



GIBBONS MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES 2022-23



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Art Club	Art Club is an opportunity for your student to try new materials and processes in a relaxed atmosphere. It is not a formal class, rather a time for students to further their desire to investigate the many forms two dimensional art takes. Instruction is modified for the students' interests and abilities. Artistic talent is not required, however only motivated students should join to keep the atmosphere of the club conducive to focused exploration.	Burgoyne	Art Room - 44	Tuesdays	2:45-3:45	February	June
Baseball	Tryouts will be held in early April for the interscholastic (travel) team. Approximately 15 players are selected to play on this combined 7th and 8th grade team. The team plays a 14 game schedule. Practices and games are held Monday through Friday (no weekends or vacations). A current physical is needed on file with the nurse, as is an online registration. Students will be notified of open online registration in mid-March. An informational meeting will be held prior to tryouts for all interested students.	Coach TBA	GMS Gym/Baseball Field	Mon-Fri	2:45-6pm	Early April	Early June
Basketball	Tryouts are held for the boys and girls interscholastic (travel) team. 7th and 8th graders are combined on each team. Approximately 12-14 players are selected. 14-15 game schedule with practices on non-game days. No weekend or vacation practices/games. Practices may be 2:45-4:00 or 4:00-5:15 depending on the day. Online registration through FamilyID is required and an updated physical must be on file with the school nurse in order to participate in any capacity. Activity fee. A student information meeting is held annually in early/mid-November.	Boys Coach- Jay Tortora Girls Coach- Jackie Rice	Gym	Mon-Fri	2:45-6:00	11/29	Just before February Vacay



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Chamber Orchestra	The Gibbons Chamber Orchestra is open to any student, by audition, who is currently enrolled in the Gibbons Orchestra. The ensemble will rehearse weekly from September through May. They will study a variety of string orchestra arrangements, including Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary. The Chamber Orchestra will perform regularly at school concerts and throughout the community should the opportunity arise.	Chartier	Orchestra Sectional Room - 46	Thursday	2:45-3:30	September	Early June
Chess Club	Students come together to play chess in a relaxed atmosphere. We occasionally run various different tournament formats, but students are welcome to drop in for a game.	J. Thomas	Room 7	Tuesdays	2:45 - 3:30	9/27	End of May
Community Service Club	Our goals include exposing the Gibbons school population to local, national, and global community concerns; providing social and educational opportunities in an interactive atmosphere; and promoting student leadership by encouraging students to connect to issues and follow through by planning and implementing action steps. Projects vary each year, depending on student interests. Past projects: fundraising and supporting UNICEF, Local Animal Shelters, food drives, bag lunches for local shelters, making blankets and scarves for the homeless and community gardening.	Gerstenzang & Greenwald	Rm. 23	Thursday	2:45 - 3:45	Early October	June - last late bus
Chamber Ensemble	The GMS Chamber Ensemble is an advanced choral ensemble offered to students enrolled in the GMS Chorus. Students in this ensemble study challenging choral repertoire, focusing on pop, jazz, and choral classics. This ensemble performs within the Westborough Community, both in and out of school.	Stillitano	Music Room - 42	Wednesdays	2:40-3:30pm	Sept 28th (audition on Sept 21st)	May 31st



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Cross Country	Students of all abilities come together to run on different terrains and train together to become better runners. Students learn how to properly stretch, workout and practice to become stronger, safe runners. Throughout the season we do different activities to help our students improve their personal bests while competing against local teams.	Sullivan/Paulhus	GMS Upper Field	Tues,Wed,Thurs- Most MEETS are on Thursdays this year which means it may extend time to 5:30 pm. The last meet is 10/19 (Tuesday)	Prac 2:45-3:35	9/8(meeting) Practice start 9/9	End October 19
ELL Club	The ELL club strives to promote our ESL students' social integration, as well as providing our students with academic support. ELLs have the opportunity to complete homework as well as interact with other ELL students through various activities and games.	Thomas / McDonald	Grade 7 - 20A Grade 8 - 30A	Wednesdays	2:45-3:30	October	February 2023
Gaming Club	This is a first year club with the goal of providing a fun and welcoming space for students to participate in board games and/or video games depending on interest. We are encouraging students who enjoy Dungeons and Dragons, Catan, and other long-play board games to join, organize games and materials, and help run this club. Moving forward, we may expand to video games if we can provide the space and equipment. Our first meeting to plan and gauge interest will be September 28th. Students can also join our Google Classroom to organize and share ideas.	McNeil	Library	Wed/Fri	2:45-3:30	9/28/2022	May 2022
Girls Who Code	After school club 7-8th grade students to explore coding in a fun & friendly environment with a goal to close the gender gap in technology.	Gerstenzang & Anderson	48	Monthly on Tuesday--floats by month	2:45-3:30	contact Ms. Gerstenzang or Ms. Anderson for more info	May



