MONDAY CLUBS (27 SESSIONS)

Ballet/Jazz: Oran (K-1) Room: Stage
Description: Introduce your dancer to the beautiful art of Ballet and Jazz. This class will enhance your dancer's coordination, balance and flexibility. We will learn techniques and dance terminology through fun exercises. *Dancers will need pink ballet shoes and jazz tap shoes*. We will have a big showcase and the end of clubs. **Material Fee: $70.00.**

Beginning Strings: Thompson (2-8) ****This club meets Monday and Wednesday mornings****
Description: The Nysmith Beginning String Orchestra is for students **2nd grade and up** interested in learning a new string instrument. Instrument options include: Violin, Viola, Cello, or String Bass. 2nd graders who have already been privately studying a string instrument are also highly encouraged to join. Multiple performance opportunities throughout the school year, including a spring trip to Busch Gardens! *Separate rental/purchase of instrument(s) and method book is required.* **Material Fee: $15.00.** ***There will be a separate signup link for this club.***

Board Games: Balachandran (PK-1) Room: 27
Description: In this club, Kids will be doing some strategic and logical board games like Zingo, Sneaky snacky squirrel, Mancala, triangle chess, marble run, and some more. **Material Fee: $35.00.**

Coding for Fun: Kaur/Nasser (1-2) Room: Blue Lab
Description: Welcome to this beginners coding club. Club members will venture into the exciting world of coding, using activities that are hands-on to learn coding concepts and CodeMonkey which is a fun and educational game-based environment. Club members will go on fun adventures using coding activities and block-based coding to simplify the process of computer programming. This makes coding fun as club members complete simple logic challenges to begin thinking like a coder. **Material Fee: $25.00.**

Curly Q's: Ouverson (PK-1) Room: 19
Description: Calling all budding writers and eager learners Pre-K through 1st grade! The Curly Q Handwriting and Fine Motor Skills Club is here to help you embark on a thrilling journey of letters, strokes, and penmanship. Join us after school for an engaging hour of fun and learning as we review and reinforce the foundations of handwriting. During our club sessions, we will explore various activities that focus on letter formation, proper pencil grip, and improving fine motor skills. **Material Fee: $25.00.**

Discord and Courts: Sharp (6-8) Room: B1 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Did History shape Law or did Law shape History? Discord and Courts club provides students a relaxed, friendly, educative space to have fun exploring the American legal system and how it works. In this club, pupils will closely examine historical and current events of their choice, their legal implications and proceedings, and societal reaction to the court's rulings. Students interested in debate, legal strategy, current events, social studies, political science, law, history, and economics are a perfect fit for this club as they will learn to identify multiple sides of an argument and examine the detail of an issue rather than seeing it through the lens of one position. Students will make use of simulations, role-play, case studies, and mock trials to investigate and analyze if, and to what extent, the judicial system's decisions in an attempt to resolve conflict. **Material Fee: $25.00.**

Dungeons & Dragons: Stewart (6-8) Room: Library/41 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Dungeons and Dragons (DnD) is an enchanting adventure filled with elves, orcs, dragons, magic, and boundless danger! Step into a world where you can create a character, immerse yourself by roleplaying with friends, and conquer challenges crafted by your fellow club members! Whether you've only heard of DnD distantly, are an experienced veteran, or a returning member, DnD club welcomes you with open arms! If you love board games, video games, acting, storytelling, or just having a blast, then you'll love Dungeons and Dragons! So, now is your chance, do you have what it takes to be a hero? If so, come join Dungeons & Dragons club! **Material Fee: 10.00.**

*****NOTE - THIS IS A 2-HOUR CLUB! It dismisses at 5:00 (Similar to Enrichments)*****

Foodie Club: Baselice/Tan (6-8) Room: 30 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: This club is about the appreciation of food from different cultures throughout the United States and the world. A culture's cuisine, specifically their traditional dishes and staple foods, can tell us a lot about that culture's history. In this club, we will traverse the globe to explore diverse cuisines while learning about their cultures through the lens of food. Students will learn how history, geography, and climate played an essential role in shaping a culture's cuisine and making it uniquely different from other cuisines. Some weeks, we will be inviting students to share dishes from their background for the club to taste-test, and other weeks, students will be tapping into their inner Gordon Ramsay to learn various cooking techniques and create dishes together. From folding dumplings and rolling sushi, to picking out the perfect melty cheese for a classic grilled cheese, there is something for all students to learn. Every month, a different style of cuisine will be highlighted for us to explore. Come join us on this food journey to "parts unknown" to satisfy your cravings for new and tasty adventures!
Material Fee: $50.00.

Geography Club: Gunjovska (PK-2) Room: 15
Description: Learning about different countries, cultures and customs. Making projects about particular sightseeings, finding the country on the world map and advance their knowledge about the surroundings of that country. Learn more about countries and cities, well known in the world! **Material Fee: $30.00**

Homework and Games: Linane/Eidson (1-5) Room: 22
Description: In Homework and Game Club, we give students plenty of time to work on their homework assignments and give help as needed so they can feel confident and comfortable with their work. When they are finished, they can wind down with some fun math games or school appropriate computer games!

