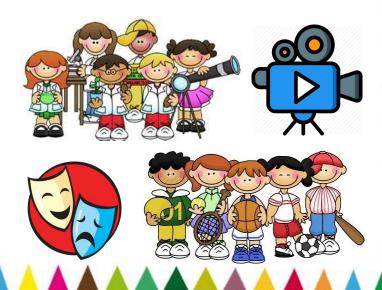
Great Neck South Middle School

Clubs & Activities Booklet

2023-2024

Get Involved!



Great Neck South Middle School Co-Curricular & Extracurricular Activities

South Middle School offers a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular activities. These complement curriculum and attempt to meet the needs of middle school students. The activities encourage students to participate in enjoyable undertakings. They reinforce and expand upon special interests and talents of students.

Some activities take place during the school day primarily, but not exclusively. Examples of such activities are: Student Organization (S.O.), the school newspaper, chorus, orchestra and band.

Other activities take place exclusively after school. These activities include club programs and interscholastic sports.

Club offerings can potentially grow through the school year. Clubs are frequently suggested by students themselves. Faculty members stimulate interest and provide supervision.

Extracurricular activities are announced on the morning news show during homeroom period. The day and time of meeting of some activities may be subject to change.

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CLUB & ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

ART CLUB / MURAL CLUB GC CODE: dvwqsas

The Art Club is for students who have a special interest in the visual arts. Club members will have the opportunity to create work in a variety of mediums such as painting, printmaking, sculpture, mixed media and creative crafts. Regular attendance is recommended in order to complete all art projects. So if you want more ART in your life, this club is for you!

CHESS CLUB

GC CODE: nf5cro7

This club will focus on learning, sportsmanship, and competition in chess. Whether you are a beginner or aspire to be a Grand Master, this club will help you hone your skills and give you an arena for friendly matches. Attendance is limited to 20 players weekly - sign ups posted in Google Classroom each Wednesday.

CHINESE YO-YO

GC CODE: b4vdfml

For students who want to learn how to use the Chinese Yo-Yo, which is also known as Chinese Diabolo. It is a game of balance, timing and creativity.

COMMUNITY ACTION GC CODE: gnbdikj

To help students become aware of their role as global citizens as well as those interested in participating in community outreach projects, including fundraising for established charitable causes like food pantries and other local organizations.

COMMUNITY CLOSET

GC CODE: kxpbn3g

The community Closet is a tremendous resource at South Middle. With help from the Great Neck community, we collect and house clothes and shoes for babies, children, teens, men, and women. We then hold big community events and invite Great neck families into our school to shop for what they need. This is a perfect way to make sure the members of our community have access to necessary clothing. Student volunteers will help sort and organize clothes to maintain the cleanliness of the Community Closet. Volunteers will also help with signage and organization for our community —wide events. We are so excited to be able to work on something so important with our SMS students.

DEBATE CLUB GC CODE: qihzujl

Boost your confidence and public speaking skills by joining the Debate Club. Explore current topics, engage in panel discussions, and polish up your research and communications skills.

GAMERS UNPLUGGED GC CODE: lmi5e2p

Gamers Unplugged is a group open to all students who enjoy dice, decks, and duels. Join us to participate in all different types of tabletop games including strategy, card, dice, adventure, tile

laying, dexterity, and more. Games will be both cooperative and competitive, good sportsmanship is a must! Attendance is limited to 20 players weekly - sign ups posted in Google Classroom each Monday.

GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE-GSA GC CODE: ejw4ibw

The GSA is a club that meets every Tuesday to create a safe space for students to discuss LGBT issues. We watch movies, play games, and eat delicious snacks. We also bring awareness to the greater school community through poster campaigns, bake sales and other school wide events. All are welcome.

HOMEWORK CENTER

For students interested in a place to work on their homework assignments after school under the supervision and assistance by staff.

