



# GIBBONS MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES 2025-26



ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	STAFF MEMBER/S	LOCATION	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	START DATE	END DATE
<b>Art Club</b>	Art Club is an opportunity for your student to try new materials and processes in a relaxed atmosphere. It is not a formal class, rather a time for students to further their desire to investigate the many forms two dimensional art takes. Instruction is modified for the students' interests and abilities. Artistic talent is not required, however only motivated students should join to keep the atmosphere of the club conducive to focused exploration.	Burgoyne	Art Room - 44	WEDNESDAYS	2:45-3:40	TBD - Mid-September	TBD - End of January
<b>Baking Club</b>	Baking club is for students who enjoy baking with their friends or for students who want to get into baking. Students will be put into baking groups and will be responsible for bringing in baking ingredients (flour, sugar, butter, etc.). Club advisors will provide basic baking supplies (mixing bowls, measuring cups, etc.). Eat what you make and take home the leftovers!	Ryan & Fillmore	room 27	First Wednesday of the month for Baking Group A and Third Wednesday of the month for Baking Group B	2:45-3:45 (late bus)	Mid to late September	Late May to Early June
<b>Baseball</b>	Tryouts will be held in early April for the interscholastic (travel) team. Approximately 15 players are selected to play on this combined 7th and 8th grade team. The team plays a 14 game schedule. Practices and games are held Monday through Friday (no weekends or vacations). A current physical is needed on file with the nurse, as is an online registration. Students will be notified of open online registration in mid-March. An informational meeting will be held prior to tryouts for all interested students.	Coach TBA	GMS Gym/Baseball Field	Mon-Fri	2:45-6pm	Early April	Early June
<b>Basketball</b>	Tryouts are held for the boys and girls interscholastic (travel) team. 7th and 8th graders are combined on each team. Approximately 12-14 players are selected. 14-15 game schedule with practices on non-game days. No weekend or vacation practices/games. Practices may be 2:45-4:00 or 4:00-5:15 depending on the day. Online registration through FamilyID is required and an updated physical must be on file with the school nurse in order to participate in any capacity. Activity fee. A student information meeting is held annually in early/mid-November.	Boys Coach- Jay Tortora Girls Coach- Paul Dowd	Gym	Mon-Fri	2:45-6:00	11/29	Just before February Vacay
<b>Best Buddies</b>	Best Buddies is a club dedicated to fostering inclusion and friendship among students of all abilities. The program pairs students in one-to-one friendships and creates opportunities for meaningful social connections in a fun, supportive environment. Through games, group activities, and shared experiences, Best Buddies promotes kindness, acceptance, and understanding. It's a great space to meet new friends, celebrate differences, and help build a school community where everyone feels seen and valued. All students who are kind, patient, and enthusiastic about making a positive impact are encouraged to join.	Giguere & Zide	Room 40	1st & 3rd Wednesday of month	2:45-3:30	October	Late May to Early June
<b>Chamber Orchestra</b>	The Gibbons Chamber Orchestra is open to any student, by audition, who is currently enrolled in the Gibbons Orchestra. The ensemble will rehearse weekly from September through May. They will study a variety of string orchestra repertoire, including Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary. The Chamber Orchestra will perform regularly at school concerts.	Chartier	Orchestra Sectional Room - 46	Thursday	2:45-3:30	Auditions for new members will be held on 9/18	Early June
<b>Chamber Singers</b>	The GMS Chamber Singers is an advanced choral ensemble offered to students enrolled in the GMS Chorus. Students in this ensemble study challenging choral repertoire, focusing on pop, jazz, and choral classics.	Stillitano	Music Room - 42	Wednesdays	2:45-3:30	Auditions on Sept 10th	May 23rd



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<b>Chess Club</b>	Students are welcome to come and play chess with other chess enthusiasts! All skill levels are welcome. We will learn about chess and play games against each other in a fun and laid back environment. It is a great opportunity to improve your chess skills and practice if you are a beginner.	Mr. Mihalich	Room 6	Thursdays	2:45 - 3:30	10/9	5/28
