

# JOHN JAY MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS 2019 - 2020



STUDENT  
CLUBS AND  
ORGANIZATIONS



Middle School Book Club: Ms. Jeran

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**Meeting dates:** Starts - 10/3/19, 12/3/19, 1/7/20  
2/4/20, 3/3/20, 4/14/20, 5/5/20, 6/2/20  
First Tuesday of every month

**Room:** 101

**Time:** 2:50-3:50

The Middle School Book Group meets on the first Tuesday of every month in room 101. All students are welcome to join at any time. The students, with input from the advisor, choose what the group will read and share other books they've read on their own.

Animal Care Club:

Ms. Williams

[jwilliams@klchools.org](mailto:jwilliams@klchools.org)

**Meeting dates:** Starts - 10/15/19, 11/19/19, 12/17/19, 1/21/20  
2/18/20, 3/17/20, 4/21/20, 5/19/20, 6/16/20

**Room:** 108

**Time:** 2:50-3:30

Calling all animal lovers! This year the Animal Care Club will be researching and exploring ways to support endangered animals, service animals, and animals living in shelters. In addition to learning about these animals, we will undertake several service projects throughout the year to support them in our local area.

**Breakoutedu:**

**Ms. Daley-Savo**

**[mdaleysavo@klschools.org](mailto:mdaleysavo@klschools.org)**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/3/19, 11/7/19, 12/5/19, 1/9/20,  
2/6/20, 3/5/20, 4/2/20, 5/7/20, 6/4/20**

**Room: 207**

**Time: 3:00-4:00**

Breakout EDU is the immersive learning games platform. Breakout EDU games consist of a combination of physical and digital puzzle elements that must be solved in a set amount of time. Players of all ages are challenged to open the locked Breakout EDU box using critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity.

**Chamber Orchestra:**

**Elissa Leventhal**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts: 10/16 - May 27<sup>th</sup> - Every Wednesday**

**Room: 004**

**Time: 2:50-3:25 p**

Play fun music with your friends on a string instrument of your choice!

**Chess/Games Club:**

**Ms. Jensen**

**[mjensen@klschools.org](mailto:mjensen@klschools.org)**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/7/19, 10/28/19, 11/4/19,  
11/18/19, 12/2/19, 12/16/19, 1/6/20, 1/27/20,  
2/3/20, 2/24/20, 3/2/20, 3/23/20, 4/27/20, 5/4/20**

**Room: 202**

**Time: 2:50-3:30**

Students will have the opportunity to relax, enjoy themselves playing a variety of fun games with their classmates. All students are welcome. Game choices will include chess, scrabble, checkers, cards, and many more!

**Cooking Club:**

**Ms. Aguirre**

**[jaquirre@klschools.org](mailto:jaquirre@klschools.org)**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 9/26/19, 10/17/19, 11/7/19, 12/5/19  
1/16/20, 2/13/20, 3/26/20, 4/23/20, 5/7/20, 5/14/20**

**Room: 117/Kitchen**

**Time: 2:50-3:25**

**Drama Club:**

**Mr. Fritsch**

**[dfritsch@klschools.org](mailto:dfritsch@klschools.org)**

The Drama Club will produce a drama each year. Auditions will be held and are open to all students. Please see Mr. Fritsch for additional information.

**Engineering and Robotics:** **Mr. Lucieer**

**[elucieer@klschools.org](mailto:elucieer@klschools.org)**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/2/19, 10/30, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4  
2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 3/18**

**Room: 407**

**Time: 2:50-3:30**

Engineering/Robotics club will boost your problem-solving skills, teamwork, creativity, and technical knowledge in an engaging, collaborative way.

**Environmental Club:**

**Ms. Conlan**

**[kconlon@klschools.org](mailto:kconlon@klschools.org)**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 9/26/19, 10/17/19, 11/7/19, 12/5/19  
1/16/20, 2/13/20, 3/26/20, 4/23/20, 5/7/20, 5/14/20**

**Room: 116 & Garden**

**Time: 2:50-3:25**

The Environmental Club is a group of concerned students that are committed to raising awareness about environmental issues, and to reducing our environmental impact as individuals, a school community, and as citizens of the world.

**Film Club:**

**Mr. Stathis**

**[nstathis@klschools.org](mailto:nstathis@klschools.org)**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/23/19 (2:50-5:30)**

**12/11/19 (2:50-5:45), 2/12/20 (2:50-5:15)**

**4/29/20 (2:50-5:15)**

**Room: 111**

**Time: Varies**

Film Club screens films of different genres throughout the year. Anime, comedy, sci-fi...we try it all! Join Film Club to explore and discuss different films with students from all grades.

