

SLEEPY HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB DIRECTORY

2019/20

Art Club – Advisor: Ms. Harrison

The SHMS Art Club will meet each Friday, from 3:00 to 4:30. Students will have a chance to explore various formal issues in visual art through the hands-on creative process. Moreover, all middle school participants will be encouraged to engage in contemplative critical thinking through both the spoken and written word. Sample activities will include: working from still life set-ups, working from the figure (students will take turns at modeling), analyzing short films, creating photo journals, and planning and executing a school installation that will engage the viewer. In addition, the students will help develop and create a school “museum” that showcases ideas pertinent to the school community. For more information, please contact Ms. Harrison at aharrison@tufsd.org.

Culinary Club – Advisor: Mr. Patierno

The goal of the culinary club is to take a look at the role that food plays in modern civilizations and use it as a medium to address scientific processes and societal issues. Students in the club will gain better understanding of professional culinary techniques, learn about the life cycle of food from production, through harvesting, and then the recycling of materials. Students will also be exposed to budgeting and learn what factors contribute to higher food costs, how to prepare meals on a budget, and where to source the best ingredients. The club will take on a similar theme to the popular television show "chopped" and the students involved will work in teams to learn about ingredients, plan meals, and practice professional techniques that may one day help them secure jobs as professionals in the food industry. Whenever possible, the science behind the practice will be explained and connections to all fields of science (chemistry, biology, ecology, physics, etc.) will be made. For more information, please contact Mr. Patierno at apatierno@tufsd.org.

Drama Club– Advisor: Mr. Kennedy

The Middle School Drama Club gives students in grades 6-8 the opportunity to express themselves through acting with a strong focus on comic improvisation. Participants work on voice, physicality and the choices actors make to breathe life into characters. We meet on Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:45. All middle schoolers are welcome and attendance is flexible. Contact Mr. Kennedy at pkennedy@tufsd.org.

ENL Club – Advisors: Ms. McGraw and Ms. Perez

The ENL Club organizes recreational excursions approximately once a month for all students. In past years, the ENL Club has gone ice skating, apple picking, hiking, and swimming. We have sponsored open gym nights, holiday movies, and picnics and have been spooked together at the Haunted Hayride in Sleepy Hollow! We enjoy our time together and create friendships outside of the classroom. Please contact Ms. McGraw for more information at bmcgraw@tufsd.org.

GSA Club – Advisor: Ms. Budde

This club is an opportunity for our students to discuss issues and plan school-wide activities related to diversity and tolerance within the middle school and throughout the community in order to foster a safe environment for all students. Club meeting dates will be announced in the fall. For more information, please contact Ms. Budde at abudde@tufsd.org.

Marine Biology Club – Advisor: Ms. McCarl

Join the Marine Biology Club where the focus is on exploring the Hudson River! Learn how to use different types of nets and equipment to collect and study marine organisms and water quality of the Hudson River. We will maintain a classroom estuary tank that contains our catch! The Hudson River in our area is an estuary that contains both salt and fresh water. It is a location that is used by many marine and fresh water organisms as a nursery. Members will help to design a mural or booklet that will communicate the importance of the Hudson River in our daily lives and depict the animals that live there. We will be working with the Hudson River Museum to share what we find out! Field trips to the collection sites at Kingsland and Pearson Park are necessary for collecting. Plan to get wet and get hands-on experience with tank maintenance. Water shoes or old sneakers and permission to be in the water to help collect are required. Contact Ms. McCarl at dmccarl@tufsd.org.

Math Club – Advisor: Ms. Yepes

The Middle School Math Club is open to all students interested in Math Counts as well as the Math Olympiad. 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 the 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. Sixth grade students interested in participating in the Math Olympiad should also join the Math Club in order to prepare for the five mathematics competitions that occur during the course of the school year. Contact Ms. Yepes at myepes@tufsd.org.

National Junior Honor Society – Advisor: Ms. Murolo

This is the tenth year Sleepy Hollow Middle School has recognized students for 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. Murolo at murolo@tufsd.org.

Select Chorus Club – Advisor: Gail Persad

Chorus offers opportunities for students to develop team building and leadership skills. The treble choir is an extension of middle school chorus. This group takes a deeper exploration of vocal technique through the study of a wide variety of choral music and a strong emphasis on independent singing. This club is open to all students 6-8 grade with rehearsals before school from 7:15am-7:45am on even days. Students in Treble Chorus are expected to be at rehearsals and participate in the spring concert. No audition is required!

Strategic Games Club – Advisor: Mr. Garguilo

Students in Middle School (grades 6-8) compete in board games, card games, and video games. Students are introduced to a wide variety of game types and styles. The club highlights good sportsmanship, positive role modeling, problem solving, and honorable combat. The club is designed to be fun and foster a positive relationship among peers. The club provides a safe place to explore the passion for gaming. All ability levels are welcome. Strategic Games Club meets Tuesdays from 3:00- 4:00 in room 203S. Contact Mr. Garguilo at mgarguilo@tufsd.org.

Student Council – Advisors: Ms. Connell and Ms. Proctor

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 bake sale and coffee sale are just a couple of the fundraising activities taking place this year. Contact Ms. Connell at kconnell@tufsd.org or Ms. Proctor at kproctor@tufsd.org.

Word Games and Puzzle Club – Advisor: Mr. Dietz

This after school club is for middle school students who enjoy playing games with words and solving word puzzles. The club focuses on the use of word puzzles and games to increase students' awareness of vocabulary, language usage, and problem solving strategies. We will be using games such as Word Winder, Scrabble, Jumble, word searches and many more to encourage team building and cooperation in completing tasks. Club meeting dates will be announced in the fall. For more information, please contact Mr. Dietz at kdietz@tufsd.org.

World Drumming Club – Advisor: Ms. DiNome

This club is for students in grades 6-8 who are interested in playing Djembe drums, Conga drums, and Auxiliary percussion. The club welcomes all levels, from beginner to advanced. If a student is in one performing ensemble: band, orchestra or chorus and has a strong interest in playing percussion they can attend the club opposite their rehearsal week. Limit 12 students. Meets Tuesdays 7:45 – 8:30 am in Rm 515A. Contact Ms. DiNome at ldinome@tufsd.org for more information.

Yearbook Committee – Advisor: Mr. Lerro

This year's Sleepy Hollow Yearbook Club will be responsible for capturing the history of SHMS from the fall of 2019 through the spring of 2020. Along with our yearbook company, we will design a book online from start to finish that sums up our year together. 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 - then apply first thing in the fall with Mr. Lerro! 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.) Contact Mr. Lerro at mllerro@tufsd.org.

6th GRADE ORCHESTRA CLUB - Brittney Trenczer

6th grade Orchestra Club is for all 6th grade string players who participated in the W.I. orchestra in 4th and 5th grade. These students are automatically added as club members by their director, Ms. Trenczer. The purpose of this club is to prepare the 6th grade string players for participation in the Middle School Orchestra Program by giving them a chance to learn music right at their level and perform in a smaller orchestra that does not include older students.