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Art Club

Advisor: Mrs. Schwartz

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Art Club is open to all middle school students who enjoy art. Members will be given an opportunity to experiment with a variety of art media while relaxing and socializing and work on projects that would not normally be presented in their regular art class.

Meetings are held every other Tuesday after school

Room 154



Asian Student Association

Advisor: ??

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The Asian Student Association is a specialized affinity homeroom for 8th grade students to share and celebrate their Asian heritage, culture and identity. This is a safe space for students to share their experiences and ideas for ways to show their pride in their Asian heritage. We will also be focusing on ways to use our voices to advocate for the Asian American student experience in the Wissahickon School District. There will be opportunities to collaborate with the high school club. All are welcome! Interested students/parents should contact the advisor.

Meetings are held during Trojan Time, Day 1

Room 271



Band

Advisor: Mr. Hill
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WMS Concert Band: Open to all students in grades 6-8. Students learn and play their instruments during band practice and attend mandatory concerts. Practice takes place during the school day.

WMS Marching Band: Open to all students grades 6-8. We perform at several community events each year and culminate with a performance at Citizen's Bank Park before a spring Phillies Game.

Black Dog Jazz Band: Open to all students grades 6-8. All students interested audition to be in this band. We perform very often from through the winter and spring. Our busiest performance schedule includes weekly competitions where judges listen to our band and give feedback to improve on our playing. We compete against other local middle schools for section and solo awards.

Meetings are held during Trojan Time on Day 2 + rehearsal in the evening - Wednesdays 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. This group holds auditions in early October and begins in mid-October. It runs through the end of the school year

Blues Dog Band: Open to all students grades 6-8. This is our more "beginner" jazz band. We welcome all students from all ability levels. This band is all about learning to play our instruments better through jazz and learning the basics of Jazz Music. In the past, this band has competed at 1 or 2 competitions, depending on the level of the band.

Meetings are held after school every other Tuesday. This group will begin in November and run through May.

Room 170



BLACK STUDENT UNION

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BSU serves to develop community amongst Black students across academic levels and socioeconomic status; provides a brave space and peer support (socially and academically); and addresses the advocacy needs to Black students so they feel a greater sense of belongingness as an integral part of the middle school community.

Meeting after school on various Tuesdays, October through May

Room 122



Boys Who Code

Advisor: Mrs. Rachubinski

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Boys Who Code is open to boys in grades 6-8 who are interested in writing code and/or learning how to code. Students will use what they learn to create an app or website that will benefit the community. This club meets after school weekly.

Meeting after school every Thursday, September through January

Room 265



Cheer Club

Advisor: Ms. Boggs

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Learn the fundamentals of cheerleading in this social group designed to promote school spirit. School spirit required!

Meeting on Tuesday & Thursday after school September thru January

Room: Atrium



Chess Club

Advisor: Mrs. Rachubinski
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All are invited to join Chess Club! Beginners and experts are all welcome!

We have lots of chess sets and will have individual matches and tournaments!

If you are new to chess, it is a great opportunity to learn.

If you are experienced, it is a great opportunity to practice.

Sign up is in February, every Tuesday and Thursday after school

Room 265



Chorus Club

Advisor: Ms. Carson
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The WMS Chorus is a yearlong activity and includes two concerts, one in December and one in May. Chorus is a graded course and students meet once during each six-day cycle. Students can participate in the Sixth Grade Chorus and the Seventh/Eighth Grade Chorus without auditioning. Select Chorus is open to interested Seventh/Eighth Grade Chorus students, by audition only.

Room 162



Conectados

Advisors: Mrs. Huttie and Mrs. Acevedo-Cordon
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Conectados is for 7th and 8th students . This is a safe space for students to share and celebrate Hispanic/Latinx heritage and culture and show pride in the Hispanic/Latino Culture such as creating crafts, celebrating holidays and dancing. (e.g. we have decorated the atrium for Hispanic Heritage Month and made sugar skulls). We try our best to show pride in our heritage and help students advocate for themselves. We also plan to connect with the high school Hispanic/Latinx group. Talk to your counselor to join the group.

Meetings are held during Trojan Time, Day 1

Room 156



Musical 6th Grade

Advisor: Ms. Carson

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Open to all 6th graders interested in performing a musical production. Students will be involved in memorizing their lines, rehearsing songs and performing choreography.

Meetings are held after school, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Room 162



Musical 7th & 8th Grades

Advisor: Ms. Carson

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Open to all 7th/8th students interested in performing a musical production. Students will be involved in memorizing their lines, rehearsing songs and performing choreography. Students help in creating the set and advertising the show during their lunch periods. Parents also may help with set, prop and costume design!

Meetings are held after school, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Room 162



Dungeons and Dragons

Advisor: Mr. Yost

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This yearlong club is open to beginners and advanced players.

Meetings will be held after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Room 250



Girls Who Code

Advisor: Mrs. Rachubinski
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Girls Who Code is open to girls in grades 6-8 who are interested in writing code and/or learning how to code. Students will use what they learn to create an app or website that will benefit the community. This club meets after school weekly.

Meetings are after school every Tuesday from September through January

Room 265



GSA

(Gender and Sexuality Alliance)

Advisor: Ms. Boggs

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The GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance) group provides support, activities, and a safe space for LGBTQ+ students and allies. It's open to 7th and 8th graders, and some 6th graders join us informally to see if they would like to be part of the group in 7th and 8th grade. Anyone who would like to join needs to contact their school counselor to be added to the group. We meet during the school day, and welcome new members!