InnovEngineers: Chianvichai/Samper-Bernard (4-8) Room: 37
Description: Welcome to InnovEngineers Club, where innovation and sustainability come together to create a greener future! In this club, students will engage in hands-on projects focused on renewable energy solutions, from building solar-powered vehicles to designing wind turbines and other eco-friendly gadgets. Each week, we'll explore exciting challenges that ignite creativity and teamwork, all while learning key concepts in sustainable engineering. Whether it's constructing a working solar panel system or experimenting with energy-efficient designs, we're all about turning ideas into real-world solutions. Join us and become a leader in sustainable innovation! **Material Fee: $40.00.**

Karate: Severo/Lasley (K-8) Room: Main Gym
Description: Students will be learning from a Sensei with over 30 years of karate training. Kids will study basic karate skills such as blocks, kicks and punches. They will work on Katas (karate patterns and moves). Students will have the ability to earn belts and advance their training. Students from last year's club will continue training and advance. We will also work on agility, speed and endurance. **Material Fee: $35.00.**

Match Monday: Harris (4-5) Room: Multi-Purpose
Description: Intermediate tennis**. Material Fee: $10.00.**

MathCounts: Broccoli/Williams/Momberger (6-8) Room: 29
Description: MATHCOUNTS is a prestigious national middle school competition designed to nurture interest and excellence in mathematics. It offers students the chance to compete in live contests, testing their skills against and alongside peers from across the country. Nysmith School has a proud tradition of excelling in MATHCOUNTS, consistently advancing teams and individuals to state and national levels. Students will participate in regular practice sessions,

collaborating and challenging one another to hone their mathematical abilities. Homework assignments are an integral part of the program, providing students with additional practice to reinforce the concepts and techniques learned during the practice sessions and indicating to the coaches that they want to represent Nysmith at competition. Such practice is crucial for building confidence and competence in competitive math. Our chapter of MATHCOUNTs is known for having some of the top competitors in the nation. The program's structured approach, combining practice, homework, and competition, ensures that students are well-prepared to achieve their best in this esteemed math series. **Material Fee: $20.00.** **Eligible to 6th graders that are in Algebra and above or by sponsor approval**

Modern Board Games: Croft, C (5-8) Room: 42A
Description: The world of board games has evolved so much since Monopoly. This club will play modern classics such as Catan, Pandemic, Ticket to Ride, King of Tokyo, Machi Koro, and more! We will explore a variety of genres including competitive, cooperative, MVP, and party games. Curious and enthusiastic minds are welcome!

Nature Club: Powers/Cregan (3-5) Room: 24
Description: We will do arts, crafts, and games in the great outdoors. We will be outside whenever the weather allows. **Material Fee: $15.00.**

Nysmith Spirit Squad: Herr/Roy (K-3) Room: Blue Pod (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Are you full of energy, love to cheer, and enjoy working as a team? Then come join the Elementary Cheerleading Club! In this fun and supportive club, students will learn basic cheerleading moves, chants, and simple routines. We'll build confidence, practice teamwork, and show our school spirit at special events and pep rallies. No experience needed—just bring your enthusiasm and a big smile! **Material Fee: $70.00.**

Origami Club: Murarka (K-3) Room: 5
Description: Origami is the Japanese art of folding objects from paper to create two-dimensional and three-dimensional subjects. Origami can help develop fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, sequencing skills, and mental concentration. It can also improve spatial learning and stimulate the brain, especially when using both hands simultaneously.
Each Friday, students will meet to discuss, fold, and create their masterpieces. Supplies will be provided at the club, and children will take their beautiful creations home. A step-by-step instruction sheet will also be given to the learners so that they can practice their skills at home (if they want to). **Material Fee: $25.00.**

Pokemon: Killian/Taft (2-5) Room: 13
Description: Pokémon Club is a place to appreciate all things Pokémon! During the year, we will teach kids how to play the Pokémon card game and give the kids their own deck to play with. We will also explore the various video games, watch the cartoon show, and make pokemon themed crafts. This club is for anyone who loves the world of Pokemon! **Material Fee: $30.00.**

Sports Analytics: Sorto (5-8) Room: Silver Lab
Description: Students will be introduced to the exciting world of sports analytics. This rapidly changing field combines mathematics, computer programming. big data... and of course sports! Learn how to accurately predict game results and unravel the mysteries behind your favorite team!

Strings Orchestra: Kaz (3-8) ****This club meets Monday morning and Thursday afternoon****
Description: Formerly called "Advanced Strings," String Orchestra is for students **3rd grade and up** interested in continuing their string instrument studies. Instrument options include: Violin, Viola, Cello, or String Bass. Limited spaces for harp and piano also exist. Multiple performance opportunities throughout the school year, including a spring trip to Hershey Park! *Separate rental/purchase of instrument(s) is required.* **Material Fee: $15.00.** ***There will be a separate signup link for this club.***

Unleash Your Creativity: Gutierrez (6-8) Room: Purple lab

Description: Join the Adobe Express Club and learn how to create stunning designs using Adobe Express, an online design platform available with your Nysmith School Adobe account.

Whether you're interested in graphic design, social media, or video editing, this club is for you. No prior experience is necessary, all you need is a willingness to learn and a creative spark.

In the Adobe Express Club, you will: Learn the basics of Adobe Express; Create eye-catching graphics for class presentations; Design posters, flyers, and other marketing materials; Edit videos and create slideshows; And much more!

Here are some of the benefits of joining the Adobe Express Club: Develop your creativity and design skills; Learn in a fun and supportive environment; Create projects that you can be proud of; Share your work with others and get feedback; Have fun! **Material Fee: $15.00.**

Upper School Musical: Kaz/Helton-Barrow (4-8) Room: 9
Description: After last year's revolting and naughty production of Matilda Jr, the Upper School Musical Theatre club is excited to return this year! Open to all Upper School Students, our school production will be April 23rd. Our show will be chosen based on the number of students participating– current musicals being considered include Peter Pan, The Adventures of Merlin, Shrek, Aladdin, and more! All students who sign up will have significant stage time. We are excited for another fantastic production! Meeting on Monday AND Wednesday, this club will end at the same time as overnight field trips. **Material Fee: $45.00.**

TUESDAY CLUBS (31 SESSIONS)

