

#	Nipher Activity	Club Description
1	<p>Basketball Team</p> <p>Boys Coach: Mr. Bodenschatz</p> <p>Girls Coaches: Ms. Howard, Ms. Smith, Ms. Walther</p>	<p>The Nipher Basketball Program is available for girls and boys, grades 6-8, who are committed to attending practices, while maintaining positive attendance and behavior. Try-outs will be held to form our teams, which will be determined by the coaches. Our teams compete in games with other schools, so attending weekly practice is expected.</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Closed club; Based on coach selection + regular attendance. Activity will <u>not</u> be listed on daily Sign-Up Genius link (Max. students allowed = 12)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Practices and games TBD (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location(s):</u> North or South Gym</p>
2	<p>Battle of the Books</p> <p>Hosts: Ms. White & Ms. Burruss</p>	<p>Do you love to read? Be on our Battle of the Books Team and help us compete with other schools in our annual competition. Let's go, Nipher Knights!</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Open club; Regular attendance + active participation required. Must be signed up through Sign-Up Genius (Max. students allowed = 30)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Every 1st Tuesday of the month (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> Library</p>

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3	Break Out Room Club Host: Ms. Pettit	<p>Do you like puzzles? Do you like a challenge that makes you think through problems? Escape Room Club will have puzzles of all different themes that you will work through with your group. Some puzzles will be word puzzles, some will be number puzzles and some will include locks to open.</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Open to all; No additional costs or attendance requirements. Must be signed up through Sign-Up Genius (Max. students allowed = 15)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Every Thursday (S2 only)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> W-109</p>
4	Compassion Club Host: Ms. Pettit	<p>Compassion club will be looking at the Nipher Code Word: Compassion. We will be brainstorming ways to show compassion to others at Nipher! We will also create a campaign to encourage other Nipher Knights to show compassion at Nipher.</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Open to all; No additional costs or attendance requirements. Must be signed up through Sign-Up Genius (Max. students allowed = 15)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Every Tuesday (S1 only, beginning on 10/8)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> W-109</p>

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5	<p>Cooking 101</p> <p>Host: Ms. Goeke</p>	<p>Cooking 101 Club will meet three times in the Spring. The first time students will make no-bake snacks that are great to make as an after-school treat. The second time we will make some Valentine desserts that are made without an oven. Our last time together we will make fresh salsa!</p> <p>Membership status: Open to all; no additional costs or attendance requirements. Must be signed up through Sign-Up Genius (Max. students allowed = 20)</p> <p>Meeting dates: Thursday, Jan. 30, Tuesday, Feb. 11, Thursday, Feb. 27 (S2 only)</p> <p>Meeting location: S-114</p>
6	<p>Cross Country Club</p> <p>Host: Ms. DeSchryver</p>	<p>Do you enjoy running long distances? Do you want to challenge yourself to improve? Do you want to compete and help Nipher win? Then Cross Country is for you!</p> <p>Membership status: Open to all; but regular attendance expected. Must be signed up through Sign-Up Genius (Max. students allowed = 25)</p> <p>Meeting dates: Each Tuesday, leading up to cross-country meet on 10/16!</p> <p>Meeting location: Cafeteria, then outside</p>
7	<p>Drama Club</p> <p>Hosts: Ms. Oliphant</p>	<p>Students in the play will learn theatrical skills and what it takes to be in a show. We will explore technical elements, acting, and rehearsals.</p> <p>Membership status: Closed club; designed for fall play cast members. Activity will <u>not</u> be listed on Sign-Up Genius. (Max. students allowed = fall cast & crew only)</p> <p>Meeting dates: Rehearsals held on Thursdays.</p> <p>Meeting location: S-108</p>

