

Readington Middle School

Club Catalog

2026-2027



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Art Club



Description: Unleash your creativity in the Art Club! Whether you love to draw, paint, sculpt, or explore new artistic styles, this is the place for you. After school, you'll get to work on fun projects, learn new techniques, and bring your imagination to life. It's a great way to relax, make new friends, and express yourself in ways that go beyond the classroom. No matter your skill level, if you have a passion for art, come join us and create something amazing!

Advisor Name: Mrs. Pierro

Advisor Email: dpierro@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Tuesdays after school from 2:30-3:30.

Tuesdays: 2026-2027
September: 9/29
October: 10/6, 10/20, 10/27
November: 11/10, 11/17, 11/24
December: 12/1, 12/7, 12/8, 12/9, 12/10, 12/11
January: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26
February: 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23
March: 3/2, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5 (end of season party)

Chess Club

Description: Join the Chess Club this spring to be part of a positive, fun, challenging, and engaging environment that is perfect for any RMS student! Participants, from 6th-8th grade, and any chess experience level are welcome. For hundreds of years, playing chess has helped players develop greater spatial awareness, logic, and analytical skills. Students will also have the opportunity to improve their creativity, increase their concentration, and boost their memory. It's also a great way to become more involved in the RMS community! Mr. O'Neil will provide a number of tutorials, practice sessions, and winning strategies that encourage new players while at the same time challenging intermediate players.



Advisor Name: Mr. O'Neil

Advisor Email: boneil@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Meetings take place every Thursday, from February 4th to May 13th from 2:30 - 3:30 PM (end of year tournament in May will run until 4:00 PM)

Chinese Club

Description: Join the Chinese club to explore Chinese culture. Students will celebrate the traditional holidays, taste the cultural food, and play Ping Pong. The main activity is to learn and play Ping Pong games with the Olympian coach Lily Yiip and a professional coach. Students will learn technical skills such as bat grip, ready position, footwork/body position, service, and stroke. We will meet twice a month from September to January.



Advisor Name: Mrs. Drew

Advisor Email: ldrew@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: 2:30 to 3:30 Thursdays, 2026 - 2027

September: 9/17

October: 10/1, 10/15, 10/29

November: 11/12, 11/19

December: 12/3, 12/17

January: 1/14, 1/28



Cooking Club

Description: Cooking club is where you will have fun becoming a little chef, exploring food from around the world, creating your own recipes, and learning important nutrition facts and origin about a variety of spices and foods. We will meet twice a month from 2:35 pm to 3:35 pm.

Advisor Name: Amparo Villa

Advisor Email: avilla@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times:

October: 10/6 and 10/20 we will meet twice a month.

November: 11/17 we will meet once this month.

December: 12/8 and 12/15 we will meet twice a month.

January: 1/5 and 1/19 we will meet twice a month.

February: 2/2 and 2/16 we will meet twice a month.

March: 3/2 and 3/16 we will meet twice a month.

April: 4/6 and 4/20 we will meet twice a month.

May: 5/4 and 5/18 we will meet twice a month.

Crochet Club



Description: Want to create cool crafts in a calm and cheerful space? All levels are welcome! We will master the basic chain stitch and then move on to single crochet, double crochet, half double crochet and slip stitches. With these stitches we will make bracelets, mug/cup cozies, pot holders, headbands, scrunchies and more!

Advisor Name: Mrs. Rourke

Advisor Email: jrouke@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: 2:30 - 3:30 - Fall/Winter Only

Thursdays		
Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Dec. 3
Dec. 17	Jan. 7	Jan. 21
Feb. 4	Feb 18	
March 4	March 18 (last meeting)	

Drama Club

Description:

The musical is open to students in grades 6th, 7th and 8th. The Drama Club will be holding auditions in mid-November for the February production (TBA). Students will be able to sign up for an audition time slot online or an interview time if interested in participating in stage crew.

Students will take part in the audition process and if selected, they will participate in the rehearsal process and learn what it takes to put together a show. There will be a rehearsal calendar shared for times and dates for meetings after school. Please keep in mind that not every cast or crew member will be required to attend every rehearsal.



