

HMS CLUBS 2020-2021

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ACADEMIC CHALLENGERS

Advisors: Dr. Kennedy, Mrs. Novak

Description: Provides academic competition in math, science, government, sports, art, history and English. Students compete against students from other schools. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Wednesdays in room 2426**. Max. 24 students

Pre-Requisite: Student selection is based on results from an assessment given.

BAND - 6th Grade

Advisor: Mr. Becker

Description: After school Band rehearsals extend classroom activities and learning experiences. After-school rehearsals are only scheduled before performances. We do two concerts per year - the Hammarskjold Band kWinter Concert and the District Wide Band Concert. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays in room 1200F or the JMPAC**. Max- 130 students.

Requirements: In order to attend after-school Band students must be enrolled in the elective class 6th Grade Band.

BAND - 7th Grade

Advisor: Mr. Coates

Description: After school Band rehearsals extend classroom activities and learning experiences. After-school rehearsals are only scheduled before performances. We do two concerts per year - the Hammarskjold Band Winter Concert and the District Wide Band Concert. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Tuesdays in room 1200F or the JMPAC**.

Requirements: In order to attend after-school Band students must be enrolled in the elective class 7th Grade Band.

BUDDY SPORTS

Advisor: Mr. Swayze

Description: Provide general education and special needs students with a variety of physical activities to increase skills such as developing friendships, gross-motor abilities, following directions and how to appropriately handle competitive situations. Students will also develop teamwork and exercise habits. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Tuesdays in Gym 2**. Max- 25 students, advisor approval required.

C.A.R.E. (Caring Adults Reinforcing Education)

Advisors: Mr. Smith (6th Grade)

Ms. LaPlante & Mr. Caramico (7th Grade)

Description: This club provides a select group of students additional support in completing homework assignments and preparing for quizzes/tests after school. A number of senior citizens and members of our EBHS Honor Society volunteer to work after school with students in need of assistance. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 6th grade in room 2623 and for 7th grade in room 1600.** Max - 20 students per grade.

Requirements: Students need to be recommended to participate in this program, and if selected, make a commitment to attend regularly. Students must be willing to bring all materials necessary with them to C.A.R.E. and have a positive attitude and desire to improve their academic standing. Students must have a signed permission slip.

CHEERFUL CREATIONS

Advisor: Mrs. Tirso

Description: Provides academic, community based instruction, work study and job sampling to assist in preparing all students for adult life. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Tuesdays in room 1406.**

Requirements: Open to all students in good academic/behavioral standing.

DRAMA CLUB

Advisors: Ms. Borowski & Mr. Gates

Description: This club will explore the areas of creative dramatics and theatrical events. Members will work on scenes, monologues, and skits throughout the year. Students will be cast and directed in plays. Students also participate in a student performance on the stage at the JMPAC at Hammarskjold. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Wednesdays and Thursdays in room 1205, but specific cast requirements for each day will be announced on the Drama Club Website.**

Requirements: Students must audition and be selected to participate in/join the Drama Club. Attendance at rehearsals is required; absences may result in a student not being permitted to continue in the program. Some rehearsals will require students to provide their own transportation home as they will conclude after the activity bus time. Students may be asked to provide materials for costumes and/or props the week of a show are mandatory. Students may be asked to provide materials for costumes and/or set production.

HMS GOT TALENT

Advisor: Mr. Swayze

Description: The purpose of this club will be to prepare students for the annual HMS talent show. Students will learn skills related to stage performance along with practicing their prepared act for the annual show. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Thursdays in room 1406.**

HONORS CHORUS

Advisor: Mr. Gates

No Fee.

Description: Provides opportunities for students to demonstrate knowledge achieved in music classes by performing in choral groups, presenting concerts for community events, PTA programs, etc. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Tuesdays in room 1200K or the JMPAC.**

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Advisor: Mr. Becker

Description: Provides an opportunity for students to practice skills learned in music classes as they perform jazz music. Students audition and may participate in several student performances. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Wednesdays and Thursdays in the JMPAC or 1200F.**

Requirements: In order to attend after-school Jazz Ensemble students must be enrolled in the elective class, Band.

JUNIOR ART HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor: Ms. Germanos

Description: Hammarskjold Middle School's Junior Art Honor Society membership is chosen based upon application and character. The club is designed to promote an awareness of the visual arts, encourage the growth of creativity and technical skills. Past projects include: murals within our school, participation in the Memory Project, and working on after-school art projects in 2-D and 3-D. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Wednesdays and possibly some Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 1716.** Max – 24 students.

Requirements: Students must be in 7th Grade and fill out an application with a submission of 3 drawings to be reviewed for acceptance.

ORCHESTRA—6th Grade

Advisor: Ms. Meuse

No Fee.

