in the Band/Orchestra room on **Thursdays, beginning October 4th, 2018 (check conflicts below)**. Please see Ms. Rife if you are interested in auditioning in the spring. **DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS FOR MS. RIFE, THE FOLLOWING REHEARSALS WILL BE HELD ON THESE DATES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL IN ROOM 105 INSTEAD OF ON THURSDAYS---OCTOBER 12, NOVEMBER 13, DECEMBER 4 AND JANUARY 29.** Ms. Rife will meet you in the music wing and walk you over to the high school.

Concert Choir (Mrs. Dobelle)



Concert Choir is a vocal ensemble designed for grade 5-8 students who enjoy singing and would like an additional opportunity for learning and performing new choral music. This group will perform at middle school concerts, as well as various school functions. Rehearsals will be in the Band/Orchestra room after school on **Tuesdays, beginning on October 2, 2018.**



Drama Club (Mr. Kronberg)

Members of the Drama Club will learn about acting, participate in theater games, and select, rehearse and perform dramatic scenes. Students will also work on writing and creating their own scenes. Work of the club is presented to the public in a workshop style performance. Members will meet **once a month starting in October. Auditions, rehearsals, and final show performance will be in the spring.**

Jazz Band (Mr. Miller)



Jazz Band is open to band students in grades 6, 7 and 8. The students will experience playing in big band and combo settings. They will be introduced to improvisation and jazz standards. The band will perform at the annual Nanuet Jazz Knight in April. Other selected performances will be announced. The first rehearsal will be held on **October 2, 2018.**



Math Olympiads (Mrs. Spadavecchia)

Do you love math? Do you enjoy challenges? Math Olympiads is an exciting club that offers the opportunity to get involved in math challenges, puzzles, and new this year, chess! Students will have the opportunity to explore new problem solving situations, learn how to play chess, and compete with students from around the world in math challenges at meets right here at the Middle School. Meetings will take place every other Thursday. See Mrs. Spadavecchia for a schedule of meeting dates.

Science Olympiad

(Mrs. Schucker, Ms. DeMont, Mrs. Murphy, and Mr. Zayas)



Science Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers. Some of the goals of Science Olympiad tournaments are to bring science to life by showing how it works, develop teamwork and attract more students into professional and technical careers in science, technology and science teaching. The Science Olympiad tournaments, which are scheduled in March, are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of individual and team events, for which students prepare during the school year. The challenges in which the students participate include a variety of science disciplines such as biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology. The club will run through the tournament which is scheduled for **March 2, 2019**. Weekly meetings will be held on **Fridays, beginning on October 5th**. However, two months before the event we will be meeting two and possibly three times a week.



Student Council (Mrs. Taylor)

Students are given the opportunity to govern school activities and become active members of the community. This happens through participation in food drives, fundraisers and other community minded-activities. The club is open to all middle school students and will meet in Room 202 alternate **Mondays, beginning on September 24, 2018**.



Yearbook

The Yearbook is open to students in grade 8. This club will work on the 2018/2019 Yearbook. Preparation will include light typing, taking pictures and page design. Members should be prepared to attend various after-school events to take pictures. The Yearbook club will meet in room 104 on **Thursdays, beginning October 11**.

WordMasters Challenge™

(Ms. Langer – Grade 5 and Ms. Karlitz – Grade 6)



Are you a fifth or sixth grader? Do you love words? Do you enjoy challenges?

The **WordMasters Challenge™** is an exciting national competition that encourages growth in vocabulary and verbal reasoning. Each year, over 125,000 students from some of the best public and private schools throughout the United States participate in the WordMasters Challenge. Club members will be competing with students all over the country, but meets are held right in the middle school three times per year during club meetings. Members will learn many new vocabulary words and how to do analogies through fun activities. There are separate fifth and sixth grade clubs. **Meetings will be held every other Thursday beginning on October 4th, 2018. The fifth grade club will meet in Room 118 and the sixth grade club will meet in Room 114. If you have questions, please see Ms. Langer or Ms. Karlitz.**

PLEASE NOTE:

Additional co-curricular clubs may be established later in the year based on student interest.

Clubs begin after school and end in time for students to take the activity bus at approximately 3:45pm.