3rd Grade Book Club: Goff (3) Room: Library
Description: Hey 3rd graders! Join your friends to read and talk about some terrific books - new authors, old favorites; classics and new books alike. Let's share our love of reading and talk about our favorites. We'll have a relaxed discussion time, a book-related activity or craft, a small snack, and some outside time as well. We'll read about a book a month; all books will be provided. (Past selections have included Because of Winn-Dixie, Crenshaw, Frindle, Wish, and One and Only Ivan. Students should be comfortable with reading several chapters at a time of 100+ page books). Come join us on our next adventure! **Material Fee: $120.00.**

4th Grade Book Club: Vlattas (4) Room: 20 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: If you enjoy reading a variety of books and discussing them with your friends, then this club is the one for you! Over the course of the year of this club, we will read 8, 9, 10, maybe even more books and discuss them in a relaxed after-school setting. We will gather and share a club-provided snack together, have a few minutes of outdoor play or relaxation, and then we will talk about, answer questions from, and rate our current book of choice. All books and snacks will be provided. "Be awesome! Be a book nut!" - Dr. Seuss. **Material Fee: $125.00.**

Beginning Band: Thompson/Cook (3-8) ****This club meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings****
Description: The Nysmith Beginning Band is for student's **3rd grade and up** interested in learning a new wind or percussion instrument. Instrument options include: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, or Percussion. Multiple performance opportunities throughout the school year, including a spring trip to Busch Gardens! *Separate rental/purchase of instrument(s) and method book is required.*
Material Fee: $15.00. ***There will be a separate signup link for this club.***

Board Games - Tournaments: Severo/Wilhelm (2-5) Room: Blue Pod Atrium (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Kids will have the ability to play board games with friends. Weekly tournaments will be held with a variety of different games. We will also learn the value of teamwork and good sportsmanship. Win or lose we will all have fun. **Material Fee: $35.00.**

Book Nook: Gutkowski (PK-1) Room: 3
Description: Come join us as we read books that take us to new worlds and on magical adventures. We will begin each week reading a story and then enhance our knowledge of the book through directed drawings, discussions, and creative play. Reading is fundamental and increases language development, improves cognitive skills and creates a lifelong love of learning. **Material Fee: $35.00.**

Coloring Club: Uram (K-3) Room: 23
Description: Let's play with color and get creative! In the coloring club, you'll use fun materials like Model Magic, air-dry clay, chalk, markers, and more to make awesome art projects you can take home. We'll explore different ways to create, mix colors, and have a blast making unique masterpieces together! **Material Fee: $30.00.**

Computer Games: Cuddy/Taft (1-3) Room: 17
Description: Computer Games Club offers students a chance to explore a variety of fun, age-appropriate games that they may not have played before! The club will introduce engaging and educational games that promote problem-solving, creativity, and collaboration in a positive and supervised environment. **Material Fee: $5.00.**

Concert Band: Kaz (4-8) ****This club meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings****
Description: Formerly called "Advanced Band," Concert Band is for student's **4th grade and up** interested in continuing their studies on their wind or percussion instrument. Instrument options include: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, tuba, or Percussion. Multiple performance opportunities throughout the school year, including a spring trip to Busch Gardens! *Separate rental/purchase of instrument(s) is required.* **Material Fee: $15.00.** ***There will be a separate signup link for this club.***

Contemporary Dance/Musical Dances: Oran (5-6) Room: Stage
Description: An evocative dance form that fuses elements of ballet, modern, jazz, and lyrical styles, encouraging improvisation and deep exploration of the mind-body connection. We will combine dancing, singing, and a little acting in our musical theater dance.
We will focus on promoting confidence, team work, and improvisation ability. My most important goal is for my students to enjoy and have fun in class while learning different dances showing technique and use of space. **Material Fee: $80.00.**

Creative Writing: Pendlebury (4-7) Room: 28 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: For those who love writing, students will develop skills in idea generation, character development, setting description, and more. Toward the end of the year, students will have an opportunity to enter a writing contest. **Material Fee: $40.00.**

Curiosity Crew: Murarka (K-2) Room: 5
Description: The club will focus on engaging hands-on activities that introduce basic STEM concepts in a fun and accessible way. These activities promote critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and creativity in an age-appropriate way. It fosters a love for learning with activities that

cater to the developmental needs of early elementary students, nurturing their innate curiosity and creativity. Activities will include building simple structures with different materials, conducting simple science experiments, and making crafts that include technology and math. **Material Fee: $30.00.**

Debate: Dragg (6-8) Room: 37
Description: The Nysmith School Public Forum Debate Team introduces students to structured, team-based debating on current events and real-world issues. Students work in pairs to research topics, construct arguments, and develop rebuttal strategies. The format emphasizes clear communication, logical reasoning, and respectful disagreement, helping students strengthen both speaking and listening skills. Club meetings often involve practice rounds, evidence sharing, and guided feedback to build confidence and teamwork. Public forum debate encourages students to think critically about multiple perspectives and prepares them for high school competitive debate opportunities. It also fosters collaboration and leadership as members mentor and support one another throughout the season. **Material Fee: $150.00.**

Workload Expectations Outside of Club Hours: 3-4 hours/week
Competition Expectations: Participation in 5-6 tournaments throughout the season

Students will meet weekly, either Tuesday OR Wednesday or both, and compete monthly in the Washington Area Catholic Forensics League (WACFL) and other virtual leagues. Students are not required to attend both club days. Students and parents please also be advised that preparation for competition outside of school hours is REQUIRED! Working in pairs, students compete in Public Forum Debate tournaments and use National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) topics posted under the public forum section. ***ALL PARENTS are required to volunteer OR secure a reliable volunteer judge for each tournament their child participates.*** If you cannot volunteer or secure a reliable judge one week before the tournament, a hired judge fee will be applied to your school account. (Please see judge info below).