INTRAMURALS

AM—For students interested in Basketball and Volleyball (gym 2) before school each morning. (7:25 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.) **PM**—For students interested in sports activities held after school (3pm – 3:50pm) in the outdoor recess area.

JKD (J-POP/K-POP DANCE CLUB) GC CODE: 7tbya6w

JKD (J-Pop/K-Pop Dance) is a dance club that teaches and performs dances to popular music, such as BLACKPINK, BTS, Itzy, and NAYEON just to name a few. The goal is to share and teach dances that members will enjoy and have fun performing. Students will have the opportunity to learn choreography and perform in a variety of settings including Cultural Heritage Night and Friday in the Front. Absolutely NO prior dance experience is required. Remember, the most important thing is to have fun!

LEGO CLUB GC CODE: 6372la4

This club is for anyone who loves building with Legos! We will be working on projects and completing challenges as a group or you can build as an individual. We will be recreating famous landmarks, world flags, amusement parks, seasonal displays, and much more! Suggestions from club members are welcome as well. Legos will be provided.

LION DANCE CLUB

GC CODE: entx5f2

The lion dance is one of the most important traditions at Chinese New Year. It is performed to bring prosperity and good luck for the upcoming year. The lion dance is also a way to reate a festive atmosphere and bring happiness. In this club, students will choreograph and learn the dance together and perform it at the Cultural Heritage Gala.

MAG-LEV CLUB

GC CODE: 4fl2btp

Students learn the relevance of magnetism when it is used for transportation. Their goal is to design and build a car that will compete at the Cradle of Aviation, mid March of each school year, for the fastest time down a magnetized track. Schools from across the Island compete to have the fastest cars. There are multiple categories that students can enter and compete in:

- 1. Self propelled with a motor, propeller and battery pack
- 2. Balloon powered vehicle
- 3. Electrified track where cars have a motor and a propeller but power comes from feelers touching the sides of the electrified track.
- 4. Gravity track where cars float down an inclined track under their own power.
- 5. Futuristic Design
- 6. Scale Model Design

MATH OLYMPIADS

Math Olympiads is a specially designed contest held once a month in sixth grade Math EP classrooms. The purpose of the Olympiads is to challenge Math EP students in a math based series of 5 questions dealing with real life situations, patterns, projections, mathematical application questions, etc. The children look forward to the contest and enjoy the challenging questions they are faced with each month.

MATH TEAM

GC CODE: wirfmwe

Primarily for 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in problem-solving and participating in math competitions (*MOEMS-Div. M, Mathcounts, Purple Comet*). Interested 6th graders who want a challenge beyond *MOEMS-Div E* are welcome to join.

"MIDDLEVIEW" SCHOOL NEWSPAPER GC: arhssbg

For students interested in working for the school newspaper. Students learn to research, write, edit and produce articles. Students also

contribute to the photography, layout, and distribution of the paper.

MOVIE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB GC CODE: k2xy6ef

We all love to talk about our favorite movies! This club is designed to give students common experiences with both classic and contemporary movies. These common experiences will inform discussion about complex issues in the movies, as well as the movie magic used to create them.

MOVIE MAKING CLUB

Is there a film maker inside you? Do you have stories that need to be told? Come join the Movie Making Club and learn to write, direct, and act in your own creation! Learn camera operation, shot composition, story structure; and editing will be taught as you learn the craft of Film Making!

MULTICULTURAL CLUB GC CODE: 2p2l3Ti

The purpose of this club is to teach the students about dance and music from other countries. They will be prepared to perform at the Cultural Heritage Celebration at South Middle School. This club is open to all students from 6th to 8th grade.

PODCAST CLUB

"The Podcasting club is brand new at South Middle for the 2021-21 school year! Come join the us and create your own original podcasts on a variety of interesting topics with guests, interviews, and so much more!"

POST PRODUCTION CLUB

Want to learn about filmmaking and editing? Join the post production club, and you might become the next Steven Spielberg!