<b>Community Service Club</b>	Our goals include exposing the Gibbons school population to local, national, and global community concerns; providing social and educational opportunities in an interactive atmosphere; and promoting student leadership by encouraging students to connect to issues and follow through by planning and implementing action steps. Projects vary each year, depending on student interests. Past projects: fundraising and supporting UNICEF, Local Animal Shelters, food drives, bag lunches for local shelters, making blankets and scarves for the homeless, and community gardening.	Gerstenzang, Holt & Fillmore	Rm. 23/27	Thursday	2:45 - 3:45	Early October	June - last late bus
<b>Cross Country</b>	Students of all abilities come together to run on different terrains and train together to become better runners. Students learn how to properly stretch, workout and practice to become stronger, safe runners. Throughout the season we do different activities to help our students improve their personal bests while competing against local teams.	Paulhus/Richard	GMS Upper Field	Tues, Wed, Thurs- Most MEETS are on Thursdays this year which means it may extend time to 5:30 pm.	Prac 2:45-3:35	9/10(meeting) Practice start 9/16	End October 23
<b>ELL Social Club</b>	The ELL Social Club seeks to expand students' social language and social integration through interactive activities, such as: Games, Arts and Crafts, Multicultural Holiday school and home decorations, participating in the New Student Welcome Committee, and more!	Korytkowski/Cabral	TBD	TBD	2:45-3:30	10/1/25	February 2026
<b>Gibbons Gazette Journalism Club</b>	The Gibbons Gazette is a student-run school newspaper website. Students who join the staff learn about writing, organizing, and designing a newspaper. Once a student commits to being a part of the newspaper, he or she is assigned to one or more specific roles. Some students are reporters, writers, and photographers. Others collect and choose submissions from students who are not on the newspaper staff. There are also newspaper editors and graphic designers. It is a really fun club that produces a professional newspaper website which is featured on the school website and read by students, staff and parents.	Mrs. Nottingham and Ms. Moynihan	Room 13	Wednesdays	2:45-3:30	Sept 17, 2025	June
<b>Girls Who Code</b>	After school club 7-8th grade students to explore coding in a fun & friendly environment with a goal to close the gender gap in technology.	Gerstenzang & Anderson	48	Meets first and third Wednesdays of the month	2:45-3:30	October 1	May
<b>GMS GSA</b>	The Gibbons Middle School GSA plans to promote tolerance, support, and acceptance throughout the community and provide a safe, non-judgemental space for students learning and exploring their identity. The GSA brings students together to meet new friends, share knowledge and experiences, grasp different point of views, and form meaningful connections. We aim to reduce any feeling of isolation and depression students might feel, and invite all students, regardless of their orientation and identity, to participate in events and conversations. We are here to support, share resources, hang out, and have fun in a safe, accepting environment. All are welcome.	Giglotta	TBD	Tuesdays	2:45-3:30	September 30	May TBD



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<b>GMS Speech &amp; Debate Club</b>	The GMS Speech & Debate Club is dedicated to giving students a platform to practice their public speaking and debate skills. Students will be coached in the art of debate and rhetoric using games and activities that help develop critical thinking skills. Later on, students will conduct self-guided research on, and debate about topics of their interest. The GMS Speech and Debate Club is open to all 7th and 8th graders.	Osmany	Room 30	Every other Thursday	2:45 - 3:30	October	May
<b>GMS Tech Squad</b>	The main goal of a tech squad at the middle school is to have technology trained students throughout the school available to assist teachers and students with technology in the classroom. GMS Tech Squad students will work with a Technology Teacher and be trained to provide the access, resources and learning opportunities for students and staff using technology.	Notice	Tech Office	Wednesdays	2:45-3:30	Mid October	June
