

SENECA MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS

2009-2010

ART CLUB *(Ms. Allen)*

Do you like to draw, paint, work with clay, or create sculpture? Then the art club is the club for you! Students have the opportunity to create projects outside of art class using various media.

BOOK CLUB *(Mrs. Keith)*

The purpose of this club is to promote a love of reading. Students will have the opportunity to read, discuss, and compare literature of their choosing.

BUDDIES CLUB *(Ms. Austin)*

Buddies club was created to promote socialization among students with special needs. It is open to all students. The club activities will include: board games, sports, gardening and other activities based on the interests of the members. Our club will also be participating in "Safe Halloween." Fliers will be sent out a week before each club meeting to inform students of the upcoming activity.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA *(Ms. Kant)*

This is a select performing group that all Orchestra students are encouraged to audition for. In this group, students have the opportunity to play challenging chamber music that will enhance their skills. Chamber Orchestra meets once a week after school and performs in the Ensemble Concert in April.

CLASSBOOK *(Ms. Allen, Mr. Montalbano)*

Students will work together to create a book of mementos to commemorate their school year. Photography, editing, writing, design, and art all come into play as students collaborate on this lasting collection of memories.

CRITTER CLUB *(Ms. Keith, Ms. Rozul)*

Students will be educated about animal rescues, shelters, and organizations, and how we can make a difference by supporting them. The club will have a variety of guest speakers (ASPCA, Pet Detectives, etc.) to inform students of ways to help neglected animals in our area. The club will raise money by making bookmarks about animals and creating a calendar as well as collecting donations of blankets, stuffed animals, and food for shelters.

DRAMA CLUB *(Ms. Cordaro, Ms. Celebre)*

Interested in acting, singing, and dancing? How about sets, costumes, lighting and sound? Well then the Drama Club is for you. Auditions will be held in October for our musical production in March. All students, regardless of experience, are welcome to participate.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE CLUB *(Ms. Shelhorse, Ms. Galligan)*

The Family and Consumer Science Club is open to students who are interesting in sewing and cooking. Throughout the year club members will construct simple sewing projects and prepare healthy snacks.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB *(Ms. Forkin)*

The purpose of the Foreign Language Club is to create awareness and appreciation of other languages and cultures. We will "celebrate" international holidays and organize activities to promote respect and tolerance of other cultures. We will participate in "Safe Halloween" and organize activities to commemorate Foreign Language Week in March. All are welcome!

GREEN CLUB *(Mr. J. Montalbano)*

The Green Club is an environmental action group that seeks opportunities to improve our environment both locally and globally. Through recycling initiatives, the Green Club will seek to provide funding for beautification projects around Seneca Middle School.

JAZZ BAND (*Ms. Cordaro*)

Jazz Band is an extra-curricular activity for instrumental music students interested in performing in jazz, rock, and popular music styles. Students also perform at an evening concert in April. Admission to the group is by audition or teacher recommendation.

KICKBOXING CLUB (*Ms. Haughie, Ms. Manning*)

The Kickboxing Club encourages physical fitness, socialization and helps students develop an appreciation for a healthy lifestyle. During the meetings students will practice various kickboxing routines and will discuss current health and nutrition topics.

LEADERS CLUB (*Mrs. Bisono*)

The Leaders Club fosters leadership development through the coordination of educational and awareness projects that benefit the school and community.

LITERARY MAGAZINE (*Mr. Carruthers, Ms. Faron*)

One edition of the school literary magazine "Horizons" is produced over the course of the school year. Students can contribute writing (poetry, short stories, essays, fiction, nonfiction), photography, and original artwork (in black and white). A contest will be held to select the cover art.

