



## TMS Clubs 2024-2025

All students are invited to attend the Club Fair to meet the advisors,  
learn more about the clubs, and to sign up!

**The Club Fair is for Students only.**

**When?** Thursday, September 26, 2024    **Time?** Immediately after school

**Where?** TMS gyms

Club Name	Description and Logistics
<b>DEBATE TEAM (Grades 7 &amp; 8 only)</b>	<p>Are you in the 8th grade? Do you like to argue? Then the Novice Debate Team may be for you! Meetings rotate between Tuesday and Wednesday, from 3:00-3:45pm. We study Oregon Policy debate, work on techniques and strategies, as well as researching information pertaining to the current year. The Novice team competes on a region-wide basis five times throughout the school year from October through March.</p> <p><b>Mr. Spiratos – A calendar will be provided for dates, 3:00-3:45 pm, room 233 (Tournaments once a month)</b></p>
<b>DRAMA CLUB</b>	<p>Are you dramatic? Do you like to laugh? Do you want to build social skills and confidence in front of others? Then Drama Club is for you! This is a club for grades 6-8, and students of levels and experience are welcome. Students will explore different areas of drama, from improvisation, musical theatre, teamwork games, learning to speak in front of others with confidence and scene performances.</p> <p><b>Ms. Tara Miller - Thursdays, 3:00pm to 4:00pm, Room 102</b></p>
<b>FLL ROBOTICS</b>	<p><b>FIRST Lego League Challenge</b> students ages 9-16* engage in research, problem-solving, coding, and engineering - building and programming a LEGO® Education SPIKE™ Prime robot that navigates the missions of a robot game. They also participate in a research project to identify and solve a relevant real-world problem.</p> <p>Due to popularity preference is given in the following order, 8th graders, 7th graders, and then 6th graders. <a href="https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc">https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc</a></p> <p><b>Ms. Cawley &amp; Mr. Gordon</b></p>
<b>GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE</b>	<p><b>GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA)</b></p> <p>The TMS Gay-Straight Alliance is a club open to <b>all</b> students, grades 6, 7, and 8, and takes pride in being a judgment-free zone! The GSA is a safe space for students to gather and socialize while talking about issues relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression. It celebrates diversity, inclusion, and fosters acceptance and sense of community among the TMS student body. The GSA will participate in fundraising and outreach programs to build awareness of the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) community. All students are welcome at any time! Click <a href="#">here</a> for a video from our 2020-21 GSA President, Annabelle, introducing you to this awesome club!!</p> <p><b>Dr. Rzonsa - Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:00pm, room 125</b></p>

