

**McCarthy Middle School
Activities
2019-2020**



Homework Club

Mrs. Sherlock, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Lococo

Tuesday Room 201 & Wednesday Library

Library

This program is designed to give students a "Study Place". Come do your homework, work on a project, catch up on your reading etc. Students will have access to computers for written assignments and research. Please make sure you have homework to do while in Homework club.

Performance Student Art Club Grades 5 & 6

Mrs. Kiley

Wednesday

Art Room #122

Group A -Fall (October -January) or Group B-Spring (February -May)

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5th and 6th grade performance music students who do not take art class during the school day may participate in art club that meets once a week for half the year. Students will be creating selections from the district and state art curriculum frameworks using a variety of media; both 2D and 3D. Please note the "fall" (October-January) or "spring" (February-May) choice in order to plan accordingly.

Drama Club

Ms. Richardson

Auditorium

Wednesday & Thursday October-March (TBA Start Date)

Drama Club is different than the normal school clubs as it meets multiple days a week, and rehearsals run until 4:30 most days. Auditions are held in late October/early November, and this year's show "Honk, Jr" (the story of the Ugly duckling) will go up March 20 and 21. Great Music and lots of comedy...you don't want to miss the fun!! (If you purchased an Activity Card to try out for the play and do not get a part, you will be refunded your activity fee if you choose not to participate in any other Activities)

Back Stage Crew (tech club)

Mrs. Rush

Auditorium

Wednesdays (TBA Start Date)

October-March, Wednesdays to start (additional days will be added as show gets closer)

*This activity is only being offered to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. *

The Backstage Crew represents the "unseen eye" that makes the School Musical come to life. We will be building and painting set pieces, as well as coordinating their location on the stage. Please be willing to paint, swing a hammer, and work as a team to see a play like you've never seen before! We will start by meeting on Wednesdays but, as we get closer to the school play, we will be meeting more frequently. **At least one Saturday work day will be required if you would like to help move set pieces during the play weekend (which is in February).**

5th and 6th Grade Student Council

Ms. Germain

Pod 3

Meetings will take place on Tuesday Mornings at 7:30

5th and 6th grade Student Council- Mrs. Germain Students will meet weekly to plan spirit days, general school activities and assist teachers/other clubs as needed. Mr. McPhee and Mrs. Calobrisi may want to utilize them in other ways as well. In the past students have volunteered at Open House, Family Fun nights sponsored by the PTO and 4th grade School Tours. Student Council members have been an integral part of the McCarthy community, through their volunteer work within our building. The goal is to have an equal amount of students from the 5th and 6th grade representing their peers. At least one student from each homeroom is encouraged to participate, however, as many students who want to participate will be accepted. Students will be required to participate in at least 5 hours of volunteer time throughout the school year. Examples: (not limited to just these) • Help out on Open House to direct parents where to go. • Sell candy/items at events such as the school play and McCarthy Idol. • Volunteer for a time slot at Family Fun nights to help families and the PTO with their events.

7th and 8th Grade Student Council

Ms. Bethel

Pod 3

Meetings will take place on Tuesday Mornings at 7:30

7th and 8th grade Student Council- Mrs. Bethel Students will meet weekly to plan spirit days, general school activities and assist teachers/other clubs as needed. Mr. McPhee and Mrs. Calobrisi may want to utilize them in other ways as well. In the past students have volunteered at Open House, Family Fun nights sponsored by the PTO and 4th grade School Tours. Student Council members have been an integral part of the McCarthy community, through their volunteer work within our building. The goal is to have an equal amount of students from the 7th and 8th grade representing their peers. At least one student from each homeroom is encouraged to participate, however, as many students who want to participate will be accepted. Students will be required to participate in at least 5 hours of volunteer time throughout the school year. Examples: (not limited to just these) • Help out on Open House to direct parents where to go. • Sell candy/items at events such as the school play and McCarthy Idol. • Volunteer for a time slot at Family Fun nights to help families and the PTO with their events. Meetings will take place on Tuesday Mornings at 7:30 in Pod 3.

