

Catonsville Middle School
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Extracurricular Activities 2009-2010

Art Clay Club

Mrs. Liberto sliberto@bcps.org
Mr. Volkmann evolkmann@bcps.org

Clay Club will start in October and will be held each Wednesday. Students can ride the activity bus home. We explore the world of clay by creating a variety of projects. The class runs for about six weeks both in the fall and spring. **Clay Club meets on Wednesdays.**

Basketball

8th Grade Boys & Girls Teams
Mr. Nazelrod rnazelrod@bcps.org
Mrs. Zacharski dzacharski@bcps.org

The 8th Grade Boys and Girls Basketball teams play other Baltimore County Middle Schools. Practice: Monday - Thursday, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. **Schedule TBD.**

Peer Leaders Unite (P.L.U.S.)

Mrs. Margulies dmargulies@bcps.org

P.L.U.S. is a group where students work together to encourage positive relationships. Planned activities bring diverse students together to learn from one another. P.L.U.S. students are great leaders at Catonsville Middle School!

Chess Club

Mr. Dungey tdungey@bcps.org

The chess club is an informal setting that is open to students in all grade levels. Group members are given the opportunity to learn basic strategy while fostering friendships and improving their overall skill level. Inter-squad tournaments take place on a monthly basis, with individual matches serving as the prime learning arena.

Drama Club

Mrs. McFadden cmcfadden@bcps.org **Mr. Roy** droy@bcps.org
Mrs. Stevenson cstevenson@bcps.org

Every December the drama club presents a musical play for the school community. Students audition for the Drama Club the second week of school and then rehearse every week after school. The production is held the first weekend in December. Students volunteers are also chosen to help design and build the set, work with lighting and sound, or set up the props. Students will meet on Tuesdays until closer to the production when rehearsal times will be determined.

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Intramurals - Boys

Mr. Nazelrod rnazelrod@bcps.org

Open to 7th and 8th grade boys only. A flag football tournament runs from September to Mid-November. In January and February boys from any grade can join to play floor hockey. This is a drop-in and play activity. No team registration is required as of yet.

Intramurals - Girls

Ms. Erlichman cerlichman@bcps.org

Various activities are introduced and played. Some activities include; volleyball, basketball, badminton, tennis, etc. Girl Intramurals can be a great place to meet new faces. It's a lot of fun and a good learning experience. The activities will start mid-October.

Girls' Intramurals meeting times are TBA.

Jogging Club

Ms. Erlichman cerlichman@bcps.org

This club is open to boys and girls from any grade level. The jogging club runs every Wednesday or Thursday, weather permitting.

MESA (Math, Engineering and Science Achievement)

Mr. Jones wjones5@bcps.org

Maryland MESA is a program designed to encourage minorities and females in achieving success in STEM fields. A group of students will participate in MESA Day Competitions in the spring. This year MESA participants will engage in a multi-task trebuchet challenge!

24 Math Club

Mr. Ambrose sambrose@bcps.org

24 is a math club where students learn and play the 24 game. It uses 4 numbers and the 4 operations of math in order to get an answer of 24. The club meets on Wednesdays after school and is open to all students. We hold a club competition in February to send representatives to the county competition in March.

Music - Guitar Club

Mrs. McFadden cmcfadden@bcps.org

Guitar club is open to anyone interested in learning a few basic chords and some simple songs on the guitar. No experience necessary. No equipment needed. The activity bus is not available on this day. The Guitar Club runs from January to early May.

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Music - Celtic Ensemble

Mrs. McFadden cmcfadden@bcps.org

Celtic Ensemble is a wonderful way to experience music from other countries while improving your musical skills. This ensemble will be playing traditional music of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and England. This is an instrumental music ensemble open to all string, flute, percussionist, guitar, banjo, and mandolin players. This group is also open to anyone from the community who would like to play with us. All the music can be adjusted to different skill levels. We will be performing in the Winter and Spring Concerts here at Catonsville in addition to other performances outside school.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00. Students may come on either or both days.

Music - Jazz Band

Mrs. Stevenson cstevenson2@bcps.org

The Jazz Band is open to students who play saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass, guitar, and drum set. . The group will perform at the Side By Side Concert and the Spring Concert, and if possible, at other venues in the community at dates to be announced.

The Jazz Band rehearses on Thursdays from 3-4:30 pm beginning in January.

Music - Percussion Ensemble

Mrs. Stevenson cstevenson2@bcps.org

The Percussion Ensemble is open to all students at CMS. The group will perform at the Winter Concert on December 19. ***Beginning in October, we will meet on Tuesdays from 3-4 pm.***

Music – Choir

Baltimore County Middle School Honors Chorus

Mr. Roy droy@bcps.org

Students enrolled in chorus in the 7th and 8th grade are eligible to audition for the County Honors Chorus. This group is made up of students from throughout the county and is formed by audition. This year, auditions take place on Saturday, November 4th at Dumbarton Middle School. Mr. Roy will be working with students to prepare them for their auditions after school in the month of October. The Honors Concert features the Honors Band, Chorus, and Orchestra and is televised on the Education Channel.

