



Middle School Activities and Enrichment Opportunities 2026-2027

56 Magnolia (5th and 6th grades)

56 Magnolia is a singing ensemble for students who enjoy performing. The girls focus on pop and oldies and often incorporate riser choreography to entertain audiences. Rehearsals are held Mondays and Fridays before school.

5th and 6th Grade News Team (5th and 6th grades)

The news team meets each week to promote news from the middle school. Students write scripts, gather costume pieces if needed from home, rehearse, and record projects to share with other middle school students. This club is offered both semesters.

Advanced Instrumental Ensembles (5th-8th grades)

Students who play a musical instrument, with two or more years of experience, are invited to join the ensembles. The ensembles perform several times a year. They meet before school, beginning in September.

Art Studio for Submissions (5th-8th grades)

This enrichment provides dedicated time for students to create original artwork, for *Intersections*, the middle school literary magazine, and the *Scholastic Art & Writing Awards*.

After School Art Club (5th and 6th grades)

The First Friday Art Club is an opportunity for students to pursue their artistic interests beyond the school day. Held on the first Friday of every month, the club meets and does art projects like collage, cyanotypes, painting, and printmaking.

Better Together (5th-8th grades)

Better Together is composed of collaborative, thoughtful leaders from diverse social, religious, and cultural backgrounds who partner with the director of campus connection and multicultural initiatives to help plan, design, and implement ongoing events and learning opportunities for the school community.

Book Clubs (5th-8th grades)

All middle school girls are offered opportunities throughout the year to participate in book clubs. Students choose a group book and read and share their love of reading in a small group setting.

Care Bears (5th-8th grades)

Care Bears is a club where students can join others to complete hands-on service projects, learn more about social issues, and support local and global organizations that have a positive impact on our communities. The service club meets on Thursdays after school, beginning in September. A student may participate as her schedule permits.

Coding (7th-8th grades)

In Coding, girls learn the basics of computer programming through fun, interactive projects. They explore how to write code, build simple games or apps, and solve problems using logic and creativity. This enrichment helps students develop critical thinking skills and introduces them to the language of technology.

Competition Math (5th-8th grades)

Students in grades 5th-8th who have a love for math and want to stretch their skills to a competitive level can participate in a competitive team throughout the course of the school year. 5th and 6th grade math teams meet during lunch. The 7th and 8th grade team meet during the enrichment time on Thursdays.

Dance Company (5th-8th grades)

Students interested in taking dance classes and having performance opportunities are encouraged to participate in the Middle School Dance Company. The company has both classes and rehearsals throughout the week and there are annual shows held in the fall and spring semesters. Previous dance experience is not required.

Financial Literacy (7th-8th grades)

In Financial Literacy, girls gain practical knowledge about managing money, budgeting, saving, and making informed financial decisions. Through hands-on activities and real-life scenarios, they explore topics like banking, credit, investing, and the value of financial responsibility. This is a 7th and 8th grade enrichment that meets during the enrichment block on Thursdays.

Garden Club (5th-8th grades)

Garden Club is for those students who enjoy being outside, would like to learn more about gardening, and want to help maintain this important piece of the Harpeth Hall campus. Projects are determined by the seasons, whatever needs arise in the garden, as well as student-led interests. It is offered both semesters.

Hiking Club (5th-8th grades)

Hiking Club is a great way to get out in nature with friends to explore the trails around Nashville. Students and sponsors travel by bus to local areas such as Warner Park and Radnor Lake. Hiking Club meets on Wednesdays after school, beginning in October. The club is open to all 5th-8th grade girls, and a student may participate as her schedule permits.

Honeybear Singers (7th and 8th grades)

Honeybear Singers is a self-selected group of singers in the 7th and 8th grades who learn pop music that can be sung at middle school events, including the choir concert. Students must be enrolled in Choir or Orchestra to participate.

Literary Magazine (5th-8th grades)

The middle school literary magazine, *Intersections*, is published at the end of the school year. Providing a creative outlet for students in grades 5 through 8, the magazine features fiction and non-fiction writing, artwork, and photography — all created and contributed by middle schoolers. Meeting times vary by grade level.

Melanated (5th-8th grades)

Melanated is a middle school student affinity group that invites girls of color (5th-8th) to a safe space to convene, acknowledge, support, and celebrate each other with consideration of their likeness.

Middle School Musical (6th, 7th, and 8th grades)

The middle school musical production is an opportunity for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls to sing, dance, and act. Everyone who is interested and who is willing to make a daily after-school commitment in December and January is welcome to participate.

Model UN (7th and 8th grades)

Model UN is a club for those interested in learning more about how the United Nations operates. Students choose a global issue they are passionate about, and then research and write a resolution with their group. In November, this team participates in a simulation of the United Nations with other schools from around the area. This group meets during school and occasionally before school from August-November.

Robotics (5th-8th grades)

Robotics is an after-school club for students who love to program, engineer, and problem solve. The team participates in the FIRST Lego League challenge, with an early-winter competition in Nashville and a possible, optional competition after the winter break. Lego-building parties and open tables for exploration days are available in August for those who want to learn more. Teams will meet after school a couple times a week starting in late August. No experience is necessary to join.

Scholars Engaged in Extending Knowledge (7th and 8th grades)

SEEK is an independent study opportunity for 7th and 8th grade students. The program creates a space for students who are exceptionally curious about a particular topic and want to explore it further with the support of a faculty mentor. All scholars complete a final product such as a publication, a performance, or an original composition that they present to the SEEK faculty committee as well as the middle school student body. Students interested in SEEK must complete an application. Scholars meet throughout the school year with their faculty mentor and the SEEK committee and must be committed to completing the project independently.