<b>Intramural Badminton</b>	Intramural badminton is an enjoyable way for students of all ability levels to be active. Registration is completed online. Intramural Badminton will start with a short introduction to drills and skills and then jump right into games/tournament and end with playoffs. Sign ups will be held online in early/mid October. Intramurals will conclude in time for students to take the late bus.	Paulhus/Richard	Gym	Tues, Wed, & Thurs	2:45-3:45	Mid October	November 26
<b>Intramural Volleyball</b>	Intramural Volleyball is a co-ed activity that is typically very popular at GMS. There are no practices and students play a 12-16 game schedule, often with multiple games played per afternoon. Sign ups will be held online in early February. Students are notified when to sign up via morning announcements, in Physical Education classes, on the Gibbons News and Notes. All Gibbons Middle School students are eligible to participate. Intramurals will conclude in time for students to take the late bus.	Paulhus/Richard	Gym	Tues, Wed, & Thurs	2:45-3:45	Early March	Late March
<b>Jazz Band</b>	The Gibbons Middle School Jazz Band meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:15-8:00am. It provides an opportunity for students to study and perform music of the jazz idiom. Students must audition for acceptance and seat placement. Jazz band is a year long commitment for accepted students, who are required to attend all rehearsals and concerts. Jazz band students must be currently enrolled in the curricular band program here at Gibbons Middle School unless they play the guitar, bass guitar or piano. See Mr. Robbins in Room 42 or email him with any questions.	Robbins	Band Room	Tues, Thu. mornings	7:15-8:00am	September	Early June
<b>Kindness Club</b>	Kindness matters! The Gibbons Kindness Club aims to spread kindness throughout the Gibbons community by fostering empathy, compassion, and a positive school culture, building community and inclusion, and developing leadership and teamwork skills. Our goal is to provide opportunities for students to perform acts of kindness and community service, both within the school and in the wider community, creating a positive "ripple effect" of kindness. Activities will include working on creating bulletin boards, creating kindness challenges and activities for students and staff and painting rocks for our kindness rock garden in front of our school.	Scarlett	Room 38	Thursdays	2:40-3:30	mid Sept	June



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<b>Math Team</b>	The Gibbons Math Team competes in the Intermediate Math League of Eastern Massachusetts (IMLEM). The league is comprised of sixty six schools divided into 13 clusters. Practices are held on Tuesdays each week and about one Thursday each month 20 kids from the Math Team will attend a competition at neighboring school. Students have the opportunity to gather with friends and compete with other like minded students from other schools while solving challenging math problems.	Shaughnessy	Room 10	Practice most Tuesdays after school until the late bus (Sept - May). Competitions one Thursday ~ each month (after school until ~5:45 pm).	2:40 - 3:30 (practice) 2:40 - ~5:45 pm	9/16/24	4/7/25
<b>Musical-Gibbons Theater</b>	The School Theater Program is a place to grow as a student in all aspects of the performing arts, learning, commitment, and creativity. PRODUCTION: MUSIC MAN JR Register <a href="#">HERE</a>	Taylor/SkyRise Theater	auditorium	Tue/Thur	240 - 5 PM	Auditions Feb 10	Performances April 10-11
<b>Play - Drama-Gibbons Theater</b>	The School Theater Program is a place to grow as a student in all aspects of the performing arts, learning, commitment, and creativity. PRODUCTION: The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood register <a href="#">HERE</a> :	Taylor/SkyRise Theater	Auditorium	Tue/Thur	240-5	Auditions Sept 4	Performances : October 24-25
<b>Politics Club</b>	The goal of this club is to promote the education of current events and other "hot issues" in the world. We encourage discussion and the sharing of student perspectives on political topics. <b>Signup:</b> None/Walkins welcome	Paulhus	Room 18	Friday	730-800 AM	September 19	May 22
<b>Pottery Club</b>	Pottery Club is an opportunity for your student to try new materials and processes in a relaxed atmosphere. It is not a formal class, rather a time for students to further their desire to investigate the many forms, processes and techniques used in three dimensional art. Instruction is modified based on the students' interests and abilities. Artistic talent is not required, however only motivated students should join to keep the atmosphere of the club conducive to focused exploration.	Burgoyne	Art Room - 44	WEDNESDAYS	2:45-3:40	TBD - beginning of February	TBD - end of late buses in June
