

## **Satz Clubs and Activities**

### **2021-2022**

**Academic Competitions: Humanities** – Provides opportunities for 7th and 8th grade students to be involved in activities that enhance the learning that takes place in the classroom. Students do not sign up for the entire program but rather sign up for individual activities appropriate to their interests. Morning announcements and flyers keep students informed about the most current activities. All practice meetings take place during student lunch periods.

- **Scripts Howard National Spelling Bee** – sponsored by the Asbury Park Press - 7th and 8th grades. Preliminary bees on each grade level in Language Arts classes. Grade level winners compete against each other to determine the school finalist. Local sponsor holds final spelling bee to determine representative to the National Bee in Washington, D.C.
- **National Geographic Bee** – Students in 8th grade take a geography quiz published by National Geographic Magazine guidelines and sample questions prior to this time.

**Academic Competitions: Science Olympiad** – Science Olympiad functions much like a football or soccer team, requiring preparation, commitment, coaching and practice throughout the year. Each school-based team is allowed to bring 15 students who cross-train for a variety of events in their skill set, but some school clubs have more than 75 members, allowing for an apprentice and mentoring system. Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events in each division (Division B is middle school). Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. By combining events from all disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on group participation. Through the Science Olympiad, students, teachers, parents, principals and business leaders bond together and work toward a shared goal.

**Animal Welfare Club** -- this club seeks to aid area pet shelters through service projects and donations, and is open to all students.

**Builders Club** – The Builders Club is sponsored by Kiwanis International and offers service opportunities to middle school – aged students. The goal of this club is to develop leadership qualities by working together in school and community projects. Builders Club is suited for young people who want to take positive action to build a better world for themselves and others.

**Drama** - Provides opportunity for 7th and 8th grade students to acquaint themselves with theater life. Producing at least one play and one musical a year, our students learn about various aspects of the theater ranging from costuming and props, to acting and singing, to staging and lighting. This is a wonderful way to meet other students and get involved in extracurricular activities. Check us out!

**Jazz Band** – Seventh and eighth grade students also have the opportunity to participate in a Jazz Band ensemble. Jazz Band offers the young musician a complete big band experience including full brass, woodwind, and rhythm sections. The music selection ranges from standard swing charts to various forms of popular music. Difficult solo sections are introduced and students have the opportunity to solo over simple blues patterns or more difficult chord progressions.

**Math Team** - The math team participates in a number of area competitions including the NJ Math League, American Mathematics Competition (AMC8) and Continental Math League (CML); the team is open to all students.

**Newspaper** – The school newspaper is published by the students of William R. Satz School. There are many opportunities for students to become involved. The staff includes reporters, poets, artists, word processors, as well as people who sell and distribute the paper. Each issue is filled with important school and sports news, games, poems, creative writing and, occasionally, the controversial editorial.

**Robotics Club** – The objective of this club is to introduce students to basic programming as well as problem solving strategies using robotics and automation. Students will work hands-on in teams to design, build, program and document their mechanical systems and apply those skills to real world applications. Each student will learn how to send and receive commands to and from a robot using various sensors and components to test and evaluate their solutions.

**Student Ambassadors** – The student ambassadors is a service-based organization designed to promote engagement between our students and the community. As an organization that is committed to improving the quality and quantity of volunteer experiences available to youth throughout the district, we invite you to join this membership network so the goal of making service the common expectation and common experience of all young people can be realized.

**Student Council** This organization is run by the students of William R. Satz School. All students in good standing may be members. A 75 percent attendance rate is necessary to remain a member. The Student Council addresses issues and problems involving the school community. It is an open forum where student concerns can be voiced openly. The Council also plans activities to increase school spirit and a sense of belonging among all students. The student leadership consists of an elected president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. These are selected from the 8th grade members. Each officer has one or two assistants who are elected from the seventh grade members.

**Technology Student Association (TSA)** – TSA promotes “leadership and opportunities in technology, innovation, design and engineering. Members apply STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) concepts through co-curricular programs.” TSA offers a wide range of competitions for the students to choose from. Some of the competitions include, but are not limited to, electrical applications, web design, medical technology issues, go green manufacturing, prepared speech, and essays on technology. To check out more about TSA, refer to the following: <http://www.tsaweb.org/> and <http://njtsa.pages.tcnj.edu/> .

**Talent Show** – The William R. Satz Talent Show provides any and all students with an opportunity to showcase their individual talents on the stage of the High School auditorium. Previous shows have brought us many varieties of ethnic dances with traditional dress as well as vocal solos, musical instrumentalists and even magic acts. Who knows what new talent will appear. Remember you don't have to be a star to be in our show.

**Yearbook** – The Satz Yearbook is a pictorial review of activities, teams and highlights of LIFE at the Satz School. The Yearbook staff of approximately 20 students from both 7th and 8th grades is randomly chosen from those who have expressed an interest at the beginning of the school year. The staff works in small committees: Editing Publicity Photography Sales Surveys Art Meetings are held throughout the school year – culminating in the 8th grade Yearbook Signing Party and distribution of books to the 7th grade.

**Youth Alliance** - The William R. Satz Youth Alliance promotes a no-use message to students regarding drugs and alcohol. The Youth Alliance provides drug/alcohol free activities, which demonstrate that fun does not need to involve drugs or alcohol. The club is open to all 7th and 8th grade students. Students participate in a wide range of activities including school dances and trips to professional sports games. The Alliance has a structured leadership consisting of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and Class Representatives who help plan and coordinate activities. Meetings are held after school and are flexible to allow for student involvement in other school programs.