

Catonsville Middle School - Clubs & Activities

School Year 2023-2024

Other clubs or activities may pop up during the year. Additional information will be shared through the Monday Message and morning announcements.

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| Battle of the Books | | |
| Ms. Smith, Ms. Jeremenko | Meeting Days: Varies by team | Runs from: Oct. to May |
| Friendly book competition focusing on ten award nominated middle grade books. Students form teams of 3-5 to battle other teams. There will be in-house competition which will culminate in an event at the public library in May against other BCPS middle schools in the area. | | |
| Black Boy Joy & Genius | | |
| Diron Watkins, Shawn Kennedy | Thursday | Start Date: September 28 |
| We want to build a brotherhood that supports and empowers young black men by teaching life skills, providing opportunities for experiences in and outside school, and strengthening their growth mindset so they can build positive relationships and realize their full potential. We will do this through mentoring, academic and behavioral support, guest speakers, accountability, field trips, and bonding experiences. | | |
| Black Excellence | | |
| Ms. Hopkins | Wednesday | Fall - Spring |
| We investigate the experiences and celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans through analyzing famous speeches, participating in a quiz contest, and creating individual projects on African American barrier breakers and innovators. We have a fun group that is united in their goal to make sure African American history is celebrated and recognized. | | |
| Boys to Men | | |
| Taylor Dungey, Dylan Linhart, Nygil Johnson | Thursday | All Year, starts 9-28-23 |
| Boys to Men is a mentoring club that fosters a safe environment where boys can bond with each other, improve upon themselves, and build a brotherhood. We assist with tutoring, athletic competitions, field trips, character education, guest speakers, a tie ceremony, and the end of the year retreat. We strive for every boy to improve throughout the year and are big believers in accountability. | | |
| Clay Club | | |
| Ms. Liberto | Wednesdays in October and November | Oct - Nov (8 weeks) |
| Students build and glaze a variety of clay projects. | | |

| Cougar Card Club | | |
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| Mr. Hooks | Tuesdays | Starting 9/26/23 |
| <p>Are you interested in Trading Card Games (TCGs)? If so, join the Cougar Card Club! This is a club where students will learn to play TCGs such as Magic the Gathering, Pokemon and Yu-Gi-Oh. This will be a welcoming environment for students to play, teach each other new games, and learn from each other. The early plan is for the club to meet Tuesdays after school.</p> <p>See Mr. Hooks in room 28, send a Schoology message, or send an email to shooks@bcps.org for more information!</p> | | |
| CMS Broadcast Crew | | |
| Mr. Dickerson | During Advisory | All Year |
| <p>Participants provide our daily announcements via our P.A. system and our live broadcast equipment. This club looks for dedicated students who have strong public speaking skills or who are interested in being behind the scenes operating the broadcast equipment. <i>This is by application only; we are currently looking for two more 6th graders to join our group!</i></p> | | |
| Culture Club | | |
| Heidi Aydt | Every other Wednesday, 3:15-4:15 pm | All Year Start Date: October 4th |
| <p>The Culture Club gives students the opportunity and space to celebrate all cultures, traditions, and languages. This club is open to any student who enjoys discussing and promoting all cultures. Participants must turn in the signed permission slip.</p> | | |
| Dungeons & Dragons | | |
| Mx. Dowd | Thursday | Starting in December through the end of the school year |
| <p>Students will form their own campaigns as they explore the fantasy world of Dungeons and Dragons. All Role Playing Game (RPG) types are welcome, as well as various settings and campaign types.</p> <p><i>Students are asked to bring their own dice and books when possible - limited supplies available in the classroom.</i></p> | | |
| Educators Rising | | |
| Ms. Jessica Koslowski | Every other Wednesday | Starting 10/4/23 |
| <p>Educators Rising exposes students who are interested in careers as educators to a “behind the scenes” look at teaching. Students will support the faculty and staff at CMS while gaining insight into the work that teachers do to benefit students’ academic growth. We will take part in school-wide activities, such as American Education Week, as well as help develop resources to</p> | | |

benefit our school community. Ultimately, Educators Rising seeks to develop future educators to prepare for and pursue successful careers as teachers in years to come!