Material fees cover the following but are not limited to: League registration fees, NSDA registration fees, access to NSDA and other debate resources, NSDA Membership, national/local tournaments, hired judges (ONLY, IF NECESSARY, as hired judge fees range between $120-$150/missing judge/days of tournament)
NOTE: Some tournaments may be HYBRID this season (Virtual OR On-site).

Following is a link for the DRAFT WACFL Schedule ONLY.

Drama/Public Speaking: Boissiere/Powers (2-4) Room: 24 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Public Speaking & Drama is the perfect club for students who want to gain confidence and improve their public speaking skills. Learn relaxation techniques, how to project, correct posture, and how to connect with an audience. You can improve your speaking skills with games, skits, short plays, short speeches, and plenty of laughter. We emphasize an environment of mutual respect as you learn to encourage and support each other. Bring your sense of humor and learn skills you can use for the rest of your life. **Material Fee: $15.00.**

Earsketch Music & Code: Sorto (4-8) Room: Purple Lab
Description: Ready to drop the beat and learn to code? The Earsketch Music & Code Club combines music and code, where you'll get to create your own songs using real code - no experience needed! Using a fun, interactive platform developed at Georgia Tech, you'll explore how Python can be used to mix beats, remix popular sounds, and express yourself through digital music production. Whether you're into hip-hop, EDM, pop, or classical, you'll learn to program music that matches your style - all while mastering essential computer science skills!

Easy Drawing Club: Balachandran (PK-1) Room 2
Description: In this club, we will be doing easy drawing like drawing an animal, bird, or anything out of a number, letter, or shapes. It will be so interesting for kids and this method of drawing will boost their creativity. This act of drawing an animal/ bird out of letters or numbers is also called "LetterToons" / Number based drawing. **Material Fee: $30.00.**

Games Design & Development with Unity & C#: Kaur/Nasser (5-8) Room: Silver Lab
Description: In this club students will have fun learning the fundamentals of designing a game using Unity. We will develop 2D video games using the C# programming language. Students will learn how to interact with game objects, game spaces, the player and how to use behavioral scripts to develop games. Using premade assets to dive deeper into prefab game objects will help students learn how to create scrolling background, animations, different scenes in a game, understand 2D Physics Concepts, along with understanding the concepts of programming like decision and flow control, loops & arrays, Object-Oriented Concepts. If you are interested in game design and want to learn more about Unity this club is for you. **Material Fee: $20.00.**

Glitter & Glow (Mini): Oulebsir (PK-1) Room: 2
Description: Discover the joy of relaxation and mindfulness in Glitter and Glow: a self-care and spa club. We will explore pampering activities such as nail art, hair tinsel, DIY face-masks, and bath bombs, in addition to calming yoga and meditation. Practicing self-love and emotional regulation are so important after a day of active learning. **Material Fee: $25.00.**

Guitar Club: Cook (4-8) Room: 8
Description: Explore the world of guitar playing in a relaxed and carefree environment! In Guitar Club, students will be introduced to a wide range of concepts that can facilitate a lifelong love of a dynamic musical instrument including playing techniques, inspiring and noteworthy musicians, gear and tech, and writing and composing. It is encouraged that Guitar Club members have or are currently taking outside guitar lessons, and therefore Guitar Club can be an expansion and enrichment of members' knowledge and skills. Members are also encouraged to consider and express their personal interests and goals with guitar. Guitar Club sessions will be developed to focus on those interests! **Note: Guitar Club members must bring their own guitars and amps (if they are playing electric guitars) in playable condition.**

Hands-On Science Club: Dellinger (3-5) Room: TBD (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Calling all curious creators and problem-solvers in grades 3-5! Step into the Hands-On Science Club lab, where we believe the best way to learn science is to do science. Each week brings a new adventure as we tackle a new topic with fun, hands-on activities and engaging demonstrations. Our creative approach is designed to spark your curiosity, drive inquiry, and fuel your passion for discovery. If you love to experiment and want to take part in amazing science demonstrations, then the Hands-On Science Club is perfect for you! **Material Fee: $30.00.**

Homework Heroes: Chianvichai (4-8) Room: 44
Description: Join the Homework Heroes Club, where students become champions of their own learning! This fun and supportive club provides a relaxed environment for students to get help with homework, tackle tough assignments, and boost their academic confidence. Once the homework is done, we'll rest our brains with some fun exercises to help refresh and recharge! Parents, rest easy—our club helps take the stress out of homework time by giving students the tools and support they need to succeed, all while making learning fun and engaging. Together, we'll make every homework assignment an opportunity to shine! **Material Fee: $20.00.**

Junior Grandmasters (Chess): Ouverson (K-4) Room: 7
Description: Step into the world of strategy, fun, and friendly competition in our Junior Grandmasters club! Our club introduces the timeless game of chess in an age-appropriate and exciting way. Children will learn the names and movements of the pieces, the basics of strategy, and how to think ahead—all while building important life skills like patience, focus, decision-making, and good sportsmanship. Each session includes engaging lessons, and time to practice playing with peers. Beginners are warmly welcomed and guided at their own pace, while more experienced players can grow their skills with new tactics and challenges. **Material Fee: $25.00.**

Legos & Jigsaw Puzzle Pals: Cassis, L/Rones (1-3) Room: B2
Description: Do you love working with others and being a part of a team? Do you love creating, learning, and playing? If the answer is yes, then Legos & Jigsaw Puzzle Pals is the club for you! Club participants will alternate between Lego building activities and select jigsaw puzzles (400-500 pieces) during two week time frames. Children will have a wonderful time with their friends increasing their problem solving, organizational and perseverance skills throughout the club year. **Material Fee: $35.00.**

Little Stars Readers Theater/Drama Club: Dillon (K-1) Room: TBD
Description: This exciting blend of storytime drama and readers theater invites young learners to explore the magic of storytelling. Using simple lines, expressive voices, playful role-play, and a sprinkle of imagination, students bring characters to life while building confidence, creativity, and early reading skills along the way. Perfect for young learners who love to pretend, perform and play! **Material Fee: $65.00.**