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GMS GSA	The Gibbons Middle School GSA plans to promote tolerance, support, and acceptance throughout the community and provide a safe, non-judgemental space for students learning and exploring their identity. The GSA brings students together to meet new friends, share knowledge and experiences, grasp different point of views, and form meaningful connections. We aim to reduce any feeling of isolation and depression students might feel, and invite all students, regardless of their orientation and identity, to participate in events and conversations. We are here to support, share resources, hang out, and have fun in a safe, accepting environment. All are welcome.	Giglotta	Room 39	Thursdays	2:45-3:30	Sept. 22	June
GMS Speech & Debate Club	The GMS Speech & Debate Club is dedicated to giving students a platform to practice their public speaking and debate skills. Students will be coached in the art of debate and rhetoric using games and activities that help develop critical thinking skills. Later on, students will conduct self-guided research on, and debate about topics of their interest. The GMS Speech and Debate Club is open to all 7th and 8th graders .	Osmany	Room 30	Every other Wednesday	2:45 - 3:30	October	April
GMS Tech Squad	The main goal of a tech squad at the middle school is to have technology trained students throughout the school available to assist teachers and students with technology in the classroom. GMS Tech Squad students will work with a Technology Teacher and be trained to provide the access, resources and learning opportunities for students and staff using technology.	Coplin/Notice	Library/Tech Office	Wednesdays	2:45-3:30	October 26th	June
Environmental Club	The Environmental Club will organize and support the recycling/composting efforts within the school. We will also work on establishing a no idling zone. We will participate in the Spring Westborough Energy	Borden	Room 4	Wednesday	2:45 - late bus	Late September	June



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Intramural Badminton	Intramural badminton is an enjoyable way for students of all ability levels to be active. Registration is completed online. Intramural Badminton will start with a short introduction to drills and skills and then jump right into games/tournament and end with playoffs. Sign ups will be held online in early/mid October. Intramurals will conclude in time for students to take the late bus.	Dubovick/Paulhus	Gym	Tues, Wed, & Thurs	2:45-3:45	October 25th	November 17th
Strength and Conditioning (Intramural)	This Intramural program will provide an enjoyable way for all students of all abilities to be active and improve their fitness level all while learning the importance of fitness and health. This will include things like endurance training, agility drills, strength training, and flexibility. It will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 2:45 -3:45 in Gibbons gymnasium and Fitness Room. This Strength and Conditioning Intramural program will be run by Ms. Dubovick.	Dubovick	Gym/Fitness Room	Tues & Thurs	2:45-3:45	Sept. 27th	October 20th
Intramural Volleyball	Intramural Volleyball is a co-ed activity that is typically very popular at GMS. There are no practices and students play a 12-16 game schedule, often with multiple games played per afternoon. Sign ups will be held online in early February. Students are notified when to sign up via morning announcements, in Physical Education classes, on the Gibbons News and Notes. All Gibbons Middle School students are eligible to participate. Intramurals will conclude in time for students to take the late bus.	Dubovick/Paulhus	Gym	Tues, Wed, & Thurs	2:45-3:45	Early March	Late March



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Jazz Band	The Gibbons Middle School Jazz Band meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:15-8:00am. It provides an opportunity for students to study and perform music of the jazz idiom. Students must audition for acceptance and seat placement. Jazz band is a year long commitment for accepted students, who are required to attend all rehearsals and concerts. Jazz band students must be currently enrolled in the curricular band program here at Gibbons Middle School unless they play the guitar, bass guitar or piano.	Dufresne	Band Room	Tues, Thu. mornings	7:15-8:00am	September	Early June
Gibbons Gazette Journalism Club	The Gibbons Gazette is a student-run school newspaper website. Students who join the staff learn about writing, organizing, and designing a newspaper. Once a student commits to being a part of the newspaper, he or she is assigned a specific job title. Some students are reporters, writers, and photographers. Others collect and choose submissions from students who are not on the newspaper staff. There are also newspaper editors and graphic designers. It is a really fun club that produces a professional newspaper website which is featured on the school website and read by students, staff and parents.	Mrs. Nottingham	Room 13	Tuesdays	2:45-3:30	09-27-22	June
Math Team	The Gibbons Math Team competes in the Intermediate Math League of Eastern Massachusetts (IMLEM). The league is comprised of sixty six schools divided into 13 clusters. Practices are held on 3 Tuesdays each month to prepare for five competitions held throughout the year at neighboring schools. Students have the opportunity to gather with friends and complete with other like minded students from other schools while solving challenging math problems.	Shaughnessy	Room 10	Practice most Tuesdays with 5 Math Meets (with other schools). Meets will be in person on Thursday or Wednesday	2:40 - 3:30	9/20/2021	3/31/2022
Musical-Gibbons Theater	The School Theater Program is a place to grow as a student in all aspects of the performing arts, learning, commitment, and creativity.	Taylor/SkyRise Theater	auditorium	Tue/Thur	240 - 430 PM	Auditions in January!	March 20-22