**Meeting are held during Trojan Time, Day 2
Room 223**



Homework Club

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This club is dedicated to helping students manage, complete and organize their homework and/or overdue assignments to become more successful in school. The club helps with test preparation as well as completion of projects. Students meet in the library on Tuesday and Thursdays beginning in early October through May. Students must contact their counselor and complete a form to be eligible.

Library



Interact Club

Advisor: Ms. Duke
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The Interact Club gives students a chance to make a real difference while having fun. There are at least two service projects per year: one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. Collecting school supplies for the WAC Homework Club and collecting money for supplies that will go to the school that WMS helped build in Africa are some examples of club projects. Interact meets at least once a month and is sponsored by the Blue Bell Rotary club

Room 203



Intramural Sports Program

Advisor: Ms. Rosa-Bian
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The intramural sports program offered to all sixth grade students provides physical activities in a safe, fun atmosphere. Participating sixth graders can rekindle old relationships from their elementary school and make new friends at WMS. There are two annual sessions - fall and spring - which run 6-8 weeks.

Meetings are held Tuesdays and Thursdays after school

Gym 1



Korean Language & Culture Club

Advisor: Soojin Suh Cho

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The Korean Language & Culture Club is open to all students in 6th to 8th grade who are interested in learning about Korean language, culture, and traditions. Through engaging activities, students will explore Korean art, music, traditional games, and more, while also gaining an introduction to the Korean language. All are welcome to join!

Meetings are held Thursdays after school

Room 124



LEAP

(Leadership Excellence Achievement Program)

Advisor:

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This program is to help students build connections and promote academic achievement while building leadership skills. Student leaders provide a positive influence in the Wissahickon Community

Meetings are held during Trojan Time Day 5

Room 174



Literary Magazine

Advisor: Chad Towarnicki
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The Lit Magazine fosters student interest in the modern literary world. Students read and analyze extra-curricular texts, compose short fiction and poetry pieces for peer review, critique works of fiction and poetry, conduct interviews and nonfiction pieces. Students are also encouraged to submit their work to essay and short fiction contests. The end result of these efforts is housed at WMSlitmag.com. The students commonly receive over 1,000 page views per edition. The final edition of the school year is posted concurrent with the art show and features student compositions that are inspired by modern works of art.

Meetings are after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Room 272



MathCounts

Advisor: Mr. Angelitis
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The award-winning MathCounts Program and Club engages sixth, seventh and eighth graders in non-traditional problem solving every year. Meeting multiple times a week year-round, the MathCounts Club has been recognized nationally as a Gold Level Club for thirteen consecutive years (as of 2020) – a distinction shared by no other school in the state of Pennsylvania. Since the club's inception, members of the MathCounts Competition Team - a separate entity from the club - have competed at the regional, state and national level.

Meeting are held September through November and March through June on Tuesdays after school

Room 256



Reading Olympics Team

Advisor: Ms. Donohue and Ms. Meehl

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MCIU Reading Olympics is a countywide reading event that encourages students to increase the quality and quantity of books they read for Enjoyment. The Reading Olympics Program is based upon the belief that good reading habits form the foundation for a productive and successful life. This program is currently active in schools in Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, and Montgomery Counties. In 2019, over 6,000 Montgomery County students participated in the Reading Olympics.

Meetings are held during Trojan Time Day 4

Library



Robotics Club

Advisor: Mr. Hentschel
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Open to all interested students who are interested in working with and learning more about robotics.

Meetings are held afterschool on Tuesday and Thursdays

Maker Space (Library)



Strings

Advisor: Ms. Gibson

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Strings is open to all middle school students who are interested in playing in the String Orchestra. Instruments include the violin, viola, cello or bass. Students engage in a variety of performances throughout the year. Lessons are provided during the school day.

Room 164



Student Council

Advisor: Ms. Duke
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Student Council provides students with the opportunity to participate in a form of representative government within their school setting. Officers and representatives are elected by the student body. Student Council plans fun activities and events to benefit WMS students.

Meetings are held during Trojan Time Day 4

Room 203



Voices

(Voice Out in Current Events)

Advisor: Ms. Horwitz
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VOICES (Voice Out In Current Events) is a group of people who have different viewpoints on the world meeting to talk about issues impacting the world, and how we can work to change them in our own school environment.

Meetings are held every Tuesday after school

Room 123



Wiss Pals

Advisor: Ms. Bates and Mr. Kanopka

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This school club matches students in a friendship between students with and without disabilities. Being involved in the program is a unique experience and is all about having fun while making connections with both the school and outside community. Students participate in monthly trips and activities after school, including team building activities, fun arts and crafts, and community service projects. Wiss Pals has helped to build a stronger school community of students willing to reach out to others and make a difference.

Meetings are held during Trojan Time Day 5

Room 155



WMS Yearbook

Advisor: Dr. Blau and Ms. Mehler

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The Yearbook Club is a yearlong commitment that culminates with the production of the annual yearbook. Students meet on a regular basis and are responsible for obtaining photographs of all 80 homerooms for all grades, designing the yearbook cover and implementing the design and flow of the book.

Meetings are held after school Tuesdays and Thursdays

Room 270

