

MEMS Clubs and Activities 2020-2021

Club / Activity	Description	Advisor(S)	Meeting Dates and Times	Notes /Misc.
After School Homework Club	HW Club is a space where students can work under the guidance of a teacher in order to help them complete thier tasks required for after school. Students may also recieve help organizing, prioritizing and studying for assignments.	Danielle Furbush & Andrea Viterito	Mondays-Thursday 1:50-2:50	Once signed up, students can attend any days. They must have a ride available for pick up promptly at 2:50 PM.
Audio-Visual/ MEMS TV	MEMS TV Studio MEMS TV studio is a student-run broadcast studio where students report the morning announcements. In addition, students have the opportunity to work behind the scenes as a sound engineer, broadcast technician, camera operator or field reporter. Students who are interested must fill out an application found here: https://forms.gle/zNKQF94E9J25yuTC8			
Future Teachers of America	Future Teachers of America offers students an opportunity to work first hand with younger children at Milford Brook Elementary (K-5), as well as The Early Learning Center (Kindergarten) under the expert guidance of highly devoted teachers. Visitations began in November and continued through March. During this time our members work with younger students assisting their learning in reading, math, socialization, and numerous other imperative skills.	Megan Davis	Tuesdays (November - March, broken into 3 different sessions & groups of students)	
History Day	National History Day (NHD) is a program that allows students to examine, investigate, and explore historical concepts. Students will be investigating a topic of their choice that fits into the National History Day theme. Students can choose to display their research in the following forms : an exhibit, documentary, website, performance, or a paper.	Lorrie Daccurso	After school, once per month, or on an as needed basis.	Local competition is held in March, state competition is held in May, and national competition is held over the second weekend in June in Maryland.
Honors Jazz Band		Jennifer Silipino	Wednesday's (October-February) 2-3pm	Rehearsals will begin when social distancing allows groups rehearsals

Honors Percussion Band	Audition only ensemble of students in grades 5-8 playing only percussion instruments	David Geltch	Rehearsals historically held on Mondays 3:15-5:00pm in the Band Rm. from Nov. to Feb.	Rehearsal start date will be determined. An evening concert is scheduled for February 16, 2022 (snow date is 2/23/22) at MEMS.
Honors String Ensemble	Audition only ensemble of violins, violas, cellos and string bass.	Tara Blick	TBD (November - February)	Rehearsal start date will be determined. An evening concert is scheduled for February 16, 2022 (snow date is 2/23/22) at MEMS.
Italian Heritage Day	Students will create and perform a skit in Italian and compete against other students studying Italian in the state of New Jersey	Linda Schiano, Mimi Ryaan	January, February and March every Tuesday and Thursday	
Math Challenges	MATHCOUNTS mission is "to provide engaging math programs to middle school students of all ability levels to build confidence and improve attitudes about math and problem solving". Students will be trying out to earn a spot as one of the top 15 students who will be coached to represent the MEMS Team for the MathCounts Competition. This year the Competition Series will have 4 levels of official competition — chapter, chapter invitational, state and national — and 4 unofficial online practice competitions.	Megan Watts & Megan Davis	Meetings will be held on select Tuesdays from 1:50-2:40. Specific dates will be posted on the Math Counts Google Classroom	
Math Challenges CML	Continental Math League (CML) is made up of 2 divisions, one for 7th grade students and one for 8th grade students. There will be 5 meets from November - March. Each meet will consist of 6 questions and the time limit will be 30 minutes with no calculators used. In addition to the 5 meets there will be 2 practice sessions held each month after school. Competition is based on individual scores earned for the 5 meets.	Lisa Wright	Meetings will be held on select Wednesday's from 1:50 - 2:30. Specific dates will be forthcoming.	
Musical Production				