Description: After school Orchestra rehearsals are an extension of the elective 6th Grade Orchestra. During the after-school rehearsals, the period 2, 5 and 7 Orchestras are combined. After-school rehearsals are only scheduled before performances. We do two concerts per year - the Hammarskjold Orchestra Winter Concert and the District Wide Orchestra Concert. For 2020-21 this club meets **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in either the JMPAC or 1200F.**

Requirements: In order to attend after-school Orchestra students must be enrolled in the elective class 6th Grade Orchestra.

ORCHESTRA—7th Grade

Advisor: Ms. O'Mara

No Fee.

Description: After school Orchestra rehearsals are an extension of the elective 7th Grade Orchestra. During the after-school rehearsals, the period 4, 5 and 7 Orchestras are combined. After-school rehearsals are only scheduled before performances. We do two concerts per year - the Hammarskjold Orchestra Winter Concert and the District Wide Orchestra Concert. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the JMPAC or in room 1200F.**

Requirements: In order to attend after-school Orchestra students must be enrolled in the elective class 7th Grade Orchestra.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Advisor: Ms. Hewes, Mr. Caramico

Description: Extends knowledge learned in science and prepares the students for hands-on experiences and knowledge-based activities to be used in a statewide competition. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Wednesdays and Thursdays in room 2603.**

Pre-Requisite: Test & teacher recommendation

SPORTS CLUB/INTRAMURAL FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Advisor: Ms. Brown

Description: This club provides an opportunity for students to have fun, be involved and stay active. Students in the club will be introduced to a variety of sports based games, which will build techniques and skills that they have learned in the physical education classes. Sign ups will be based on a first-come basis until all spots are filled. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Wednesdays in Gym 2.** Max – 24 students.

Requirements: The Sports Club is open to all Hammarskjold 6th & 7th graders regardless of their past experience or athletic level.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Advisors: Mr. Nemeth, Mr. Swayze

Description: The goal of the Hammarskjold Student Council is to promote school spirit and community service through a variety of school related activities. The Student Council is made up of a governing body of four students and a representative from each study. All members of the Student Council are elected by the student body after being recommended by teachers. Some specific activities that the Student Council is involved in include, election of officers and study representatives, fund raising, food drives, holiday drive, school wide student of the month recognition program, school spirit week, end of the year talent show. Meetings are normally held twice a month after school. During particularly busy times, the club may meet more often. For 2020-21 this club meets on **Wednesdays in room 1712.** Max – 30 students (eligibility based on School Elections).

Requirements: The most important quality that a member of the Student Council must have is dedication and commitment to the club. The success of any Student Council activity is completely dependent upon the support and hard work of Student Council members. Therefore, regular attendance at meetings is mandatory. We encourage members to bring their ideas to meetings. As a group, our goal is to work toward turning those ideas into projects and activities that the entire school can enjoy.

VIDEO NEWSMAKERS

Advisor: Mr. Lasher

Description: Video Newsmakers provides students with an opportunity to produce, direct, write, and perform video broadcasts on our "Hammarskjold News" channel. For 2020-21 this club meets **daily at 7:55 a.m. in the Media Center.** Max – 30 students.

Requirements: Students must be able to leave their first period classes on assigned days. Students must have a signed permission slip to participate.

YEARBOOK

Advisor: Ms. Spinelli

Description: Provides students with an opportunity to use skills learned in English and Art classes in order to produce a school yearbook. Students meet in sections to design, draw and layout sections of the yearbook as assigned. Students help with activity pictures, writing copy, captions and taking candid pictures. Each section will be responsible for all aspects of completing their assignment within the scope of their deadline. It is **imperative** that students be committed to the production of this yearbook and **cannot** be involved in another club that will meet at the **same time as the section deadline the student is assigned**. Sections will be assigned in September.

Section	Deadline (May vary by a few weeks)
Theme	September - December
Seventh Grade	October - January
Sixth Grade	November - February
Faculty	November - December
Portraits	September - November
Business	October - November & January & April
Boosters	February - March
Activities	February - April

Approximately 6 weeks after your section is submitted you will be required to stay a few days after school to help proof your section for errors. A calendar with exact deadlines and meeting dates will be distributed to all Yearbook staff members in September. Section Editors are chosen each May from active 6th graders. Section Editors are required to attend all meetings of their sections from September to May. For 2020-21 **meetings of various sections will be determined on necessity, however, general meetings are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 2411.**

Requirements: All interested students must attend 1 of 2 September workshops before getting a permission slip. Students must bring in signed permission slip by given date. Students must be willing to work on assigned section and to do all aspects of the job for completing that section. Group cooperation is essential, and knowledge of computers is helpful. A good sense of humor and ability to work under pressure is imperative. Dedication and pride in one's work is a must. Regular attendance is mandatory. Unexcused absences will result in dismissal from Yearbook Staff. Students must have a signed permission slip.