Math Olympiad Elementary: Broccoli/Momberger (4-6) Room: 29
Description: If you enjoy tackling unique math problems and participating in engaging, enriching activities, the Math Olympiad Club is perfect for you. This club offers a dynamic environment where members receive weekly practice questions and guidance, preparing them for the five Math Olympiad contests. Club members benefit from weekly practice sessions that hone their problem-solving skills. The club is designed to help students enhance their math and competition skills annually. Starting in 4th grade, students may find the club challenging as they learn to solve word problems creatively. By 6th grade, members often achieve recognition for their mathematical accomplishments. The Math Olympiad Club provides a fun, stimulating environment where students passionate about math can thrive. Whether you're just starting or looking to build on your existing skills, this club offers a supportive community and numerous opportunities for growth and recognition in mathematics. **Material Fee: $20.00.**
***Note: If you are in 6th grade you can also join Math Olympiad Middle School, but you cannot compete in both divisions.**

Nysmith Soccer Club: Balk/Linane (K-4) Room: Main Gym (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Get ready for an electrifying and one-of-a-kind soccer adventure for your child! We are thrilled to introduce you to the Nysmith K-4 Soccer Club, where energy and creativity collide to create an unforgettable experience on the field. This club is designed to introduce young athletes to the beautiful game of soccer while nurturing their passion for the sport and fostering their physical, social, and emotional development. The program focuses on teaching the fundamental skills of soccer in a playful and age-appropriate manner. Through a combination of fun drills, small-sided games, and friendly competitions. We aim to enhance

each child's coordination, agility, balance, and teamwork abilities. Whether your child is a beginner taking their first steps in soccer or a more experienced player looking to further develop their skills, the Nysmith Soccer Club provides a supportive and nurturing environment for all levels of ability. We strive to create a fun and positive atmosphere where each child can build confidence, make new friends, and experience the joy of playing soccer. Join us at the Nysmith Soccer Club and embark on an exciting soccer journey filled with laughter, growth, and memorable moments. We can't wait to welcome your child to our soccer family! Enroll your child today and let the love for the game begin!

O.W.L (Organization with Love): Aljets (6-8) Room: 31 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: This club will meet twice a week to work on organizational, time management, and chunking skills. With homework posted on Google Classroom or put in planners or said via word of mouth; it can be difficult to keep track of everything and easy to forget tasks. And if there are extra-curricular activities it can be even more chaotic. In the club we will look at a variety of methods, both digital and analogue, to help students organize and prioritize! **Note: You must join both the Tuesday and Thursday sessions.**

Pickleball: Hausamann (2-5) Room: Multipurpose (This club will end on May 1)
Description: The Pickleball Club for Kids is all about fun, teamwork, and learning a fast-growing sport! Whether you're brand new to the game or already have some skills, this club is the perfect place to learn the basics, practice your shots, and play friendly matches with other kids. With a focus on movement, coordination, and sportsmanship, pickleball is a great way to stay active and make new friends. Come join us on the court and discover how fun pickleball can be!

Ping Pong: Samper (3-8) Room: Silver Atrium
Description: Ping pong or table tennis is a fun game to play. If you want to have good time, socialize and compete against other students, this is definitely your club. We will organize internal tournaments and prizes will be given to winners. **Material Fee: $25.00.**

Science Bowl: Tan (6-8) Room: 30 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: In the Science Bowl Club, students will prepare to compete in the DOE National Science Bowl, a prestigious annual competition held at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Newport News. Students will master the competition format through buzzer practice, study content material, and practice team strategies and techniques using mock Bowls. Science disciplines covered include biology, chemistry, earth and space science, and mathematics. This club is recommended only for students who are serious about competing either this year or in future years. The 2026 competition date has yet to be decided but is likely to be in early March. **Material Fee: $30.00.**

*Registering for this club does not guarantee a spot on a competing team. Team(s) will be decided by performance on in-club mock competition(s), which will assess both individual content knowledge and teamwork skills. Ms. Tan will be serving as an advisor for the competing team(s), but a parent coach will also be necessary to facilitate team meetings/study sessions, and to travel with the team if/when need be. Please email Ms. Tan at atan@nysmith.com if you have any questions.

Science Buddies: Artigiano (K-2) Rom: 27
Description: Children will have fun experimenting, building and discovering with hands-on activities. The activities are designed to capture children's imagination and to spark a love for science, using simple materials. This club will also be a good introduction to the scientific method and Science Fair project. **Material Fee: $50.00.**

Simulated Realities: Stewart (6-8) Room: 41 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Simulated Realities Club is a one-of-a-kind adventure where you don't just imagine new worlds—you live in them. Students will be taken through a series of unique, fun, challenging, and engaging simulations! One week you might be stranded on a deserted island building shelters and hunting for food, the next you could be making first contact with an alien species or surviving a zombie outbreak. Every challenge will test your creativity, teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills as you and your group navigate realistic obstacles, solve mysteries, and race against time to complete missions.
From crafting survival tools and decoding secret messages to negotiating with rival factions and designing futuristic colonies, this club combines storytelling, strategy, and hands-on fun in every session. Whether you're a born leader, a clever inventor, a great communicator, or just someone who loves immersive experiences, Simulated Realities gives you a chance to shine. Each simulation lasts two club meetings—so there's always something new around the corner. Ready to step into another world? **Material Fee: $10.00.**

The Dreamweavers: Helton-Barrow (2-3) Room: 18 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: The Dreamweavers will develop their critical thinking, problem solving, and leadership skills through acting and improvisation games. Whether your student is an experienced thespian or just starting out on their stage journey, they will take their imagination and creativity to the next level! **Material Fee: $15.00.**

Think & Play: Harris (6) Room: Red Computer Lab
Description: Think and play will focus on learning development and fun.

