

Middle School Clubs and Organizations 2017-18

Minecraft Club! (Grades 5/6 and Grades 7/8)

Come to Minecraft Club and satisfy your creative curiosity: build, explore, and even play some minigames!

Latin Club (Grades 5-8)

This club will enjoy the history, culture, mythology, and language of Ancient Greece and Rome. You'll explore the gods, the food, the wars, and lots more! You will also have friendly, and competitive, matches of 'Certamen'. "Certamen is a game of fast recall of facts about classical civilizations [Rome and Greece] and its peoples, languages, and cultures. The matches are supposed to be fun, competitive, and informative." Do you think you know a lot about these ancient cultures? Come learn more and test your knowledge against your peers!

French Club (5th – 8th)

The French Club is an organization for students who are interested in continuing their studies of the French language and culture outside of the classroom. We will be using French articles, music, film, and other authentic materials to expand our knowledge. French Club will be meeting once every two weeks.

The Stress Free Coloring Club (5th -8th)

A time to leave stress at the door and relax with coloring and doodling. Coloring supplies will be provided, but students are welcomed to bring their own. You will also take on some projects, like coloring "stained-glass windows" for the religious classroom. This club will meet weekly during Community Life and occasionally during Recess in Ms. DeVos's room.

MSSEC CLUB (5th & 6th)

The Science & Environmental Club gives students the opportunity to explore some Science topics a bit further, to hear some interesting speakers from some cool scientific professions, and to do a bit of "Science Magic". Ms. Settle is the sponsor and the club meets in her classroom (TH 309). It will meet once a month during Community Life

Mock Trial Club (5th-7th)

If you enjoy the fine art of arguing and are interested in putting your skills to the test in a courtroom-like setting, this is the club for you! An exciting opportunity to learn about our judicial system, develop analytical abilities and improve your communication skills. Explore what lawyers do in both criminal and civil settings, learn about the rules of evidence, your own constitutional protections, all as you prepare to argue your own case. Open to 5-7th grades. Participants will work individually and as part of a trial team.

Bible Study (Grades 5/6 and Grades 7/8)

The MS Chaplain offers a voluntary opportunity to come and enjoy fellowship, and a short

teaching from the Bible. This is a time to explore not only what the Bible has to say, BUT how we can apply it to our everyday life. Bible Study will meet each week in Chapel with Chaplain Wandrey.

MS Service Club (Grades 5/6 and Grades 7/8 – some combined programs)

Want to make a difference in your school and local community? Looking for a way to get involved with other caring students such as yourself? The Service Club participates in PG wide events such as Beach Sweep and Relay for Life. We volunteer our time on and off campus by working with organizations like Pet Helpers and One 80 Place. We will continue our Kindness Campaign from last year by collecting third party compliments and completing Random Acts of Kindness. Please see Ms. Snell and Mrs. Clair to sign up!

Global Union (5th – 8th)

Porter-Gaud, like most school communities, is composed of individuals with different ambitions, interests, and experiences. In the Global Union, we proudly accept the responsibility of recognizing these individual differences and strive to find interesting ways to celebrate them throughout the course of the year. Some Global Union-led events include, but are not limited to, selecting the menu for “Tasty Tuesdays”, coordinating “Mix It Up Day” and the “Stand Against Racism Assembly.”

Academic Contests:

Spelling Bee: Grades 5-8

MATHCOUNTS: Grades 6-8

Quiz Bowl: Grades 6-8

Middle School Student Council (5th – 8th)

The Middle School Student Council is open to all middle school students. Student Council will organize middle school events like: Movies on the Green, Socials, Pi-Day, Assemblies, and have input on many other areas of student culture, including homeroom competitions. Any student who is interested in serving as a council member should get an application from Ms. Cipriani in Tyler Hall room 302 for their parents to sign. Applications are due by Friday, Sept. 15.

B4H – Bicycles for Humanity (5th – 8th)

Bicycles for Humanity will be a yearlong project in the middle school continuing on the progress we've made over the last 2 years collecting over 450 bicycles and shipping them to Africa. Our goal this year is 200 bicycles along with fundraising programs to achieve this goal. You can participate by bringing in old, new and used bicycles, and other fundraising activities throughout the year. Sarah Quinn is the student leader of this program. We currently have 500 bikes that will be shipped to South Africa in the coming weeks. These bikes will go to students who have to walk more than 8 miles to and from school each day. Change a life 1 bike at a time!

Grades 7/8 Only:

Vestry (7th -8th)

Vestry is the oldest organization here at Porter-Gaud. This group is devoted to each other, and to growing deeper in relationship with Jesus. Vestry will explore themes, topics, and passages of the Bible and how they apply to our everyday life to better fulfill what Dr. Porter envisioned when he came up with the acronym to live by found in the book of Timothy: WATCH.

Ultimate Frisbee Club (7th – 8th)

Learn the rules and strategies of ultimate Frisbee, including how to throw a Frisbee and play this competitive game!

Junior YiG (Grades 7/8)

The Youth in Government program helps to create the next generation of good citizens. Students work with a partner to draft bills relevant to the challenges of today. They travel to Columbia with the Porter-Gaud delegation to present these bills in November. If you are interested in signing up, please see Ms. Copenhaver. Based on numbers, YiG may be chosen based on teacher recommendation. Most of the work for this program occurs in September and October, but we will have a few events in the spring. *fee for this club due to travel expenses

Art Club (Grades 7/8)

Art club is a place where students who are interested in art can come together and they will be able to interact with other students that have similar interests. This will be a year round commitment. Students who wanted to be involved in art making process, this is a great opportunity for you. What are the things we are going to do?

- collaborative group art projects as well as individual creations.
- making artwork to enter local or state competitions.
- lots of clay work
- helping with middle school set painting

Middle School Garden Club (Grades 7/8)

Want to learn about gardening? Find out what can grow in fall and winter? or just like to get your hands dirty? Try the garden club. We will learn together, plant some things and see what happens. Environmental issues like water and soil quality will also be explored.