



# ARDSLEY

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to be offering a variety of after-school clubs at AMS again this year (see list below). The clubs will begin the week of **Monday, October 16th**. To sign up for a club, **students should email the club advisor(s) listed, no later than Friday, October 13th.**

Clubs begin at 2:45 and run until 3:45, unless noted otherwise. Students may participate in multiple clubs, provided there are no conflicts with meeting days/times.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: 914-295-5620 or [jgoldenberg@ardsleyschools.org](mailto:jgoldenberg@ardsleyschools.org).

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Goldenberg*

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## AMS Clubs/Activities 2023-2024

<u>Club</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>Grade/Day/Time</u>
<p><b><i>AMS Singers</i></b>                      Ms. Kaplan  <a href="mailto:JKaplan@ardsleyschools.org">JKaplan@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>AMS Singers is for anyone who wants to participate in a singing group, especially for those who are in band and orchestra during the school day. No auditions required. AMS Singers will perform in the winter and spring concerts.</p>	<p>Grades 5-8                      Thursdays</p> <p>Google Classroom Code:                      zlnbgvc</p>
<p><b><i>AV Club</i></b>                      Ms. Clohessy  <a href="mailto:aclohessy@ardsleyschools.org">aclohessy@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>AV club assists with the sets, props, sound and lighting for the school musical.</p>	<p><b>Grade 8 Only</b>                      Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays                      3:00 - 4:30 starting in October and ending with the musical production on February 9th.</p>
<p><b><i>Book Club</i></b>                      Mr. Ponce  <a href="mailto:rponce@ardsleyschools.org">rponce@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>For 7th/8th grade readers who find pure joy in a book.</p> <p>If you are an avid reader and you're looking for a place besides English class and home to share your thoughts, insights, and experiences around a shared text, then this club is for you!</p> <p>Our first meeting will be used to choose the books our group will read.</p> <p>You will be responsible for getting your own copies of the books we select.</p>	<p>Grades 7-8</p> <p>Every other Thursday beginning October 17</p>
<p><b><i>Chamber Orchestra</i></b>                      Ms. Lee-Chong  <a href="mailto:sleechong@ardsleyschools.org">sleechong@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>Chamber Orchestra is for advanced string players who would like to play more challenging pieces. We perform in the Winter Concert and Spring Concert.</p> <p>It would be helpful if you have private lessons. Auditions are required.</p>	<p>Grades 5-8                      Thursdays</p>
<p><b><i>Debate Club</i></b>                      Mr. Simone  <a href="mailto:jimone@ardsleyschools.org">jimone@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>Come and learn how to use your natural talent of arguing and challenging authority! By joining the Debate Club you will learn a variety of skills that will help you be successful in all aspects of your life. You will be able to choose topics that are important and relevant to you.</p>	<p>Grades 5-8                      2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month</p> <p>Google Classroom Code:                      jlgppvt</p>

<p><b><i>Gaming Club: Unplugged</i></b> Ms. Tallevi <a href="mailto:ltallevi@ardsleyschools.org">ltallevi@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>Do you like playing games? This club will focus on playing games and solving puzzles of the non-electric (old-school!) sort, with a focus on Rubix Cubes to start. No prior experience is necessary, only a love of games!</p>	<p>Grades 5-8 Every other Thursday beginning October 19</p> <p>Click <a href="#">here</a> for the Google Classroom link</p>
<p><b><i>Hiking Club</i></b> Mr. Nappi Mr. Grady <a href="mailto:anappi@ardsleyschools.org">anappi@ardsleyschools.org</a> <a href="mailto:sgrady@ardsleyschools.org">sgrady@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>If enjoying the outdoors and getting some exercise is appealing to you, then come join the Hiking Club!</p> <p>Code to join our google classroom page is: <a href="#">onmdmhb</a></p>	<p>Grades 5-8 Interest Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13th at 3pm via Zoom</p> <p>Hikes announced well in advance. Likely on Wednesdays Hikes dates may change based on weather forecasts.</p> <p>Transportation will need to be provided</p>
<p><b><i>History Club</i></b> Mr. Nappi Mr. Grady <a href="mailto:anappi@ardsleyschools.org">anappi@ardsleyschools.org</a> <a href="mailto:sgrady@ardsleyschools.org">sgrady@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>Our club is designed to highlight how history has impacted the Ardsley Community and neighboring villages, towns and cities throughout Westchester. Along with the Ardsley Historical Society members will experience the rich history of their village and the importance of preserving that history. Club members will tour historic structures, take walking tours in the village, visit the historical society, and explore stretches of the South County railway which was once the NY &amp; Putnam Railroad. We plan to also have off site meetings at various historic sites and locations in the area.</p> <p>Code to join our google classroom page is: t74u2t4</p>	<p>Grade 5-8 Interest Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13th at 3pm via Zoom</p> <p>Club Meetings may vary due to site availability and weather.</p> <p>Transportation will need to be provided to off-site locations.</p>
<p><b><i>Jazz Band</i></b> Ms. DeFrenza <a href="mailto:ldefrenza@ardsleyschools.org">ldefrenza@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>This band is for students interested in playing Jazz. Students will perform in the school concerts. This ensemble will play music in the typical jazz big band instrumentation consisting of: trumpets, saxophones, trombones, drum set, bass, and piano. Auditions required. and will be held in school.</p>	<p>Grades 5-8 Tuesdays</p>

