Clubs and Activities

First Semester

Academic Spell Bowl Team: Academic Spell Bowl (Fall - August to October) meets after school on set days of the week. Spell Bowl participants focus on studying from a list of words, and learning to spell them correctly. A team is formed from the club to compete at the Hamilton County competition in October where Spell Bowl judges will choose words from the list for the teams to spell correctly. Students who love to read and creatively write are especially encouraged to participate! Callouts for Spell Bowl are in August.

The sponsor is Mr. Vinton - Room 1120: douglas_vinton@nobl.k12.in.us

Drama Club: The NEMS Drama Club is an after-school activity that involves students in many different aspects of theater: Performing, Costumes, and Backstage Crew. The students put together one show per year, with the particular show being announced towards the beginning of each school year. All NEMS students are eligible to participate in Drama Club through an audition (Cast) or application (Crew) process. Auditions for the Cast and Applications for Crew happen in August, with the show taking place in November. Students accepted into the show will rehearse multiple times a week from September to November and will be given a detailed schedule at their first meeting. No rehearsals will occur over Fall Break. **The sponsors are Miss Rattenbury: jordan_rattenbury@nobl.k12.in.us**

Mrs. Hanrahan-Aldridge: claire_hanrahan_aldridge@nobl.k12.in.us

Dungeons and Dragons Club: The Dungeons and Dragons Club is an after-school group where students will learn the art of creating characters to adventure in creative worlds while participating in one of the most well-known tabletop role playing games. The three pillars of the game are exploration, social interaction, and "battles." This group promotes cooperation, critical thinking, and logical skills in order to traverse puzzles and fantasy scenarios. Students will learn the rules of the game, create characters, and role play through each session. The D&D club will meet once a week after school in room 1222 beginning the week of **September 14th through the week of December 14th**. No experience is necessary.

The sponsor is Mr Meeks: evan_meeks@nobl.k12.in.us

Second Semester

Academic Quiz Bowl Team: Academic Quiz Bowl (Spring - January to March) meets after school on set days of the week. Quiz Bowl focuses on trivia topics from themes found in all academic subjects, plus music and pop culture! A team from the club is formed to compete at the Hamilton County competition in March. Students team up in groups to answer trivia questions from the judges to show who is the best and the brightest! This club is a team version of the game show Jeopardy! Callouts for Academic Quiz Bowl are in January. **The sponsor is Mr. Vinton - Room 1120: douglas_vinton@nobl.k12.in.us**

Year-Round Clubs

Art Enrichment: Art enrichment takes place during East Time and includes students who are motivated to learn about and create art. The projects are student chosen and led based on their own interests and abilities. Students are encouraged to explore various kinds of media and subject matter so as to build on their previous art knowledge and skills. Each student is encouraged to be a part of making a project that will be permanently displayed in the school. Membership is by application and teacher recommendation.

The sponsor is Mrs. Melton: marcia_melton@nobl.k12.in.us

Book Club: Book club is a flexible extracurricular club that allows students to participate for one session each semester. For each session we meet every week over 4-5 weeks. Each grade (6-8) will meet for one of the three 4-5 week sessions and will choose books of interest to the group. Join other like-minded students in your grade in reading and discussing popular books! Book Club meets after school on Wednesdays in room 1118 starting the second week of September.

The sponsor is Mrs. Sullivan: denise_sullivan@nobl.k12.in.us

Chess Club: This club is for students of all skill levels wanting to enjoy a social experience by playing chess against other friends. This club will meet once a week after school to play various games of chess with other players. All grade levels and abilities are welcome. We will meet in Room 1146 to play. We will start meeting the first week after fall break.

The sponsor is Mr. Thompson: jonathan_thompson@nobl.k12.is.us

Crochet Club: Crochet club meets after school on select days throughout the school year in Room 1312 . The club is open to everyone; all skill levels are welcome--beginner to advanced! Come learn how to crochet, or if you already know how, bring your current project and crochet with friends! We will also decide on at least one service project for the year such as creating hats for chemotherapy patients, blankets for local hospitals or humane societies, stuffed animals (amigurumi) for toy drives, etc. Crochet Club is a fun and relaxing space where students can express their creativity, learn a valuable life skill, and make something truly their own. We will begin meeting in September after Labor Day.

The sponsor is Mrs. Zoeller: morgan_zoeller@nobl.k12.in.us

Culinary Club: Ready to mix, create, and have some fun in the kitchen? The NEMS Culinary Club is a hands-on opportunity for middle school students to explore the basics of cooking while building confidence and creativity! Each grade level session will introduce students to important culinary skills including food safety, sanitation, measuring, mixing, basic knife skills, and safe kitchen practices. No prior cooking experience is necessary—just bring your curiosity, creativity, and appetite for learning!

The sponsors are Mrs. Durbin: angela_durbin@nobl.k12.in.us
Ms. Arakelian: breanna_arakelian@nobl.k12.in.us

E-Sport Clubs:
Competitive (MarioKart & Smash Bros): Clubs meet during the following times throughout the year:
MarioKart - Wednesdays 4-5:15 (September-December) & (February-April)
Smash Bros - Thursdays 4-5:45 (September-December) & (February-April)
Switch Club: Welcomes players of all skill levels to play age-appropriate video games with other students at NEMS. Switch Club meets Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4-5:15 (September- December) and (February-April)

The sponsors are Mr. Ruble(MarioKart and Switch): derek_ruble@nobl.k12.in.us
Mr. Hartley(SmashBros and Switch): samuel_hartley@nobl.k12.in.us

Jazz Band Enrichment: There are 2 NEMS jazz bands, 16th Street Groove and Field Drive Funk. Each NEMS Jazz band is an east time enrichment/extra-curricular activity that rehearses year-round and performs at various venues and contests. They perform all over the state of Indiana and the Midwest. Students must be enrolled in a Performing Arts class in order to be in a Jazz band.