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Play - Drama-Gibbons Theater	The School Theater Program is a place to grow as a student in all aspects of the performing arts, learning, commitment, and creativity.	Taylor/SkyRise Theater	Auditorium	Tue/Thur	240-415	September	OCT 21-22
Politics Club	The goal of this club is to promote the education of current events and other "hot issues" in the world. We encourage discussion and the sharing of student perspectives on political topics. Signup: None/Walkins welcome	Paulhus/Powers	Library	Friday	730-800 AM	September 16	June 9,2023
Pottery Club	Pottery Club is an opportunity for your student to try new materials and processes in a relaxed atmosphere. It is not a formal class, rather a time for students to further their desire to investigate the many forms, processes and techniques used in three dimensional art. Instruction is modified based on the students' interests and abilities. Artistic talent is not required, however only motivated students should join to keep the atmosphere of the club conducive to focused exploration.	Burgoyne	Art Room - 44	Tuesdays	2:45-3:45	mid Sept (when late busses start)	end of January
Robotics Club	Introduction to Robotics. Seventh and eighth grade studens have an opportunity to build a robot, problem solve and collaborate with freinds while learning the basics of a compitive robtics team. This club is run by the high school Robotics team called Redshift. Show off your competitive side during games and competitions, have fun, and make new freinds that share a passion for science and engineering too!	Cote	Room 8	Tuesdays	2:45-3:45	Oct	January
Science Fair	Seventh and eighth grade students have an opportunity to participate in the Worcester Regional Middle School Science and Engineering Fair which will be held at WPI in Worcester this year. Ten projects will be chosen to represent Gibbons Middle School. To be eligible students will need to complete a science fair project after school (some work may need to be done at home) and under the supervision of the advisor.	Greenwald	Room 5	Wednesday- calendar of meeting dates will be provided at informational meeting	2:40-until the late bus	October	June



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Stock Club	The SIFMA Foundation's acclaimed Stock Market Game™ program is an online simulation of the global capital markets that engages students grades 4-12 in the world of economics, investing and personal finance, and prepares them for financially independent futures. Massachusetts Stock Market Game is sponsored by the Boston Globe, each student is given a \$100,000 portfolio to compete with other middle schools throughout the state. Sign up: First Day of Club	Paulhus	Room 23	Thursday	7:30-8: 00AM	9/22/2022	5/4/2023
Student Council	The Gibbons Student Council meets weekly on Wednesdays after school. Many of our endeavors are geared towards assisting the local community and to making Gibbons a fun, safe and tolerant place for all students. Some of our activities consist of planning and organizing school dances, running a can food drive, a clothing drive, helping teachers after school, assisting in the Turkey Trot, coordinating a Spirit Week and leading fundraising efforts to help local charities.	Paulhus	Room 23	Wednesdays	725-805AM	Late September	Early June



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Track & Field	Gibbons spring track & field is a non-cut sport that challenges students to set personal-bests in both track and field events. Track running events include: 1600 m, 800 m, 400 m, 200 m, 100 m, 100 m hurdles, and 4 x 100 m relay. Field events include: long jump, high, jump, and shot put. Students will hone their skills during practices and compete against others at both home and away meets. Please note: enrollment will be capped and sign-ups are on a first come, first served basis.	Fillmore & Powers - head coaches	WHS track	Tu/W/Th and possibly an occasional Monday track meet (weather permitting)	2:50 - 3:30	Mid April	Late May/Early June
Video Production Club	The video production club will be working alongside the journalism club to produce videos that highlight news, activities, and events happening at Gibbons. Students will be in front of the camera and behind the scenes to produce, film, and edit their content using the video equipment in the library. Our goal is to have video content that compliments the news stories produced by the Journalism club and will be featured on their news website.	Mr. McNeil	GMS Library	Tuesdays	2:40-3:40	Late September	June
Yearbook	The Yearbook members work together to create the school yearbook. Students travel with cameras to capture memorable middle school moments. In addition, they produce creative promotional signs, select the cover, brainstorm page ideas, engage in fun activities and assemble each page of the yearbook. The students spend many hours putting together the yearbook, and they do a fantastic job.	Kennedy	Room 12	Thursdays	2:40	Late September	April