



GIBBONS MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2017-18



ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	STAFF MEMBER/S	LOCATION	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	START DATE	END DATE	ACTIVITY FEE Y/N
3D Printing Club	Students learn about the art of 3D printing, exploring software programs like OnShape and SketchUp and tinkering with the 3D printer itself. All students are welcome, and can expect to collaborate both at the weekly meetings and from home through the club's online discussion board.	Kimball/Innis	Library	Wednesday	210-3:15	11/15/17	End of May	No / New Club
Anime Club	Anime Club is student run club for those interested in Anime and/or Manga. It is not a formal class. Artistic talent is not required, however only motivated students should join to keep the atmosphere of the club focused.	Burgoyne	Art Room - 44	Thursday (once a month)	2:10-3:15	October	June	No / Informal Drop-In-Membership
Art Club	Art Club is an opportunity for your student to try new materials and processes in a relaxed atmosphere. It is not a formal class, rather a time for students to further their desire to investigate the many forms two dimensional art takes. Instruction is modified for the students' interests and abilities. Artistic talent is not required, however only motivated students should join to keep the atmosphere of the club conducive to focused exploration.	Burgoyne	Art Room - 44	Tuesdays	2:10-3:15	January 30	June 5	Yes
Basketball	Tryouts are held for the boys and girls interscholastic (travel) team. 7th and 8th graders are combined on each team. Approximately 12-14 players are selected. 14-15 game schedule with practices on non-game days. No weekend or vacation practices/games. Practices may be 2-3:30 or 3:30-5 depending on the day. Online registration needed. Activity fee. Up to date physical form needed in nurses office. An information meeting is held annually in mid-November.	Hanson (girls) Grampietro (boys)	Gym	Mon-Fri	2:00-6:00	Tryouts - the week after Thanksgiving break	Just before February Vacay	Yes
Best Buddies	Sign ups: On-going. Membership applications can be completed at www.bestbuddiesonline.org Description: Best Buddies offers members opportunities for socialization, leadership development, and integrated employment, thereby providing the necessary tools for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to become more independent and more included in the community. Promoter chapters will hold activities and events throughout the school year that will address four specific goals: •Awareness: educating chapter members, peers, and the community on the disability rights movement • Engagement – will address getting peers in the school and members in the community involved in Best Buddies •Empowerment – will address providing people the opportunity to be a leader and a voice for Best Buddies • Interaction – will address providing opportunities for increased interactions between people with and without IDD	Basta/Grilli	Room 39	Every other Wednesday	2:00-3:00	End of September	June	Yes