Advisor Name: Ms. Greenberg & Ms. Obenauer

Advisor Email: lgreenberg@readington.k12.nj.us; eobenauer@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Auditions will take place in mid November.

- ★ Rehearsals in November/December will end around 3:30/4:00.
- ★ Rehearsals in January will end around 4:30.
- ★ Rehearsals in February will end around 5:15/5:30.

EcoAmbassadors

Description: Looking for a club where you can connect with friends and meet new people – all while having lots of fun working together to make our schools healthy, happy places to be? Then EcoAmbassadors is for you! We plan and host activities at RMS (and all of our schools!) to connect to nature, reduce waste, learn new things together, and get the word out too!

We host school-wide competitions to reduce waste!



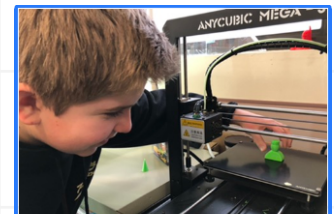
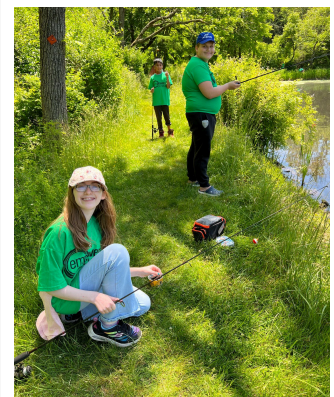
We create art and videos to get the word out. We partner with kids in all our schools!



We grow food indoors! Then donate it or share with friends!



We get outside and learn together outdoors!



Advisor Name: Ms. Freeman

Advisor Email: bfreeman@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: During the OPPortunity Period, and after school as needed for projects.

Visit the [RMS Enrichment website here](#) for more opportunities too!

Fitness Club

Description: RMS Fitness club encourages students to develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporates fitness as a natural part of their lives by making fitness fun! It offers an hour of different forms and various ways to exercise. The goal of the Fitness club is to increase students' knowledge of fitness and for them to experience physical activities outside of school hours. Exercise is the main focus with many opportunities for games and dance included. The fitness club meets after school every Tuesday from 2:30 – 3:30 starting December 1, and will run through February.



Advisor Name: [Mrs. Sperone](#)

Advisor Email: ssperone@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: *Fitness club will begin December 1st and run on Tuesdays through February.*

French/Francophone Club

Description: Come join the RMS French/Francophone Club!

In French Club, we'll explore, experience, and have fun with French and Francophone cultures from around the world. Along the way, you'll get to:

- Taste delicious foods from French-speaking countries
- Celebrate holidays and traditions from different Francophone cultures
- Discover France and the many countries where French is spoken
- Play Pétanque, a classic French game similar to Bocce Ball
- Try fun activities and challenges inspired by Francophone cultures
- Learn surprising facts about France and the French-speaking world

You do not have to be taking French to join—everyone is welcome!

We'll meet once a month from September through June on the Wednesdays listed below.

Come hang out, have fun, try something new, and discover just how far the French language can take you!



Advisor Names: **Walter Burkat**

Advisor Emails: wburkat@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: **2:30pm-3:30pm on the following Thursdays**

9/23, 10/28, 11/18, 12/16, 1/27, 2/24, 3/24, 4/28, 5/26, 6/9

Gaming Club



Gaming Club

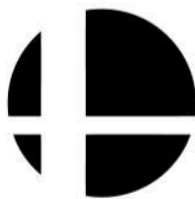
Join the RMS Gaming Club!

Video Games Board Games
Card Games



Meetings will be held in Room 203
on select Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 pm!

See Ms. Tundidor in Room 203 or
Mrs. Vail in Room 407 for more info!



