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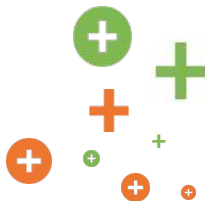


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Navigating Upper School After School Opportunities

2026-2027



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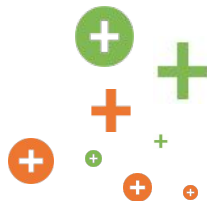
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Why?

In Upper School, we believe that our before and after school activity opportunities provide students with age-appropriate outlets for their curiosity, passions, and skill growth— all serving as an extension to our academic and social-emotional programs.

engagement —> connection and community —> belonging

Athletics	• physical activity & wellness • learning to be a team player • skill growth & refinement • healthy competition • coachability
Music	• skill growth & refinement • practice & performance • creativity, collaboration, & love of music • learning how to be a member of a music ensemble & community
Academic Teams	• joy of learning • curiosity & advanced thinking • learning to be a team player • healthy competition
Enrichment & Pike Plus	• exploration and experiential • social opportunities • supervised homework space & outdoor recreation



Upper School Before & After School Options

	Grade 5	Grades 6-9
Athletics By Term	Intramural Soccer Intramural Basketball Intramural Co-ed Flag Football	Soccer (Intramural & Interscholastic) Cross Country (interscholastic) Basketball (intramural & interscholastic) Co-ed Hockey (interscholastic; includes before-school practices) Tennis (interscholastic) Baseball (interscholastic) Lacrosse (interscholastic) Track & Field (interscholastic)
Music Full Year	Pikeappella (new for 5th gr) Gamelan Sleeping Fox Lower School Orchestra I & II (before school) *Private Music Lessons -By term	Pikeappella Gamelan Sleeping Fox Upper School Orchestra (includes before and after school times) *Private Music Lessons - By term
Academic Teams		Speech & Debate Team - Full Year (includes before and after school times) *MathCounts - Two Terms (Enrichment Program)

*Not included in Tuition





Enrichment Options Include...

- Chess (International Master - David Vigorito)
- Extra Math (Pike Faculty)
- Analog Photography (Pike Dark Room)
- Bancroft Squash Club (Off Campus)
- Cooking Classes - NEW! (Pike Chef)
- Bradford Ski Club (Off Campus)

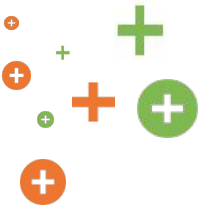
Can Upper Schoolers register for Pike Plus or Teen Zone?

Yes! 5th graders (Pike Plus) 6th - 8th graders (Teen Zone)

Can Upper Schoolers register for IgniteED@Pike!?

Yes! We have programs for Upper Schoolers at each of the IgniteED@Pike Days!





Athletic Program Commitments

Full Commitment Interscholastic Teams

- Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball, Track & Field, and Lacrosse
- These teams practice on campus and follow a four-day weekly schedule, with practices held Monday through Thursday from 3:30–4:30 PM (Wednesdays from 2:20–3:30 PM).
- Attendance on these teams are mandatory through the season. Students with scheduling conflicts involving other programs will not be eligible to participate. Please note that tryouts are required for Soccer and Basketball. All the other sports are open to students on a sign-up basis.

Hybrid Interscholastic Teams

- Ice Hockey, Baseball & Tennis
- These teams follow a hybrid model due to the use of off-campus facilities. Typically teams are only able to have 2 practices per week.
- Students have more flexibility in participating in other programs when playing on these teams. Students are able to pick an after school music option and participate in both, however they will need to miss any games or practices that conflict with the music ensemble.

Intramural Programs

- Intramural programs are available to all students who are not currently participating on an interscholastic team during that season.
- These programs run up to two days per week, offering flexibility for students in other programs.
- All activities are held on the Pike campus and are entirely in-house, with no competition against other schools. Excellent opportunity to stay active, build skills, and have fun with friends.





Considerations for Balance

As a family, ask:

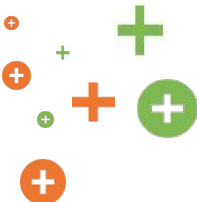
- What does our child *love* to do? What do they *want* to do?
- Is there something our child is *already committed* to?
- Is there something our child really wants to *try*?
- What can our family schedule handle?
- What can our child handle in terms of homework management and self-advocacy?
- Is our child willing to sit out some games/meets if necessary?

We recommend:

- Developmentally, it's best to try to avoid overscheduling our students. Even through 9th grade, students need some *unstructured time* in their day to maintain their social-emotional and physical health.
- Consider that students this age can't always do everything every year, and that's OK!
- Students who sign up for a full-year music ensemble or an interscholastic sports team should honor the respective time commitments to those groups.
- It's also a fine age to keep exploring – no need to be a deep expert!
- Know that the majority of secondary schools appreciate applicants who have demonstrated sustained genuine interest/participation in just a few varied activities.

Please feel free to reach out to any trusted Pike adult to talk through options for your student! We know how hard it can be.





Timeline & How to Sign up

Detailed information for all programs can be found on the Pike School website. There are separate pages for Athletics, Auxiliary, Arts and Speech.

Registration Info:

Athletics - Pike Athletics Website (**Deadline Friday August 14th**)

Speech & Debate - Complete the online Interest Form (on website) Student Interviews the first week of school.

Private Music Lessons - Email specific music teacher, listed on Academics/Arts/Music web page

Register for **Music Programs, Afterschool Enrichments, Pike Plus, Teen Zone and IgniteED@Pike!** Days on the Pike website/Student Life/Before and Aftercare webpage.





Thank you!

**Please be in touch with
questions!**

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