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Chamber Orchestra	The Gibbons Chamber Orchestra is open to any student, by audition, who is currently enrolled in the Gibbons Orchestra. The ensemble will rehearse weekly from September through May. They will study a variety of string orchestra arrangements, including Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary. The Chamber Orchestra will perform regularly at school concerts and throughout the community should the opportunity arise.	Chartier	Orchestra Sectional Room - 46	Thursday	2:15-3:15	September	Early June	Yes
Chess Club	Students come together to play chess in a relaxed atmosphere. We occasionally run various different tournament formats, but students are welcome to drop in for a game.	Gerstenzang (host) Student run	Room 25	Wednesday	2:00 - 3:00	9/27	End of May	No / New Club
Community Service Club	Our goals include exposing the Gibbons school population to local, national, and global community concerns; providing social and educational opportunities in an interactive atmosphere; and promoting student leadership by encouraging students to connect to issues and follow through by planning and implementing action steps. Projects vary each year, depending on student interests. Past projects: fundraising and supporting UNICEF, Local Animal Shelters, food drives, bag lunches for local shelters, making blankets and scarves for the homeless and community gardening.	Gerstenzang/Pellegrino	25	Thursday	2:00-3:30	9/28	June	No / Service Club
Concert Choir	The GMS Concert Choir is an advanced choral ensemble offered to students enrolled in the GMS Chorus. Students in this ensemble study challenging choral repertoire, focusing on pop, jazz, and choral classics. This ensemble performs 3-5 times a year within the Westborough Community, both in and out of school.	Stillitano	Music Room - 42	Wednesday	2:10-3:25	September 27th	May 30th	Yes
Creative Writer's Workshop	A creative writing workshop for students who want to be learn and how to write creatively. Learn how to develop story lines, write through different perspectives as well as character development and story lines.	Carr/ WHS Intern: J. Pellegrino	30	Every other Thursday	2:15- 3:15	October	Early June	No / New Club
Cross Country	Students of all abilities come together to run on different terrains and train together to become better runners. Students learn how to properly stretch, workout and practice to become stronger, safe runners. Throughout the season we do different activities to help our students improve their personal bests while competing against local teams.	Sullivan/Lessard	GMS Upper Field	Tues,Wed,Thurs	Prac 2:30-3:30	9/8/2017	End October	Yes
Cultural Diversity Club	This club offers students the opportunity to discuss with peers the challenges faced by middle students regarding gender and broader social interactions.	Collins/Williams	Room 14	Every Other Thursday	2:00-3:00	End of September	June	No / New Club
Dungeons and Dragons	Interested in slaying monsters, looting dungeons and wielding powerful spells? Then the Dungeons and Dragons club is for you.	Cowgill	Room 55	Wed.	2:00-2:50	Oct. 25, 2017	June	No / New Club
ELL Club	The ELL club strives to promote our ESL students' social integration, as well as providing our students with academic support. ELLs have the opportunity to complete homework as well as interact with other ELL students through various activities and games.	Fridley/Thomas	Room 20A	Tuesday and Thursday	2:00-3:30	9/12/2017	Early June	No / Service Club



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Futsal Club	Futsal is an indoor soccer sport that uses a smaller, heavier ball. 7th and 8th grade students are selected to a team and will play six 30 minute games over the course of six weeks. All students are welcome. No previous skill or training required.	Cooley	Gym	Wednesdays (Sign Ups will begin after April vacation)	2:15-3:20	TBD (SPRING)	TBD (SPRING)	No / New Club
Gibbons Gazette	The Gibbons Gazette is a student-run school newspaper that is published three to four times a year. Students who join the staff work on writing, organizing, and designing each edition of the paper. Once a student commits to being apart of the newspaper, he or she is assigned a specific job title. Some students are reporters and writers. Others collect and choose submissions from students who are not on the newspaper staff. There are also newspaper editors and graphic designers. It is a really fun club that produces a professional newspaper which is given out to all students and staff. The newspaper showcases the abundant talent and exiting events that occur at Gibbons throughout the year. Our hope and goal is that the school newspaper will become a permanent club at Gibbons.	Nottingham and Fridley	Room 11	Wednesdays	2:10-3:00	October	June	No / New Club
GMS Tech Squad	The main goal of a tech squad at the middle school is to have technology trained students throughout the school available to assist teachers and students with technology in the classroom. GMS Tech Squad students will work with a Technology Teacher and be trained to provide the access, resources and learning opportunities for students and staff using technology.	Leach	Library	Thursdays	2:10-3:15	October	June	No / New Club
Intramural Basketball	Intramural basketball is an enjoyable way for students of all ability levels to be active. Girls and boys play in separate divisions, and 7th and 8th grade boys are typically divided as well. Registration is completed online. Approximately 10 game schedule, no practices, playoffs after season.	Jyringi/Robichaud	Gym	Tues-Thurs	2:00-3:30	Late Oct	Late November	Yes
Intramural Floor Hockey	Intramural floor hockey is a coed program providing an enjoyable way for students of all ability levels to be active. 7th and 8th graders play in separate divisions. Registration is completed online. Approximately 10 game schedule, no practices, playoffs after season.	Jyringi/Robichaud	Gym	Tues-Thurs	2:00-3:30	Mid Sept.	Mid-Oct,	Yes
Intramural Volleyball	This program starts Mid-February and runs until the 3rd week in March. There are no practices. Sign ups will be in January. Students are notified when to sign up in Physical Education class, on the Gibbons Instagram and Twitter accounts and in the Gibbons News and Notes. All Gibbons Middle School students are eligible to participate.	Robichaud/Jyringi	Gym	Tues-Thurs	2-3:30	Mid February	Late March	Yes



