

## RRMS CLUBS/ACTIVITIES 2020-2021

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. 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.

Advisor- Mrs. Kathleen Harkin-Newsome

**Be the Change-Interact** - This group is against bullying and is for making our school a positive and encouraging place. The BTC-Interact group is related to the Rotary Club of Lakewood-Rocky River. This group is led by students and encourages leadership development. Everyone is welcome-boys and girls in all grades. Mix-it-up-Day at Lunch, the "New Student" party, making bulletin boards, and the Diversity Walk are some of their activities. During the year, the group also works with a representative from the Diversity Center of NE Ohio. This group does both school-based projects and an international project each year. They meet 2 or 3 times a month. Listen to Channel 10 for meeting times and dates.

Advisor- Mrs. Mary Fancher

**Builder's Club** - Builder's Club is the middle school version of the high school Key Club and the adult Kiwanis Club organization. Students from all grade levels are eligible to join and become involved in a variety of service projects. Meetings are usually held one day per week before school in the library. Interested students should listen for meeting announcements on Channel 10 in the fall.

Advisor- Mr. Ben Purdy

**Channel 10** - The Channel 10 crew is responsible for our television morning announcement broadcasts. One student is selected by the faculty advisor to serve as the Director of these broadcasts. This Director is usually an eighth grade student that has been involved with Channel 10 since the sixth grade.

Auditions for news anchor and tech crew are held each spring. These positions rotate throughout the year to allow for more student 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

**Lego Olympiad** - The Rocky River Middle School Lego Club's goal is to spark student interest in math, science, engineering, and architecture. Monthly meetings entice students to think outside the box and allow them to compete in mini competitions in a themed category. By participating in Lego Club, students gain a number of skills including modeling, teamwork, presentation and creativity.

Advisor-Mrs. Ali Modzeleski

**Maker's Club**- The Maker's Club offers students an opportunity to explore different types of technology through a hands-on experience. Students can make different kit based projects including robotics and electronics. Students will also have an opportunity to design and create with 3D design software and 3D printers.

Advisor- Mr. Matt England

**Math Club**- The RRMS Math Club will encourage students to learn math outside of the classroom and challenge them to become independent learners using advanced problem solving skills. Students will be able to accomplish this by participating in math competitions as well as playing math/logic games. During the first semester, students will take part in the Stock Market Game. Student teams will access resources that help them grow their investment portfolios. Meetings are held once per week before school. During the end of the first semester and the beginning of the second semester, students will prepare for a MathCounts chapter competition where we will meet 1-2 times per week practicing problems in order to prepare. The Competition will occur in February 2019 at Cleveland State University. There will also be a state competition following the chapter competition in March if students qualify. These two opportunities will encourage students to have a greater appreciation for mathematics and not only expand their mathematical knowledge but also apply their knowledge to real-life situations.

Advisors- Mr. Don MacDonald and Mr. Tony Ramirez

**Mindful Mornings**- All students have learned about mindfulness through Fitness and Health classes. Mindfulness is the simple art of paying attention to the present moment with kindness. There are different strategies including mindful breathing, listening, movement and many other activities designed to reduce stress and anxiety. All students are invited to attend a Mindful Morning session in the West Gym on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:45 to 8:00am.

Advisor- Mrs. Terri McNeely

**Power of the Pen**- Power of the Pen is the leading competitive interscholastic program in written expression for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 meets on Fridays after school 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!

Advisor: Melissa Stickney [Powerofthepen@rrcs.org](mailto:Powerofthepen@rrcs.org)

**RRMS All-School Musical**-The auditions for the musical will be in mid-December. Rehearsals will be several days a week after school from January until the production in March. Students may choose to audition for a part, or to sign up for one of the tech crews, or they may be asked to be part of the pit orchestra. Details about auditions are on the teacher's website.

Advisor – Mrs. Mary Fancher

**Safety Patrol-** The safety patrol exists to increase awareness of safe practices on school grounds.  
Advisor- Ms. Colleen Thoburn

**Safe Club-** Students Advocating For Equality. The SAFE club at RRMS is an after school club for students interested in advocating for equality within the school environment and community. The club will meet every other Thursday after school from 3:20 to 4:20. The mission of the SAFE club is for interested students to discuss and share current issues and events and to plan activities in order to make a difference.

Advisors- Mrs. Terri McNeely and Mrs. Anji Marniella

**Science Olympiad-** The Rocky River Science Olympiad club spends September through January preparing to compete in twenty three different events in regional science competitions in attempt to advance to State and National Competition. All events connect to some aspect of science; physics, chemistry, and biology, cartography, geology, and other STEM- related topics. Previous events include Anatomy, Disease Detectives, Dynamic Planet, Experimental Design, Forestry, Helicopters, Meteorology, Mousetrap Vehicles, Reach for the Stars, Road Scholar, Rocks and Minerals and Write It, Do It. The team meets one afternoon during the week and some Saturday mornings. Team members are expected to attend all working sessions and competitions. Interested students should ask their science teachers about participation at the beginning of the school year.

Advisor- Mrs. Michelle Gibson

**Student Council** - The election for the officers and committee representatives is held in late May among interested members of the seventh grade class. The newly elected officers 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, service project work, reporting of student issues to homerooms, and fund-raising for charities. All Student Council members are expected to live up to their service obligations.

Advisor- Mrs. Joyce Lampp

**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. Advisor- Mrs. Mary Fancher

**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. Kathryn Annechino

Revised 8/24/2020