REBEL PEN, ART AND LITERARY MAGAZINE GC CODE: 25vcyls

Join our lively community of artists and writers. Share your poetry, short stories, scripts, drawings, paintings, photographs, and much more! See your work in print in a magazine published at the end of the year. You'll also be encouraged to submit your work in art and writing contests throughout the year.

REBEL POPS

Great Neck South Middle School has its own Chamber Music Society! This is a chance to feature band students, orchestra students, chorus students, pianists, guitarists, ethnic instrumentalists, dancers, and others to perform all kinds of styles of music and dance. The Rebel pops annually submits performances of classical chamber music groups to Lincoln Center for competition, but has informal solo or small group concerts every Friday morning in the front hallway (The "Friday in the Front" Series), and throughout the year at different venues.

RIBBON DANCE

Chinese ribbon dancing is a traditional art form that originates in ancient China. Using sharp, rhythmic movements and long colorful ribbons, dancers perform to traditional Chinese music. The ribbons and choreography are precisely synchronized so that the ribbons form patters and designs in the air that are captivating to all who watch a performance. In this club, students will choreograph and learn the dance together and perform it at the Cultural Heritage Gala.

GC CODE: cntx5f2

GC CODE: e7zvg7b

ROBOTICS CLUB

The Robotics Club will focus on exploration of the robotics industry, mainly utilizing Lego programmable robotics kits as a foundation. The club will compete at the FIRST robotics competition at the middle school level. Students will construct different robots to perform different tasks as efficiently as possible.

SADD CLUB (STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS) GC CODE: adprdar

For students interested in increasing their involvement in activities and in broadening their understanding of the harmful effects of poor decision making and substance abuse.

SCHOOL MUSICAL / STAGE CREW (see page 12)

SCHOOL SERVICE

This service-based activity is for students who wish to be aides in the classroom or in other parts of the building. Students can volunteer to be trained as guides for Sixth Grade Orientation, Open House and other school-wide events. School service also runs a peer tutoring program that facilitates free academic assistance for middle school students with coordination with South High's Academic Outreach Program. Finally, students involved in School Service will also assist in planning fundraising events, specifically Spaghetti Dinner, the proceeds of which directly benefit South Middle School's scholarship fund.

SCIENCE BOWL

GC CODE: venf353

Students prepare for a regional competition. Each team is comprised of five students. These teams face-off in a fast-paced question-and-answer format, being tested on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth science, physics, energy, and math.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

GC CODE: uep4sxb

Science Olympiad is a club that tests students abilities in 23 STEM events related to Engineering, Coding, Technology, Cartography, Earth Science, Biology, Forensics, Physics, Ornithology, Astronomy and the Environmental Sciences.

Engineering processes may require students to build a Ping-Pong Parachute that launches a rocket into the air and returns an egg to the ground safely, utilizing a student fabricated parachute system.

Academic challenges are given in some areas of competition, in addition to lab events. In Crime Busters, teams analyze forensic data to solve a given crime.

Every season we look to return stronger, smarter and better prepared than the previous years. Our initial goal is to win the

Nassau County Title and place in the top 5 at the State Level. We are a team that works together with one goal in mind---Success. This experience gives students the insight to see what the future may hold for them. Some may become Engineers and others Scientists. Try outs will be announced in the early fall.

SEW CRAFTY CLUB

GC CODE: 7yrduyg

Do you love FACS class and wish you could stay all day? Do you love a creative project and turning the ordinary into the extraordinary? Then the Sew Crafty Club is for you! Create unique sewing projects using new, repurposed, and recycled materials. Bring in your unused materials, and give household items and clothing creative new lives! Projects will include items such as t-shirt tote bags, coin purses, phone cases, bottle cap accessories, service projects, and jewelry.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

GC CODE: wk6epop

For students interested in school service, school government activities, and fundraising. Some of the activities will take place during the school day and others after school. Information concerning meetings and activities are announced through the daily bulletins and the PA system.