Description: Join the RMS Gaming Club to be part of a positive, fun, organized environment for students to play various types of games: tabletop games, card games, video games, etc. Playing these games will help develop social skills and new friendships, critical and creative thinking skills, and problem solving skills - and we have a ton of fun! Club advisors will provide a number of previewed games to teach students how to play. Students may also suggest games for club advisors to check and approve for play during meetings. For more info, join our Google Classroom: F7HMSQAG

Advisor Names: Ms. Tundidor and Mrs. Vail

Advisor Emails: jtundidor@readington.k12.nj.us
jvail@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Select Wednesdays in Room 203 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Jazz Ensemble

Description: The RMS Jazz Ensemble is our extra-curricular performance group that focuses on jazz and other popular music forms. We meet all year and perform at our Winter and Spring Concerts, as well as at other performances both inside and outside of school. We accept flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones and rhythm section instruments (electric guitar, electric bass, drum set, & piano). 6th, 7th , and 8th grade students must audition for placement in the group. Auditions will take place after school on September 23, 24, 25. Please sign up for a time slot on the music department bulletin board.



Advisor Names: Mr. Newman, Mrs. Lestrange

Advisor Email: slestrange@readington.k12.nj.us, mnewman@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: **Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:45 PM on the following dates:** 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27 *subject to change*

Junior Librarians

Junior Librarians assist in the Library Media Center during Opportunity Period and once a month after school. Tasks include checking in and shelving returned fiction and non-fiction books; processing new acquisitions; marketing through book displays, bulletin boards, and social media; and aid in the preparations for the Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Battle of the Books, and Makery activities. We take a field trip each spring to a university library in the state and visit the elementary schools during School Library Month. We bond over books and helping out. Join our Google Classroom (classroom code: wtnyou7) for more information.



Junior Librarian field trip to Rutgers University's Alexander Library

Advisor Names: Mrs. Singer and Ms. Hendricks

Advisor Emails: ssinger@readington.k12.nj.us and ahendricks@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Junior Librarians can help in the LMC during scheduled Opportunity Periods. We'll also meet after school in the Library Media Center on scheduled Tuesdays 2:30-3:45.

September 29th October 27th November 24th December 22nd January 26th	February 23rd March 23rd April 20th May 18th June 15th
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Nature and Garden Club

RMS Garden Club is a service club that maintains gardens around the school. This is a great opportunity to learn how to grow a plant from seed to harvest. Members get to bring home harvests and help improve the environment around our school. We maintain a farmstand throughout the growing season and also do some painting and decorating. Please wear sneakers and bring garden gloves, a bag, and a drink.



Advisor Name: Mrs. Birmingham

Advisor Email: dbirmingham@readington.k12.nj.us

We will be meeting on Wednesdays in the fall and spring from 2:30 - 3:30pm.

Meeting Dates:

Fall: Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov. 11, 18

Spring: Mar. 24 Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26 June 2, 9

Meet in Room 214 before heading outside.

Notebook Club

Description:

Notebook Club provides an environment and the materials needed for students to organize their notebooks and Chromebooks. The goal is for the student to gain independence in the area of organization. A parent or teacher may refer a student to Notebook Club for assistance with the organization of school materials.



Advisor Name: Ms. Greenberg

Advisor Email: lgreenberg@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: **Thursdays after school from 2:30-3:30 in Room 420**

September 10, 24

January 7, 21

October 1, 15, 22

March 18

November 19

April 15, 29

December 3, 17

May 6, 20

Readington Rhapsody

Description: Readington Rhapsody is an after school pops choir that is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at RMS! This choir sings all your favorite music from pop music you hear on the radio, to Disney songs and Broadway Showtunes. Students who join are committing to be at every rehearsal and performance. As this choir meets a limited number of times, more independent practice time outside of school and rehearsals is expected.

No audition or prior singing experience is required to join!

If you love to sing, this is the place for you!



Advisor Name: Mrs. Barry

Advisor Email: ebarry@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: We will be rehearsing on Wednesdays after school from 2:30 - 3:30 pm.

Rehearsals will begin on October 7th!

