

SLEEPY HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB DIRECTORY 2009-2010

Explorations in Science – Advisor: Mr. Benedict, Sr.

Students in grades 6-8 who would like to explore science concepts outside of the classroom are invited to join the Explorations in Science Club. The club will meet on Tuesdays at 3:15 in Room 205S. Contact Mr. Benedict, Sr. at dbenedict@tufsd.org.

Math Counts Team – Advisor: Ms. Albuquerk

Math Counts is a national enrichment, coaching, and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement in every US state and territory. The competition provides extra incentives and the perfect atmosphere for students to push themselves to achieve more in mathematics. Consisting of fun and creative problems, the Math Counts competitions have written and oral rounds, as well as individual and team components. Students from grades 6 through 8 are invited to participate on the Sleepy Hollow Math Counts Team. Contact Ms. Albuquerk at lalbuquerk@tufsd.org.

Strategic Games Club – Advisor: Mr. Garguilo

Using knowledge learned in the classroom to achieve victory in games is the goal of Strategic Games Club. Students in grades 6-8 enter into honorable competition using board games and video games. Students are instructed in the art of "good sportsmanship" and are required to shake hands after every match. Mr. Garguilo strives to foster a positive relationship among peers and the school during enjoyable competition. Strategic Games Club meets Tuesdays from 3:05-4:15 in room 203S. Contact Mr. Garguilo at mgarguilo@tufsd.org.

6th Grade Math Club – Advisor: Mr. Large

All sixth grade students interested in participating in the Math Olympiad contest are invited to join the 6th Grade Math Club. The focus of the club will be preparing students for the five mathematics competitions that occur during the course of the school year. Contact Mr. Large at glarge@tufsd.org.

The History Club – Advisor Ms. Shrinsky

The History Club is open to students in grades 6-8 to participate in the National History Day Competition. National History Day is an annual competition in which students create a research project based on a theme that changes each year. The 2010 National History Day Theme is *Innovation in History: Impact and Change*. Students may

select a topic of interest to explore through research with primary and secondary sources. Students can present their research in a variety of formats including exhibits, dramatic performances, interactive websites, or a historical paper. National History Day consists of a series of competitions beginning at the regional level and culminating with a National Competition in May. Contact Ms. Shrinsky at rshrinsky@tufsd.org

The Middle School Literary Magazine – Advisor: Mr. Kennedy

The Middle School Literary Magazine allows students in grades 6-8 the opportunity to share their best writing with their peers. The staff reviews submissions, assists in editing, and designs the layout of the magazine. At the end of the year, we work together in producing a final, published magazine that reflects the diversity of style and content of Middle School writers. Contact Mr. Kennedy at pkennedy@tufsd.org

The Middle School Drama Club– Advisor: Mr. Kennedy

The Middle School Drama Club gives students in grades 6-8 the opportunity to express themselves through drama and comedy, and hone their skills as actors. We will focus on voice, physicality, and language as a means of expressing character. Through the use of improvisation exercises and the performance of monologues and selected scenes, aspiring actors will have an outlet for their creativity and develop their craft. Contact Mr. Kennedy at pkennedy@tufsd.org

Middle School Book Club – Advisors: Ms. Linteau and Ms. Emmerich

Do you LOVE to read?! Well, if you cannot get your nose out of a book and are constantly dying to tell everyone about the books you're reading, then the Middle School Reading Club is for you! We will choose a monthly novel (genre will vary) based on votes from the group and then get together to discuss the various elements of the text, i.e. characters, plot, setting, themes, etc. Meetings will take place at scheduled times, either during lunch or after school, with Mrs. Emmerich and Mrs. Linteau. Listen for announcements this fall about our first meeting! Happy Reading! Contact Mrs. Emmerich at aemmerich@tufsd.org and Mrs. Linteau at alinteau@tufsd.org.

Freestyle Friday – Advisors: Mr. C. Lopez and Mr. Goldberg

The goal of Freestyle Friday is to provide an environment for students in grades 6-8 that fosters thought and appreciation for oneself, community, and the world. Sample topics and activities to be explored include: music, dance, poetry, cultural awareness,

and current events. Our club will meet every Friday at 3:15 for approximately an hour and a half. We plan to visit historical sites in Tarrytown and some local restaurants. Contact Mr. Lopez at clopez@tufsd.org and Mr. Goldberg at pgoldberg@tufsd.org

ESL Club – Advisors: Mrs. Hull and Ms. McGraw

The objective of the ESL Club is to introduce middle school and high school ESL students to popular leisure-time activities for young adults, and to give them an opportunity to spend time with friends outside of school. Some of our activities over the year include apple picking, ice skating, open gym nights, going to the movies, making holiday crafts, and going on hikes and picnics. The club plans an activity or excursion approximately once a month.

Contact Mrs. Hull at khull@tufsd.org Ms. McGraw at bmcgraw@tufsd.org.

