

**Rocky River Middle School is proud to sponsor a variety of student clubs and activities for their students. Participation in these programs has a variety of requirements and responsibilities. Students that try out and/or select to participate in an activity should do so with the intent of attending all practices, meetings, performances, and events. Please examine your calendar and other commitments so that you will not become over extended. Time should also be considered for the completion of academic responsibilities as well.**

**Please make sure to sign-up for all clubs/activities in Final Forms.**

**The student activity clubs and activities available to students are as follows:**

**Art Club-** Art club is a drop in open studio club to allow students to self-select and explore various art mediums. The club is open to students in all grade levels. Art club meets on Fridays beginning in November and ending the last Friday in February.

*Advisor- Ms. Kathleen Harkin-Newsome*

**Be the Change** -This anti bullying group promotes a positive and encouraging environment. Everyone is welcome in this group led by students and encourages leadership development. Mix-it-up-Day at Lunch, the "New Student" party, and promoting positivity are some of the club's activities. The group meets once a month. Listen to Channel 10 for meeting times and dates.

*Advisor-Ms. Kim Pavlik*

**Book Club-** Students will vote on and read one book per month in varied genres. We will come together as a group to have meaningful discussions and ask questions about the book. The purpose of this club is to create a sense of community amongst readers at RRMS and allow students to practice critical thinking skills, voice their opinions, and share ideas.

*Advisor-Ms. Cara Ungar*

**Channel 10** - The Channel 10 crew is responsible for our television announcement broadcasts. The crew is made up of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Students can sign up to be an anchor or on the tech crew. These positions rotate throughout the year to allow for more participation.

*Advisor- Mr. Don MacDonald*

**Chess Club** -The chess club meets to improve strategies, skills, and techniques vital to the game of chess. It is a great way to learn more about the game of chess.

*Advisor- Mr. Brian Chulik*

**Destination Imagination - (DI)** is the largest worldwide creative problem-solving program for young people in kindergarten through college. This program offers students at every level a unique opportunity to participate in challenging and motivating activities while developing lifelong skills such as teamwork and commitment. DI encourages children to build on their strengths and to discover skills they never

knew they possessed, be they technical, theatrical, analytical, linguistic, or musical. The emphasis is on the “process,” the learning that takes place as the teams prepare their challenge solutions.

*Advisor – Mrs. Meredith Muccio*

**Garden Club-** The RRMS Garden Club is responsible for planting, managing, and maintaining our school garden! Harvesting the garden will take place throughout the fall months, and the club will "shut down" the garden for winter towards the end of October. Produce gathered from our school garden will be donated to our school cafeteria and local community members during open houses and school conferences. Brainstorming ideas for future use is an important part of this club! What else can we do with produce? Are there other places in need of fresh produce? What plants grow best? How can we use the produce to make other food products? How do we raise money to replace produce for the spring? The RRMS Garden Club will meet once a week on Wednesday's starting September 4th after school from 3:30-4:00 until October 30th in the Counseling Office, room B103. Garden Club will restart again on April 30, 2025 until the end of the school year.

*Advisor- Mrs. Debbie Wodzisz*

**History Club-** Do you love history? Think you're an amateur historian? A fan of great stories? You might have found your club! History Club will have bi-weekly officer's meetings in the mornings, every other Thursday, beginning at 7:45am; and monthly TedTalk-style presentations in a large group format, once each month of the school year, beginning in September and going through May, from 3:20pm-4:00pm. Topics are announced a month early, so you'll know which presentations you won't want to miss!

*Advisor- Mr. Ben Purdy*

**Lego Olympiad** - The Rocky River Middle School Lego Club's goal is to spark student interest in math, science, engineering, and architecture. Bi-weekly meetings entice students to think outside the box and allow them to collaborate with fellow Lego enthusiasts. By participating in Lego Club, students gain a number of skills including modeling, teamwork, presentation and creativity.

*Advisor- Mr. Matt Mullen*

**Maker's Club** - The Maker's Club offers students an opportunity to explore different types of technology through exploration and hands-on experiences. Students can choose from a variety of creative projects such as tinkering with robotics and other electronics, creating physical and digital art, learning how to laser engrave and 3D print, and even producing their very own podcast.

*Advisor- Mr. Matt Mullen*

**Power of the Pen-** Power of the Pen is the leading competitive interscholastic program in written expression for 7th and 8th graders. Power of the Pen is dedicated to helping young people find and develop a creative voice that is uniquely their own. Team members compete by writing short pieces inspired by writing prompts. Power of the Pen will run from September to early spring to prepare for Districts, Regionals and State competitions. Visit <https://powerofthepen.org> to learn more about this

unique-to-Ohio competitive, fun activity! Please listen for announcements for more information or reach out to the advisor Mrs. Preto @ [preto.mary@rrcs.org](mailto:preto.mary@rrcs.org).