October 7, 14, 21, 28
November 11, 18
December 2, 9, 16

Spring Rehearsal Schedule
will be provided in
January

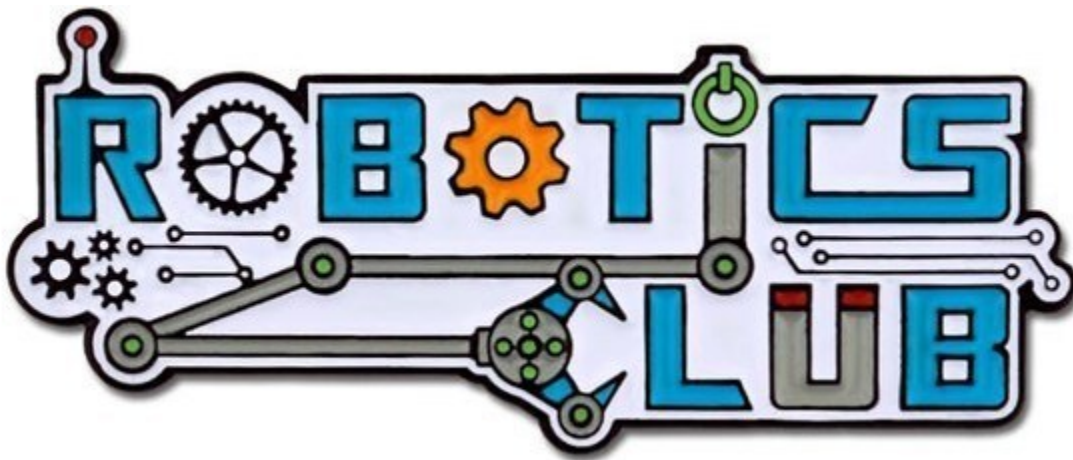
Winter Chorus Concert is Thursday, December 17!

Spring Chorus Concert is Monday, May 17!

Robotics Club

Description:

Students will make connections between what they learn in school and what they will encounter in the real world are the most important connections they will make in life. These connections will shape who they'll be, what they'll study in high school or college, and how they'll apply their knowledge to help improve themselves and their communities. The relevance of this club will extend beyond the classroom; it will help them start making connections to their future



Advisor Name: Mr. Newcamp

Advisor Email: rnewcamp@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: First Meeting will be Tuesday, January 5, 2026 and the club will go to the middle of March. We will meet in Room 408. Meeting dates will be announced after the first meeting. Pick up time will be 3:40pm.

Student Council

Description: The Student Council provides an opportunity for students to work together to provide a more spirited and inclusive environment at RMS. Student Council offers students a chance to create lasting friendships and relationships with future leaders at RMS and throughout the state. Fundraisers, philanthropic endeavors, and hosting exciting events throughout the year allow members to give back to both their school and community.

Advisor Name: Mr. O'Neil, Mrs. Applegate

Advisor Email: boneil@readington.k12.nj.us
eapplegate@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: General Assembly meetings are the first Thursday every month at 7:00 AM in the LMC (library). Additional meetings and preparation days are on an as needed basis throughout the year and before/ after events.

Officer meetings (President, Vice President, Spirit Coordinator, and Event Coordinator) are the first Tuesday of every month in the Front Office Conference Room.

The Student Council Google Classroom keeps events up to date! Please check frequently for additional meetings and important announcements.

General Assembly Meetings (all members):

9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/8, 5/6, 6/3

Officer Meetings (President, Vice President, Spirit Coordinator, Event Coordinator):

9/8, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1



The Difference Makers

Description: The focus of the club is to create a safe space for any student who would like to discuss topics that can be difficult. Activities will include creating awareness videos, writing and poetry pieces, bulletin board displays, messages of kindness, encouragement, and inclusivity, and research on topics that are in the forefront of our society and world at large. Each month we will focus on a specific topic to be discussed and explored:

September: Suicide Prevention Month

October: Bullying Prevention

November: World Kindness

December: Human Rights Awareness

January: World Religion and Cultural Diversity

February: Black History Month

March: Women's History Month

April: Learning Differences/Autism Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention

