

CROSSROADS MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR Clubs/Activities 2023-2024

Crossroads Middle School is excited to announce that our Extracurricular Clubs and Activities for the 2023-2024 school year will begin registration in a few weeks. All of our club information is listed below. Please carefully read all information below so you can register your child for any of these exciting after school opportunities. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Principal, Mark Kmiec via email at mark.kmiec@sbschools.org

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE – Any Crossroads North or South student in Grade 6, 7, or 8 can register for our Extracurricular Clubs. All clubs are set up to allow students from either building to register with the exception of the Makerspace, Chess, and Art clubs which are specific to each building (North and South). Please note: There is a limited capacity for each club to ensure a safe and enriched experience. Students can only sign up for **ONE** club in each session and cannot sign up for the same club in both sessions.

SESSION START DATES – Crossroads Middle School will host two sessions of our Extracurricular Clubs. Each session will run for ten meetings, weather permitting. **Session A** will begin the first full week of December. **Session B** will begin the first week of March and run through the middle of the month of May.

LOCATION and TIME - The location for all clubs is listed in each description below. Clubs take place in both buildings on campus. Students will walk on the supervised path to the building at which the club is located. Most clubs will end at 4:15 for each session.

CLUB DISMISSAL - Students can be picked up by a parent or board the 4:15 late bus. Parent pick-up and late bus boarding will take place in the building where each club is located. Parent must arrive at the appropriate pick-up locations by 4:10. Parent Pickup locations are as follows: **Crossroads North** - Enter at Georges Road to access rear of the building and proceed to pick-up loop, **Crossroads South** - Enter at Kingston Lane and proceed to pick-up loop. Any student waiting for parent pickup at bus dismissal will be placed on the late buses.

HOW TO REGISTER - Any student who is interested in participating in any of the clubs listed below will need to visit <http://register.communitypass.net/> to register with *CommunityPass*, the South Brunswick School District's online registration website. The club registration window will open at **6:00 pm** on **Tuesday, November 14th** and close at **12:00 pm** on **Wednesday, November 22nd**. Only students who have enrolled **online** will be eligible to attend clubs. Students who wish to participate will be assessed a **non-refundable, non-transferable** \$35.00 Pay to Participate Fee which will be processed using the *CommunityPass* website. If you have any questions regarding registration with *CommunityPass*, please send an email to sbxrds.ptp@sbparents.org. Students can only sign up for **ONE** club in each session and cannot sign up for the same club in both sessions.

2023-2024 Extracurricular Club Offerings

Photography Club - Ms. Pedersen – XRDS North Room A106 - 3:10-4:15 pm

Our club will create a community of students that appreciate photography as art. We will learn new tips and tricks for taking pictures with our own devices! Students will spend time learning a specific technique, and then get outside or around the school to apply the new skill. We will learn how to communicate ideas through photography and share our work with others.

Session A - Tuesdays - 12/05, 12/12, 12/19, 1/02, 1/09, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/06, 2/13

Session B - Tuesdays – 3/05, 3/12, 3/19, 4/02, 4/09, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/07, 5/14

Community Service Club - Ms. Bock- XRDS North Room E508 - 3:10-4:15 pm

In the Community Service Club we will work together to help our community to be a better place. We will learn about the value of service and the impact we can make!

Session A - Tuesdays - 12/05, 12/12, 12/19, 1/02, 1/09, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/06, 2/13

Session B - Tuesdays – 3/05, 3/12, 3/19, 4/02, 4/09, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/07, 5/14

Anime & Gaming Club - Ms. Flahive – XRDS North Room G709 - 3:10-4:15 pm

Calling all anime, manga, and gaming fans! This club is a chance to meet fellow anime and gaming enthusiasts, watch anime and play tabletop games together, and possibly even learn how to create your own manga or cosplays from your favorite series. Whether you're new to the world of anime and gaming or not, this is the club for you!

Session A - Tuesdays - 12/05, 12/12, 12/19, 1/02, 1/09, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/06, 2/13

Session B - Tuesdays – 3/05, 3/12, 3/19, 4/02, 4/09, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/07, 5/14

Robotics Club - Mr. Michals – XRDS South Room C108 - 3:10-4:15 pm (6th and 7th Grade ONLY)

This club is designed to introduce students to Robotics and to explore the ideas, concepts and skills of robotic engineering. Students will design, build and program robots using the VEX IQ kit during this trimester long course under the guidance of the classroom teacher. Students will explore sensors, gears, pulleys and linkages to build a Clawbot and then utilize RobotC programming language to program their robots to accomplish a variety of challenges.