SUSTAINABILITY CLUB

GC CODE: xnxq7jv

If you love our planet, recycling, and beach clean ups, then this club is for you! Earthkeepers are students who are passionate about nature, the environment, and educating their peers to make more sustainable choices. Together, we take small steps to help conserve our planet's natural resources. Our goal is to leave our environment in better condition than when we arrived. If you want to take action against global climate change and make the world a better place, come join the Earthkeeper club and we will brainstorm ways to "Think Globally and Act Locally."

WALKING CLUB

GC CODE: okimbnh

Did you know that experts recommend that children get at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day? At South Middle, Mrs. Scauzillo and Mrs. Hill would like to help you accomplish this! We are excited to continue our walking club to help students increase their physical activity, as well as, their overall well-being. Being active has shown to: Increase focus, Improve academic performance, Boost energy, Relieve stress and improve mood, and Strengthen bones! We look forward to seeing our original members and making new friends!! Come join us to walk, talk and explore the world around us!

YEARBOOK "GENESIS"

For students interested in developing the annual South Middle School yearbook.

YEARBOOK-TESL

For English as a Second Language students who are interested in putting together a yearbook which reflects the experiences of all ESL students at South Middle School.

YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHY GC CODE: nrbsqp7

For students interested in developing the collection of photographs for inclusion in the annual issue of the school's yearbook.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

- Held before and after school.
- Clubs and Activities are approximately one hour in length.
 After school Clubs and Activities begin at approximately 3pm.
 Students can take the 4pm late bus home.

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	PLACE	ADVISOR
Art Club/ Mural Club	Thursday	3-3:50pm 213		C. Smith
Chess Club	Tuesday	3-3:50pm Library		H. D'Onofrio
Chinese Yo-Yo	Tuesday	3-3:50pm 403/ Cafe2		A. LaGreca
Community Action	Wednesday	3-3:50pm	605	M. Bazzani K. Klein
Community Closet	Vary	3-3:50pm	401/623	E. Piperno K. Klein
Debate Club	Tuesday	3-3:50pm	609	P. Sandrowicz
Gamers Unplugged	Thursday	3-3:50pm	Library	H. D'Onofrio
Gay Straight Alliance	Monday	3-3:50pm	212	B. LoRusso K. Krupala
Homework Center	Monday– Thursday	3-3:50pm	622-624	E. Stratakis B. Corona L. Cappello
Intramurals (A.M.) Volleyball Basketball	Monday- Friday	7:30-8:15am 7:30-8:15am	Gym 2 Gym 2	PE Dept.
Intramurals (P.M.)	Monday- Thursday	3-3:50pm Recess area		PE Dept.
JKD (J-Pop/ K-Pop Dance Club)	Wednesday	3-3:50pm Café 2		K. Hoshino
Lego Club	Tuesday	3-3:50pm 402		A. Valli
Lion Dance	Wednesday	3-3:50pm	3-3:50pm 408	
Mag-Lev Club	Wednesday	3-3:50pm	206	B. Beutel
Math Olympiads	Once/month November- March	During 6 EP Math Class	803	S. Tanner
Math Team	Monday	3-3:50pm 809		N. Wong
"Middleview" School Newspaper	Tuesday	3-3:50pm 709		K. Dervin K. Klein
Movie Enthusiasts Club	Monday	3-3:50pm	628	J. Rumble