**Geography Bee:**

**TBA**

**Meeting dates:**

**TBA**

All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students take a preliminary exam to determine the 10 finalists for the National Geographic Geography Bee.

**Intramurals:**

**Ms. Luft**

**[jluft@klschools.org](mailto:jluft@klschools.org)**

**Meeting Dates:**

**Starts - 10/2/19**

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

**Room: Gym/Fitness center**

**Time: 2:50-3:25**

The JJMS Intramural Program is an opportunity for students to participate in additional physical activity after school. It is an extension of our Physical Education and Modified Sports Programs. All students are welcome and may choose to join on a day to day basis. Activities change monthly. Please see the intramural schedule available on our school website. Sample activities: Fitness Club, Football, Cricket, Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, and Ultimate Frisbee.

**JJMS Musical:**

**Mr. Fritsch**

**[dfritsch@klschools.org](mailto:dfritsch@klschools.org)**

**Meeting Dates:**

**Please contact Mr. Fritsch**

Each spring the middle school presents its annual musical. Students interested in learning about musical theater can participate in a variety of ways from acting to technical work.

**Jazz Band:**

**Sarah Cordes**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/16/19 - June 13 - Every Wednesday**

**Room: 007**

**Time: 2:50-3:50**

The John Jay Middle School Jazz Band is an ensemble that will expose its members to the great big band jazz idiom that is part of the American musical experience. We will learn a varied repertoire, improve our playing skills in the swing style, and learn to improvise. The instrumentation will be that of the typical big band, that is, 4 trumpets, 4 trombones, 5 saxes and a rhythm section made up of guitar, piano, bass, and drums. There will be an audition process to fill the specific seats in the band.

**Math Counts:**

**Ms. Colaizzi**

**[rcolaizzi@klschools.org](mailto:rcolaizzi@klschools.org)**

**Mr. Egeler**

**[jegeler@klschools.org](mailto:jegeler@klschools.org)**

**Meeting Dates:**

**Starts - 10/8/19**

**Oct - Dec - every other Tuesday**

**Jan. - every Tuesday**

**Feb. - Apr. - every other Tuesday**

**Room: 223**

**Time: 2:50-3:25**

The MATHCOUNTS Competition is a national middle school coaching and competitive mathematics program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and engaging "bee" style contests. The program exists in all 50 states plus U.S.

territories and the Department of Defense and State Department schools and is supported by the National Society of Professional Engineers at the state and local levels. Public, private, religious and home schools alike are eligible to participate, as long as students are in the sixth, seventh and/or eighth grade. Website is [www.mathcounts.org](http://www.mathcounts.org).

**Photography Club:**

**Ms. O'Neil**

**[koneil@klschools.org](mailto:koneil@klschools.org)**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/11/19, 10/25/19, 11/8/19, 11/22/19,  
12/13/19, 1/10/20, 1/24/20, 2/13/20, 2/27/20,  
3/5/20, 3/26/20, 4/2/20, 4/23/20, 5/7/20, 5/21/20,  
6/12/20**

**Room: 263**

**Time: 2:50-3:25**

The photography club is a fun place to experiment with picture taking and be creative! We will study the different elements of composition and put them into practice.

**Purple Press:**

**Mr. Ley**

**[dley@klschools.org](mailto:dley@klschools.org)**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/10/19  
Every Thursday**

**Room: Lab 110**

**Time: 3:00-3:45**

Students work together to publish the school newspaper. Students brainstorm ideas, conduct interviews, and research, and write their own articles for publication in our several issues throughout the year. All students are welcome!

**SAGA:**

Ms. Collins  
Ms. Dillon

[kcollins@klschools.org](mailto:kcollins@klschools.org)  
[mdillon@klschools.org](mailto:mdillon@klschools.org)

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/8/19**  
**Every other Tuesday**

**Room: 122**

**Time: 2:50-3:30**

The Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) club is a student-run club in our middle school that brings together GRSM and straight students to support each other, provide a safe place to socialize, and create a platform to fight for racial, gender, GRSM, and economic justice.

**Science Fair:**

**TBA**

**Meeting dates:**

**TBA**

Students will be informed through their science teachers. Questions may be directed to TBA. Students with a variety of interests in the sciences and related fields come together to "show off" their work to other students, parents and the faculty. The projects that students make are judged by people who are involved in the sciences. Prizes are awarded at each of the three grade levels.



