JOHN JAY MIDDLE SCHOOL
CLUBS
2018 - 2019

STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
2:10 Social:  
Ms. Nappi  
jnappi@klschools.org  
Ms. Mellon  
mmellon@klschools.org  
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.

8th 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 8th 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@klchools.org  
Meeting dates:  
Starts - 10/9/18  
2nd 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  
dcraigler@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)

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 7th & 8th 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.
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.

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.
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.

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.

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  zmiller@klschools.org
Ms. Watroba  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  elucieer@klschools.org
Ms. Guziec  sguziec@klschools.org
Ms. Russo  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  
  kcollins@klschools.org
- Ms. Kellogg  
  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

**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
- Ms. Husband  
  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

**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

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

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

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

Got talent?? Well come join the Variety Show!! Open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th 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

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  dkeith@klschools.org
Ms. Arell  karell@klschools.org
Ms. Michael  jmichael@klschools.org

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!