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	PLACE	ADVISOR
Movie Making Club	Monday	3-3:50pm	627	L. Nahoum
Multi Cultural Clubo	Tuesday	3-3:50pm	404	D. Blanco
Podcast Club	Tuesday	3-3:50pm	627	L. Nahoum
Post Production Club	Monday	3-3:50pm	TV Studio	R. Zahn
"Rebel Pen" Art & Literary Magazine	Tuesday	3-3:50pm	620	K. Kuhn N. Marr
Rebel Pops	Thursday	3-3:50pm	309	A. Schwartz
Ribbon Dance /Lion Dance	Tuesday	3-3:50pm	408	Y. Zhang
Robotics Club	Tuesday	3-3:50pm	210	B. Beutel N. Haramis
SADD	Last Monday of the month	3-3:50pm	214	K. Backus
School Musical	M-F during production "season"	3-6pm	Auditorium	M. Norberto
School Service	varies	3-3:50pm	Library	F. Bua
Science Bowl	Tuesday	3-3:50pm	826	D. Caplain N. Wong
Science Olympiad	Thursday	3-3:50pm	827	D. Caplain T. Hatten N. Wong
Sew Crafty Club	Monday	3-3:50pm	216	E. Giannone
Stage Crew	Wednesday	3-3:50pm	Auditorium	H. D'Onofrio A. DeSiano
Student Government	every other Tuesday	3-3:50pm	608	J. D'Angelo A. DeSiano
Sustainability/ Earth Keeper Club	Tuesday	3-3:50pm	831	H. Trotta T. Hatten
Walking Club	Tuesday (weather permitting)	3-3:50pm	Front lobby	J. Hill J. Scauzillo
Yearbook: "Genesis"	varies	3-3:50pm	407	T. Valsamos
Yearbook: TESL	varies	Period 6/ TESL	401	E. Piperno
Yearbook Photography	as needed (see advisor)	Before/ after school, lunch	213	C. Smith

SCHOOL MUSICAL

This year's dates for the school musical are **March 21, 22, and 23, 2024**.

All students are invited to participate in the school musical. Information will be presented in September and additional grade-level meetings will be held in October.



Tryouts are held in November. Rehearsals begin in January.

Students are invited to participate in any of the following activities:

Activity	Sponsor	Day	Time	Place
Acting	M. Norberto	(A)	3pm-6pm	Auditorium
Stage Crew, Construction, Design & Lighting	H. D'Onofrio G. Marciana A. DeSiano	(W)	3pm-6pm	Auditorium

- (A) Play rehearsal schedules will be distributed to students/parents outlining the specific dates/times of rehearsals.
- (W) Wednesdays

INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

Our school has a diversified program available to both boys and girls. We start our intramural program at the opening of school in September and continue it throughout the entire school year.



MORNING

Our morning sessions begin at **7:30 a.m.** and end at approximately **8:15 a.m**. We encourage students who arrive early to make use of our facility. There is Volleyball/Basketball in GYM 2.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon program begins mid-September and continues through mid-June (Monday through Thursday). This program starts promptly at **3:00 p.m.** and ends in time for students to take school-provided bus transportation at **4:00 p.m.** After School Intramural opportunities include **flag football**, **soccer**, **basketball**, **fitness and weight training**, **badminton**, **ultimate Frisbee**, **table tennis and an assortment of other fun-filled opportunities** designed for both boys and girls of all three grade levels within our building. Activities are based on the interest of students and we always welcome suggestions!

We encourage all students to participate in our intramural program. Activities are offered in both of our gymnasiums during various times within the school year, so everyone has an opportunity to attend different sessions. Individual assistance is always available, as is open participation and group skills instruction. We invite every student at South Middle to join us in our expanded intramural program this year. Learn about different sports and games and have the fun experience of being an active participant in athletics.

Listen for intramural schedules during afternoon announcements. Further information can be obtained from the Physical Education Department at 441-4668.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Interscholastic sports are available to all grade 7 and 8 students who meet the team and physical requirements.

All students must have a physical examination by a doctor. Our school arranges for school district physicians to conduct physicals for interested students. These are generally held in early September and late June of each year. Students may also get a physical from their own doctor.

Student-athletes can take a late bus home on practice days. Teams practice every school day (unless otherwise announced). On game days, students must arrange for their own home transportation from school if the team arrives back later than the 6:30 p.m. bus.

