

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
R. C. MURPHY JUNIOR H. S.
2009-2010

ALL CLUBS PENDING BOE APPROVAL

ART CLUB - MR. BAKER

The Art Club will focus on developing both individual talent and cooperative projects to help beautify the halls of Murphy. Students will focus on individual and group projects as well as exposure to various opportunities in art and cultural connections. Meetings in Room 301 on Wednesdays until 3:55 p.m.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA- MRS. LISANTI-LEVY

Chamber Orchestra will offer enhanced musical performance experience for advanced string musicians. Evening meetings, dates and times TBA. Auditions in September and January.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB - MRS. KOLLMEIER

The Friendship club provides students with the opportunity to create lasting friendships with peers they may not have otherwise met. Activities include community service, parties, crafts, games, and much more. Meetings are on Thursdays at 2:50 in room 221.

GET A VOICE CLUB - DR. MANDEL

The Get a Voice Club will help teens to be leaders and make a difference... and to have fun doing so! If you're interested in participating in leadership events, being part of addressing teasing and bullying, negotiating friendships, and taking action to make our school community even better, join us! Meetings are on Thursdays until 2:30-3:50 p.m. in Room 305.

GIRLS SELECT CHOIR - MR. POLLERA

Chorus selected by audition only. Students will perform three to five times a year at various concerts and special events. Made up of 30 - 40 7th, 8th and 9th grade students. Club will meet on Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Room 303.

GLOBAL LANGUAGE CLUB- MRS. MOTTOLA

Exploring different cultures around the world through activities, films, projects, and discussions. Meetings are Thursdays in room 116 after school.

GLOBAL LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY - MR. GEONINATTI/MRS. GOLINI

Students will promote the study of a second language by hosting school-wide events. Students will also participate in several community service activities. Students will acquire cross-cultural skills through exposure and exploration. Thursdays at 2:30 in room 109. Begins in late January 2010.

GREENHOUSE/ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB - MRS. TRINIDAD

Students will learn how to care for our garden and to grow vegetables, herbs, and decorative plants. Our focus this year will be to establish a working school community garden and to foster an understanding of ecological concepts. Meetings are on Tuesdays until 3:55 p.m. in Room 216.

HOME AND CAREERS CLUB - MS. SALZANO

This club provides the students the opportunity to become active members of the community through cooking, sewing, knitting, and other "hands-on" activities. Meetings are on Tuesdays in Room 302 until 3:55p.m.

JHS MUSICAL PRODUCTION - MR. POLLERA

R. C. Murphy J.H.S. musical production is open to all 7th, 8th and 9th grade students. We rehearse Monday through Friday 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the auditorium. Over 300 students participate in all aspects of musical theatre, from stage acting to production. Rehearsals start in January and continue through March. Culminates with 6 performances.

JHS MUSICAL PRODUCTION / ORCHESTRA & VOCALS - MR. POLLERA

Meetings will be six days a week 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium January through March. Musical direction for vocals and orchestra and for the Murphy Musical Production.

LEADERS' CLUB- MR. BLACK

8th and 9th grade athletes meet to do community service projects and take trips to SBU and CW Post to meet and discuss academic and athletic responsibilities. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 and 3 pm in room 201

MAKING HISTORY CLUB- MR. BLACK

Students will study and research US history events then create "Making History" movies to be used as a resource in 7th and 8th grade history classes. Meeting times TBA.

MURPHY MATH TEAMS - MR. PODSTUPKA / MRS. GORMAN

Groups of students interested in mathematics answer challenging questions and formulate solutions to mathematical problems. The teams are open to all students with an interest in mathematics who are willing to meet on a weekly basis and to compete with other schools once a month in formal competition. Meetings are every Tuesday in Room 219 until 3:55 p.m.

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MURPHY PAGE TURNERS/SACC READING PROGRAM -MRS. PARDI

We will delve into student-selected readings, as well as go to Mount Elementary 2x a month to foster a love of reading with the students in the SACC program. Meetings are on Tuesdays at 2:45 in the library.