WEDNESDAY CLUBS (31 SESSIONS)

Add Some Spice to Your Life: Enayatula (4-7) Room: 28
Description: Add Some Spice to Your Life: Ms. Enayatulla (Mrs. E.) (4-7) Description: Acquaint yourself with some fun facts about India and Indian culture. During the course of the club, we will do different fun activities. We will go to the Media Lab to Google search briefly and explore the history, geographical features, famous monuments, culture and traditions of India. Students will make a replica of the Indian flag and learn the significance of the colors. They will also make a replica of the Taj Mahal using sugar cubes and glue. Learn to write the Hindi alphabet, especially your name, learn numbers as well as some fun everyday words in Hindi. Watch 2 Bollywood movies. Learn some Bollywood dance moves! Play some Indian games with your clubmates, such as Parcheesi and Carrom Board. Get a sample of chemical free, all natural temporary Henna designs on your palm. Most importantly, every week, you will relish some savory and sweet delicacies of India such as samosas, chevda, a variety of delicious biscuits, "elephant ears", soan papdi (a kind of Indian cotton candy!), gulab jamun, chole, butter chicken, naan, Indian ice cream known as "Kulfi" and much more! Looking forward to seeing you in my club! **Material Fee: $175.00. Note: Please let me know if your student has any specific food allergies.**

AI Creativity: Bramnick (3-8) Room: Media Lab
Description: AI Creativity Club - Your imagination. Powerful tools. Endless possibilities! Welcome to the AI Creativity Club—a space for 4th–8th grade students to explore the exciting world of artificial intelligence through creative projects of their own design! Whether you're into art, stories, music, games, animation, inventions, digital comics, or even building your own virtual pet, you'll get to experiment with tools like ChatGPT, DALL·E, Soundraw, Tome, Runway, Scribble Diffusion, and more to see what you can create. Want to build a video game? Make a comic book? Design a fashion line? Write a musical? Animate a talking taco? (Yes, really.) Here, you choose the project, explore amazing AI tools, and learn as you go—no experience needed. The possibilities truly are endless! You might explore how to generate images, write interactive stories, build characters, mix music, or bring something entirely new to life. It's all about discovery, creativity, and having fun with the future! **Material Fee: $10.00.**

American Girl Doll: Cregan/Hyre (2-5) Room: B24
Description: Join us for a delightful journey through history with the American Girl Doll Club! We'll read and discuss stories from the American Girl book series and create fun art projects inspired by the characters and their time periods. On special occasions, we will bring our dolls for themed tea parties! It's the perfect club for anyone who loves reading, crafting, and spending time with their favorite doll friends! **Material Fee: $25.00.**

Applied Physics: Samper-Bernard (5-8) Room: B2
Description: Physics is in our everyday lives. Careers likes astronomy, engineering , medicine and etc requires the knowledge of Physics, In this club, we will learn and apply the laws of physics in areas like optics, thermodynamics, mechanics ,engineering and etc. Extensive time will be dedicated to hands-on activities in building artefacts using the laws and principles of Physics. If you have the scientist spirit and willing to investigate and build artefacts, this is your club. This club is suitable for students who are willing to work in teams, search for information(Pure Physics), share the information in presentations and are eager to build artefacts with their hands. **Material Fee: $50.00.**

Ballet/Tap: Oran (1-3) Room: Stage
Description: Join us on the exciting art of Ballet and Tap. This class will focus on ballet terminology and technique as well as tap combinations. We use fun, popular, age appropriate music. Dancers will need pink ballet shoes and tan tap shoes. We will have a big showcase and the end of clubs. **Material Fee: $80.00.**

Beginning Strings: Thompson (2-8) ****This club meets Monday and Wednesday mornings****
Description: The Nysmith Beginning String Orchestra is for students **2nd grade and up** interested in learning a new string instrument. Instrument options include: Violin, Viola, Cello, or String Bass. 2nd graders who have already been privately studying a string instrument are also highly encouraged to join. Multiple performance opportunities throughout the school year, including a spring trip to Busch Gardens! *Separate rental/purchase of instrument(s) and method book is required.* **Material Fee: $15.00.*****There will be a separate signup link for this club.***

Business of Money: Kaur/Nasser (5-8) Room: Silver Lab
Description: Would you like to know how to manage money? Would you like to learn about becoming an entrepreneur? Then the Business of Money club is for you! In this exciting club, members will learn about managing their personal finances, leadership, creating business ideas, product development, marketing, investing and other entrepreneurial activities. Club members will use simulation games to get started in your personal finances. They will be provided with real life examples and use simulation software to learn about entrepreneurship. If you think you have what it takes to be an entrepreneur, sign up for this club because it fills up fast.
Material Fee: $100.00.

Calm & Courage Crew: Herr (PK-2) Room: TBD (This club will end on May 1)
Description: At the Calm & Courage Crew, we believe that every kid deserves a peaceful mind, a strong body, and a healthy spirit. This club is all about learning how to stretch, breathe, and

move in a way that helps us feel good both inside and out. Through playful yoga poses, fun breathing exercises, and games that promote focus and relaxation, we'll explore ways to stay calm, happy, and balanced in our busy lives. Each week, we'll practice together in a safe and supportive space where everyone is encouraged to be themselves, feel their feelings, and take care of their bodies. Whether it's mastering a tree pose, learning how to take deep breaths when we're feeling stressed, or simply having fun with friends, the Calm & Courage Crew is a place for every child to discover their own inner calm and strength. So come stretch, breathe, and grow with us—we can't wait to see you shine! **Material Fee: $25.00.**

Code O'Clock: Harris (K) Room: Red Computer Lab
Description: Students will learn various coding programs including Kodable, Scratch and code.org activities. **Material Fee: 10.00.**