Environmental Club

Mr. Sporik & Ms. Chang

Thursday

Begins 10/5

Environmental Club meets every Thursday from 3:15 to 4:15pm with Mr. Sporik and Ms. Chang. This club is for anyone who enjoys nature and wants to improve the ecological health of Catonsville Middle School's campus and the surrounding neighborhood. We research environmental issues, share what we learn with our community, implement sustainability action projects, and spend time outside observing and measuring our local ecosystem's health.

Ladies of Legacy

Brittany Jakubowski, Brianna Bull

Thursday

From September- June

The Ladies of Legacy mentoring group for young women that will provide a variety of life experiences to foster and develop leadership skills, connections amongst peers, school, and community, and build confidence in young women of CMS.

Applications will be available beginning September 7th from Ms. Jak in Rm1 or Ms. Bull in LC4.

Literary Magazine

Ms. Farrell

Thursday

From October-May

Literary magazine club is for any student who has a passion for creative writing. Students will have the chance to write, review, edit and revise a variety of their own work and their peers. The theme students will focus on this year is "life lessons". We will carefully select which pieces best fit with our theme and we will create a literary magazine that features short stories, poems and memoirs. The magazine will be printed and sold at Diversity Night.

LGBTQ+

Mx. Dowd

Every Other Wednesday

Starting September 20th

The LGBTQ+ Club is focused on being a safe space for students to learn more about the LGBTQ+ community and express themselves. We will be working on events and activities to bring more awareness of LGBTQ+ issues and acceptance at CMS. Everyone is welcome!

Math 24 Club

Ms. Slusarczyk

Wednesday

Starting in October

Math 24 is a card game where you manipulate four integers so the end result is 24. This is a fun club where students can compete against each other in a friendly manner!

| MESA | | |
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| Ms. Ravegum & Ms. Strott | Wednesday | October thru April |
| <p>Students will compete in one of four engineering and coding based challenges. Challenges include creating a cell phone game to educate people about a health issue, designing and building an expanding structure, and using engineering and coding to address equity issues in healthcare and our community.</p> <p><i>Students must register on the JHU APL site in order to compete at the county and state level. No registration needed for students who are interested in learning about coding/engineering and do not want to compete.</i></p> | | |
| Newspaper Club | | |
| Ms. Golliday | Tuesday | Year Long |
| <p>The newspaper club is designed to provide the school with a variety of news (school, community, world events, etc). Students learn the process of journalism and collaborate to create different newspaper columns that will provide our school with loads of fascinating information.</p> | | |
| Robotics | | |
| Ms. Willis & Ms. Dixon | Tuesdays | We will start in October |
| <p>This year the robotics club will regroup as a non-competitive club designed to prepare for competition in fall 2024. We will be building and programming with VEX. Any parents with programming skills who would like to participate, contact ewillis@bcps.org or kdixon2@bcps.org.</p> | | |
| Rummikub | | |
| Mr. Eisenberg | Wednesday starting 11/1/23 | Through the end of May |
| <p>As members of Rummikub Club, students will develop critical thinking, problem solving and mathematical skills. We will do this by analyzing and manipulating patterns, developing pattern recognition and number sense, and building upon and improving mathematical strategies, skills (and some luck 😊).</p> | | |
| Student Council | | |
| Ms. Tucci | Every other Thursday starting 9/28 | First meeting 9/28/23- runs to end of May 2024 |
| <p>The Catonsville Middle School Student Council is a student-based civic group designed to help promote school spirit and provides leadership opportunities for interested students. Members represent all CMS students and promote our school mission “to Achieve, Create, and Transform”. Members respond to student issues and create student activities that promote enthusiasm and school spirit, building a community where each member and their constituents are valued and respected.</p> | | |

Sports - Teams sponsored by BCPS

These activities require standard BCPS athletics forms in order to join tryouts. Information regarding BCPS sponsored sports are shared through the Monday Message and morning announcements.

Fall: Badminton Cross Country

Winter: Boys & Girls Basketball

Try-outs are in November. Information will be shared in the Monday Message; health forms **MUST** be turned in to participate in try-outs.

Spring: Tennis Track & Field (More information in spring)