Session A - Tuesdays - 12/05, 12/12, 12/19, 1/02, 1/09, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/06, 2/13

Session B - Tuesdays – 3/05, 3/12, 3/19, 4/02, 4/09, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/07, 5/14

Unified Vikings Club - Ms. Celendano – XRDS South Room D104 - 3:10-4:15 pm

Peers will be promoting inclusion through shared social experiences that are facilitated through fitness, STEM activities, cooking, and live conversation practice. Students will have the chance to mentor students with various abilities in a meaningful and innovative way.

Session A - Tuesdays - 12/05, 12/12, 12/19, 1/02, 1/09, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/06, 2/13

Session B - Tuesdays – 3/05, 3/12, 3/19, 4/02, 4/09, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/07, 5/14

Engineering & Design Club - Ms. Wiener – XRDS North Room A117 - 3:10-4:15 pm

Students will be challenged with simple engineering challenges using basic materials. They will work in groups to build marshmallow towers, paper bridges & airplanes, structures that support heavy weight, game-ready catapults, etc. Students will be further challenged to build an item from a computer platform called EdHeads.

Session A - Tuesdays - 12/05, 12/12, 12/19, 1/02, 1/09, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/06, 2/13

Session B - Tuesdays – 3/05, 3/12, 3/19, 4/02, 4/09, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/07, 5/14

SOUTH Chess Club - Mr. Swercheck – XRDS South Room F102 - 3:10-4:15 pm (South Students ONLY)

NEW CLUB!! Chess Club is a social, informational, instructional, or competitive meeting place where people come together through chess. This club will offer a wide variety of activities, including instruction, recreational, and competitive play.

Session A - Tuesdays - 12/05, 12/12, 12/19, 1/02, 1/09, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/06, 2/13

Session B - Tuesdays – 3/05, 3/12, 3/19, 4/02, 4/09, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/07, 5/14

Volleyball Club - Mr. Quilter– XRDS North Gym - 3:10-5:15 pm (NOTE END TIME)

NEW CLUB!! Students will participate in various volleyball exercises and games, to learn and enjoy the sport of volleyball! **NOTE** – This Club will only meet in SESSION A and run until 5:15

Session A - Tuesdays - 12/05, 12/12, 12/19, 1/02, 1/09, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/06, 2/13

Coding Club - Ms. Rousseau – XRDS South Room B111 - 3:10-4:15 pm

Come and explore different sites that you can use to code projects and games. We will work together as we create and then share our work with each other. We will be using free sites that you can also use at home. Some sites we will use are Scratch, Code.org, Codecademy and Tynker.

Session A - Wednesdays – 12/06, 12/13, 12/20, 1/03, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/07, 2/14

Session B – Wednesdays – 3/06, 3/13, 3/20, 4/03, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/01, 5/08, 5/15

Future Business Leaders of America - Ms. Gonzalez – XRDS South Room B106 - 3:10-4:15 pm

FBLA Middle School is an introduction into Future Business Leaders of America. In this club we will work to prepare students for careers in business through the development of different skills. Similarly, we will introduce students to the world of FBLA at the high school.

Session A - Wednesdays – 12/06, 12/13, 12/20, 1/03, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/07, 2/14

Session B – Wednesdays – 3/06, 3/13, 3/20, 4/03, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/01, 5/08, 5/15

Wellness Club - Ms. Maurer – XRDS South Room A110 - 3:10-4:15 pm

We will explore wellness through fitness- walks, runs, playing catch, stretching, isometrics, muscle toning, etc. In addition, we will discover how wellness includes nutrition, meditation, and creative outlets.

Session A - Wednesdays – 12/06, 12/13, 12/20, 1/03, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/07, 2/14

Session B – Wednesdays – 3/06, 3/13, 3/20, 4/03, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/01, 5/08, 5/15

NORTH Art Club - Ms. Costello – XRDS North Room C304 - 3:10-4:15 pm (NORTH students only)

Students are invited to explore Art through drawing and painting their individual ideas. It is a great time to socialize with other students that enjoy art.

Session A - Wednesdays – 12/06, 12/13, 12/20, 1/03, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/07, 2/14

Session B – Wednesdays – 3/06, 3/13, 3/20, 4/03, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/01, 5/08, 5/15

SOUTH Art Club - Ms. Dovas – XRDS South Room E100 - 3:10-4:15 pm (SOUTH students only)

Art club is for anyone who loves art and wants to make additional projects. Artists can grow their skills and imagination while working on drawings, paintings, and ceramics.

Session A - Wednesdays – 12/06, 12/13, 12/20, 1/03, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/07, 2/14

Session B – Wednesdays – 3/06, 3/13, 3/20, 4/03, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/01, 5/08, 5/15

NORTH Chess Club - Mr. Marusky – XRDS North Room A102 - 3:10-4:15 pm (NORTH Students ONLY)

NEW CLUB!! Chess Club is a social, informational, instructional, or competitive meeting place where people come together through chess. This club will offer a wide variety of activities, including instruction, recreational, and competitive play.