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY- Dr. Mandel

This club will foster excellence and a dedicated spirit to the pursuit of art, inspire and recognize student who have shown outstanding ability in art and academic areas, and further students' aesthetic and academic abilities. Meeting time and place TBA.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY - MRS. COBB/ MRS. JUVET

Community service organization. Membership is based on academic standing for two years at Murphy. We have the students assist at all school events, Open School Night, Awards Night; Meet the Teacher Night (conferences), etc. Most meetings are during the school day except for service projects at night. Meetings are in the Auditorium.

NEWSPAPER- "ALL IN A MUPHY MINUTE" MRS. GILMORE/ MRS. PARDI

Students will learn the art of journalistic writing by capturing the school's thoughts and events. This will not only foster a love of writing, but build school spirit as well. Meetings are on Wednesdays from 2:30-4 p.m. in room 103.

RCM JAZZ ENSEMBLE - MR. SCHIEVELBEIN

The Jazz ensemble consists of instrumental music students who play the trumpet, trombone, saxophone, piano, bass guitar/acoustic bass, and guitar and drum set. Program content contains the study of jazz idiom's musical elements, including an introduction to improvisation. Rehearsals are on Thursdays until 3:55 p.m. in the auditorium.

ROCK FOR A CAUSE- MR. NEUBERGER

The club will entertain at several school functions and raise money for charity through a benefit concert. Meets Fridays at 2:45 in room 205.

SCIENCE BOWL CLUB - MR. McMANUS

The Science Bowl Clubs goals are twofold- 1) to select and prepare a team or teams to compete in a Jeopardy-style competition that covers all areas of science and math. 2) To design, build, and test a hydrogen fuel cell car to compete at the Regional competition. The overall goal is to make students interested in going into Energy Research. Meetings are on Wednesdays, at 2:45 in room 222.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD –MRS. MCGUIRE / MR. ANGERMAIER/MRS/ NACHTIGALL/MRS. DOEPP

Students will develop and work on a series of individual and team interscholastic competitions. These events encourage learning in biology, earth science, chemistry, physics and problem-solving technology. In February, students will participate in the Regional Science Olympiad. The club meets on Thursdays after school in Room 218 until 3:55 p.m.

SELECT GIRLS CHORUS - MR. POLLERA

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SOUND AND LIGHTING CLUB- MR. CAMPBELL/ MR. POLLERA

This club provides lighting and sound for the JHS musical production as well as all school events and assemblies. Meetings are as needed for events.

SPECIAL EVENTS PERFORMING GROUPS -MR. POLLERA/ MR. PICKFORD

A select, small vocal ensemble that meets in the evening to prepare for special events where they will perform: September 11th memorial, Cabaret Night, Honor Society, Global Language Honor Society, Moving Up day, etc. Meetings are on Thursdays from 6p.m. to 7 p.m. in room 303.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT – MR. PICKFORD

Student Government is an organization which strives to enhance the overall school experience for the students of Murphy. Through various events and fundraisers the participants develop leadership skills, civic mindedness, and an awareness of our community at large. Meeting times vary, room 303.

STRING ENSEMBLE/BLEUGRASS CLUB - MRS. LISANTI-LEVY

The Bluegrass Club allows string students to experience a style of music that is quite different from Classical music. Bluegrass music has many influences, including Country Western music, American Folk music and Scottish and Irish Folk music. This group traditionally performs at the Senior Citizen Breakfast and the Spring Concert. Meetings are held on Mondays in Room TBA until 3:55 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY/ SET DESIGN CLUB - MR. CAMPBELL / MR. ANGERMAIER

Teach students how to design, build and choreograph sets and scenery for school shows and events. Club meets throughout the year during set-designing and building times, which includes Saturdays and evenings and may meet up to 8 hours at a time.

Students will explore avenues in technology such as production and process. Activities will include but are not limited to, wood crafts, computer graphics/animation, rocketry and metalworking. Meetings will be on Tuesdays until 3:55 p.m. in Room 313.

YEARBOOK CLUB – MRS. HYLAND/MR.GARCIA

The Yearbook Club is comprised of students actively involved in all aspects of the preparation of the annual yearbook Reflections. Yearbook club is open to all 7th, 8th and 9th grade students who can work Tuesdays after school in Room 112 until 3:55 p.m. Activities will include: hands-on designing, digital photography, laying out pages on Josten's Yearbook website.