

MEMS Clubs and Activities 2022-2023

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 & Shanon Maida	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays 1:50-2:45	Students must have a ride to be picked up in the front of the school no later than 2:45
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	Robert Roscigno		
Exploring the Stage (Drama Club)	Students involved in this activity will learn about the different aspects of acting, beginning with pantomime and working on monologues and scenes. This is NOT the spring musical, which is a separate activity. Students do not need to do this activity to audition/apply for cast or crew for the musical. Exploring the Stage runs weekly from September through November.	Susan King	Information meeting for both grades on 9/14 from 2-2:45. 8th grade will meet Mondays 2-3, 7th grade will meet Tuesdays 2-3.	
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	ELC session 1: meeting at MEMS 10/25, visitations 11/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 ELC session 2: meeting at MEMS 1/3, visitations 1/10, 17, 24, 31, and 2/7 MB: meeting at MEMS 2/14, visitations 2/21, 28, and 3/7, 14, 21	Applications available outside room 206 and in the main office <u>starting October 11th.</u> Applications due by October 14th. 8th graders get priority placements.
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	Introductory meeting will be held late September / early October. Regular meetings are held on Thursdays, after school, once a month. Competitions are as follows : Regional (Monmouth University - March 2023 ; State (William Paterson University - May 2023 ; National (University of Maryland - June 2023).	
Honors Jazz Band	This audition only ensemble is open to all 7th and 8th grade students participating in band or orchestra. Instruments include: alto sax, tenor sax, bari sax, trumpet, trombone, drumset, piano, guitar, and bass. All audition information can be found within Mrs. Silipino's google classroom.	Jennifer Silipino	Wednesdays 2-3pm in the band room. Rehearsals will run from November through February with a culminating select ensemble concert in February. Audition information has been posted as of 9/1 on Mrs. Silipino's google classroom	Audition only- email Mrs. Silipino or check google classroom for more information.

Honors Percussion Band	Audition only ensemble of students in grades 5-8 playing only percussion instruments	David Geltch		
Honors String Ensemble	Audition-only ensemble of violins, violas, cellos and string bass. This group performs non-traditional orchestra music and challenges students to go beyond learning music outside of what our school orchestra performs. Students are selected based on audition scores.	Tara Blick	Thursdays from December - February (2:00 - 4:15 PM) Schedule to be posted once auditions are complete. There si one evening concert in late February and assemblies during the school day.	
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		
Math Challenges: MathCounts	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	Thursdays October - March Specific dates: TBD	Students must have a ride to be picked up in the front of the school no later than 2:45
Math Challenges: CBA	Throughout the year, students attend practices and meets to determine the top 8 students who will make up team MEMS for the CBA competition. The final event, usually held at CBA, is a one hour team competition where one school is crowned champion, with a few individual awards handed out as well.	Megan Watts & Megan Davis	Thursdays October - March Specific dates: TBD	Students must have a ride to be picked up in the front of the school no later than 2:45
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		
Musical Production	The Musical Production takes place in the Spring every year. You do not have to be a part of any other drama activity in order to participate. All students are invited to audition for cast or apply for stage crea. Auditions will be held in December. The show will be announced at a later date. More information will come out about the process in November.	Susan King		

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		
Newspaper	All writers are welcome! The Paw Print Press is perfect for anyone who needs flexibility. We will meet in person on Mondays, but students can complete articles on their own time. Student editors will go through an interview process later in the fall.	Kaitlin Losito	Weekly Meetings on Mondays 2:00-2:45 (Google Classroom Code: sj5bsih) October - May	
Outdoor Learning Environment	The Outdoor Learning Environment is an opportunity for students to get outside and gain hands-on experience growing food and designing landscapes. We will explore different growing techniques in our hydroponic towers, create raised garden beds, and help to beautify our courtyards.	Melissa Carroll Chandler Oliphant	Weekly Meetings on Tuesdays 1:50-2:50	
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 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 18, 2023 . Successfully preparing a project for completion will result in receiving With Distinction in Science. ;	Marie Behnke/Sigma science room 236	First meeting will be Wednesday, 9/14; attached is a tentative schedule for other Wednesday meetings throughout the year until March. For most months from September - March we will meet twice a month. In person meetings will be from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Pickup in front of the school building.	Students complete an independent project. In addition to required in person meetings, students may meet virtually to discuss specific parts to their topic.
Select Vocal Ensemble	SVE is MEMS' select choir. Both 7th and 8th grade students are invited to audition. Members will be selected based on the results of their audition scores.	Susan King	Meets Wednesdays beginning at the end of September through mid-February from 2:00-3:15.	
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.	Gina Maglione	September 28th - General Admission Meeting October 12th- Election Candidates → requirements to run October 17th- Election Candidates → poster approval, set up, + speech recording November 14th- General Admission Meeting December 12th- General Admission Meeting January 23rd- General Admission Meeting February 13th- General Admission Meeting March, April, May - TBD	Pick up for all meetings is at 2:35. Students must have a ride home at this time to attend the meeting. Additional meetings may be added if a student elected event / idea requires extra time / effort. The dates of these meetings will be given at least 3 school days in advance when allowable.

Student Leadership	The Student Leadership Program provides students a unique opportunity to develop a foundation of effective leadership skills. Student Leaders will be trained in group facilitation, public speaking, teamwork, and specific leadership techniques. These leaders will be expected to uphold the supportive and welcoming culture of Manalapan-Englishtown Middle School.	Shealyn Sullivan	TBD	In early spring, 7th Grade students will be nominated by their teacher's & invited to apply. 40/120 students are accepted.
ManalaPANS	Audition only ensemble of grades 5-8 students (currently taking instrumental music lessons on any instrument) playing Steel Pan instruments	David Geltch		
Yearbook	Yearbook Club requires a selection process based on an application submission. The club will post an application in October to the Graduating Classes Google classrooms after the mandatory yearbook interest meeting. 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.	Karissa Ludden Kristine Romano	Exact Days TBD.... Meeting from 1:50-2:50 November-January - Once a week February-April - Twice a week	There will be a MANDATORY yearbook interest meeting for anyone who is interested in applying for the Yearbook Club. All applicants who are interested MUST be there. Information on the meeting will be posted on the grade-level google classrooms. Stay tuned and look out for this information!
LA With Distinction Grade 7	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.	Jennifer Jobs		

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.</p> <p>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>Tuesday, October 4 Tuesday, November 1 Tuesday, December 13 Tuesday, January 10 Tuesday, February 7 Tuesday, March 7 Tuesday, April 4 Tuesday, May 2 Tuesday, June 6</p>	<p>Pick up for all meetings is at 2:35. Students must have a ride home at this time to attend the meeting.</p>
<p>Intramural Basketball and Volleyball <u>Intramural Fitness Center</u></p>	<p>Intramurals is a great way to be social and keep physically fit at the same time! There is no pressure with try outs and everyone can play (as long as cleared).</p>	<p>Roz Goldsmith Marlana Nawrot</p>	<p>Starts Tues. 9/20</p>	

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