



SHAWANO COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, AND ORGANIZATIONS

The goal of activities programs at SCMS is to encourage student participation in a safe and encouraging environment where the focus is learning and growing.

Students participating in extracurricular activities are leaders and represent the community, school, the advisor, and themselves. They are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Shawano Middle School Battle of the Books is a program designed to promote a love of reading with a competitive twist! All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to participate by signing up and forming a team. Students read books on the formal Battle Reading List starting in December and compete in battles in the spring where students need to remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books. Every question asked in a battle is answered by the title and author of the book and takes the form of “name the book and author in which a horse and a boy are stranded on an island”.

Battle of the Books gives students a chance to read from varying genres, periods, perspectives and culture. The books are hand selected by a team of teachers with input from National and State Book Award lists, students, professional journals and organizations. Battle of the Books is for any student that loves reading or wants to be part of a team that competes to see who can read and remember the most!

CHESS/CRIBBAGE CLUB

Chess is a two-player strategy board game. Chess club is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Learn or improve your knowledge of this strategic game! Chess club is a fun and rewarding place to learn, grow, make new friends, and engage in friendly competition. Chess Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday after school until April. We have also added cribbage into the mix as well.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Destination Imagination (DI) is an educational organization that teaches 21st century skills and STEM principles through creative and collaborative problem solving challenges. Team members' work together to develop a solution to one of seven open-ended challenges and present their solutions at tournaments. Through the Challenge program, students learn and experience the creative process from imagination to innovation and learn skills needed to succeed in school, career and life, including teamwork, communication, project management, perseverance, creative and critical thinking, and self-confidence. DI is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

HELPING HANDS

Students learn that no matter what their age, gender, ability, or socio-economic status, they can make a difference in their community. Students will work collaboratively with peers on service projects. The club's goal is to assist students in being able to grow in confidence, increase their social circle, and experience the joy of helping others. This club meets after school, typically on Mondays, and is led by Mrs. Berg.

LIBRARY HELPER

Every year, the library selects responsible students to become library helpers. As a library helper, students are responsible for shelving books, shelf reading, creating and putting together displays, assisting with the book fair, and generally working to keep the library an organized and fun place for all students in the school to work in. Students are representing the library and the school when they are working so they are expected to treat others with respect, maintain a positive attitude, and generally follow the *Hawk Way* in everything they do. Library helper is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who qualify.

MATH OLYMPIAD

The Math Olympiad is a five-part Math Competition open to any 6th, 7th, and 8th grader invited to participate based on test scores. Competitions are once a month, beginning in November, and consist of five challenging questions each month. All students receive a prize for participating, and high scorers receive awards. Students are selected for participation based on stated interest and/or teacher referral.

SPELLING BEE

The Spelling Bee is an annual event for interested students who love to spell. Any students who wish to participate begin with classroom-level spelling bees, and the winners move on to the school wide spelling bee held in February. The winner of that competition moves on the regional bee to represent the Shawano Schools. Contact Mr. Collier for details.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is the student governing body of SCMS. Students who are interested in helping SCMS be a successful community and school are welcomed to join Student Council. Elections are held for positions such as class officer for each grade level and the executive board (secretary, vice president, and president). Some of the activities Student Council sponsors are school dances, Valentine Grams, and the Halloween Costume Contest, and the SCMS Fundraiser. Student Council has also raised money for Habitat for Humanity, Sam's House, Red River Riders, and the Humane Society. Contact Mrs. Dori Logerquist if you have questions.

TWISTED STITCHES

Crochet and Knitting is a fun and practical skill. This club is to give students a new hobby that allows and encourages creativity. We will go over basic to intermediate stitches and pattern reading. It is open to all students at SCMS, regardless of how often

they are able to attend. Two monthly meetings, to be held after school on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. This club is free of charge and all skill levels are welcome.

YEARBOOK

Yearbook staff is composed of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who demonstrate behavior that models the Hawk Way and who are interested in taking pictures, selecting, editing, and designing the yearbook for Shawano Community Middle School. Students on the yearbook staff will be asked to take pictures during special events and sporting events. The yearbook staff will be part of meetings before and after school as well as during study halls to create the yearbook. Students will have the opportunity to learn what it is to work as a team with their fellow students. They will also have the opportunity to learn how to take pictures, edit, organize and format the pictures on the pages of the yearbook. Students who are interested in being part of the yearbook staff can choose their level of involvement from just taking pictures to being involved in the editing and creation process.

ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL

Our basketball programs at SCMS are for both boys and girls in grades 7 and 8. The program focuses on developing basic skills for the game and to improve on existing skills. Players will also learn the rules of the game, develop good sportsmanship and friendships, and understand what it means to be part of a team.

Boys' season is from mid-October to mid-December.

Girls' season is from beginning of January to the end of February.

CHEER TEAM

Our cheer program at SCMS focuses on developing basic skills that are involved in being a cheer person, and to improve on existing skills. Cheerleaders will also learn the rules of cheer, develop good sportsmanship and friendships, and understand what it means to be part of a team. Cheer is open to both boys and girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. This program runs from the beginning of the school year until mid-December cheering for both the football season and the boys' basketball season. Cheerleaders will only perform at home games for these two sports, and students may be involved in a try-out situation as well. Practices are scheduled by the coaches and are usually twice a week. Games for football are once a week, while basketball games are usually twice a week.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country is a team running sport that takes place in the fall on a measured course between 1.5 to 2 miles. The season begins one week before school begins in fall and runs through the middle of October, and is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. We practice each day after school. In Cross Country, we think of practice as training to compete in our meets. During practice, we work on improving running strength and endurance. We do various running activities as well as various core strength activities. Most cross-country meets are held on dirt trails, sidewalks, park grounds, and golf courses. Some of these meets are more spectator friendly and you are able to see the runners at different spots during the race. Other meets are difficult and you may only see them at the beginning and when they cross the finish line.

FOOTBALL

Football is a fall sport, running from late August to mid-October. The football program at SCMS focuses on developing basic skills for the game and improving on existing skills. Players will also learn the rules of the game, develop good sportsmanship and friendships, and understand what it means to be part of a team. Football has two teams, one for 7th grade and one for 8th grade.

SOCCER

Our soccer program at SCMS is a fall sport and consists of coed teams. Soccer coaches focuses on developing basic skills for the game and improving on existing skills. Players will also learn the rules of the game, develop good sportsmanship, friendships, and understand what it means to be part of a team. Soccer begins at the start of the school year and runs to mid-October. All three grades are welcome.

TRACK

Our track programs at SCMS are for both boys and girls, a separate team for each, and is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. The program focuses on developing basic skills for the game and to improve on existing skills. Players will also learn the rules of the game, develop good sportsmanship and friendships, and understand what it means to be part of a team. Track season is in the spring starting about mid-April and running until mid-May.

VOLLEYBALL

Our volleyball program at SCMS is for girls in grades 7 and 8. The season runs from the beginning of school until about mid-October. Seventh grade will have an “A” and “B” team that will be of equal ability levels. Eighth grade will also have an “A” and “B” team with the “A” team consisting of the strongest players’ ability wise for that grade, and the “B” team will be for players who need to work on some of their skills. The program overall focuses on developing basic skills for the game and to improve on existing skills. Players will also learn the rules of the game, develop good sportsmanship and friendships, and understand what it means to be part of a team.

WRESTLING

Our wrestling program at SCMS is open to both boys and girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. The program focuses on developing basic skills and to improve on existing skills. Players will also learn the rules of the game, develop good sportsmanship and friendships, and understand what it means to be part of a team. Wrestling season runs from the beginning of January until the end of February/beginning of March.