<p><b>Junior Chef</b>  <b>A&amp;B: Grades 5/6</b>  <b>C: Grades 7/8</b>  Ms. Vlad  <a href="mailto:svlad@ardsleyschools.org">svlad@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>Come join Ms. Vlad’s creative kitchen as a junior chef. We will be learning about all types of foods, how to prepare them, and, of course, you will eat your own creations. We will prepare a variety of recipes ranging from simple to gourmet and appetizers to desserts.</p> <p>Each club is strictly limited to 16 students.</p> <p>If you are wanting to be with a specific classmate, you and the classmate need to indicate it in your emails when signing up. Sign ups will continue until both clubs are full and then a waiting list will be generated. Request to change groups is not possible once you have been assigned. There is a \$50 fee to cover the cost of supplies. Checks should be made payable to Ardsley Middle School and are due at the first session.</p>	<p><b><u>Jr. Chef A --Grades 5/6</u></b>  <b>Start date Oct. 19</b>  <b>Other dates will be posted in GC.</b></p> <p><b><u>Jr. Chef B --Grades 5/6</u></b>  <b>Start date Oct. 26</b>  <b>Other dates will be posted in GC</b></p> <p>Each group typically meets twice a month on Thursdays.</p> <p><b><u>Jr. Chef C -- Grades 7/8</u></b>  <b>Start date Nov. 14</b>  Other Dates will be posted in GC.  **Meeting dates held between the modified sports seasons. Due to tight schedules, some sessions <b>may</b> combine to be a 2 hour block as opposed to 1 hour</p>
<p><b>The Panther’s PAW: Literary Arts Magazine</b>  Ms. Chouen  Ms. Townsend  <a href="mailto:mchouen@ardsleyschool.org">mchouen@ardsleyschool.org</a>  <a href="mailto:mtownsend@ardsleyschools.org">mtownsend@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>The Panther’s PAW,, an online arts publication, showcases the work of our literary and artistic student body.</p>	<p>Grades 5-8  Tuesdays</p>
<p><b>Math Enrichment</b>  Ms. May  <a href="mailto:mmay@ardsleyschools.org">mmay@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>Do you enjoy math? Would you like to explore some fun challenging math applications? We strive to promote creative and flexible problem solving.</p>	<p>Grades 5-6  Every 1st and 3rd Friday during the months of November through April</p>
<p><b>Mindfulness Club</b>  Ms. Olivieri  <a href="mailto:solivieri@ardsleyschools.org">solivieri@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>Social Emotional Learning and Mindfulness are directly linked to increased student performance. This club plans to help students create a toolbox that they can use to help them throughout middle school and beyond! The club will participate in activities such as: breathing exercises, journaling, group share, yoga practices and presence work, creative exploration time (finding their passions and exploring new activities) and we will also discuss ways we can help to make Ardsley Middle School a more Mindful place. The club plans wellness activities for the Middle School as well as plans for Wellness Week.</p>	<p>Grades 5-8  TBD</p>

