

Williamsport Area Middle School Club Catalog 2019-2020



Clubs at the Williamsport Area Middle School are designed to provide a variety of opportunities for students to explore different activities that may be of interest to them, helping build relationships and create well-rounded citizens in our school and community. Clubs take place every Friday during Millionaire Block from mid-September through the end of the school year. Clubs are a privilege, not a right, and failure to uphold expectations for academics, behavior, and attendance can exclude students from being able to participate in clubs.

Art & Photography Club

Art & Photography Club is for any student that wants extra art time to learn and explore different kinds of art. You will also be learning the basics of photography. In Art & Photography Club, you will have the opportunity to participate in contests and exhibitions throughout the school year. You will be creating a public art piece for the school to display around the building. To participate in Art & Photography club you must have maintain a B-Average or higher, participate in weekly meeting and always follow the 4-B's both in and outside the classroom.

Advisor: Miss Bosch

Room: Art Classroom (242/244)

BUILDERS CLUB

Motto

Building leaders

Objectives:

- To provide opportunities for working together in service to school and community.
- To develop leadership potential.
- To foster the development of strong moral character.
- To encourage loyalty to school, community and nation.

Vision

To develop competent, capable, caring leaders through the vehicle of service.

Mission

Builders Club is an international student-led organization providing members with opportunities to perform service, build character and develop leadership.

We are sponsored by our local Williamsport Kiwanis Club. We meet every Club Day in Mr. Lundy's room (#165) and elect officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer). Please join us as we serve our school and our community.

Advisor: Mr. Lundy

Room: 165

Coloring Club

Are you tired after a long week? Do you feel stressed by all of your responsibilities? Come unwind by coloring, relaxing, and unleashing your creative side! Supplies for coloring are provided, but students are also welcome to bring their own.

Advisor: Mrs. Anderson

Room: 154

Educator's Rising

The mission of Educator's Rising is to cultivate highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers, beginning in middle school and extending through high school, college and into the profession. Any student who thinks he or she may be interested in teaching as a career is invited to join this club.

Advisor: Mrs. Dincher

Location: Room 276

EPIC Beats Percussion Club

EPIC Beats will teach you the skills that you need to play in a drumline! Come and learn to play on marching percussion instruments – both drums and mallets. No experience is necessary. This group will have performance opportunities throughout the school year. If you are interested in learning how to gain drumline skills, whether you currently play drums or would just like to learn, EPIC Beats is the club for you!

Advisor: Mr. Garside

Room: Band Room

Fiddle Club

Fiddle Club is for students currently in 7th or 8th grade orchestra. We will work on a variety of fiddle and Celtic tunes in preparation for performances at the winter and spring concerts. If you enjoy playing and love fiddle music, this is the club for you!

Advisor: Mrs. Mondell

Room: Orchestra

Gay-Straight Alliance Club

The Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) Club provides a safe place for all students to meet, support each other, address social justice issues, LGBTQ issues, and learn about diverse communities. Our goal is to empower students to affect change by positively impacting their school and local communities. Students may participate in events partnered with the WAHS GSA club such as; Suicide Prevention Fundraisers, Day of Silence, Social Justice Awareness posters, and Random Acts of Kindness activities. ***This club will only operate in Marking Periods 1 and 3.***

Advisor: Mrs. Smith

Room: 286

Jett Fridays Club

Enjoy time with Jett, Miss Hannan's dog, and learn how to accomplish the following goals:

- Gain an increase in empathy and compassion
- Decrease retaliatory violence and improve self-esteem
- Stay connected with positive social networks
- Reduce anxiety levels and learn to decompress
- Improve academic confidence and literary interests
- Research and explore monthly workshops with several field trips throughout the year

This club operates on a first come, first served basis. Students must sign up for the month based on the monthly workshop and are expected to be in attendance during all clubs that month. Admission is on a rotating monthly basis. Students can choose from a variety of monthly workshops and tours with Jett. Past visits include the Lycoming County SPCA, Personal Care Facility, Mindfulness Workshop, Pajama Factory, and the Garden Center.

Advisor: Ms. Hannan

Room: 252

K'NEX CLUB: STEM Design Challenge

The K'NEX program promotes interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). STEM K'nex Club will make a variety of structures like Rollercoasters, Wheel Chairs and Rube Goldbergs. It provides effective learning tools that helps students understand complex science, technology, engineering and math concepts. Students in this club will be eligible to take part in the K'nex challenge in the spring.