National Junior Honor Society	The top principle of National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is to find young people of value. NJHS seeks to discover middle school students who innately uphold the traditions of scholarship, service, citizenship, leadership, and character, and afford them the opportunity to serve as positive role models for their peers. The elite students in this prestigious organization are given incredible responsibility to not only lead their generation down a path of success, but also to instill in them a strong sense of respect, compassion, and selflessness-- all of which contribute to upholding humanity.	Eve Fleishman Gina Maglione	Meetings will be posted on NJHS Google Classroom (Code will be provided within the first month of school). Frequency of meetings will vary depending on the needs of event brainstorming, planning, and execution. Meeting time and location will also be posted on Google Classroom.	
Newspaper	All writers are welcome! This club is perfect for anyone who needs flexibility. We will meet via Google Meet on Tuesdays, but you can complete your articles on your own time. Student editors will go through an interview process later in the fall.	Kaitlin Losito	Weekly Meetings TBD 2:00-2:45 (Google Classroom Code:3225v5v) November - May	
SITES/Science Fair	The SITES club is open to seventh and eighth grade students who welcome the challenge of designing and conducting their own science investigation. Meetings begin in late September, and students will work on a project that will be ready for in person competition at a Science Fair held at Stockton University on March 22 . Successfully preparing a project for completion will result in receiving With Distinction in Science.	Marie Behnke/Sigma science room 236	First in person meeting date will be Wednesday, 9/29, 2 - 3 pm in room 236 . Pickup will be in front of the school. From September - March there will be some scheduled in person meetings, and additional google meets with students as projects develop. Interested students can email me prior to our first meeting to find out if this could be a good fit for them. (mbehnke@mersnj.us)	Here is a tentative schedule of meeting dates: Interested students will join a google classroom after our first in person meeting. - Wed. 9/29 - 2 PM/room 236. Tentative meeting schedule - SITES Club
Student Council	Student Council members represent the MEMS student body by actively participating in the brainstorming, planning, and execution of schoolwide events centered on community building and enrichment of our school, district, community, and world.	Eve Fleishman Gina Maglione	Meetings will be posted on Student Council Google Classroom (STUDENT Code = akt3joo). Frequency of meetings will vary depending on the needs of event brainstorming, planning, and execution. Meeting time and location will also be posted on Google Classroom.	
ManalaPANS	Audition only ensemble of grades 5-8 students (currently taking instrumental music lessons on any instrument) playing Steel Pan instruments	David Geltch	Rehearsals historically held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3:15-5:30pm at Pine Brook from Dec. to June.	Rehearsal start date will be determined. An evening concert is scheduled for February 16, 2022 (snow date is 2/23/22) at MEMS. Additional performances later in the school year outside the district may be scheduled pending availability and BOE approval.

Yearbook	<p>Yearbook Club requires a selection process based on an application submission. The club will post an application in October of 2021 to the Graduating Classes Google classrooms. This application/document will outline the requirements for consideration for the club. You will also be required to get 3 recommendations from your teachers. Once the club members have been selected, a list of meeting dates will be emailed to the members. Successful yearbook club members are able to work independently following a specific set of directions, able to type, spell, and proofread their work and others, able to effectively use the yearbook software program with some guidance, must be able to attend ALL scheduled meets, and complete assignments on time.</p>	<p>Karissa Ludden Kristine Romano</p>	<p>Meetings will be scheduled on Tuesdays from 1:50 - 2:30pm beginning in November. This club REQUIRES work to be completed on your own OUTSIDE of meeting times.</p>	<p>Once members are selected, a Google Classroom join code will be shared by email.</p>
LA With Distinction Grade 7	<p>The Language Arts with Distinction program is an opportunity for students with an adept aptitude for language arts and literacy to engage in extended learning that focuses on reading and analyzing literature and non-fiction texts. Students will then learn the process of conducting research bridging english language arts and social studies. This will culminate in a literature review that is presented to peers.</p>	<p>Brittany McGarry</p>	<p>Meetings will be scheduled once a month on Thursday from 1:55 - 2:35 PM beginning in October in Room 210. This is a program only offered to students who meet certain criterion; letters are sent out by Mr. Kurt Abel. I advise the grade 7 students in their work, which is to be completed at home and initiated / explained during the coaching sessions.</p>	

LA With Distinction Grade 8	<p>The Language Arts with Distinction program is an opportunity for students with an adept aptitude for language arts and literacy to engage in extended learning that focuses on reading and analyzing literature and non-fiction texts. This year, in 8th Grade, students will construct a final research paper (similar to literature review) that will provide an analysis of chosen historical events. Additionally, students will move through the progressions of organizing a research paper. where they will become familiar with reading canonical works of literature with a focus on critiquing bias and researching the historical time periods presented within the texts. This will culminate in a presentation that is presented to peers showcasing the student's critique on the author's bias and the impact of historical significance.</p>	Gina Maglione	<p>Meetings will be scheduled once a month on Thursdays from 1:55 - 2:35 pm beginning in October in Room 113. This is a program only offered to students who meet certain criterion; letters of invitation are sent out by Mr. Kurt Abel. The meeting schedule will be posted on the LAWD Grade 8 Google Classroom that accepted students will be invited to join. At the meetings, students will be able to present their findings and ideas to their peers for support and review. All work, is to be completed and submitted at home prior to the meeting and initiated / explained during the coaching sessions.</p>	
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