*Advisor-Mrs. Katie Preto*

**Science Olympiad** - The Rocky River Science Olympiad team spends September through January preparing to compete in regional science competitions in an attempt to advance to State and National Competition. Previous events have included Anatomy, Disease Detectives, Dynamic Planet, Experimental Design, Forestry, Flight, Meteorology, Road Scholar, Rocks and Minerals and Write It, Do It. All events are tied to some aspect of science; physics, chemistry, biology, cartography, geology, and a host of other subjects. Members will meet weekly after school. Meetings will be held from October until March in preparation for regional competitions. Team members are expected to attend all work sessions and competitions. If there are any questions feel free to reach out to Mrs. O'Connor in room B202.

*Advisor- Mrs. Amanda O'Connor*

**Spirit Club**- The main goal of the Spirit Club is to get students more involved in their school and feel a sense of community. The club is open to any student grades 6-8 who wants to join. We meet every other Tuesday in the morning so that we don't interfere with sports or other after school clubs/activities. We will be promoting sporting events, choir and band events, and any other school activities that arise. At our meetings, we create posters, announcements, locker decorations, and brainstorm ways to get students involved in the school. We also will encourage more students to participate in spirit weeks, and reward them for participating in the spirit days with tickets during their lunch mod. The tickets go into a raffle in which prizes (sponsored by Spirit club) are given.

*Advisor- Ms. Cara Ungar*

**Spring Musical**- The Spring Musical is the perfect activity for students interested in all aspects of the theater. Whether you enjoy acting, singing, dancing or want to partake in the many stage crew opportunities, you are sure to enjoy being a part of the RRMS Spring Musical. Auditions take place in January, and practices occur 2-3 days a week, beginning in February.

*Advisors- Mrs. Amanda O'Connor and Mrs. Elaina Schlichting*

**Student Council** - The election for the Board is held in late May among interested members of the seventh grade class. The newly elected Board will serve during their eighth grade year. Members of the Student Council meet before school. The advisor will distribute a schedule at the beginning of the school year. The Student Council is a hard working organization requiring time commitments of all members. Responsibilities include attending meetings, meeting with the Principal, arranging for clean-up after Council sponsored dances, movies and other events, service project work, and fund-raising for charities. All Student Council members are expected to live up to their service obligations.

*Advisor- Mrs. Halle Zamblauskas*

**Team Unify** - Rocky River Middle School is dedicated to promoting social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences; Unified Sports joins students with and without disabilities on the same team. It is inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to

friendship and understanding. Team Unify is made up of Rocky River students of similar age and ability, which makes practices more fun and games more challenging and exciting for all. Having a sport in common is just one more way that preconceptions and false ideas are swept away. Rocky River hopes to bring experiences to students that they will never forget in hope to make a difference.

*Advisor- Mrs. Shannon Hanigosky*

**Talent Show** - A student talent show is held in late October as a showcase for a variety of skills and abilities. Students demonstrate their skills and talents in art, singing, dancing, martial arts, stand-up comedy, instrumental music, comedic skits, and other forms of skill and entertainment. Lip-syncing acts are not included in the show. All acts are reviewed and approved by the advisor and most are included in the show. Interested students should sign up for an audition time in early October. Students interested in working on the tech crew or stage crew should watch for the sign up list after auditions. Listen to the Channel 10 announcements for details.

*Advisors- Mrs. Amanda O'Connor and Mrs. Elaina Schlichting*

**West Shore Young Leaders** - The West Shore Young Leaders Network (WYLN) offers students in grades 6-12 leadership skills development, social activities, and strategies aimed at preventing alcohol and drug abuse among teens. Students gain these valuable skills at monthly network meetings with peers from other West Shore schools. Through student-planned programs and social activities, West Shore students work together to learn team building and leadership, get support for making healthy choices and have fun connecting with other teens in a positive environment. WYLN helps develop youth into community leaders with essential life skills for success.

*Advisor- SRO Chris Camp*

**Yearbook Staff** - The Yearbook Committee is open to students in grades 6-8. Students in this club work to help plan, organize, and arrange the yearbook. Members may also be called upon to take photos or complete clerical tasks related to orders and distribution of the yearbook. The meetings are typically held before school.

*Advisor- Mrs. Kali Sullivan*

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