MATH CHALLENGE TEAM (*Mr. Oakes*)

The Math Team competes in interscholastic mathematics competitions. The competitions are part of the Junior High Mathematics League and are overseen by the Suffolk County Mathematics Teachers Association.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (*Ms. Colletti, Mrs. Surdi*)

The National Junior Honor Society is a national organization that recognizes outstanding middle school students. Members of the National Junior Honor Society not only have achieved amazing academic success; but have also demonstrated excellence in the areas of leadership, character and citizenship that is valued and respected here at Seneca Middle School. This club participates in continuing to support character education and citizenship by conducting fundraisers to help support those in need. The students will be participating in many exciting events to help raise awareness and support for those less fortunate than ourselves. It is a true honor and privilege to be accepted into this prestigious club.

OUTING CLUB (*Mr. Barbera*)

Students will develop a respect and love for the environment and natural world through positive and memorable outdoor trips and activities. First, students will be educated in basic outdoor safety and survival skills in school. After planning and preparing, the club will take Saturday excursions spread throughout the year. These include visits to such places as: Morton Wildlife Preserve, Connetquot State Park, Montauk Point, Carman's River, Wildwood State Park and Cathedral Pines County Park. Activities may involve hiking, biking, bird watching and canoeing.

PEER TUTORING (*Mrs. Cohen*)

The purpose of the peer tutoring club is to team students with other students who are in need of extra help beyond what is available from their teachers. Students seeking a tutor may fill out a request form in the guidance office and will be assigned a tutor for three scheduled lunchtime sessions. They will receive a pass during homeroom stating the dates and location of their tutoring sessions. The pass allows students to eat first and then proceed to their tutoring session. If a student needs more than three sessions, they may sign up again. Students interested in becoming a tutor may see Mrs. Cohen in room H-9.

PUZZLE CLUB (*Mr. Mastrogiacomo*)

Do you enjoy magic tricks? Sudoku? Are you always up for a challenge? Then this is the club for you! We will explore puzzles of every type – number tricks, geometric designs, memory tricks, and other mind bending amusements. Students will enhance their problem solving and critical thinking skills while having fun in a comfortable, social setting. So sharpen up your pencils, boot up your brain, and have some fun!

RENAISSANCE (*Mrs. Wharton, Mrs. Riggio*)

The goal of the Renaissance program is to provide an environment that promotes social, physical and emotional growth in our school and community. Renaissance stresses academic excellence to show our students who they are and who they can be. Students are motivated to reach individual goals of academic performance, attendance and behavior. Renaissance is not about being the best; Renaissance is about being the best you can be!

ROBOTICS/ LEGO LEAGUE CLUB (*Mr. Silva*)

The purpose of this club is to provide students with opportunities to explore electrical and mechanical engineering at an introductory level through collaborative problem solving. One of the club's main objectives will be to build a competitive robot for the Long Island Lego League competition held in January.

SCIENCE CLUB (*Ms. Gollenberg, Ms. Perun*)

Do you want to have fun while learning science? Would you like to learn how to make ice cream? Solve mysteries? Complete scientific investigations? Join the Science Club to engage in many different experiments and activities that will teach you life science, earth science, and physical science concepts.

SCRABBLE CLUB (*Mr. Meahan*)

Scrabble Club is designed for the friendly, competitive and social Seneca student. All students 6th-8th grade are welcome to take part in this fun and enjoyable club. Competitions will take place each month to find the Scrabble Seneca Champion!

SELECT CHORUS (*Mr. Sabatello*)

Students may audition for this performing group in which they sing challenging vocal selections in many styles including jazz, Broadway, and popular music.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT (*Mrs. Curry and Mr. DeMeo*)

Student Government runs student activities such as dances and Fun Night. It is a service based club that organizes fundraisers and food drives, assists with Safe Halloween, etc. We also have an ongoing World Hunger Project as "global" community service. The Student Council, selected from the delegates elected by each homeroom, meets once a week during homeroom to discuss upcoming events and listen to suggestions for possible projects.

TECHNOLOGY CLUB (*Mr. Silva*)

The purpose of this club is to provide students with opportunities to obtain supplementary experience in the technology labs. While developing these skills, students will have opportunities to design independent and group projects. They will also participate in the annual Sachem District Catapult Competition.