May: Mental Health Awareness

June: PRIDE LGBTQ+



Advisor Name: Mr. Gulino, Ms. Ratanski

Advisor Email: egulino@readington.k12.nj.us. cratanski@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times:

The Difference Makers will meet after school on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 on the following dates:

9/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/4, 12/2, 12/16, 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 5/5, 5/26, 6/2



Tri-M[®] Music
HONOR SOCIETY

A program of NAFME
National Association for Music Education

Tri-M Music Honor Society

Description: Tri-M is an honor society available for 7th and 8th grade students to apply for. These students are the leaders of the music department at RMS, and are responsible for carrying out various service projects throughout the year.

Advisor Name: Mrs. Barry

Advisor Email: ebarry@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: **Tuesdays** before school at 7:00am

September 15
October 6, 20
November 10, 24
December 8, 22
January 12, 26

February 9, 23
March 9, 23
April 6, 20
May 11, 25
June 8

Induction Ceremony: Thursday, March 11 @ 7pm

Mirota Senior Residence Trips: October & December TBD

Holidays in the Hallways: December TBD

Side by Side Rehearsals: March TBD

Ultimate Frisbee Club

Ultimate Frisbee is a non-contact sport for students of all ages and all kinds of athletic ability. All are welcome. You do not need to be fast, or strong, or big, to participate and have fun playing Ultimate Frisbee. We start the basics and work our way up to full games splitting groups into advanced and novice.



Advisor Name: Mr. Newcamp

Advisor Email: rnewcamp@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: **Spring Club will start in late May with dates being announced closer to its start. Time is from 2:30-3:40 pm.*

Viking Pops Orchestra

Viking Pops Orchestra is our extra-curricular performance group that combines orchestral strings and pop/rock instruments to perform popular music. We meet all year, and perform at our Winter and Spring Concerts, as well as at other performances both inside and outside of school. We accept violins, violas, cellos, and rock instruments (**electric guitar, electric bass, drum set, piano**). 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will audition in September for placement in the group.



Advisor Names: Mr. Newman

Advisor Email: mnewman@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 PM on the following dates:

Fall: Oct. 7, Oct. 14, Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 11, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, Dec. 9

Winter/Spring: Jan. 6, Jan. 13, Jan. 20, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17, Feb. 24, Mar. 3, Mar. 10, Mar. 17, Mar. 24, Apr. 7, Apr. 14, Apr. 21, Apr. 28, May 5, May 12, May 19, May 26

Winter Running Club

Description:

Do you want to stay in shape over the long winter months? Consider joining the Winter Running Club! We will meet once a week and provide instruction on running, varied workouts, promote year-long fitness for other sports, and enjoyment of running. We are looking forward to preparing for 1 or 2 organized 5K races happening in the community!



Advisor Names: Mr. Newcamp

Advisor Emails: rnewcamp@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Every Thursday from November to the middle of March. Club time is from 2:30- 3:40 pm. Please meet in Room 313 after school.

Yearbook Club



Now is your chance to leave your mark at RMS by being a part of the Yearbook Committee!

Do you enjoy designing and being creative? Do you enjoy photography? This club offers members of the RMS student body to contribute to the design and development of the yearbook! In this club, students will be given the opportunity to take photos of school events, help choose a cover and theme for the yearbook, and design pages for the yearbook. Students will also help with the distribution process once the yearbooks arrive in June. This club will typically run from September-June, with a break in May while the yearbooks are being made by our awesome yearbook company, Walsworth!

Advisor Names: Ms. Ratanski and Mr. Gulino

Advisor Emails: cratanski@readington.k12.nj.us & egulino@readington.k12.nj.us

Advisor Phone: (908) 534-2113 ext. 3204

Meeting Room: 204

Pickup Location: RMS main entrance (may pull up outside to the vestibule)

Meeting Dates/Times: 2:30-3:30

Meeting Dates

September: 16, 30

October: 7, 21

November: 18

December: 9

January: 6, 20

February: 3, 17

March: 3, 17, 24

April: 7

June: 10 *Thursday