Advisor: Mr. Thompson

Room: 169

Millionaire Memo

The Millionaire Memo is a year round club. This club is designed as a way to get school news out to members of our Millionaire Community. The purposed structure of the paper will be in a single to three page document that will be distributed to the common areas of the school. The club will focus on building journalistic skills, interviewing techniques, and building a mindfulness of our school culture. Students will work together to create a finished product and will be in charge of distribution.

Concepts to consider:

- sports
- Art/music happenings
- interviews with students/teachers on important topics that pertain to our school and Williamsport community
- School happenings (calendar of sorts)
- important information about school happenings
- Advisor: Mr. Carpenter

Advisor: Ms. Costa

Room: 187

National Junior Honor Society

This is a non-traditional club that does not meet on a weekly basis and that students must qualify for through a series of academic standards. The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an organization that recognizes students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. If you earn Honor Roll the first and second marking periods of the year, you will be invited to become a part of this group. Members complete service projects for both the school and community, maintain their honor roll status and are excellent student-leaders here at the middle school. If you think this group is something that you would like to participate in, becoming a member of a service club (such as the Builder's Club) or a performing music club (such as the Fiddle Club) will help you reach that goal. If you have questions about becoming a member of the NJHS, please see one of the club advisors or ask your home room teacher.

Advisors: Mrs. Garside, Mr. Lundy, Mrs. Cipriani, Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Keller

Open Gym Club

Students participate in various games in the gymnasium. Each week, every homeroom teacher may send one student with a teacher written pass to the gymnasium.

Advisor: Mr. Nye

Room: Gym

Positivity Club

The Positivity Club is all about spreading positive vibes at WAMS! Club members will meet every club day to participate in the planning and spreading of POSITIVITY! Possible activities include:

- Making and hanging signs with positive messages
- Recycling dried markers via the Crayola Colorcycle Program
- Keeping our campus neat and beautiful
- Maintaining the clothing closet in the fitness center hallway
- Holding donation drives for hygiene supplies
- Caroling
- Participating in positivity flash mobs

- Delivering random surprises to students and staff

Advisors: Mrs. Bolt

Room: 177

S.N.A.P. (Special Needs Activity Program)

The Special Needs Activity Program is designed to increase socialization and exercise for our student population with physical handicaps and other special needs. On Fridays student mentors will lead their peer buddy through a variety of stations in the Fitness Center. There will be music, cartoons and the opportunity to make an impact on students in a positive way. If you are looking for a fun and rewarding club, consider joining SNAP. Please see Mrs. Watson if you have any questions or wish to join. FYI: Students must ask permission to sign up for this club. We only have spots for 15 total student volunteers. Homeroom/Millionaire teachers please do not sign up students.

**Mrs. Watson will communicate with teachers which students should be in this club each week.

**There are no sign ups for this club.

**Students SHOULD NOT be sent to the fitness center during this time without permission from Mrs. Watson.

Advisor: Mrs. Watson

Room: Fitness Center

STEM Club

Science/Stem Club will meet during Millionaire Period in room 173. Our club is for students who are interested in participating in activities that will enhance and extend the 7th grade Science/STEM curriculum. Subjects will include Scratch, 3D Design and Modeling (SketchUp Pro). Science/Stem Club provides an extra outlet for those who show aptitude and those interested in furthering their learning.

The activities outlined will be self-directed and self-paced.

- Computer programs SketchUp Pro, Tinker Cad, Scratch, etc...will be utilized to design real world problems and models.
- Projects or models completed on the computer have the possibility to be printed on a 3D printer.
- Students may also assist the Science teachers for lab preparations and as computer assistants in classes using various computer programs.
- This club is based on the 7th grade science curriculum and is therefore open to 7th grade students only.

Advisors: Mr. Haines

Rooms: 173

STOCK MARKET CLUB

This club is for all students and meets during Club periods through May - dates are set by an outside organization. Students are divided into teams, with each team being given \$100,000 of virtual money to invest in the stock market simulation. Members are expected to work within their group and maintain a record of all transactions in their portfolio. Students may work outside of club time to maintain their portfolio. Economics PA recognizes outstanding participants annually at a luncheon at PCT following completion of the spring game. ***This club operates in the 2nd semester only.***

Advisor: Mr. Palmatier

Location: Room 255

Student Council

The WAMS Student Council is an organization that gives students an opportunity to develop leadership by organizing and carry out school activities and service projects. In addition to planning events that contribute to school spirit and community, the student council is the voice of the student body. The club is open to both 7th and 8th grade students with a maximum of 40 students. Due to the nature of the club, it does require a year-long commitment that will include some after school time in addition to attendance during clubs on Fridays.