McCarthy Science Olympiad Team

Ms. Bonnar, Ms. Venugopal

Room 109

Thursday

Science Olympiad is the leading national science and engineering competition for students. In this club, students will compete in three categories of events: build, study, and lab. The team meets weekly in Lab 109/Cafeteria/Room 103 to learn, design, and build. This is a competitive team and the ability to work both independently and with a partner is essential. A love of science is a must! All grades are welcome. There are 23 possible events for students to choose from in disciplines including: Earth Science, Life Sciences, Chemistry, Physical Science, and Engineering. Current events include: Boomilever, Mousetrap vehicle, Crime Busters, Anatomy, and many more. Students choose their own projects and topics of study based on their interests. The state competition will likely be held in Worcester, sometime in March 2020. YOU MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE COMPETITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD.

Project 300 Club

Mr. Sullivan

Room 115

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Students will help provide awareness about Project 300 and its importance to the McCarthy Community.

Cross Country Running Team

Ms. Klick

Tuesday & Thursday (September – October)

The McCarthy Cross Country Running Team is a group that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the fall. We will be training to compete in several meets this season, in addition to our own “mini marathon”. Races vary from one-two miles. Practices are created to meet the needs of both beginners and more experienced runners. Students must provide their own rides home until late buses start in early October.

Writers Society

Mrs. McMahon

Wednesday (Starting 2/26/20)

Writer’s Society is a weekly activity dedicated to creative writing. Students learn about new genres of writing or new topic ideas to improve and create outstanding pieces. Mini-lessons will be based on what the students want to learn and varying their writing techniques. Writer’s Society gives students a chance to write freely in any genre of their choice and meet new people. We not only write but also tell stories, create word puzzles, and socialize. Many students focus on short stories, articles, personal narratives, and poetry. The Writer’s Society is open to all grade levels. This club will start the week after February vacation.

Ecology Club

Ms. Daigle

Room 208

Thursday

Ecology Club helps us learn about the importance of taking care of our environment. We will work together and gather ideas about concerns for the environment and what we can do to make this corner of our world healthier and we will make informative posters that explain the importance of taking care of the environment. Some ideas for this fall and winter are recycling, composting, and growing good food here at McCarthy. We will take a look at where our storm water goes. It will be fun to explore Hentz Park while the weather is nice and work to maintain the park. In the spring, we will spend most of the time outdoors learning about organic gardening. We have seven raised beds and some garden space for planting. Perhaps we will have a farmer come to school and discuss the importance of organic farming.

Yearbook Staff Grade 5-8 Students

Mrs. Skaff/Mrs. Scheinbart

Room 104

Thursday Mornings 7:30am

The yearbook is a treasured keepsake for all students and staff each year. It is a place to share the marvelous happenings here at McCarthy whether academic, athletic, social, or creative. Meetings will take place in Mrs. Skaff's room before school Thursday at 7:30 AM. Yearbook is open to all grade levels so please join us.

3D Printing Club

Ms. O'Meara

Room 121

Wednesday

The 3D Printing Club will allow students in grades 5-8 to explore the use of CAD software such as Sketchup or Tinkercad to design and print their own three-dimensional objects. These objects will be designed, converted to a 3D printer friendly format, and then printed in-house with our Makerbot 3D printers. The student will be encouraged to take their 3d printed object home. This is a full year club. Monthly Schedule: 1st and 3rd weeks: 5th and 7th graders 2nd and 4th weeks: 6th and 8th graders Max students per week: 20. 3D Printing Club sign-up sheet will be posted at 4 corners.

Stand Up McCarthy (GSA)

Ms. Denson

Room 111

Wednesday

Stand Up McCarthy is a GSA club open to ALL students. If you are interested in supporting the diversity of our school, and all of its students Stand Up McCarthy welcomes you!

