

2018-2019 CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Please check the QMS morning announcements for updates

GENERAL INTEREST

Book Chat*

Book Chat encourages a love of reading at QMS. Book-lovers have the opportunity to chat about what they are reading and what they like to read, are introduced to “behind the scenes” library work, learn to write book reviews, and coordinate reading/book-related activities for the school.

Advisor: Nancy Breef-Pilz

Meeting Time: Tuesdays, 1:50 – 2:50pm

Math Team

The QMS Math Team is a competitive team made up of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders who enjoy working on mathematics in a cooperative environment. The team competes throughout the year in the Intermediate Mathematics League of Eastern Massachusetts (IMLEM), a collaboration of Massachusetts’ middle schools providing students with a challenging mathematics competition, and MathCounts, a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement in every U.S. state & territory. The team travels to at least five competitions a year, and any student interested is encouraged to join!

Advisor: Jennifer MacMurray

Meeting Time: Thursdays, 1:50 – 2:50pm

Student Council

Elected and Volunteer Positions

The QMS Student Council consists of elected and volunteer positions. Students work closely with the QMS Student Council Advisor to encourage and develop Student Leadership and Teamwork Skills. Student Council members work in partnership with teachers and school administration in support of school-wide activities, social events, and community service projects. Elections for appointed positions are held by the beginning of early October; however, any student who wishes to participate throughout the year is encouraged to attend weekly General Body Meetings.

Advisor: Brooke Clifford

Meeting Time: Weekly Meetings varies; check QMS Morning Announcements

Yearbook

This club is for any student who would like to be part of coordinating the school yearbook, including taking photos, setting up pages, and interviewing students, teachers, and administrators.

Advisor: Virginia Tibbetts

Meeting Time: varies; check QMS Morning Announcements

LITERARY & VISUAL ARTS

Creative Writing Club*

The Creative Writing Club offers students interested in writing the opportunity to engage in writing outside the classroom. Students have the opportunity to explore and develop their skills in different writing genres including fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry. Some writing projects will be worked on individually while others will be group projects. Highlights from previous years include participating in National Novel Writing Month, Blackout Poetry, Round Robin writing, and Choose Your Own Adventures stories.

Advisors: Meredith Taylor

Meeting Time: Thursdays, 1:50 – 2:45pm

The Hive Literary Magazine

The Hive nurtures the artistic talents and literary aspirations of QMS students. Students create, edit, and publish the annual literary magazine.

Advisors: Marissa Simas and Kaleigh Pimble

Meeting Time: Mid-January – May: Thursdays as needed; 1:50 – 2:40pm check with advisors and the QMS Morning Announcements.

FITNESS & SPORTS

Intramurals

Signed permission slip required.

The Athletics Department of the Mansfield Public Schools sponsors a program of intramural athletics and activities at QMS to provide worthwhile recreation for students after school. Intramurals has three sessions: Fall Season, Winter Season, and Spring Season.

Meeting Time: Mondays – Thursdays, 1:50 – 2:50pm

Fall Session: 9/17-11/8: Wiffleball on Monday & Wednesday - Soccer on Tuesday & Thursday.

Winter Session: 12/3-2/7: sports TBA

Spring Session: 3/25-5/23: sports TBA

Girls Running Club*

Signed permission slip required.

The QMS Running Clubs supports health and wellness of students at QMS, promotes positive body image, high self-esteem, goal-setting and getting in shape.

Advisors: Betsy D'Ambrosia, Jayna Roberts, Christine Shelley

Meeting Time: Mondays, 1:50 – 2:50pm; September – October and April – June

Ski Club

Fee is charged

Students who sign up for Ski Club will ski six consecutive Friday afternoon/nights in January/February 2018. Students leave right after school and ski at Wachusett Mountain in Princeton, MA. This activity is adult-supervised. Students may take lessons, as well as rent equipment.

Advisor: Ryan Mehigan

***Sign-Up and Information Meeting for New Members on Wednesday, October 10, 2017 at 6:30pm in QMS auditorium. Mr. Mehigan will contact returning members.

