

# JOHN JAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

## CLUBS

### 2018 - 2019



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ORGANIZATIONS



**2:10 Social:**

**Ms. Nappi  
Ms. Mellon**

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**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/15/18**

**Meets on the following dates:**

**10/15/18, 10/22/18, 11/19/18, 12/10/18, 12/17/18,  
1/14/19, 2/11/19, 3/11/19, 3/18/19, 4/8/19,  
5/13/19, 5/20/19, 6/10/19**

**Room: 207**

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

2:10 Social will provide opportunities for students to socialize in a moderately structured setting to work on social communication and self-advocacy skills. Activities will encompass age appropriate games, movies, age appropriate guest speakers and celebrations to help support club objectives.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Group:**

**Ms. Balassi**

**cbalassi@klschools.org**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 9/26/18**

**The third Wednesday of every month**

**Room: 104**

**Time: 2:15-2:45**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade book group meets on the third Wednesday of the month in room 104. All students from grade 8 are welcome to join at any time. The students, with input from the advisor, choose what the group will read and also share other books they've read on their own.

**Animal Care Club:**

**Ms. Williams**

**jwilliams@klschools.org**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/9/18**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month**

**11/13/18, 12/11/18, 1/8/19, 2/12/19, 3/12/19,  
4/9/19, 5/14/19, 6/11/19**

**Room: 108**

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

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**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/17/18**

**Once a month on Wednesdays**

**Room: 207**

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

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:**

**Ms. Leventhal**

**eleventhal@klschools.org**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts: 10/3/18**

**Every Wednesday**

**Room: 004**

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

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

**Chess/Games Club:**

**Ms. Jensen**

**mjensen@klschools.org**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/1/18**

**Meets on the following dates:**

**10/1/18, 11/19/18, 12/3/18, 1/7/19, 1/28/19,**

**2/4/19, 2/25/19, 3/4/19, 3/25/19, 4/1/19,**

**4/29/19, 5/6/19, 5/20/19, 6/3/19**

**Room: 202**

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

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!

**Debate Club:**

**Ms. Crigler**

**dcrigler@klschools.org**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/17/18**

**Meets on the following dates:**

**10/17/18, 11/14/18, 11/21/18, 12/12/18, 1/9/19,  
1/16/19, 2/13/19, 2/20/19, 3/13/19, 3/20/19,  
4/10/19, 5/15/19, 6/12/19**

**Room: 106**

**Time: 2:10-2:40**

Debate Club's goal is to empower students with the skills of expressing their beliefs clearly and concisely, public speaking, and effective communication in a formal setting. Current events of the world will be discussed in this club.

**Drama Club:**

**Mr. Fritsch**

**dfritsch@klschools.org**

**Meeting dates:**

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until fall play**

The Drama Club will produce a drama each year. Auditions will be held and are open to all students.

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

**elucieer@klschools.org**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/2**

**Once a month on a Tuesday**

**Room: 407**

**Time: 2:15-2:50**

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**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 9/27**

**10/10/18, 10/25/18, 11/7/18, 12/6/18, 1/9/19,  
2/7/19, 3/6/19, 3/20/19, 4/4/19, 4/24/19, 5/9/19**

**Room: 116 & Garden**

**Time: 2:10-2:45**

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**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/10 (2:20-4:30)**

**12/5/18 (2:20-4:30), 2/6/19 (2:20-4:20), 4/10/19  
(2:20-4:20), 5/8/19 (2:20-4:20)**

**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.

**Gay Straight Alliance:**

**Ms. Ferrara**

**lferrara@klschools.org**

**Ms. Collins**

**kcollins@klschools.org**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/10/18**

**Twice a month on Wednesdays**

**10/24/18, 11/7/18, 11/21/18, 12/5/18, 12/19/18,  
1/9/19, 1/23/19**

**Room: 122**

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

The Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) club is a student-run club in our middle school that brings together LGBTQI+ and straight students to support each other, provide a safe place to socialize, and create a platform to fight for racial, gender, LGBTQ, and economic justice.

**Geography Bee:**

**Ms. Kessler**

**bkessler@klschools.org**

**Meeting dates:**

**See Mrs. Kessler for dates and times details**

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**

**Meeting Dates:**

**Starts - 10/2/18**

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

**Room: Gym/Fitness center      Time: 2:10-2:50**

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**

**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.

**JJMS TV Studio:**

**Mr. Murphy**

**smurphy@klschools.org**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts: 10/22/18**

**Once a month on Mondays**

**10/22/18, 11/12/18, 11/19/18, 12/10/18, 1/14/19,**

**2/11/19, 3/11/19, 3/18/19, 4/8/19, 5/13/19, 6/10/19**

**Room: 267**

**Time: 2:15-2:45**

If you're interested in being on camera or behind the scenes then this is the club for you. Students will be placed on a team of 6 students that will be responsible for reading the news, working a camera, or for the tech savvy, working in the control room.