A complete listing of all sports seasons and the coaches for each sport is posted on the bulletin boards in both gymnasiums as well as at https://www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/domain/224.

Further information can be obtained from Ms. Dnyprowsky at 441-4668. Sports schedules and directions to all away contests can be found on the SMS website.

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Fall Season 9/5/23-11/4/23			
Activity	Coach	email address	Meeting Place/Practice
Girls Swim and Dive 7/8	Ms. Ganz	mganz@greatneck.k12.ny.us	SMS Pool
	Mr. Pernice	bpernice@greatneck.k12.ny.us	SMS Pool
Girls Tennis 7/8	Mr. Zweig	Gzweig@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 2/SMS courts
Girls Soccer 7/8	Ms. Smith	csmith@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 2/SMS upper field
Girls Badminton 7/8	Mr. Bonaventura	jbonaventura@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 2
Co-ed Cross Country 7/8	Mr. Graham	davidgraham@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 1, track/woods
	Mr. Marques	pmarques@greatneck.k12.ny.us	
Boys Soccer 7/8 Blue	Mr. Bordi	dbordi@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 1, SMS lower field
Boys Soccer 7/8 Orange	Mr. Carbone	ccarbone@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 1, SMS lower field
Winter 1 Season 11/6/23-1/13,	/24		
Activity	Coach	Email address	Meeting Place/Practice
Girls Volleyball 7	. 100.00.00.00.00	lsulinski@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 2
Girls Volleyball 8	Ms. Camarda	acamarda@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 2
Boys Basketball 7	Mr. Carbone	ccarbone@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 1
Boys Basketball 8	Mr. Zweig	gzweig@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 1
Boys Swim and Dive 7/8	Mr. Pernice	bpernice@greatneck.k12.ny.us	Pool
2 of a community of the	Ms. Milleisen	lmilleisen@greatneck.k12.ny.us	Pool
Co-Ed Winter Track 7/8	Mr. Graham	davidgraham@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 1/Track
do Da Willer Hack 1/0	Mr. Feldman	sfeldman@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 1/Track
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Winter 2 Season 1/16/24-3/23,	/24		
Activity	Coach	Email Address	Meeting Place/Practice
Girls Basketball 7	Mr. Carbone	ccarbone@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 1
Girls Basketball 8	Mr. Zweig	gzweig@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 1
Boys Volleyball 7	Ms. Camarda	acamarda@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 2
Boys Volleyball 8	Mr. Patterson	bpatterson@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 2
Boys Wrestling 7/8	Mr. Morrone		Auxillary Gym
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Spring Season 3/25/24-6/8/24			
Activity	Coach	Email Address	Meeting Place/Practice
Girls Gymnastics 7/8	Ms. Ganz	mganz@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 2
diris dyninastics 7/6	Ms. Patterson	inganz@greatheck.k12.ny.us	GYM 2
Girls Lacrosse 7/8	Ms. Kostopoulos	Street on oulog@greet needs le12 my us	GYM 1/Upper field
Girls Softball 7/8	Contract Con	jkostopoulos@greatneck.k12.ny.us	
Epithology of the Control of the Con	Mr. Theofield	ctheofield@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 2/SoftballField
Co-Ed Track & Field 7/8	Mr. Graham	davidgraham@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 1/Track
	Mr. Feldman	scottfeldman@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 1/Track
	Ms. Scicone	nscicolone@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 1/Track
D 1 W = 40	Mr. Patterson	bpatterson@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 1/Track
Baseball 7/8	Mr. Tringali	Stringali@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 1/Parkville
Boys Lacrosse 7/8	Mr. Morrone	GYM 1/Lower Field	
Boys Tennis 7	Mr. Zweig	gzweig@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 2/SMS Courts
Boys Tennis 8	Ms. Milleisen	lmilleisen@greatneck.k12.ny.us	GYM 2/SMS Courts

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