

Clubs and Activities

Grades 7 and 8

Student Council - The mission of DMS Student Council is to create unity among all students in the school, providing a variety of interactive activities that bring students together. Members demonstrate leadership qualities and are positive role models. The council is a means of communication between administrators and the student body for the needs and wants of students.

Yearbook Club - Yearbook Club is a great way to meet new friends and express oneself creativity and each student's contribution to the yearbook can be seen come to fruition when the yearbook arrives in June! After each student is trained in how to use the Josten yearbook design program, students are partnered up and given the opportunity to design a yearbook spread that they can work on both at our meetings or at home. In addition to designing pages, throughout the course of the year students also help-out with various other yearbook related tasks including advertising to buy the yearbook, photography, and eventually distribution of the yearbook.

Yearbook club puts together a few fundraiser events throughout the year and puts out a winter and spring clothing line for students to purchase from. There is a place for everyone on the yearbook staff, whether one is interested in drawing, designing, writing, photography, or public relations. All students will be given a role in designing the yearbook and helping to make it successful!

FACS (Family and Consumer Science) Club- FACS club is a service club that is open to both 7th and 8th graders. In the beginning of the year the students vote on what charities that they would like to support and then we will plan activities around the charities that were chosen. The club works on sewing projects, knitting projects, cooking projects, etc. Everything is according to the charities that we decide on in the beginning of the school year. It is a fun way to learn new crafts and life skills!

Drama Club - Students come together as a cast and crew to present the 7/8 Musical. Cast members perform on stage, learning lines, choreography, and music while the crew manages all the behind the scenes tasks of putting together a theatrical production - building sets, compiling props, running tech, etc.

Chess Club - If you think chess is fun, please join us! The Jr. High Chess Club will meet weekly from late September through May. We will select a day that works well for the most players. Chess Club is open to players of all levels, but requires the concentration skills to spend a full

40 minutes playing and studying chess during our meetings. Players interested in a deeper level of play are invited to join other members of the Marcellus Chess Stangs (grades K-12) in Scholastic Chess Tournaments held monthly at various locations around the county. Marcellus hosts at least one tournament each year. If you think chess is fun, please join us!

National Junior Honor Society - The purpose of NJHS is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character and to encourage good citizenship. Students are invited to join and must submit an application to be reviewed for admittance into NJHS. Meetings are held as needed, based on the activity taking place and are usually scheduled for Thursdays after school.

Science Olympiad - Science Olympiad is a National event where a team of students compete in different events to win individual and a team medal. Events include building things (gliders, towers, robots) and testing events (earth science, physical science, life science). The events change year to year - and students compete in 1-4 events, usually with a partner. The time commitment includes meetings at school and preparation for events outside of school (gathering resources to use during a test or building and testing your device). You must be available for the Regional competition -this is all day Saturday during the first or second week of March. The actual date will be made available as soon as it is announced. Team meetings at school will be on Tuesdays, or will be scheduled to fit as needed for individual events.

Ski Club - Ski and Snowboard club is a great way to learn a new life-long sport without the pressure of tryouts. We accept everyone and provide transportation for those who need it. We go to Song Mountain for six consecutive Tuesday nights after winter break. We leave from school and arrive back at 9:00. There is a fee for the pass, rentals, and transportation.

Book Club - Book Club offers students a chance to discover new books, meet new friends, and explore new ideas. The books read throughout the year are chosen by the members of the club and include a wide variety of genres. The club meets every other week to eat snacks and chat about the current book being read in a relaxed, comfortable environment. Members also have the option of attending the Teen Book Festival in Rochester, NY each year, where students can meet authors and hear them speak about their craft.

Peace Through Language - The Peace through Language Club's mission is to promote the love of language learning in our school community. We meet after school and during our meetings we typically go to teach French or Spanish in classrooms with younger students.

DMS Mustang Pride - Mustang Pride works to promote school spirit and pride. We meet at least twice a month to coordinate events and activities. As part of our mission to promote pride, we visit the Samaritan Center in Syracuse to help serve an evening meal to those in need 3-5x a year. Activities we will sponsor or co-sponsor in 2017-2018 include Fall Festival, 2 Mustang Pride Weeks, National Ugly Sweater Day, and The Spring Fling. We have also taken on the responsibility of providing homemade bread (rolls or garlic knots) for the DMS Community Dinner. We have lots of fun and are always looking for more (or different!) opportunities for students to enjoy. What ideas do you want to bring to the table?

Intramurals- Ever wish there was more time in PE to just play? Come to intramurals after school from 2:30-3:15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and just play! We offer team/individual/lifetime sports and activities for both boys and girls. Grab a friend and your iTunes and come walk the track, use the weight room or participate in a group activity. Come burn off some energy before going home!