<p><b>GLOBAL CITIZENS CLUB</b></p>	<p>In Global Citizens Club we make CONNECTIONS with students from all over the world. We LEARN about the beauty of different cultures, investigate global problems, and share our knowledge with others. We also take ACTION to improve our world by addressing problems occurring here and around the world.  <b>Dr. Hyman - Tuesdays, 3:00 - 4:00pm, rm 134</b></p>
<p><b>JAZZ BAND</b></p>	<p>Music students are invited to join the Jazz Band and explore Jazz, Rock and Popular music styles. All instruments are welcome to participate, but you must be able to read music. The ensemble will include woodwinds, strings, brass, percussion and rhythm section (bass guitar or upright bass, piano, electric guitar and drumset). Vocalists are welcomed as well! Performances will include school assemblies, evening concerts, music festivals and field trips!!! Students who are interested should see Dr. Burja.  <b>Dr. Burja - Tuesdays 3:00-3:45pm, Band room (and sometimes in the auditorium)</b></p>
<p><b>Jr. KEY CLUB</b></p>	<p>Do you want to be a part of something new? Do you and your friends like helping others? The Jr. Key Club members will learn how to lead through service and volunteerism. In partnership with Tenaflly High School, you will be making a positive impact while serving others in our Tenaflly community. You will learn leadership skills by running meetings, planning projects and holding elected leadership positions at the club.  <b>Ms. Go, Wednesdays, 3:00-3:45pm, room 229</b></p>
<p><b>LIMELIGHT</b></p>	<p>Limelight : noun lime·light \līm-lijt\ the center of public attention; Tenaflly Middle School's literary magazine  Let's shine the light on the fabulous fiction, exemplary essays, profound poetry and awesome artwork of TMS! Develop and share your own writing and artwork in our meetings. Consider writing and art submissions from TMS students for digital publication of our literary magazine. Editorial positions are available! Convene and create with other literature-loving wordsmiths and inspired artists and grab your share of the limelight!  <b>Ms. McKenna &amp; Ms. Bahr– Thursdays 3:00-3:45pm</b></p>
<p><b>MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION TEAM</b></p>	<p>Students can sign up to try out for the math team. The students that make the team are coached as "mathletes" by Mrs. Glasser on problem-solving, critical thinking and mathematical skills. A school competition is held in the winter and up to 10 students are selected to compete in local competitions in October and February. Winners progress to state competitions in March and the top 4 scorers at state will earn the right to represent their state at the National Competition in May! We will be working hard each week and challenging ourselves in new ways! We will also be competing in Mathcon, a national math competition with finals in Chicago, Illinois! We had many team members who made it to these national competitions last school year!  <b>Mrs. Glasser- Wednesdays 3:00-3:45pm</b></p>

<p><b>OPEN GYM</b></p>	<p>Open Gym is a club offered to all students grades 6-8. Students participate in team sports and cooperative games in a very supportive fun environment. Some activities available to the students include: soccer, basketball, climbing wall, volleyball, hockey, football, ga-ga ball, and many other enjoyable activities. We hope to see all club members Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays 3-4 each week.</p> <p><b>Mr. Calabrese and Mr. Ciliento - Tuesday, Wednesday's, and Thursdays for December, January, and February from 3-4</b></p>
<p><b>PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA</b></p>	<p>The TMS Philharmonic Orchestra is open to all string players in grades 6, 7, and 8, as well as woodwind, brass, and percussion players in grades 7 and 8. It is a school-wide symphony orchestra that plays advanced music and performs at the Winter Concert. See Dr. Rzonsa for more info.</p> <p><b>Dr. Rzonsa – Thursdays 3:00pm - 4:00pm, Auditorium</b></p>
<p><b>QUIZ BOWL CLUB</b></p>	<p>Calling all trivia buffs! Are you very knowledgeable in answering trivia questions? Then the Quiz Bowl Club is perfect for you. Here, you will be able to show off your trivia knowledge as you compete with and against your classmates. We will be guided by the format used by NAQT and History Bowl. You may also choose to attend local Quiz Bowl tournaments and compete against other middle school students throughout the academic year.</p> <p><b>Mr. Spiratos - Tuesdays or Thursdays 3:00pm - 3:45pm, Room 233</b></p>
<p><b>SCIENCE OLYMPIAD</b></p>	<p>The Science Olympiad team is looking for dedicated and hard-working students with an interest in all sciences. 15 students will be selected to compete in a regional competition in January and if the team advances to the States, there is another competition in March. There are 26 events that we need to prepare for ranging across all the sciences. So if you love science come join us for an informational meeting.</p> <p><b>Mr. Vagnone and Mr. Weber - Wednesdays 3:00-3:45pm, room 225</b></p>
<p><b>STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)</b></p>	<p>The Student Government includes a president, a vice president, secretary, team senators, and homeroom representatives! Team elections will be held early in the school year. Elected officials meet one time per week to discuss school activities and the most important decisions that are made at our school level. Our goals include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To raise funds that can be utilized to enhance school equipment, activities and overall student experience</li> <li>2) To plan activities that will unite the school community while helping students build meaningful relationships and lasting memories</li> <li>3) To help students engage in meaningful conversations that correlate to direct actions in regards to improving our school community in all ways.</li> </ol> <p>Come out and become a member of this governing body that helps to make our school the best possible place to learn and grow!</p> <p><i>Committee meetings planned weekly by senators &amp; Executive Branch meets bi-weekly with Principals and advisors during school day.</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Calabrese, Mr. Wein, Ms. Katz – Wednesday 8:00 - 8:15 AM, Rm 218</b></p>