**Jazz Band:****Ms. Fraczek****jfraczek@klschools.org****Meeting dates:****Starts - 10/3/18****Every week on Wednesdays****Room: 007****Time: 2:10-2:50 with a monthly rehearsal until 4:15**

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****Mr. Egeler****jegeler@klschools.org****Meeting Dates:****Starts - 10/2/18****Meets on Tuesdays****Biweekly: October-December****Weekly: January****Biweekly: February & March****Room: 223****Time: 2:07-2:50**

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).

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Ms. Von Bargen

kvonbargen@klschools.org

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/11/18**

**Meets on Thursdays**

**10/18/18, 10/25/18, 11/1/18, 11/8/18 11/15/18,  
11/29/18, 12/6/18, 12/13/18**

**Room: 006**

**Time: 2:10-3:00**

We are a co-ed acapella singing group, consisting of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, who love to sing. We meet once a week after school from 2:10 until 3:00, three times a month and 2:10 until 4:15 once a month. ***We audition to be in the group.*** This is necessary so our voices sound great together. We perform at the Spring Concert. If you love to sing, please come and audition for us on Tuesday, September 26 from 2:10 until 4:15 in Room 006. Audition sign-up sheets are on the table or you can sign up on the sheets outside room 006 during school hours.

Photography Club:

Ms. O'Neil

koneil@klschools.org

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 9/28**

**Twice a month on Fridays**

**Room: 263**

**Time: 2:10-2:45**

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

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts 9/27/18**

**Every Thursday**

**Room: Lab 110**

**Time: 2:10-3:00**

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!



### Science Fair:

Mr. Miller  
Ms. Watroba

zmiller@klschools.org  
cwatroba@klschools.org

**Meeting dates:** Please see Mr. Miller or Ms. Watroba for additional details

Students will be informed through their science teachers. Questions may be directed to Mr. Miller or Ms. Watroba. **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  
sguziec@klschools.org  
trusso@klschools.org

**Meeting dates:** Starts - 10/3/18  
Every Wednesday until March 2, 2019  
Room: 408 Time: 2:10-2:50

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.

### Scrapbooking:

Ms. Daley-Savo

mdaleysavo@klschools.org

**Meeting dates:** Starts - 10/18/18  
Once a month on Thursdays  
Room: 207 Time: 2:10-2:50

In this club you will learn tips, tricks and techniques for making creative scrapbooks, cool cards and other neat things using paper!

**Sewing & Embroidery:**

**Ms. Collins  
Ms. Kellogg**

**[kcollins@klschools.org](mailto:kcollins@klschools.org)  
[hkellogg@klschools.org](mailto:hkellogg@klschools.org)**

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/25**

**Meeting Dates: 10/25, 11/8, 11/15, 12/6, 12/12,  
1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 2/28, 3/14, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11,  
5/2, 5/23, 6/6**

**Room: 122**

**Time: 2:10-3:00**

The sewing and embroidery club will provide young people with the opportunity to be creative with needle, thread and fabric! Basic hand sewing skills will be introduced and then we will explore a variety of decorative embroidery stitches and experiment with different ways and places to use those acquired stitches!

**Student Council:**

**Ms. Woelfel**

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

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/9/18**

**Every Tuesday**

**Room: 001**

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

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. Atwell**

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

**Ms. Husband**

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

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/4/18**

**Every other Thursday**

**Room: 214**

**Time: 2:20-2:50**

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

**Meeting dates:**                      **Starts 10/3/18**  
   **First Wednesday of every month**  
**Room: 104**                      **Time: 2:15-3:15**

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 - 10/4/18**  
   **Every Thursday in the fall**  
**Room: Meet in 221 (then on the**      **Time: 2:10-3:30**  
**Back field)**

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!

[Variety Club:](#)                      Ms. Fritsch                      [dfritsch@klschools.org](mailto:dfritsch@klschools.org)

**Meeting dates:**                      **Please contact Mr. Fritsch**  
   **Room: 209 & Theater**      **Time: 2:10-2:45**

Got talent??? Well come join the Varsity Show!! Open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If you can sing, dance, juggle, play guitar, etc. we would like to hear from you. All types of acts are encouraged and welcome.

World Language Club:

Ms. Kessler

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

**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/15**

**10/23, 11/19/18, 12/10/18, 1/14/19, 2/12/19,  
3/18/19, 4/8/19, 5/13/19, 6/10/19**

**Room: 114**

**Time: 2:15-2:45**

A club for French and 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.

Yearbook Club:

Ms. Keith

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Ms. Arell

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Ms. Michael

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**Meeting dates:**

**Starts - 10/2/18**

**Every Tuesday**

**Room: 267**

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

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!