



Student Council:

Student council is the HEART of student involvement. We are the link between our school and the Community. The Student Council is involved in Community activities, school functions and fundraising. All students, regardless of grade, are invited to join and help us making positive changes.



World Cultures Club:

Thomas Jefferson Middle School has a very diverse population. This club will explore the different cultures and countries that our students represent. From Holiday's to current affairs, we will learn about what life is like in different countries. Students will learn about different cultures through interactive research from their fellow classmates and teachers



Yearbook:

Students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade are all invited to be a part of the Yearbook Club. This club generates Thomas Jefferson's annual yearbook. Club members assist in promoting sales of the book by creating advertisements and displaying them throughout the school. In addition, students utilize their word processing skills to type text and ads. Students also learn how to keep accurate accounting records. Finally, students use digital technology capturing special events and activities throughout the school year. This club meets one day a week after school. Join the Yearbook Club to be a part of documenting memories of your middle school years!



Thomas Jefferson Middle School



TJMS CLUBS 2017-2018

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Anime Club:

All grades are welcome. This club will run for 6 weeks from January to February. We will meet every Thursday in Cafeteria 102 from 3 – 3:30pm.

No experience necessary.



Arts and Crafts Club:

The Arts and Crafts Club is open to all T.J. students, who like to be creative. Students enjoy working on various activities such as drawing, painting, creating simple crafts, and scrapbooking. Also, some activities are centered on the seasons and time of the year. Students are welcome to come every Wednesday for a half hour of creative fun!



Boys' / Girls' Intramurals:

Intramurals is a

sport themed club. Activities such as basketball, kickball, agility ball, indoor soccer are just a sample of the activities that we play. All participants must be taking Physical Education class to be eligible to play. Sneakers are required.



Character Counts/ Celebrate America:

A community service club designed to give back to the needs of our community, build good character within the student body and spread our motto that the 7 pillars of character really do count: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and



Chess Club:

A Place for students interested in honing their chess skills to meet and compete. The Chess Club will run on alternating Wednesdays.



Computer Club:

Students can utilize a variety of school resources to complete special projects for TJMS and they may access online activities with supervision. Participants will complete projects or experiment with software in a way not available to them during regular school hours. They will assist in the library by organizing and displaying new materials; creating signs for book displays, help other students locate and identify items faster; create quick reference guides for students wondering "what to read next"; assist students using the computers for projects after school.



Debate Team:

Eighth grade students will be competing in the Bergen County Novice Debate League. Their participation in the Debate League will allow them to engage in a critical discussion that is fact-driven and on a topic of social relevance. In addition, all debaters, 8th, 7th and 6th will do the following: Cite reliable sources to strengthen an argument; Quote expert opinions to support an assertion; Utilize facts and data to substantiate a proposal/idea; Discuss topics of social relevance and question the status quo; Analyze information from various sources; Criticize opposing arguments/Propose counterarguments; Organize research in a coherent logical sequence; Prepare and give oral speeches; Judge and score student debates.

**Drama Club:**

The Drama Club members will work on one production this school year. A musical will be the focus, allowing students to enhance their singing and acting skills. Auditions will begin in early fall and members will work towards creating a unique production decided by the drama club. The musical will take place in the Spring. Throughout the year stage, prop, hair, makeup, and costume crews will work on critical components necessary to run any performance successfully.

**The Environmental Club and Animal Rescue Club:**

The Environmental Club is involved with environmentally friendly topics and activities during the year. All students are invited to help us plant bulbs, shrubs and perennials around the school. After building new planting beds, we will be deciding what perennials, herbs and annuals to plant in them. Bird houses will also be built and we will sell recycled items such as pencil cases. Through our grant, a new composter was purchased. We will continue to work on building the TJ Environmental Center and discuss such topics as identification of plants, soil pollution and cycles. In addition, the Club will include Animal Rescue topics which will discuss ways to help animals in need. <http://cassandraoct10.wix.com/abettertomorrow>

**Guitar Club:**

The Guitar Club is a place for students of all guitar talents to come and be comfortable to "rock out". All styles of music are appreciated. We have beginner, intermediate, and advanced players all helping one another and learning from each other's skills. All are welcome and no one needs to own a guitar. The Guitar Club runs from October through April.