Shark Tank (7th and 8th grades)

In Shark Tank, students become young entrepreneurs as they develop their own business ideas from concept to pitch. They learn about product design, marketing, budgeting, and persuasive communication. The enrichment culminates in a final pitch to a panel of “sharks,” giving students a chance to showcase their creativity and business savvy.

Yearbook (7th and 8th grades)

The Yearbook enrichment is open to 7th and 8th grade students who want to help capture and commemorate the school year. Students work together to organize portions of the yearbook, select photos, write captions, and create layouts. This group offers a hands-on introduction to publication design, teamwork, and storytelling through images and words. It's a fun and creative way to leave a lasting mark on the school community.

Youth Legislature (7th and 8th grades)

Youth Legislature is designed and run by the YMCA to give students hands-on experience as state legislators. In groups, students research and create a bill that they deem important to Tennessee. Students then attend a one-day conference in May where they act as legislators on Capitol Hill. This group meets during school and occasionally before school in the spring.

8th Grade Leadership Groups

The 8th grade leadership groups were created to give a direct way for every 8th grader to practice and harness her leadership skills. Each group focuses on a different area of student life in the middle school and is charged with creating and leading meaningful activities throughout the year in alignment with the 8th grade leadership goal of “learning to lead a community.”

Student Council

As student leaders, Student Council officers represent the middle school community and help lead it with integrity, enthusiasm, and a spirit of service. Through their leadership of EIC, PPAB, Stewards of HH, Student Activities Board, and the Athletics Board, Student Council officers support school-wide events, model leadership, foster community, and contribute to a positive school culture.

Athletics Council

The Athletics Council promotes school spirit, sportsmanship, and participation in all sports across the middle school. Members work to build enthusiasm and support for Harpeth Hall athletics by organizing events like “Cram the Courts” and “Flood the Field” each season. They recognize and celebrate middle school sports teams at the end of each season during middle school meetings and help update the athletics calendar shared in those meetings. Through their leadership, they encourage pride, teamwork, and a strong sense of community in all athletic events.

Bear Families

Bear Families bring together 5th through 8th grade students for games and activities designed to build community and strengthen connections across grade levels. The Bear Family leadership group plans and organizes these activities, prepares materials, and helps guide fellow 8th graders as they take on the role of “Bear Mamas.” As a key part of the Harpeth Hall leadership program, Bear Families create a fun, supportive environment where students can get to know one another and feel a greater sense of belonging in the middle school.

Civic Engagement Student Board (CESB)

The Civic Engagement Student Board encourages thoughtful participation in civic life and helps promote respectful dialogue within the middle school. Members spark interest in current events and important issues by organizing “Lunch and Learns” and sharing regular civic updates during middle school meetings. Through leadership, CESB fosters a culture of curiosity, active citizenship, and meaningful engagement with both local and national topics.

Club Captains

Club Captains foster a strong sense of community and school pride through Harpeth Hall’s club system, which includes Ariston (Gators), Angkor (Whales), Eccowasin (Eagles), and Triad (Ladybugs). Captains are responsible for planning and leading 5–8 events throughout the year that are both fun and community-building. These events include traditions such as pep rallies and Field Day, where spirit, teamwork, and friendly competition are celebrated. As leaders, Club Captains work together to create inclusive, energetic experiences that bring students together and strengthen the bonds between grades.

Environmental Issues Club (EIC)

The Environmental Issues Club (EIC) raises awareness about “green” initiatives and encourages the entire middle school community to care for the Earth and our shared environment. Members lead the club, plan one creative, community-wide project or activity each semester, and model everyday stewardship through their actions. They develop engaging announcements for middle school meetings and daily messages to highlight environmental issues and solutions. A key responsibility is planning and leading Green Week, helping inspire school-wide participation in sustainable practices.

Honor Education Committee

The Honor Education Committee works to build and sustain a culture of honor in the middle school. Members help their peers understand the meaning and importance of the Harpeth Hall Honor Code by planning age-appropriate activities for advisory and middle school meetings. They serve as a bridge between students and faculty — offering insight into how students experience and think about honor, and helping translate abstract values into everyday actions. HEC members support a respectful, principled, and positive middle school environment.

Library Leaders

Our 7th and 8th grade students who love to read have the opportunity to participate in Library Leaders. This group shares knowledge and a love of books with the entire middle school through presentations, contests, and book clubs.

Public Purpose Advisory Board

The Public Purpose Board is a student advisory board that helps make decisions about service opportunities, plans and organizes service events (including collaborative events with MBA), and supports our partnership with Lwala Community Alliance just to name a few exciting opportunities.

Student Activities Board (SAB)

The Student Activities Board (SAB) creates a positive environment by brightening the days of the middle school community and promoting school spirit. Members organize special events and activities that strengthen connections across grades and celebrate Harpeth Hall. They organize and lead the monthly “Student Spotlight” during middle school meetings to recognize student achievements and contributions. SAB also highlights and brings attention to student events such as the musical, dance showcases, and concerts, helping to celebrate the diverse talents within our community.

Campus Connection Council

Members of the Campus Connection Council work together to plan, design, and lead meaningful initiatives that celebrate each student and promote belonging within the school community. They create and support multicultural programming, encourage thoughtful dialogue, and help build a more welcoming and equitable environment for all students.