

## Maranacook Community Middle School Co- Curricular Clubs & Athletics

### **Athletics**

*We offer a large variety of athletic programming to students:*

**Fall:** Soccer (girls, 7th and 8th grade -6th graders invited to join if space permits-; boys, 6-8th grade); Field Hockey (girls, 6-8th grade); and Cross Country (coed, 6th-8th grade)

**Winter:** Nordic Skiing (coed, 6th-8th grade); Alpine Skiing (coed, 6th-8th grade); and Basketball (girls, 7th and 8th grade; boys, 7-8th grade. 6th graders invited to join if space permits)

**Spring:** Baseball (7th and 8th grade -6th graders invited to join if space permits-); Softball (7th and 8th grade -6th graders invited to join if space permits-); and Track (coed, 6th-8th grade)

### **Bike Club**

Bike Club is an activity offered to students during the Activity time each day. Students are able to learn how to and work on donated bikes that have been donated. This club meets daily, during Activity A, to rebuild the bikes. Students will also have opportunities to take home a bike after they are fixed up. Planned after school rides will be scheduled to meet club demands.

### **Book Club**

MCMS has a book club! Students meet once a week. The group meets during an activity time. Students talk about what book they are currently reading and what they like most about the book. The purpose of the club is to encourage reading and to share books with each other.

### **Civil Rights Team**

The CRTP and the student Civil Rights Team are active in identifying and addressing issues of bias in our school communities, especially those related to: Race and color; National origin and ancestry; Religion; Physical and mental disabilities; Gender & Sexual orientation. This group meets once a week during Activity time.

### **Drama Club**

The middle school has a drama club that puts on a theatrical production annually. This club will meet after school in the winter months, starting in January and will present the play to the community in March.

### **GSA**

Our Middle School GSA (Gender-Sexuality Alliance) is a student-run club which strives to improve our school climate around diversity. We work to assure that each member of our school community is valued and respected regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. We provide a safe place for students to meet, support each other, and talk about issues related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. Historically the acronym also represented Gay-Straight Alliance but this language has been updated to better reflect the communities of young people running the clubs.

## **I-TEAM**

I-Team, the middle school's student technology team, which meets during tutorial time. These students are trained on ways to help others with technology. They work directly with the technology integrator and are seen as technology leaders in the school.

## **Magic Club**

The Magic the Gathering/Dungeons & Dragons club is an informal group. Many take part in the Magic/D&D activity period in the middle of the school each day. We play Magic the Gathering and Dungeons & Dragons. The focus is on learning the rules, playing to have fun and showing good sportsmanship. Sometimes students bring other card games like Pokemon or Yugioh. Other card games and board games are also an option. Two to four times a month, Mr. Radcliff supervises an after school session on Fridays from 2:30 to 5pm.

## **Math Team**

If you know a middle schooler who likes math then they may be interested in joining the team! There are three meets throughout the fall and winter on Saturdays. They also have an opportunity to compete in the MathCounts competition(s) in the spring.

## **Minecraft Club**

MCMS has a MineCraft Club! This is held before school, starting at 7AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Minecraft is an electronic game which allows players to build with a variety of different blocks in a 3D world and requires creativity from players to create their online space.

## **Music Program: Ensemble Options**

### **Chorus**

Chorus is a unique course offered at Maranacook in that students are encouraged to participate all year for three years. In general, chorus is designed to strengthen vocal technique, build music reading skills, improve music vocabulary, and develop harmony/part singing and strengthen interpersonal skills while continuously promoting individual confidence.

Specifically chorus students will accurately perform music that includes changes of tempo, key and meter while demonstrating proper posture and technique. They will also apply accumulated knowledge of musical notation, symbols and terminology to a music performance. Students will analyze literature and compare elements of music including: pitch, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, form, timbre, texture and harmony.

### **Chamber Choir**

Students who wish to participate in a more rigorous vocal experience are encouraged to audition for Chamber Choir. This is a select vocal ensemble that meets bi-weekly during lunch A. Through performing diverse repertoire, students in Chamber Choir develop solo performance skills and stylistic interpretation from a wide variety of genres.

### **Band**

Band, like chorus, is a course offered at Maranacook where students are encouraged to participate all year for three years. In general, and is designed to expand music reading skills, improve music vocabulary, strengthen interpersonal skills while continuously promoting individual confidence. Band members are introduced to quality literature to appropriately challenge their abilities. Through band student's practice establishing goals and building individual confidence.

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notation, symbols and terminology to a music performance. Students will analyze literature and compare elements of music including: pitch, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, form, timbre, texture and harmony.

This year the middle school band meet twice each week for 45 minutes as an ensemble as well as participate in bi-weekly sectionals.

### **Jazz Band**

Students who wish to participate in a more rigorous instrumental experience are encouraged to perform in jazz band. This is a select instrumental ensemble that features a rhythm section (drum set, piano, guitar and bass) as well as the traditional band instruments. Jazz Band meets bi-weekly during lunch A.

Through playing jazz standards, students also develop solo performance skills and stylistic interpretation.

If you have any questions about our program, please reach out to Adam Scarpone at:

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### **Tech Exploration**

We have a Tech Exploration group that meets during Activity in the Learning Commons, daily.

Students interested in engineering, robotics and technology have opportunities to try out different technological devices and build their own projects! Students can sign up for this whenever they sign up for activities.

### **Wednesday Art Tutorial**

Mrs. Lord is available to meet with art students during Wednesday morning tutorials. This is a time for students in art classes to work on projects if they are behind or want more time to practice the art techniques taught in class. Students who are not in art but have a passion for it may also attend, if they have prior permission from the art teacher, Hope Lord.

### **Yearbook Committee**

The middle school yearbook committee meets on Friday afternoons, starting in early October. This club runs after school until 4pm on Fridays. Students on the committee will work with peers to create the yearbook, which students can purchase, and receive at the end of the year.

### **Geography Class**

MCMS offers an elective, fun, Geography class! The group meets during a tutorial and an Activity time. The group learns about geography, including concepts around the five themes, and places around the world.

### **Student Government**

MCMS offers a student council, which meets before school on Tuesdays, and once a week, during Activity. The group provides student voice which helps build the school culture and activities.

### **Green Team**

The Green Team runs the school's recycling program! The group meets about once a week to run the recycling initiatives in the school.