**Literary Magazine:**

Are you interested in creative writing, art or graphic design? If so, the Literary Magazine is the perfect club for you. We're looking for great poetry, short stories and original art to include in our annual publication. The first half of the year is all about creativity. We will brainstorm, write and draw. During the second half of the year, we will work in Adobe InDesign to create the magazine. We will decide what pieces to include in the magazine and develop a layout. At the end of the year we will publish the magazine and distribute to all TJ students and staff.

**Math League:**

The Math League holds meetings after school from 3:00-3:30 on select Thursdays in room 118. Some meetings will be devoted to enrichment-based instruction, while others will be used to take various contests or qualifying exams. For more detailed information, students/parents should sign up to receive Math Team messages from Remind. Simply send a text to the number 81010, and in the message write @tjmath

**Media Squad:**

Members assist in the library by shelving books, checking out materials, organizing and displaying new materials; creating signs for book displays, help other students locate and identify items faster; create quick reference guides for students wondering "what to read next"; assist students using the library.

**Music - Band/Orchestra/Choral:**

All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students have the opportunity to play a band, string instrument or join the orchestra. The program is open to new as well as continuing students. During the school year, the music department provides weekly group instruction as well as rehearsals before school. The ensembles include: String Orchestra, Junior Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Ensemble. All students perform two times during the school year for their peers and parents.

**Peers for Peace Club:**

This is a TJ community Service Club for 7th and 8th grade students. They will have the opportunity to mentor and assist grade 6 students with their *Middle School Journey*. This may include assisting with locker organization, and cleanout, making friends and keeping friends, learning and sharing techniques for de-stressing, peer discussion groups, assist teachers with bulletin board projects and interactive outreaches with our elementary schools.

**Ping Pong Club:**

The Ping Pong Club is offered for all students from grades 6-8. There will be three different levels (beginners, intermediate and experts). Students will meet one level per month on a rotation schedule. Students will be provided with balls and paddles or they can bring paddles from home. This club will meet on Tuesdays.

**Production Club:**

The Production Club works hand in hand with the Drama Club. Students will learn how to set up and use the light and sound equipment integral to the school's concerts, assemblies and productions. Students will be taught audio and lighting techniques and use their skill to provide production elements during the annual school play. Elements of stage crew and special effects will also be taught and utilized.

**Reading Club:**

All grades are welcome. We will be going to Milnes Elementary School once a month to read with a class. This will be done during 9th Period.

**School Newspaper:**

The Knightly News: Thomas Jefferson Middle School Newspaper – bringing you news from across the hall, across town, and across the world. Thomas

Jefferson Middle School newspaper, The Knightly News, gives students an opportunity to report on the things that matter to them. Every issue contains articles about TJ, such as fundraisers or school plays. There is also a Teacher 411 column, in which students interview teachers about their hobbies, education, etc. and a Top Ten list, in which students are polled as to their favorite movie, sports team, music, etc. In addition, the cover story is always on a global or national topic. We've reported on such topics as immunizations, natural disasters, and extending the school year. Students also contribute articles on books, video games, movie reviews, pop culture and submit comics and editorials.

**School Store:**

The School Store is a student driven club that carries out and fulfills many of the various job functions of an actual store. Individual student involvement and participation in the club is two tiered. First, students voluntarily select to participate in a specified committee(s) that is responsible for achieving various job related tasks on an as needed basis. Students will collectively develop specific sub-committee goals and expectations based upon teacher guidance in order to contribute to the school student body in a positive way. Students will then be able to work the store on a rotating basis either after school and/or 20 minutes during their regularly scheduled lunch period. Sub-Committees include: Scheduling, Holiday/Specials, Food, Marketing & Outreach, and Advertising