Debate: Dragg (6-8) Room: 37
Description: The Nysmith School Public Forum Debate Team introduces students to structured, team-based debating on current events and real-world issues. Students work in pairs to research topics, construct arguments, and develop rebuttal strategies. The format emphasizes clear communication, logical reasoning, and respectful disagreement, helping students strengthen both speaking and listening skills. Club meetings often involve practice rounds, evidence sharing, and guided feedback to build confidence and teamwork. Public forum debate encourages students to think critically about multiple perspectives and prepares them for high school competitive debate opportunities. It also fosters collaboration and leadership as members mentor and support one another throughout the season. **Material Fee: $150.00.**

Workload Expectations Outside of Club Hours: 3-4 hours/week
Competition Expectations: Participation in 5-6 tournaments throughout the season

Students will meet weekly, either Tuesday OR Wednesday or both, and compete monthly in the Washington Area Catholic Forensics League (WACFL) and other virtual leagues. Students are not required to attend both club days. Students and parents please also be advised that preparation for competition outside of school hours is REQUIRED! Working in pairs, students compete in Public Forum Debate tournaments and use National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) topics posted under the public forum section. ***ALL PARENTS are required to volunteer OR secure a reliable volunteer judge for each tournament their child participates.*** If you cannot volunteer or secure a reliable judge one week before the tournament, a hired judge fee will be applied to your school account. (Please see judge info below).

Material fees cover the following but are not limited to: League registration fees, NSDA registration fees, access to NSDA and other debate resources, NSDA Membership, national/local tournaments, hired judges (ONLY, IF NECESSARY, as hired judge fees range between $120-$150/missing judge/days of tournament)
NOTE: Some tournaments may be HYBRID this season (Virtual OR On-site).

Following is a link for the DRAFT WACFL Schedule ONLY.

Football Club: Powers/Killian (4-8) Room: 13
Description: Football Club is an opportunity for experienced football fans to hone their skills and newcomers to the sport to learn. We play two-hand touch/flag on the turf fields whenever the weather allows. Students are encouraged to change into weather appropriate sports wear at the end of the day before club. **Material Fee: $10.00.**

Gimkit: Linane/Knarr (1-5) Room: 22
Description: Join us for a fun-filled game club! Students will be able to practice their math facts using an online game called Gimkit.

Glitter & Glow: Choprix (2-6) Room: 6
Description: Discover the joy of relaxation and mindfulness in Glitter and Glow: a self-care and spa club. We will explore pampering activities such as nail art, DIY face masks & lip gloss, bath bombs and delicious treats in addition to calming yoga. Practicing self-love and emotional regulation are so important after a day of active learning. Come with your bestie or make new friends. 🌺 **Material Fee: $50.00**.

Graphic Novel Club: Uram/Taft (2-5) Room: 23
Description: Love comics, manga, or graphic novels? Join the Graphic Novel Club! Each week, we'll dive into exciting stories through visual storytelling—reading a mix of classic, indie, and modern graphic novels. But we won't just read—we'll also create! You'll learn how to develop characters, write scripts, design layouts, and bring your own graphic novel ideas to life. Whether you're an artist, a writer, or just a fan, this club is the perfect place to explore your creativity and share your passion with others. Your child will be able to keep all of the graphic novels that are purchased with their club fees! **Material Fee: $100.00.**

Lower School Chorus: Sun (1-3) ****This club meets Wednesday and Friday mornings****
Description: The Nysmith Lower School Chorus is for **lower school students in grades 1-3** who are interested in exploring their voices and learning about choral music. All are welcome! There

will be multiple performance opportunities throughout the school year, including a spring trip to Busch Gardens! **Material Fee: $15.00.** ***There will be a separate signup link for this club.***

Mandala Coloring Club: Balachandran (PK-2) Room: 19
Description: Coloring the mandala (pattern draw) sheets with crayons or markers (I call it Mind Yoga)!Designing and coloring mandalas can help your students (or you) focus their attention. It is a geometric design/patterns that strengthen fine-motor skills through repetitive movement. **Material Fee: $30.00.**

Math Kangaroo: Broccoli/Momberger (3-4) Room: 29
Description: Math Kangaroo club focuses on helping students develop a positive attitude towards mathematics. Its primary goal is to cultivate a deep-seated appreciation for math by making it engaging, challenging, and rewarding through the competition format. Math Kangaroo club focuses not only on improving students' math scores but also on enhancing their problem-solving abilities. Participants are exposed to a variety of word problems, logic puzzles, and mathematical challenges that require critical thinking and creative approaches to find solutions. By teaching new strategies for solving math problems and providing exposure to different types of mathematical concepts, the club helps students gain confidence in their mathematical skills. This confidence extends beyond the competition setting and contributes to their overall success in the classroom and beyond.The Math Kangaroo Competition indeed holds a significant place in the realm of mathematics competitions for primary and secondary school students worldwide. The exam is a 75-minute multiple-choice test. For students in grades 1-4 there are 24 questions. The competition date is set for **THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2026** after school. As part of the club, you will receive an invitation to register your child for this competition. The cost to register is $21.00. This is separate from the materials fee.
Material Fee: $20.00.

Math Something!: Croft, J (5-8) Room: 42A
Description: In Math Something, students will explore silly open-ended questions with serious research and mathematical modelling. Each week students will receive a new prompt, analyze relevant data, and calculate an answer. We'll then debate our responses, combining math and rhetoric to create well supported arguments to arrive at a consensus. We'll see how long you could live off of ketchup packets, convert the atoms of our bodies into plastics, and try to resolve wars by throwing money at the situation. Mathematicians of all levels are welcome!