Session A - Wednesdays – 12/06, 12/13, 12/20, 1/03, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/07, 2/14

Session B – Wednesdays – 3/06, 3/13, 3/20, 4/03, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/01, 5/08, 5/15

Pickleball Club - Ms. Saldino– XRDS North Gym - 3:10-5:15 pm (NOTE END TIME)

NEW CLUB!! Pickleball club will teach the fundamentals of the sport taking over the world! Students should come dressed for physical activity as they team up to play doubles on the courts. **NOTE** – This Club will only meet in SESSION A and run until 5:15

Session A - Wednesdays – 12/06, 12/13, 12/20, 1/03, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/07, 2/14

Literacy Leaders Club - Ms. Luettchau– XRDS South Room B108 - 3:10-4:15 pm

Students will have opportunities to expand their love of literacy by participating in explorations of poetry, narratives, and journalism. Students will collaborate on a literary magazine that they will publish and share by the end of the ten-week session.

Session A - Thursdays – 12/07, 12/14, 12/21, 1/04, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/01, 2/08, 2/15

Session B –Thursdays – 3/07, 3/14, 3/21, 4/04, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/02, 5/09, 5/16

NORTH Makerspace Club - Mr. Ferraris – XRDS North Room D404 - 3:10-4:15 pm (NORTH students only)

In the North Makerspace club, students will work in teams and learn to collaboratively problem solve as they build and create. They will choose from projects that may include green screen movie making, robotics Cubelets, Frankenmonsters ("genetically modified" stuffed animals), augmented reality, button-making, creative building challenges and more.

Session A - Thursdays – 12/07, 12/14, 12/21, 1/04, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/01, 2/08, 2/15

Session B –Thursdays – 3/07, 3/14, 3/21, 4/04, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/02, 5/09, 5/16

SOUTH Makerspace Club - Ms. Rousseau - XRDS South Room B111 - 3:10-4:15 pm (SOUTH students only)

In the South Makerspace club, students will work in teams and learn to collaboratively problem solve as they build and create. They will choose from projects that may include green screen movie-making, robotics Cubelets, Frankenmonsters ("genetically modified" stuffed animals), augmented reality.button-making, creative building challenges and more.

Session A - Thursdays – 12/07, 12/14, 12/21, 1/04, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/01, 2/08, 2/15

Session B –Thursdays – 3/07, 3/14, 3/21, 4/04, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/02, 5/09, 5/16

Junior GSA Club - Ms. Cabel–Dlugoszcz/Ms. Flahive - XRDS North Room G711 - 3:10-4:15 pm

NEW CLUB!! The Crossroads Junior GSA is a group of dedicated students who aim to make our schools an inclusive space for members of the LGBTQ+ community, their friends, and their families. Join us for a wide range of activities to help educate ourselves and those around us on ways to make our world a more welcoming place!

Session A - Thursdays – 12/07, 12/14, 12/21, 1/04, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/01, 2/08, 2/15

Session B –Thursdays – 3/07, 3/14, 3/21, 4/04, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/02, 5/09, 5/16

Basketball Club - Mr. Lynady – XRDS North Gym - 3:10-5:15 pm (NOTE END TIME)

NEW CLUB!! A club that will be full of basketball competitions including individual competitions, pick-up games and a team tournament (3 vs 3, 5 vs 5). **NOTE** – This Club will only meet in SESSION A and run until 5:15.

Session A - Thursdays – 12/07, 12/14, 12/21, 1/04, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/01, 2/08, 2/15

Rock Climbing Club - Mr. Schraft – XRDS South Gym - 3:10-4:15 pm

NEW CLUB!! Students will come together to rock climb in the Crossroads South Gym. During this time students will also learn how to team belay. **NOTE** – This Club will only meet in SESSION B. Session B1 -will meet on Tuesdays and Session B2 – will meet on Thursdays.

Session B1 - Tuesdays – 3/05, 3/12, 3/19, 4/02, 4/09, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/07, 5/14

Session B2 –Thursdays – 3/07, 3/14, 3/21, 4/04, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/02, 5/09, 5/16

Additional Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Crossroads Middle School Competitive Academic Teams - Information is being broadcast in both schools on our Competitive Academic team tryouts. Encourage your students to listen to afternoon announcements for tryout dates and locations. Any questions regarding the academic teams, please email the following team coaches:

Science Olympiad – danielle.servilio@sbschools.org Math Counts – ricardo.stella@sbschools.org

School Musicals – Information will be sent out regarding auditions for cast and crew for the middle school musicals soon. Any questions regarding the school musicals please email the following directors:

North Musical. – crystal.huau@sbschools.org South Musical – zachary.wang@sbschools.org

Spelling Bee/Geography Bee – These school wide competitions take place during the school day later in the academic year.

6th Grade Science Fair – Information will be sent home from our STEM Supervisor by February regarding this academic opportunity for our 6th grade students.