Music - Instrumental Coach Classes

Mrs. McFadden cmcfadden@bcps.org

Mrs. Stevenson cstevenson@bcps.org

Throughout the year extra coach classes are held on various days to help students prepare for upcoming auditions, solo and ensemble festivals, or to provide extra help for individuals. See Mrs. Stevenson or Mrs. McFadden to make arrangements.

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Music – Choir & Girls' Choir

Mr. Roy droy@bcps.org

The Catonsville Middle Girls Choir, directed by Mr. Roy, is an auditioned group of 27 girls that performs at Catonsville Middle and in the community. Auditions take place the first 2-3 weeks of school. Any girls interested in singing from all grade levels are invited to audition. Students do not need to be enrolled in chorus during the school day to audition for the group. The Girl's Choir also takes a yearly field trip to an amusement park to compete with other schools in the Maryland/ Pennsylvania/Virginia area.

Rehearsals are after school on Wednesdays from 2:50-4:00

National Junior Honor Society

Ms. Tucci ktucci@bcps.org

Students in grades 7 and 8 are invited to join the NJHS after being on the honor roll for the first three report cards. These students must also have completed at least 15 hours of community service, have high attendance standards, and are reviewed by a faculty committee on character traits as specified by the national organization. Students in the NJHS work on service activities throughout the year which benefit Catonsville Middle School or the Catonsville Community.

Robotics Club

Ms. Henry chenry@bcps.org

Students will develop troubleshooting, research and development, and experimentation skills as they design and build a robot to accomplish a specific goal. There are no plans to go to a robotics competition this year.

Student Government (SGA)

Mr. Jaffey ajaffey@bcps.org

The student government association (SGA) is an extremely active organization that deals with all aspects of student life. The SGA is comprised of an executive board formed of 7th and 8th grade students and representatives from all grades. SGA members will be asked to coordinate school wide activities that encourage social interaction through recreational activities, fund raising events, and educational opportunities. The SGA also functions as a liaison between the students and the faculty and administration. The SGA provides students with an opportunity to take leadership roles among their peers and to make a difference in school climate and life.

Cheerleading Club

Ms. Marshall smarshall4@bcps.org

The Cheerleading club is open to anyone who is interested in showing their school spirit through basic cheer and dance moves. The club will meet after school on Thursday afternoons. Lead mostly by students, this group intends to learn about sportsmanship, peer inclusion and basic cheer moves. Our goal is to take our talents onto the court during the girls' and boys' basketball season. We are looking for students who want to have fun at the end of the school day.

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Quiz Bowl

Mr. Noll anoll@bcps.org

A team orientated activity which stresses current events in a format that allows for the students to broaden their knowledge about the world and the impact of trends on society. Schools compete against each other in an attempt to win the Baltimore County Championship. ***Practice is on most Wednesdays after school.***

Environmental Club

Ms. Marshall smarshall4@bcps.org

Ms. Wallace twallace@bcps.org

Students in the Environmental Club will learn about current environmental issues and concerns. They will also learn about the role of the school's campus in the ecosystem as they engage in projects to improve the environment of the campus. School projects include participating and contributing to the organization of the school recycling plan and working through the "Green School" application process.

Literary Magazine

Mr. Kraus dkraus@bcps.org

The Literary Magazine is an annual publication of creative work written and edited by the students of Catonsville Middle School. Students may choose to participate as contributing authors, club members, or even club officers. All types and genres of creative work are published in the Literary Magazine: drama, fiction, and poetry; funny, sad, and weird; illustrated, typed, and handwritten (though we prefer typed). Enthusiastic students are encouraged to submit writing for entry in the magazine and to listen to the announcements for the dates of bi/tri-weekly after school meetings. Club meetings are extremely creative, and do involve the ingestion of chips, soda, and a variety of other snacks.

Cougar Speech and Debate Team

New to CMS this year!

Ms. Bartlett lbartlett@bcps.org

Have you ever thought about becoming an attorney and presenting your case in a courtroom? Have you ever considered working on and perfecting your presentational skills to serve you as a lifelong learner, thinker, and articulate speaker? The Catonsville Speech and Debate team will meet on Thursdays after school beginning in October from 3:00 p.m. until 4:15 (or when the activity bus arrives). Students on the team will begin by engaging in a variety of fun and intellectually stimulating speech activities. They will then be exposed to and given examples of the wide variety of events available in NFL (National Forensic League) speech competitions. Students will be given opportunities to try, practice, and be coached in these events, and ultimately, in the spring, students on the team will compete with students from all over the State of Maryland at the MCTELA sponsored EXPO tournament. Traditionally, these well-prepared students perform particularly well at this tournament.