<b>Robotics Club/Team Blueshift</b>	Introduction to Robotics. Seventh and eighth grade students have an opportunity to build a robot, problem solve and collaborate with friends while learning the basics of a competitive robotics team. This club is run by the high school Robotics team called Redshift. Show off your competitive side during games and competitions, have fun, and make new friends that share a passion for science and engineering too!	Cote/Pepe	Room 8/7	Wednesday	2:45-3:45	Sep.24th	May
<b>Softball</b>	Tryouts will be held in early April for the interscholastic (travel) team. Approximately 15 players are selected to play on this combined 7th and 8th grade team. The team plays a 14 game schedule. Practices and games are held Monday through Friday (no weekends or vacations). A current physical is needed on file with the nurse, as is an online registration. Students will be notified of open online registration in mid-March. An informational meeting will be held prior to tryouts for all interested students.	TBD	GMS Gym/Softball Field	Mon-Fri	2:45-4:45pm	Early April	Early June
<b>Stock Club</b>	The SIFMA Foundation's acclaimed Stock Market Game™ program is an online simulation of the global capital markets that engages students grades 4-12 in the world of economics, investing and personal finance, and prepares them for financially independent futures. Massachusetts Stock Market Game is sponsored by the Boston Globe, each student is given a \$100,000 portfolio to compete with other middle schools throughout the state. <b>Sign up:</b> First Day of Club	Paulhus	Room 18	Thursdays	7:30-8:00AM	Session 1: 10/9/2025 to 12/5/2025	Session 2: 1/22/2026 to 4/10/2026



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<b>Student Council</b>	The Gibbons Student Council meets weekly on Wednesdays before school. Many of our endeavors are geared towards assisting the local community and to making Gibbons a fun, safe and tolerant place for all students. Some of our activities consist of planning and organizing school dances, running a can food drive, a clothing drive, helping teachers after school, assisting in the Turkey Trot, coordinating a Spirit Week and leading fundraising efforts to help local charities.	Paulhus	Room 18	Wednesdays	7:25-8:05AM	Late September	Early June
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	Gibbons spring track & field is a non-cut sport that challenges students to set personal-bests in both track and field events. Track running events include: 1600 m, 800 m, 400 m, 200 m, 100 m, 100 m hurdles, and 4 x 100 m relay. Field events include: long jump, high, jump, and shot put. Students will hone their skills during practices and compete against others at both home and away meets. Please note: enrollment will be capped and sign-ups are on a first come, first served basis.	Coach Howell, Coach Hatch, Coach Sullivan	WHS track & GMS soccer field	Tu/W/Th. Meets on Thursdays (weather permitting)	2:50 - 3:30	Early/Mid April	Late May/Early June
<b>Video Game Club</b>	Video game club uses multiple monitors and TVs in room 12 for students to game on. Students mainly play Nintendo Switch multiplayer games like Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros. or hand held games. Our first meeting to plan and gauge interest will be Tuesday, September 30th in room 12.	McNeil	12	Tuesdays	2:45-3:30	9/30/2025	May
<b>Westborough Schools Wind Ensemble (Gr. 7-10)</b>	The Westborough Schools Wind Ensemble is a band ensemble designed for registered band students in Grades 7-10 who are interested in rehearsing and performing band literature at a more challenging level (Grades 3-4). Students accepted to the ensemble based on audition will be required to attend all after-school rehearsals having prepared the repertoire on their own, as the rehearsal pace will be more of a rigorous nature than the curricular band ensembles.	Robbins	Band Room	Thursdays	2:40-3:40pm	Late September	June
<b>Yearbook</b>	The Yearbook members work together to create the school yearbook. Students travel with cameras to capture memorable middle school moments. In addition, they produce creative promotional signs, select the cover, brainstorm page ideas, engage in fun activities and assemble each page of the book. The students spend many hours putting together the yearbook, and they do a fantastic job.	Scarlett	Room 38	Thursdays	2:40	Late September	April