Intramural Sports (All Grades)

Gym

Mr. Sherlock

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday Grades 5&6 (only). Wednesday Grades 7&8 (only)

Intramural sports will consist of gym games and sports games. It will be open to all 5th and 6th grade students, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and open to 7th and 8th grade on Wednesday only. Students will have the opportunity to play league games on Tuesday, alternating games on Wednesday, and Student Choice on Thursday.

Tuesdays (Team Tuesday): This will be the day of the week when teams will compete in league Competition, including playoffs and championships.

October:	Flag football
November:	Soccer
Dec./Jan:	Basketball
February:	Floor Hockey
March:	Team Handball
April:	TBA
May:	Whiffle ball

Wednesdays (2 for 1 Ball Games): This day will include games that are the most popular here at McCarthy. Here are just a sample of some of the games that will be played. Boffleball, Pinball, Matball, McCarthy Ball, Kickball, Wallyball and Asteroids.

Thursdays (Student Vote Day): This day will be a day where staff will select 3-4 different activities. Students will then be able to vote for their top 2 choices to be played that day. The pool of activities will change each week so that students will have an opportunity to participate in several games. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Sherlock in the Physical Education Department.

Select Choir

Ms. Richardson

Chorus Room

Thursday 7:15 AM (Enter thru exterior Chorus door)

Select chorus is an auditioned group of singers grades 6-8. This group meets weekly BEFORE school at 7:15 every Thursday. Students will prepare songs for two evening concerts, the All Town 4-12 Select Chorus Festival, and an annual adjudication. Additional performances may be added as the opportunity arises.

Game Club

Ms. Belanger, Ms. Martin

Room 231

Wednesday Rm. 202 (10/15/19-2/5/20) Rm. 216, (Starting 2/25/20)

Come spend the afternoon playing games with other students. You can bring in a game to share or use any of the ones in the classroom: Battleship, Apples to Apples, checkers, Guess Who?, Sorry, Risk, etc. Meet new people and have fun! Take a break from school, relax and spend the afternoon playing games with other students. Mastermind, Apples to Apples, Checkers, Hangman, Jenga and many more to choose from or you can bring in your own game to share! Lots of fun and some challenging games! Winter and Spring semester.

Jazz Band

Mr. Wright

Band Room

Tuesday Grades 6-8

Jazz Band will be a weekly activity held on Tuesday afternoons. This group will focus on the performance, history, and interpretation of jazz music throughout American history. A core component of this group will be improvisation and soloing. There will be a discussion of important people, genres, and events in the history of jazz. Rehearsals will focus on learning important jazz literature, and performing in the style of the era. There will be performances held at both the Winter and Spring McCarthy Band concerts. There will also be a performance with the Parker Middle School and CHS at the Jazz Showcase concert later this spring. Additional performances will depend on community interest.

Jazz Band Instrumentation is as follows: - Alto Saxophone - Tenor Saxophone - Bari Saxophone - Trumpet - Trombone - Guitar - Bass Guitar or Double Bass - Drum Set - Auxiliary Percussion

Any students passionate and interested in playing the jazz genre on a different instrument can still participate and parts will be written or arranged for those students.

This jazz program will continue to be an integral part of the overall music education of our McCarthy students. This group provides extra opportunities for our students to play challenging and diverse musical literature otherwise not offered within the school day.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Ms. Rush, Mr. Robbat

Room 106

Thursday

Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) is a fantasy role playing game (RPG) in which players create characters and embark upon imaginary adventures within a fantasy setting. Together they solve dilemmas, engage in battles, and gather treasure and knowledge. In the process, the characters earn experience points (XP) in order to rise in levels, and become increasingly powerful over a series of separate gaming sessions. If you have played before we welcome your experience and if are trying it for the first time we will get you all set up! Weekly Dungeons and Dragons group with a small number of students to help promote creativity, teamwork, camaraderie, and most of all Fun!