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8	<p>Dungeons and Dragons Club (DND)</p> <p>Host: Mr. Vinson</p>	<p>Are you ready to embark on epic adventures and unleash your imagination? Join our After-School Dungeons & Dragons Club, where you'll delve into fantastical worlds, create your own heroic characters, and tackle thrilling quests with friends. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, this club offers a fantastic way to build teamwork, problem-solving skills, and ultimate fun. Gather with fellow adventurers and let your creativity soar every week after school!</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Open to all; no additional costs or attendance requirements. Must be signed up through Sign-Up Genius (Max. students allowed = 20)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Every Wednesday (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> Library or Cafeteria</p>
9	<p>Equations: The Game</p> <p>Host: Ms. Stoffel</p>	<p>Equations: The Game of Creative Mathematics is an arithmetic based board game for students of all ages. The club encourages students to have fun with math by playing the game and participating in friendly competitions.</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Open to all; no additional costs or attendance requirements. Must be signed up through Sign-Up Genius (Max. students allowed = 20)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Tuesdays (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> N-206</p>

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10	Intramural Activities (IM's) Host: Mr. Adams	<p>The sport or activity played will rotate every few weeks. The activity is as posted and can/will include: wrestling, kickball, volleyball, basketball, soccer and more!</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Open to all; No additional costs or attendance requirements. Must be signed up through Sign-Up Genius (Max. students allowed = 20)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> each Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> South Gym</p>
11	Jazz Band Host: Dr. Bartz	<p>You must be a member of band class to join this club on a band instrument. You do not need to be a current band student to audition for drum set, string or electric bass, guitar or piano. Students in this ensemble have the opportunity to play jazz, blues, funk, latin, and rock music; much different from a concert band experience.</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Closed club; Band required as prerequisite or audition required for drum set, bass, guitar or piano. Will <u>not</u> be listed on daily Sign-Up Genius link.</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Each Wednesday (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> Band Room (NE-282)</p>
12	Magic! The Gathering Club Host: Mr. Earnhart	<p>Magic: The Gathering is a Nipher club based on the tabletop and digital collectible card game created in the mid-1990's. This is a safe space for students to play their favorite card game, which means you can summon monsters and defeat your friends in this decades old game! Cards are provided, and all are welcome to attend.</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Open to all; no additional costs or attendance requirements. Must be signed up through Sign-Up Genius (Max. students allowed = 20)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Every Thursday (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> S-207</p>

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13	Math Lab - 7 Host: Ms. Beckerle	<p>Math Lab is now available for current 7th grade students who would like to prepare for Math 8 Placement testing (prep for 8th grade). It will be held after school on Wednesdays, and students will be expected to work on IXL or Khan Academy with the presence of a certified math teacher who is able to help them, as needed.</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Open to all current 7th Graders; no additional costs or attendance requirements. Must be signed up in Sign-Up Genius (Max. students = 20)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Thursdays (S1 & S2, beginning on 9/26)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> N-209</p>
14	Open Studio Host: Dr. Holley	<p>In Open Studio, students will be able to meet other students who have an interest in Art. During meetings, we will sketch, complete personal artworks, explore different art materials and processes, and engage in community projects and contests!</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Open to all; no additional costs or attendance requirements. Must be signed up through Sign-Up Genius (Max. students allowed = 20)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Specific Wednesdays (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> NE-184</p>

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15	Percussion Ensemble Host: Ms. Alison Smith	<p>You must be a current member of band class to join this club. Students in Percussion Ensemble will learn to play unique styles of music, written specifically for percussion instruments. We will also perform at multiple concerts throughout the year!</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Closed club; Band/Orchestra required as prerequisite. Activity will <u>not</u> be listed on daily Sign-Up Genius link. (Max. students allowed = 12)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Each Thursday (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> Band Room (NE-282)</p>
16	Photography Club Host: Ms. Sury	<p>The after-school Photography Club offers students a creative space to explore and develop their photography skills. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, collaborative projects, and exciting photo challenges that encourage artistic expression. Through group outings and peer feedback sessions, members enhance their technical abilities and gain inspiration from each other. This club allows for students to be creative and grow their passion for photography.</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Open to all; no additional costs or attendance requirements. Must be signed up through Sign-Up Genius (Max. students allowed = 15)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Every other Tuesday (S1)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> S-101</p>