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Jazz Band	<p>The Gibbons Middle School Jazz Band meets Wednesday and Friday mornings from 6:55-7:25am. It provides an opportunity for students to study and perform music of the jazz idiom. Students must audition for acceptance and seat placement.</p> <p>Jazz band is a year long commitment for accepted students, who are required to attend all rehearsals and concerts. Jazz band students must be currently enrolled in the curricular band program here at Gibbons Middle School unless they play the guitar, bass guitar or piano.</p>	Forrest	Band Room	Wed, Fri Mornings	6:50-7:25am	September	Early June	Yes
Magic the Gathering Club	Students are welcome to come after school to play the game Magic the Gathering or another of their choice.	Powers	Room 29	Tuesday	2:00-3:00pm	September	April	No / New Club
Math Team	The Gibbons Math Team competes in the Intermediate Math League of Eastern Massachusetts (IMLEM). The league is comprised of sixty six schools divided into 13 clusters. Practices are held on Tuesdays to prepare for five competitions held throughout the year at neighboring schools. Students have the opportunity to gather with friends and complete with other like minded students from other schools while solving challenging math problems.	Shaughnessy/Thomas	Rm 15 & Rm	Tuesday practices with 5 Thursday Math Meets	2:00-2:50	Late September	April 2017	Yes
Musical-Gibbons Theater	The School Theater Program is a place to grow as a student in all aspects of the performing arts, learning, commitment, and creativity.	Taylor/SkyRise Theater	auditorium	Tue/Thur	2 - 430 PM	December	APRIL6-8	Yes
Nintendo Club	Students will get together to discuss and enjoy Nintendo games.	Jane Collins (host) Student run	Room 14	Tuesday	2 - 2:50	September 19	June	No / New Club
Play - Drama-Gibbons Theater	The School Theater Program is a place to grow as a student in all aspects of the performing arts, learning, commitment, and creativity.	Taylor/SkyRise Theater	auditorium	Tue/Thur	2-330	September	OCT 20-22	Yes
Politics Club	The goal of this club is to promote the education of current events and other "hot issues" in the world. We encourage discussion and the sharing of student perspectives on political topics. Signup: None/Walkins welcome	Paulhus/Kimball/Powers	Library	Friday	7-7:30 AM	9/8/2017	June 20,2018	No / Informal Drop-In-Membership
Pottery Club	Pottery Club is an opportunity for your student to try new materials and processes in a relaxed atmosphere. It is not a formal class, rather a time for students to further their desire to investigate the many forms, processes and techniques used in three dimensional art. Instruction is modified based on the students' interests and abilities. Artistic talent is not required, however only motivated students should join to keep the atmosphere of the club conducive to focused exploration.	Burgoyne	Art Room - 44	Tuesdays	2:10-3:15	September 19	January	Yes