**Science Olympiad:**

**Mr. Lucieer  
Ms. Guziec  
Ms. Russo**

**[elucieer@klschools.org](mailto:elucieer@klschools.org)  
[sguziec@klschools.org](mailto:sguziec@klschools.org)  
[trusso@klschools.org](mailto:trusso@klschools.org)**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/3/19  
Every Thursday**

**Room: 407**

**Time: 2:50-3:30**

Students work with their coaches after school in order to compete against other Westchester County Schools at the Regional Science Olympiad Competition in March. Students build devices that complete tasks based upon specifications provided by NYSSO. Prepare for academic events by studying and creating binders with references and notes. Students will work cooperatively with students in grades 6-9.

**Spanish Language Club:**

**Ms. Clark**

**[cclark@klschools.org](mailto:cclark@klschools.org)**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/2/19, 11/13/19, 12/11/19, 12/12/19  
2/12/20, 3/11/20, 4/15/20, 5/13/20, 6/10/20**

**Room: 114**

**Time: 2:50-3:40**

A club for Spanish students to participate in cultural activities i.e. cooking, movies and celebrations. The club will also promote events such as National French and Spanish weeks.

Student Council:

Ms. Woelfel

[lwoelfel@klschools.org](mailto:lwoelfel@klschools.org)

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/3/19**  
10/10/19, 10/17/19, 10/24/19  
11/7/19, 11/21/19, 12/5/19  
12/19/19, 1/9/20, 1/23/20  
2/6/20, 2/20/20, 3/5/20,  
3/19/20, 4/2/20, 4/23/20  
5/7/20, 5/21/20, 6/4/20

**Room: 003**

**Time: 2:50-3:30**

All grades invited. Meetings are once a week after school. Students can take the high school bus home and can join at any time during the year. Student Council is the governing body of JJMS. There will be leadership positions in all grades. Students who want to help make decisions and plan student activities will want to join this energetic group.

Students Supporting KEEP:

Ms. Husband

[shusband@klschools.org](mailto:shusband@klschools.org)

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/17/19**  
11/7/19, 11/21/19, 12/18/19,  
1/16/20, 2/13/20, 2/27/20,  
3/5/20, 3/26/20, 4/23/20

**Room: 103**

**Time: 2:50-3:50**

Students Supporting KEEP is a JJMS club which strives to educate its members and the greater school community about the importance of keeping girls in school. KEEP stands for the Katonah Educational Exchange Program, an organization of women who saw the need to help girls who were denied an education in their home country. Their primary focus has been the support of the Kakenya Center for Excellence in Kenya. The KCE is a school for girls in rural Kenya. The girls who attend this school would probably

not have had the opportunity to advance their education beyond the primary level. JJMS students in the "KEEP Club" as it is known, support the efforts of "Mama KEEP" and the JJHS club. Last year we were able to meet the founder of the KCE and some of its students when they visited the US. We also helped to raise money for scholarships, offered an after-school movie showing of "Girl Rising", made posters to educate JJMS faculty and students, and generally had fun together!

The PEN:(Literary Magazine)

Ms. Balassi

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**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/8/19, 10/21/19, 11/18/19, 12/9/19  
1/13/20, 2/10/20, 3/9/20, 3/16/20, 3/23/20,  
4/13/20, 5/11/20, 6/8/20**

**Room: 104**

**Time: Oct. - Mar. 2:50-4:15**

**Apr. - June 2:50-5:15**

Every student in the middle school is welcome to join at any time. The Pen gives students the opportunity to have their writing published. The magazine is produced in the spring and is a collection of stories, poems, and essays. The entries may evolve from class assignments or may be self-motivated pieces. Student artists are also welcome to join to add illustrations that help to convey the ideas of the selections.

Ultimate Frisbee:

Mr. Perlin

[mperlin@klschools.org](mailto:mperlin@klschools.org)

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 9/26/19, 10/3/19, 10/10/19, 10/17/19  
10/24/19, 10/31/19, 11/7/19,**

**Make-up 11/14/19**

**Every Thursday in the fall**

**Room: Meet in 106 (then on the Back field)**

**Time: 2:50-4:10**

Learn the basics of Ultimate Frisbee, get some serious exercise, and have some fun! The Ultimate Frisbee Club is not a competitive club. It is fine if you have never played the game before. We want everyone who comes to become familiar with the basics of the game and have a good time. Be sure to wear sneakers and to bring plenty of water!

Yearbook Club:

Ms. Keith

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Ms. Arell

[karell@klschools.org](mailto:karell@klschools.org)

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/8/19, 10/22/19, 11/12/19, 11/26/19  
12/10/19, 1/7/20, 1/21/20, 2/4/20, 2/11/20,  
2/25/20, 3/10/20, 3/24/20, 4/14/20, 5/12/20**

**Room: 267      Time: 2:50-3:50**

The JJMS Yearbook club seeks to further the school community by capturing the memories of the school year. Students will advertise the yearbook to fellow students, take pictures, design pages, and much more!