Advisor: Mrs. Cipriani

Room: 168

WAMS TV Studio Club

This club is for 8th grade students and meets during Millionaire Block periods and lunch periods all year. Members write and produce the weekly WAMS-TV news magazine and will have the opportunity to write scripts, record on camera, conduct interviews, design & edit production and operate equipment in and out of the TV studio. Students must remain in good academic and attendance standings. Minimum participation is Club periods once a week, but additional time in the studio is expected. Admission is by application at the end of the 7th grade year.

Advisor: Mr. Rook

Room: TV Studio and Library

U.S. History Through Film/Sports Film

Since Thomas Edison patented America's first motion picture on camera in 1891, telling America's history through film has become a large part of our culture. For many people watching a Hollywood film on America is their only way of getting to know its history (no matter how accurate the film). The films we will be watching for this class are Hollywood films rather than documentaries so they are reenactments of historical events not a documentary record of events.

The areas this club will cover are:

- American Revolution (1776, PG)
- Expansion/Civil War/Westward Movement (Lincoln PG-13, Gettysburg PG)
- Gilded Age through WWI (Greatest Game Ever Played, PG)
- The Roaring 20's (The Great Gatsby, PG-13)
- WWII (A League of Their Own, PG)
- Civil Rights/1960's Counterculture (Glory Road, PG)
- 1970's/1980's/ (We Are Marshall PG, Miracle PG)
- 21st Century America (Flight 93, PG-13)

Students who are interested in this club should see Mr. Rowland in room 170 prior to the start of clubs. **You must be passing all of your classes** in order to participate. This club is open to the first 25 students who sign up. Both 7th and 8th grade students are encouraged to join.

Advisor: Mr. Rowland

Location: Room 170

U.S. Military History Club

This club will offer students the opportunity to explore major wars, battles and U.S. Military leaders throughout American History. Major emphasis will be placed on the contributions of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Advisor: Mr. Gravish

Room: 283

WAMS Helping Hands

This club is for students that want to be an ambassador at WAMS. Ambassadors will assist in the transition of new students, assist with different school activities hosted by the SWPB committee (including being a member of the committee), increase school spirit and help stop bullying at WAMS.

Advisors: Mrs. Rook

Room: Guidance Office Conference Room

Yearbook Club

Students will take photos of school wide events to be considered for the yearbook. Also, the club members will organize the contest for the student body to vote on a yearbook theme and help organize the cover design contest. Additionally, students will assist with the yearbook sale and layout. This club is established at the beginning of the year and meets routinely on club days. Maximum 20 members.

Advisor: Mrs. McCann

Room: 278

Millionaire Block (Listed alphabetically by teacher)

Students will focus on academic enrichment and remediation as well as work completion and small group tutorial opportunities.

Mrs. Adams (Room 149)
Mr. Barnhart (Room 274)
Mr. Beatty (Room 151)
Mrs. Berger (Room 250)
Ms. Blair (Room 148)
Mr. Carpenter (Room 155)
Mrs. Crawley (Room 273)
Mr. Croce (Room 157)
Mr. Cuebas (Room 288)
Mrs. Dietterick (Room 168)
Mr. Fink (Room 271)
Mr. Forney (Room 267)
Ms. Fuschetti (Room 167)
Mrs. Graff (Room 284)
Mrs. Guffy (Room 289)
Mr. Haines (Room 173) (1st Round Only)
Mrs. Hamm (Room 188)
Mrs. Hickey (Room 144)
Mrs. Keller (Room 150)
Mr. Kinley (Room 269)
Ms. Kurtz (Room 148)
Mr. Lusk (Room 254)
Mr. Menges (Room 270)
Ms. Muchler (Room 152)
Mrs. Rider-Dincher (Room 246)
Mrs. Roan (Room 265)
Mrs. Robinson (Room 188)
Mr. Sahn (Room 251)
Ms. Schappell (Room 171)
Mr. Slaughter (Room 257)
Mrs. Steele (Room 164)
Mrs. Turner (Room 264)
Mrs. Walker (Room 284)
Mrs. Walter (Room 266)
Mr. Weaver (Room 190)
Mrs. Weaver (Room 287)
Mrs. Welch (Room 253)

Check-In/Check-Out

Check In/Check Out is offered to qualifying students on a daily basis during Millionaire Block and after 2:30 PM. This program is designed to help students increase organizational skills and prepare for the school day. ***Students are referred to this program by teachers and staff members through the Advanced Tiers referral process.***

7th Grade: Miss Titus (Room 153)

8th Grade: Mrs. Smith (Room 286)