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Science Fair	Seventh and eighth grade students have an opportunity to participate in the Worcester Regional Middle School Science and Engineering Fair which will be held at WPI. Ten projects will be chosen to represent Gibbons Middle School. To be eligible students (individually or in groups up to three) will need to complete a science fair project after school (some work may need to be done at home) and under the supervision of the advisor.	Greenwald	Room 5	Work sessions begin the end of October and meet weekly. A calendar of work session dates provided if interested. Work sessions take place in room 5 from 2-3:30.	2:00-3:30	Late Oct	June	Yes
Slime Club NEW	All sorts of slime will be made (none with cornstarch or borax). If you love slime join the club. Due to funding of materials, there is a limit of 13 students.	Jones/Cooley	Room 26	Every other Tue.	2:10-3:00	Feb. 13th	May 29th	No
Stock Club	The SIFMA Foundation's acclaimed Stock Market Game™ program is an online simulation of the global capital markets that engages students grades 4-12 in the world of economics, investing and personal finance, and prepares them for financially independent futures. Massachusetts Stock Market Game is sponsored by the Boston Globe, each student is given a \$100,000 portfolio to compete with other middle schools throughout the state. Sign up: First Day of Club	Kimball/Paulhus	Library	Every Thursday	7-7:30 AM	10/19/2017	4/13/2018	No / Informal Drop-In-Membership
Student Council	The Gibbons Student Council meets weekly on Tuesdays after school. Many of our endeavors are geared towards assisting the local community and to making Gibbons a fun, safe and tolerant place for all students. Some of our activities consist of planning and organizing school dances, running a can food drive, a clothing drive, helping teachers after school, assisting in the Turkey Trot, coordinating a Spirit Week and leading fundraising efforts to help local charities.	Paulhus	Room 23	Tuesdays	2:00-2:50	Late September	Early June	No / Service Club
Track & Field	Gibbons spring track & field is a non-cut sport that challenges students to set personal-bests in both track and field events. Track running events include: 1600 m, 800 m, 400 m, 200 m, 100 m, 100 m hurdles, and 4 x 100 m relay. Field events include: long jump, high, jump, and shot put. Students will hone their skills during practices and compete against others at both home and away meets. Please note: enrollment may be limited due to staffing.	Fillmore/Powers	WHS track	Tu/W/Th and the occasional Monday track meet (weather permitting)	2:15-3:15	Mid - Late April	Late May/Early June	Yes



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Video Club	The video production club has students create a variety of short clips to inform the Gibbons community of charity campaigns, school news, character education and more. Students walk to the Westborough Cable Studio after school on Tuesdays and work with GMS advisor Mr. McNeil and cable studio staff members Tim Novak and Karen Henderson to get a hands-on video production experience. In 7th grade, students learn the basics of using the studio equipment and producing pre-written material. In 8th grade, students work on self-directed projects and learn the editing side of film production. Student work is featured on the GMS and cable studio websites. To keep the numbers manageable and ensure a hands-on experience for students, the number of students is limited each week through a rotating roster. Also, students need to have transportation home from the studio if they take a bus, or walk home from studio when the club ends.	McNeil	Room 6/Westborough Cable Studio	Every Tuesday	2:00-3:15	9/12/2017	Late May	Yes
Westborough Schools Wind Ensemble (Gr. 7-10)	The Westborough Public Schools Fine Arts Department provides an extracurricular band titled the Westborough Schools Wind Ensemble. This ensemble is designed for registered band students in grades 7-10 who are interested in rehearsing and performing band literature at a more challenging level (Grades 3-4). Students accepted into the ensemble will be required to attend all rehearsals having prepared the repertoire on their own, as the rehearsal pace will be more of a rigorous nature than the curricular band ensembles. In addition to the evening rehearsal, there are sectionals held after school periodically to work on the music for this ensemble, scheduled on Wednesdays after school.	Forrest	Band Room	Wednesdays	6:30-8:00pm	November	Late May	Yes
WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) club	A high school student from the WISE club does various activities with interested seventh and eighth grade girls. For example; drawing using Python, making a lava lamp, designing a heart valve and making scientist trading cards (just to name a few).	Mrs. Greenwald, run by a high school student from the WISE club.	Room 5	No official sign-up, just let Mrs. Greenwald know if attending (starts in September). Meetings will be on Tuesdays about every 2-3 weeks. Calendar will be provided for interested girls and dates are announced during morning announcements.	2:15-3:30	Early October	May	No / New Club



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Yearbook	The Yearbook members work together to create the school yearbook. Students travel with cameras to capture memorable middle school moments. In addition, they produce creative promotional signs, select the cover, brainstorm page ideas, engage in fun activities and assemble each page of the yearbook. The students spend many hours putting together the yearbook, and they do a fantastic job.	Kennedy	Room 12	Wednesdays	2:10-2:50	Late Sept/Early October	April	Yes