PERFORMING ARTS

Jazz Ensemble

Students have the opportunity to perform in a middle school jazz band and benefit from exposure to jazz literature and additional performance opportunities. Open to any student in 6th – 8th grades who can play an instrument and is interested in learning about jazz. The jazz ensemble rehearses after school and performs in several concerts throughout the year. Visit the QMS Band website at qmsband.com.

Advisors: Laurie Pepicelli and Tom White

Meeting Time: Thursdays, 2:00-2:50pm

Percussion Ensemble

The Percussion Ensemble is open to any student in 6th – 8th grades who is interested in joining and learning to play a percussion instrument; students do NOT need to be percussionists. Students benefit from additional performance opportunities and gain additional experience playing with others. The Percussion Ensemble rehearses after school and performs in two concerts during the school year. As well as, competes in the local winter percussion circuit. Auditions are in October. Visit the QMS Band website at qmsband.com.

Advisor: Laurie Pepicelli

Meeting Time: varies; check QMS Morning Announcements

QMS Drama

Audition process required.

QMS Drama mounts a full-scale, student musical production in the fall and competes in the Middle School One-Act Play Festival during the spring. Auditions are required for all students interested in being part of QMS Drama. Students who are not interested in performance may apply for technical and crew positions. Visit the QMS Drama website: www.qmsdrama.com.

Advisors: Patrick McCrossan and Jessica Strunin

Meeting Time: varies; see QMS drama website for schedules

QMS Rock Orchestra*

Everyone wants to be a Rock Star! Inspired by a passion for all kinds of music and the Mark Wood Electrify Your Strings program, the QMS Rock Orchestra is for any student in grades 6-8 who can sing, play strings, guitar, bass guitar, keyboards and drums. Students who participate in the QMSRO are able to express their individuality while performing in several concerts throughout the year. Rehearsing once a week, QMSRO brings together students from a variety of backgrounds who share their love for alternative music demonstrating what it is like to be a rock star orchestral musician at an early age. In the words of Mark Wood, "It's the perfect blend of classical instruments and the flare of rock and roll...it's giving kids across the country a whole new appreciation for music." In the words of director, Mr. Twiraga, "Rock On!"

Advisor: Stephen J Twiraga

Meeting Time: Monday, 2:00-3:00pm

QMS Show Choir*

Show choir is a group for those who love to sing, dance, act and have a lot of fun. It is for students in grade 6 through 8 who are interested in learning how to sing and dance at the same time. We perform a wide variety of music from pop to rock to musicals to original compositions. We will perform several times throughout the year including at the Bartlett Junior High Show Choir Festival in Webster, Massachusetts.

Advisor: Stephen J Twiraga

Meeting Time: Tuesday, 2:00-3:00pm

QMS Festival/Chamber Orchestra

Festival and Chamber Orchestra are extra curricular ensembles of the string orchestra. The groups are intended for students in grade 7 who are advanced on their string instruments through 8 who are interested in a extra opportunities to perform on their violin/viola/cello/string bass. These groups will perform throughout the year and will culminate in competing at the Great East Festival. All students who are interested in joining should meet with Mr. Twiraga in person.

Advisor: Stephen J Twiraga

Meeting Time: Alternating Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00pm

QMS Men's Choir

Men's choir is a group for men of QMS to sing a variety of music including barbershop, acapella, doo-wop, and Motown. It is for students in grade 6 through 8 who are interested in learning how to sing unaccompanied. We will perform several times throughout the year including our grand debut performance at the December Winter concert.

Advisor: Stephen J Twiraga

Meeting Time: Thursdays, 2:00-3:00pm

Tri-M Music Honor Society

Selection process required

Tri-M is an internationally-recognized music honor society. Band and Orchestra students are accepted based on specific credentials. Tri-M members participate in performances, community service, and other school events throughout the year. Visit the QMS Band website at www.qmsband.com.

Advisor: Laurie Pepicelli

Meeting Time: Mondays, check with Ms. Pepicelli

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