<p><b><i>Musical Production</i></b>  Ms. Clohessy  <a href="mailto:aclohessy@ardsleyschools.org">aclohessy@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>Students work together on an hour-long show. They sing, dance and act while learning all the ins and outs of the theater. This year's show will be performed on February 8th and 9th.</p>	<p>Grades 5-8 Rehearsals are Mondays, Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:30. from October to February. Students can choose to come one, two or three days but lead roles must attend all three days.</p>
<p><b><i>Panther Spirit</i></b>  Ms. May and Ms. Vlad  <a href="mailto:mmay@ardsleyschools.org">mmay@ardsleyschools.org</a>  <a href="mailto:svlad@ardsleyschools.org">svlad@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>Students work together to promote kindness and acceptance throughout our school community through activities and projects creating a positive and mindful learning environment.</p>	<p>Grades 5-8  The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month and potentially other dates based on activities.  <b><u>First meeting is on</u></b>  <b><u>Tuesday, October 24</u></b></p>
<p><b><i>Outcast</i></b>  Ms. DeFrenza  <a href="mailto:ldefrenza@ardsleyschools.org">ldefrenza@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>Outcast is a select group of students who would like to play jazz music but do not play an instrument performed in the typical jazz band setting.</p> <p>Students will perform in the school concerts. It is open to flutes, clarinets, drum set, piano, . Auditions are required and will be held in school.</p>	<p>Grades 5-8  Thursdays</p>
<p><b><i>Science Olympiad</i></b>  Ms. Evangelista  Ms. Joseph  Mr. Ponterio  Mr. Ryan  <a href="mailto:devangelista@ardsleyschools.org">devangelista@ardsleyschools.org</a>  <a href="mailto:ejoseph@ardsleyschools.org">ejoseph@ardsleyschools.org</a>  <a href="mailto:dponterio@ardsleyschools.org">dponterio@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>The team will participate in the regional competition in early March 2023. The competitions this year consist of 23 different events covering topics in science, technology and applied mathematics.</p>	<p>Grades 7-8  After school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.</p>
<p><b><i>Student Council</i></b>  Ms. Barney  <a href="mailto:jbarney@ardsleyschools.org">jbarney@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>Elected homeroom representatives will meet to discuss the concerns of the Ardsley Middle School Community--specifically, the student body. The Council will help conduct and oversee the community events held throughout the year.</p>	<p>Grades 5-8  2:40-3:40 pm on the following  Fridays:  10/20  11/3, 11/17  12/1, 12/15  1/5, 1/26  2/2, 2/9  3/1, 3/8  4/5, 4/19  5/3, 5/17  6/14</p>

<p><b><i>Troubadours</i></b>  Ms. Kaplan  <a href="mailto:JKaplan@ardsleyschools.org">JKaplan@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>Troubadours is a select chorus that requires an audition. We will perform on both the winter and spring concerts. Audition sign-ups will be posted outside of the LGI.</p>	<p>Grades 5-8  Tuesdays</p>
<p><b><i>Writing Club</i></b>  Mrs. Carty  <a href="mailto:pcarty@ardsleyschools.org">pcarty@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>Writing club is meant to stir the creativity of motivated writers and give students the opportunity to express themselves. We will write independently, in partnerships, and as a whole group.</p> <p>If you are in 5th or 6th grade, and have a passion for writing, this is the club for you!</p>	<p>Grades 5-6  Every other Thursday beginning October 26th</p> <p>Google Classroom Code:  <b>e6jjpei</b></p>
<p><b><i>World Culture Club</i></b>  Ms. Dolores  <a href="mailto:adolores@ardsleyschools.org">adolores@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>The purpose of the World Culture Club is to provide students with the opportunity to expand their knowledge of different cultures. Explore various aspects of those cultures, from food and popular holiday celebrations to music and dancing. There will be a variety of fun activities!</p>	<p>Grades 5-8</p> <p>Meetings will take place twice a month on Thursdays. Meeting dates will be posted on Google Classroom. First meeting will start on 10/26.</p>
<p><b><i>Yearbook</i></b>  Ms. Vlad  <a href="mailto:svlad@ardsleyschools.org">svlad@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>We will be taking and choosing photos, arranging pictures, writing blurbs and preparing the yearbook for the end of school year distribution.</p>	<p>Grades 5-8  2nd and 4th Fridays  and  1st and 3rd Tuesdays  of each month  <u><a href="#">First Meeting will be</a></u>  Tuesday, October 17.</p>
<p><b><i>Youth to Youth (Y2Y)</i></b>  Ms. Mastrogiacomo  Room: SAS Office in the Music Wing  <a href="mailto:amastrogiacomo@ardsleyschools.org">amastrogiacomo@ardsleyschools.org</a></p>	<p>Y2Y is dedicated to helping students make positive, healthy decisions and promotes an alcohol and drug free lifestyle among youth.</p> <p>Students will plan activities for the various awareness months/week such as Red Ribbon Week, Great American Smokeout, Alcohol Awareness month, etc.</p>	<p>Grades 7 &amp; 8  During lunch  2x a month</p>