MS/HS Ski Club – Advisors: Ms. Noll and Ms. Hickey

The Sleepy Hollow Ski Club is open to both Middle and High School students and invites students to play in the snow, skiing or snowboarding. Beginners are welcome. Middle School students are invited to participate on 5 Sunday day trips to local ski areas in the Catskills and the Berkshires. The club's first meeting will be in mid-October and will provide students with dates, places and costs for each trip. Students may attend one or all trips. School bus transportation will be provided for students free of charge and departs outside the gym at 6:15 a.m. Students return at 6 pm. Generally, discounted student lift tickets cost approximately \$40 to \$45. Rentals and lessons are additional, depending on the resort. Contact Ms. Noll at mnoll@tufsd.org and Ms. Hickey at mhickey@tufsd.org.

The Environmental Action Club – Advisors: Mrs. Linteau and Mr. Garguilo

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Rethink. This is, of course, our motto in the Environmental Action Club (EAC) here at Sleepy Hollow Middle School. Our members, along with leaders Mr. Garguilo and Mrs. Linteau, will do their best to make sure that SHMS is a sustainable environment and that all staff and students do their best to keep SHMS beautiful and efficient throughout each school year. Additionally, the EAC will also reach out into the community for support, ideas, and short or long term projects. In the end, we hope to beautify our surroundings in the most efficient manner possible. Come see Mr. Garguilo or Mrs. Linteau in the fall for more details, and listen to announcements for meeting times and places! Stay green, Sleepy Hollow! Contact Mrs. Linteau at alinteau@tufsd.org and Mr. Garguilo at mgarguilo@tufsd.org.

Cinemaniamia Club – Advisor: Ms. Ressa

Travel the world without leaving your seats. Cinemaniamia gives middle school students in grades 7 and 8 the opportunity to explore the experience of childhood through film in all corners of the globe. Weekly meetings include a film screening, interactive discussion, and writing and reading film reviews. We take a bus to the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville. See Ms. Ressa in the middle school office if you would like to join. Contact Ms. Ressa at cressa@tufsd.org.

Hollow Helpers – Advisor: Ms. Ressa

Hollow Helpers is a community service group that is open to students in grades 6-8. Our club will work with the nursing home and the Make a Wish Foundation. This year we will also work with the Green Committee on recycling. Meetings will begin in October. Contact Ms. Ressa at cressa@tufsd.org.

Yearbook Committee – Advisors: Mrs. Linteau

This year's Sleepy Hollow Yearbook Club will be responsible for capturing the history of SHMS from the fall of 2009 through the spring of 2010. Along with our yearbook company, we will design a book online from start to finish that sums up our year together. Our team of yearbook advisers will work together to come up with a theme, format and discuss the display of spreads, and create text and add text features, etc. Future yearbook employees will work with senior yearbook advisers to format spreads, take and Photoshop photographs, copy and edit text, etc. If you consider yourself a visual genius, you are great with words, and/or you are a natural photographer--and you are able to commit to every Wednesday after school from 3 to 4 p.m.--then apply first thing in the fall with Mrs. Linteau! There will be a meeting for interested students the first week, so listen closely to announcements and read everything posted on the walls! (Grades 6-8 are welcome to apply) P.S. Yearbook looks great on a college transcript! Contact Mrs. Linteau at alinteau@tufsd.org

National Junior Honor Society – Advisor: Ms. Doran

This is the second year Sleepy Hollow Middle School is a part of the NJHS. It is open to students that have a specified cumulative grade point average and are part of the school community. Students who meet the criteria will be invited to apply and a 5 member faculty council will read the applications and decide if the candidate meets the standards. Membership must be applied for each year. The National Honor Society continues through high school and college. Contact Ms. Doran at cdoran@tufsd.org.

Student Government – Advisor: Ms. Doran

Student Government is open to students in grades 6-8. Representatives from each homeroom and class officials will be elected to help lead activities throughout the school year. One of the main goals of the Student Government this year will be to focus on raising funds for a number of school wide activities, as well as the 8th grade class trip to Washington, DC. A book fair and coffee sale are just a couple of the fundraising activities taking place this year. Contact Ms. Doran at cdoran@tufsd.org.

African American Heritage Club – Advisors: Dr. Burton and Ms. Carty

The African-American Heritage Club is in its 13th year. It is open to all students of Sleepy Hollow Middle and High School and meets weekly on Thursdays after school. The mission of the Club is to provide information, and celebrate the contribution of Africans and people from the African Diaspora, to the larger society. For students of African descent, the goal is also to instill pride in their heritage. The Club travels to Africa to dispel myths about Africa and to acquaint students with the African culture. In addition, the club has hosted school-wide assemblies and local cultural trips. Issues affecting people of African descent are among topics of discussion in meetings, as well as planning fundraising activities. The Club has adopted the John William Montessori School in Kumasi, Ghana, West Africa, and has made monetary and material contributions over the years. Club members have had the opportunity to visit the school, observe its growth, and host some of its students during their visit to the U.S. The club members and some faculty traveled to Egypt in April, 2009. Contact Dr. Burton at cburton@tufsd.org.

The Horsemen Herald – Advisors: Mrs. Emmerich and Mrs. Linteau

Our student newspaper is officially entering its third year. The Horsemen Herald consists of student writers from all grades. Mrs. Emmerich and Mrs. Linteau serve as the club advisors for the newspaper. The first orientation meeting will be in early October where we will decide meeting dates as a group! Contact Mrs. Emmerich at aemmerich@tufsd.org and Mrs. Linteau at alinteau@tufsd.org.