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17	<p>Plant Club</p> <p>Hosts: Mrs. Velez & Mrs. Midkiff</p>	<p>Plant club is for Nipher students who are interested in learning more about houseplants and their care. We will be doing a variety of plant-related activities, including making macrame plant hangers. Nipher staff members are also welcome!</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Open to all (no additional costs or attendance requirements). Must be signed up through Sign-Up Genius (Max. students allowed = 15)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Every Wednesday (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> S-212</p>
18	<p>Power Hour</p> <p>Host: Ms. Frederich & Ms. Sury (Tuesdays), Mr. Price (Thursdays)</p>	<p>This is a silent study hall in which students have the opportunity to work on homework assignments under teacher supervision. Please bring enough work to occupy a one-hour time allotment.</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Open to all (no additional costs or attendance requirements). Must be signed up through Sign-Up Genius (Max. students allowed = 20)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Every Tuesday and Thursday (all grades) (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> W-208</p>

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19	Robotics Club Host: Mr. Williams	<p>Robotics Team is a team based competition in which students design, build, code, and drive robots to compete in a game designed by vex robotics. Students travel to several competitions and compete against students from around the state.</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Closed club</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Tuesdays and Thursdays (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> NE-182</p>
20	Safe Spaces (GSA) Hosts: Mrs. Griffin & Ms. Groves	<p>Safe Spaces is a non-curricular student-led club whose goal is to provide a safe space for all middle schoolers, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. It's a welcoming space that provides support for students who identify as LGBTQIA+, who have friends or relatives that identify as such, or who just care about LGBTQIA+ issues. Safe Spaces promotes character by working with all students and educators to encourage everyone to be treated with respect and compassion. Students are able to share their experiences, and also collaborate on inclusive education for all students.</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Open to all; no additional costs or attendance requirements. Must be signed up through Sign-Up Genius (Max. students allowed = 20)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Select Wednesdays (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> Library</p>

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21	<p>Student Council (aka STUCO)</p> <p>Host: Ms. Cochran & Ms. Paulus</p>	<p>Are you a natural leader? Do you want to help others through community service? In this club, you can help make a real difference at Nipher and beyond!</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Closed club; Teacher Selection + Application + Attendance. Activity will <u>not</u> be listed on Sign-Up Genius (Max. student allowed = members only)</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Various dates (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> W-108</p>
22	<p>Weightlifting Club</p> <p>Host: Mr. Grana</p>	<p>Weightlifters will work on Olympic lifting techniques along with building strength in various movements. If your student is interested in joining the Weightlifting Club, there will be an informational meeting held on September 10th from 3:00 - 3:55 pm.</p> <p><u>Membership status:</u> Closed club; This club requires additional fees beyond standard activity fee. Activity <u>will</u> be listed on Sign-Up Genius to track attendance only.</p> <p><u>Meeting dates:</u> Tuesdays and Thursdays (S1 & S2)</p> <p><u>Meeting location:</u> Weight Room (S-009)</p>

Closed Clubs Information 2024-2025

While Nipher hosts several after-school options, please note our closed clubs for the 24-25 school year. This indicates that prerequisite experience and/or additional fees may be required to participate in the activity. If your student is interested in any of the following activities, please reach out to the associated host:

- 1) **Drama Club** (Fall play sponsor, Ms. Annette Oliphant: Annette.Oliphant@kirkwoodschoools.org)
- 2) **Jazz Band** (Band club sponsor, Dr. Chris Bartz: Chris.Bartz@kirkwoodschoools.org)
- 3) **Percussion Ensemble** (Band club sponsor, Mrs. Alison Smith: Alison.Smith@kirkwoodschoools.org)
- 4) **Robotics Team** (Club sponsor, Mr. Nathan Williams: Nathan.Williams@kirkwoodschoools.org)
- 5) **STUCO** (Club sponsor, Mrs. Jessica Cochran: Jessica.Cochran@kirkwoodschoools.org)
- 6) **Weightlifting Club** (Club sponsor, Mr. Tony Grana: Tony.Grana@kirkwoodschoools.org)