



# GIBBONS MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2019-20



ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	STAFF MEMBER/S	LOCATION	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	START DATE	END DATE	ACTIVITY FEE Y/N
<b>Anime Club</b>	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	Third Thursday of the month	2:45-3:45	Sept	June	No / Informal Drop-In-Membership
<b>Art Club</b>	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	2:45-3:45	late January	June (when late busses end)	Yes
<b>Baseball</b>	Tryouts will be held in early April for the interscholastic (travel) team. Approximately 15 players are selected to play on this combined 7th and 8th grade team. The team plays a 14 game schedule. Practices and games are held Monday through Friday (no weekends or vacations). A current physical is needed on file with the nurse, as is an online registration. Students will be notified of open online registration in mid-March. An informational meeting will be held prior to tryouts for all interested students.	Jyringi	GMS Gym/Baseball Field	Mon-Fri	2:45-6pm	Early April	Early June	Yes
<b>Basketball</b>	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) TBD (boys)	Gym	Mon-Fri	2:45-6:00	Tryouts - the week after Thanksgiving break	Just before February Vacay	Yes



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<b>Best Buddies</b>	Sign ups: On-going. Membership applications can be completed at <a href="http://www.bestbuddiesonline.org">www.bestbuddiesonline.org</a> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness: educating chapter members, peers, and the community on the disability rights movement</li> <li>• Engagement – will address getting peers in the school and members in the community involved in Best Buddies</li> <li>• Empowerment – will address providing people the opportunity to be a leader and a voice for Best Buddies</li> <li>• Interaction – will address providing opportunities for increased interactions between people with and without IDD</li> </ul>	Rice	Room 33A	First Thursday of the month	2:37-3:20	Oct. 3rd	June 2nd	Yes
<b>Chamber Orchestra</b>	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	2:45-3:30	September	Early June	Yes
<b>Chess Club</b>	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	2:45 - 3:30	Beginning of October	End of May	No / New Club
<b>Community Service Club</b>	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	2:45 - 3:45	End of September	June - last late bus	No / Service Club



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<b>Concert Choir</b>	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	2:45-3:30	Sept 25th	May 27th	Yes
<b>Creative Writer's Workshop</b>	A creative writing workshop for students who want learn how to write creatively- Learn how to develop story lines, write through different perspectives as well as character development.	Carr	30	Monthly	2:45-3:45	October	May	No
<b>Cross Country</b>	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- All MEETS are on Wednesday's this year which means it may extend time to 6pm	Prac 2:45-3: 55	9/3 (meeting) Practice start 9/5	End October (TBD)	Yes
<b>Debate Club</b>	High school mentors will coach middle school students in the art of debate and rhetoric. Students will be given strategies on speaking clearly and with coherence. Furthermore, students will conduct self-guided research on and debate about topics of their interest.	Osmany/Cote	Room 13	Wednesdays	2:45 - 3:30	End September (TBD)	April	No
<b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons</b>		Kimball	Library	Thursday	2:45-3:30	Sept	May	No
<b>ELL Club</b>	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.	Montoya/Thomas	Room 21	Tuesday and Thursday	2:40-4:00	9/17/2019	Early June	No / Service Club
<b>Gibbons Gazette</b>	The Gibbons Gazette is a student-run school newspaper that is published three 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 a part 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 exciting 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	2:45-3:30	09-18-19	June	No / New Club



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<b>GMS GSA</b>	The Gibbons Middle School GSA plans to promote tolerance, support, and acceptance throughout the community and provide a safe, non-judgemental space for students learning and exploring their identity. The GSA brings students together to meet new friends, share knowledge and experiences, grasp different point of views, and form meaningful connections. We aim to reduce any feeling of isolation and depression students might feel, and invite all students, regardless of their orientation and identity, to participate in events and conversations. We are here to support, share resources, hang out, and have fun in a safe, accepting environment. All are welcome.	Avery	Room 10	Wednesdays	2:45-3:30	Nov. 13	June	No / New Club
<b>GMS Tech Squad</b>	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.	Coplin	Library	Wednesdays	2:45-3:30	October	June	No / Community Service
<b>Intramural Basketball</b>	Intramural 3 on 3 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. Sign ups will be held online in early October. While students are not playing a game, they have the option to watch other games or go for "extra help" with an available teacher.	Jyringi/Robichaud	Gym	Tues-Thurs	2:45-3:55	Mid October	Late November	Yes
<b>Intramural Floor Hockey</b>	Intramural floor hockey is a coed program providing an enjoyable way for students of all ability levels to be active. Registration is completed online. Approximately 10 game schedule, no practices, playoffs after season. All GMS students are eligible to participate. Games conclude in time for students to take the late bus. While students are not playing a game, they have the option to watch other games or go for "extra help" with an available teacher.	Jyringi/McNeil	Gym	Tues-Thurs	2:45-3:55	Mid Sept.	Mid Oct	Yes