The sponsors are Mr. Simpson: nathaniel_simpson@nobl.k12.in.us
Ms. Campbell: rayna_campbell@nobl.k12.in.us

National Jr. Honor Society: The National Junior Honor Society is a service-learning organization where students are invited to apply based upon academic performance. Eligible students receive an invitation in March of their 7th grade year. Eligibility requires students to maintain an A average for the second semester of grade 6 and the first semester of grade 7, with only one B+ allowed within those two semesters. Invited students go through an application process and are then voted in based upon scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character, and service. An invitation to apply is not automatic acceptance into the organization. NEMS National Junior Honor Society follows the national guidelines for the selection process. Some students who receive an invitation to apply do not become members. A faculty council of five teachers makes the final determination of which students will become members. Invitations to apply will go out by February of each year, and acceptance letters will be delivered by early May. Members of this club participate in meetings and activities at the end of 7th grade and for all of their 8th grade year. Meetings are held once per month after school.

The sponsor is Mrs. Fagan: meredith_fagan@nobl.k12.in.us

Orchestra Enrichment: NEMS offers 1 advanced orchestra “Miller Forte”. This is a group for students who want to be challenged beyond the normal class level for their grade. The group is composed of 7th and 8th grade students. The group traditionally plays 4 concerts per year and travels locally during the holidays. Students audition to be part of the group or sometimes receive an invitation from the director. Students must be enrolled in a Performing Arts class in order to be in Advanced Orchestra.

The sponsor is Daniel Hedlund: dan_hedlund@nobl.k12.in.us

Pep Band: The Noblesville East Middle School Pep Band is an extracurricular activity November-February that supports and provides entertainment at NEMS home basketball games. In order to be in the Pep band you need to play a band instrument, guitar, or bass guitar.

The sponsors are Mr. Simpson and Ms. Campbell: nems_band@nobl.k12.in.us

Robotics Club: The Robotics Club is an after-school program that meets on Tuesday and Thursday and gives students the opportunity to explore engineering, programming, and teamwork through hands-on learning. Students brainstorm solutions to real-world problems, document their engineering design process, and design and build robots using VEX IQ kits. Throughout the process, members write basic software programs that give their robots specific instructions for movement, sensing, and task completion. Students work collaboratively in teams, taking on a variety of roles such as programming, driving, and engineering. The club also provides exciting opportunities to apply these skills in action, as students will compete in at least two—and likely three—competitions against their peers. Robotics Club is a great opportunity for students to learn, create, and collaborate in a dynamic, problem-solving environment.

The sponsors are Mr. Finke: jason_finke@nobl.k12.in.us
Mr. Pyle: chris_pyle@nobl.k12.in.us

Show Choir Enrichment: Show Choir (named Vocal Revolution) is the advanced Choir at NEMS. This group has auditions in April and is open to 7th & 8th grade students who are enrolled in a Performing Arts course and are selected through the audition process. The rehearsals occur throughout the school year during East Time, as well as some after school rehearsals. Show Choir is an enrichment/extra-curricular activity that rehearses all year and performs and competes all over Indiana.

The sponsor is Jordan Rattenbury : jordan_rattenbury@nobl.k12.in.us

Student Council: Student Council is a co-curricular club with in – person monthly meetings. Student Council members gain valuable leadership skills through serving as ambassadors on behalf of their classmates and through opportunities to plan and coordinate school events, service-learning projects, and community outreach.

The sponsors are Mr. Pyle: chris_pyle@nobl.k12.in.us
Mrs. Lain: ashley_lain@nobl.k12.in.us

Tech Team: The Tech Team is an enrichment class that meets throughout the school year during East time. Our primary focus is to help students and teachers with their technology needs on a daily basis. We will also be working closely with the media center and technology department to work on projects to improve the technology use at NEMS. Finally, we are also in charge of putting together and releasing the daily video announcements. The call out meeting is in May during East Time.

The sponsor is Mr. Williams: dan_williams@nobl.k12.in.us

Trading Card Club: The Trading Card Club is a fun place for students who enjoy collecting, trading, and learning about trading cards. Members can bring cards they like—such as sports cards, Pokémon, or other collectible cards—to share and trade with friends. The club teaches students how to trade fairly, take care of their cards, and understand what makes cards valuable. We also play friendly games, show off our favorite cards, and learn about the history of trading cards. The Trading Card Club is a welcoming club where students can make new friends and enjoy their hobby together.

The sponsor is Mr. Williams: dan_williams@nobl.k12.in.us

Yearbook Club: The Yearbook staff is selected at the end of each academic school year and is open to 7th and 8th grade students. Staff is selected before leaving for summer break based upon recommendations and quality of the student's application. Yearbook meets during East Time to put together the yearbook. The staff will create and be responsible for taking photographs at athletic events and club meetings.

The sponsor is Mrs. Blocker: abbey_blocker@nobl.k12.in.us