<p><b>TIGER TALES</b></p>	<p>“Tiger Tales” is the award-winning newspaper of the students of Tenafly Middle School published two to three times per school year. Students learn about journalism and serve as reporters and writers to inform Tiger Tales readers about important events or news stories related to TMS. If you are interested in interviewing teachers, reporting and writing news stories, this club is for you! Just as any real paper, there are deadlines and special features or sections which require talent and creative ability. Positions available include reporters, copy editors, writers, proofreaders, cartoonists and many more.</p> <p><b>Mrs. Lanni &amp; Ms. McKenna– Tuesdays 3:00-3:45 pm – Rm 125</b></p>
<p><b>ULTIMATE FRISBEE</b></p>	<p>HAVE FUN PLAYING Ultimate Frisbee—a non-contact sport for everyone. Ultimate Frisbee is unique in that the players themselves are the referees, so players learn to balance competitive spirit with fair play and respect for ourselves and others. It’s called Spirit of the Game. As we master Spirit of the Game, we learn how to assert ourselves with civility and respect for others while we have fun throwing and catching the frisbee!</p> <p><b>Mondays and Fridays 3:00-5:00pm, Fields behind TMS</b>  <b>Saturdays 2:00-5:00pm, Fields behind THS</b></p> <p><b>Parent volunteer contact info</b>  Team email: <a href="mailto:TigerUltimateNJ@gmail.com">TigerUltimateNJ@gmail.com</a>  Head Coach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glen Anderson <a href="mailto:glen45528@gmail.com">glen45528@gmail.com</a></li> </ul> <p>Chaperones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ofer Hermoni <a href="mailto:oferher@gmail.com">oferher@gmail.com</a> Chris DiMattia <a href="mailto:cdimattia@gmail.com">cdimattia@gmail.com</a></li> <li>• Hirotaka Kimata <a href="mailto:kimata.hirotaka@gmail.com">kimata.hirotaka@gmail.com</a> Paul Kang <a href="mailto:paul.y.kang@gmail.com">paul.y.kang@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>VIDEO GAMING CLUB</b></p>	<p>This is a club run by Mr. Vagnone. We will play sport and puzzle games. Our tournament based games will be for <b>Rocket League</b> in the spring. Any other game will be played for leisure/fun. I am open to suggestions for another tournament-based game. We will use Discord to video chat and/or voice chat. Shooting/ violent fighting games are not allowed, no exceptions. Please join our Google Classroom if you are interested in this club!</p> <p><b>Mr. Vagnone - 3:00 to 3:45 every Friday. Room 225</b></p>
<p><b>VOCAL SHOWCASE</b></p>	<p>This club is an opportunity for vocalists to work on music of their choice, singing solo or as a part of a small group. Some contemporary a cappella groups (think Pentatonix) will also be formed. There will be performance opportunities to showcase your talents. Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader who is interested in singing and trying out various songs for fun should join us!</p> <p><b>Mr. Ahranjian – Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays 3-3:45 Room 107</b></p>
<p><b>YEARBOOK CLUB</b></p>	<p>The Tenafly Middle School yearbook is designed and created by students in grades 6-8. There is something for everyone to do. People are needed for writing, layout, taking pictures, promoting yearbook sales and typing. You will gain experience in page design, sales, promotion and distribution. We are looking for dedicated and reliable staff members who may be needed for photo-taking during before and/or after school.</p> <p><b>Ms. Greco &amp; Mrs. Fellouris - Thursdays 3:00-3:45 PM – Rm. 127</b></p>