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<b>Intramural Volleyball</b>	Intramural Volleyball is a co-ed activity that is typically very popular at GMS. There are no practice and students play a 12-16 game schedule, often with multiple games played per afternoon. Sign ups will be held online in early February. Students are notified when to sign up via morning announcements, in Physical Education classes, 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	2:45-3:55	Mid February	Mid March	Yes
<b>Jazz Band</b>	The Gibbons Middle School Jazz Band meets Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:30-8:00am. It provides an opportunity for students to study and perform music of the jazz idiom. Students must audition for acceptance and seat placement.  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.	Forrest	Band Room	Tues, Wed mornings	7:25-8:00am	September	Early June	Yes
<b>Magic The Gathering</b>	Students meet to play the game "Magic" with their friends.	Bruce Powers	Room 29	Wednesday	2:45- 3:30	October 2,2019	Unknown	No
<b>Math Team</b>	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 onTuesdays 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 & Rm7	Tuesday practices with 5 Thursday Math Meets	2:45-3:30	Late September	April 2019	Yes
<b>Musical-Gibbons Theater</b>	The School Theater Program is a place to grow as a student in all asepts of the performing arts, learning, commitment, and creativity.	Taylor/SkyRise Theater	auditorium	Tue/Thur	240 - 430 PM	december (auditions) rehearsals in jan	March 20-22	Yes
<b>Nintendo Club</b>	Nintendo Club is an informal time for students to gather and play video games together.	Collins/Williams	Room 17	Tuesday	2:40-3:30	September	June	No
<b>Play - Drama-Gibbons Theater</b>	The School Theater Program is a place to grow as a student in all asepts of the performing arts, learning, commitment, and creativity.	Taylor/SkyRise Theater	auditorium	Tue/Thur	240-430	September	OCT 20-22	Yes



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<b>Politics Club</b>	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. <b>Signup:</b> None/Walkins welcome	Paulhus/Kimball/Powers	Library	Friday	730-800 AM	September 13	June 1,2020	No / Informal Drop-In-Membership
<b>Pottery Club</b>	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	2:45-3:45	mid Sept (when late busses start)	end of January	Yes
<b>Science Fair</b>	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	Wednesday	2:40-4:00	Late Oct	June	Yes
<b>Slime Club</b>	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.	Collins	Room 17	Every other Thursday	2:45-3:30	Sept.	End of May	No - Supplies provided by students
<b>Softball</b>	Tryouts will be held in early April for the interscholastic (travel) team. Approximately 15 players are selected to play on this combined 7th and 8th grade team. The team plays a 14 game schedule. Practices and games are held Monday through Friday (no weekends or vacations). A current physical is needed on file with the nurse, as is an online registration. Students will be notified of open online registration in mid-March. An informational meeting will be held prior to tryouts for all interested students.	Leach	GMS Gym/Softball Field	Mon-Fri	2:45-4:45pm	Early April	Early June	Yes
<b>Stock Club</b>	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. <b>Sign up:</b> First Day of Club	Kimball/Paulhus	Library	Every Wednesday	2:37 -3:25	10/16/2019	4/15/2020	No / Informal Drop-In-Membership



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<b>Student Council</b>	The Gibbons Student Council meets weekly on Wednesdays 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	Wednesdays	2:37 -3:25	Late September	Early June	No / Service Club
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	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 & Lessard	WHS track	Tu/W/Th and possibly an occasional Monday track meet (weather permitting)	2:55 - 3:45 (tentatively)	Mid - Late April	Late May/Early June	Yes
<b>Westborough Schools Wind Ensemble (Gr. 6-9)</b>	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 6-9 who are interested in rehearsing and performing band literature at a more challenging level (Grades 2-3). 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 Wednesdays after school on a rotating basis.	Forrest	Band Room	Wednesdays	6:30-8:00pm. Once a week sectional required after school every 5-6 weeks scheduled on a rotating basis from 2:45-3:30pm	October	Late May	Yes
<b>Yearbook</b>	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	Thursdays	2:45-3:30	October	April	Yes