Photography: Gutierrez (5-8) Room: Purple Lab

Description: Are you a student in grades 5-8 with a passion for photography? Join the photography club! In this club, you will learn the basics of photography, including how to use a camera, different shooting techniques, and how to edit your photos. This is a great opportunity to meet other students who share your interest in photography and have fun learning a new skill. Here are some of the benefits of joining the photography club: Learn the basics of photography; Get hands-on experience with different cameras and shooting techniques; Edit your photos **Adobe Lightroom**; Have fun! You will need a camera or a cellphone. **Material Fee: $20.00.**

Play Doh and other kitchen counter crafts: Severo/Wilhelm (K-3) Room: 16 (This club will end on May 1)

Description: Students will use Play Doh to create whatever they can imagine, make slime, design fuse bead art and so much more. **Material Fee: $35.00.**

Power Puff: Boissiere (3-5) Room: 14 (This club will end on May 1)

Description: A welcoming space where students come together to share ideas, stories, and experiences. This club will serve as a shared journey, helping students navigate the transition from 3rd to 4th grade and from 4th to 5th grade—learning from each other, supporting one another, and growing together. **Material Fee: $25.00.**

Psychology Club: Stewart (6-8) Room: 41 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: In Psychology Club, you'll learn all about the mind, the brain, and why humans act the way they do. You'll learn where fear and happiness come from, how to read body language, how we remember (or forget) things, and more! We'll watch famous psychology experiments that changed the world, while also engaging in games, activities, and experiments to test those ideas out. You'll learn valuable skills that will help you see and understand the world around you more fully - is your friend actually mad at you, or did they have a bad first period and are transferring their emotions unknowingly to you? And, do you really have as much control over your own actions as you think? Only one way to find out! **Material Fee: $10.00.**

Quiz Whiz Kids: Baselice/Tan (4-8) Room: 46 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Do you love history, science, math, or literature? Do you love trivia in general? Are you interested in having some fun and competing in some team bowl competitions? Then this is the club for you! This is the former History Whiz Kids Club which has a new name and focus: Quiz Bowl. Last year in our inaugural season, we sent two Middle School Quiz Bowl teams to the national competition and our Elementary Quiz Bowl team went to Chicago and brought home our first national title! This year we are looking to build on the success of that National Championship and make some more noise in the middle school division. For those of you new to the prestigious Quiz Bowl circuit, you can find more information here: https://www.naqt.com/about/quiz-bowl.html. Quiz Bowl not only give students who love History an avenue to pursue their interests in a fun and competitive environment, but also students who love math, science, literature, music, pop culture, politics, etc. a chance to compete and have fun as well. Students will meet weekly in club to practice and help prepare and students who are serious about competing will be encouraged to read and study weekly outside of club. We will be excited to put our knowledge to the test in competitions in our region and continue to build our program up. Come join us and be part of our Quiz Bowl success at Nysmith. **Material Fee: $30.00.**

Rock and Roar: Ouverson (PK-2) Room: 27
Description: Calling all young adventurers and future paleontologists! Welcome to the Rock and Roar club, where we embark on exciting journeys through the prehistoric world of dinosaurs and the fascinating realm of geology. In this club, open to students from Pre-K through 3rd grade, we will delve into the mysteries of the ancient past and uncover the wonders of the Earth's geological treasures. Through interactive activities, hands-on experiments, and crafts, club members will have a blast while learning about dinosaurs, where they lived, what they ate, and so much more. **Material Fee: $45.00.**

Storytime with Ms. Vlattas: Vlattas (K-1) Room: 20 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Who likes to listen to picture books read aloud? Who likes to eat snacks? Who likes to do crafts? Who likes to do all of these things together? After some play time, Mrs. Vlattas will read a book and we will share a book-themed snack together (Snacks will be provided). Some weeks, we will even create crafts that go along with the book that we have read. "People laugh at me because I use big words. But if you have big ideas, you have to use big words to express them, haven't you?" - Anne of Green Gables. **Material Fee: $20.00.**

The Brainy Bunch: Murarka (K-3) Room: 5
Description: The Brainy Bunch is a fun and engaging way to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. This club typically will use logic puzzles, riddles, board games, and other activities to challenge young minds and encourage them to think creatively. This club will offer a social and engaging environment to connect, learn new games, and develop strategic thinking and problem-solving skills. Students will meet regularly on each Wednesday at 3 pm, Rm. 5, to tap into their cognitive and social abilities. **Material Fee: $30.00.**

The Nysmith Times: Pendlebury/Fowler (4-8) Room: Library (This club will end on May 1)
Description: We are entering our fourth year of producing The Nysmith Times! We will start the year with a few lessons on writing a lead, identifying fact from fiction, checking your facts, and other essential skills. Once we have laid a foundation, we will start producing issues of the newspaper. **Material Fee: $12.00.**

TV News Lab: Lucena (4-8) Room: 7 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: TV News Lab is a club designed for students in grades 4 through 8 who are interested in the world of broadcast journalism. Through hands-on experiences, students will learn how to write news scripts specifically for television, record footage for news segments, and present in front of a teleprompter using a green screen background. Each session will focus on building real-world skills in video journalism while encouraging students to develop their confidence, clarity, and presence when speaking on camera.

Throughout the club, students will practice reading from a teleprompter while being recorded, allowing them to watch their own footage and receive constructive feedback from the instructor and their peers. They will learn how to revise scripts, improve their on-camera delivery, and gradually refine their performance. In addition to reporting, students will explore how a television set functions, including how to operate microphones, cameras, lights, and how to manage the teleprompter themselves.

This club will be conducted primarily in English, but students who are interested in deepening their Spanish skills will have the option to work on their projects bilingually. This becomes especially meaningful for eighth-grade students, since the final Spanish project of the year involves producing a fully scripted newscast in Spanish. Participating in the TV News Lab will allow them to build foundational skills and confidence in advance.

Each session will last between 45 and 60 minutes and will take place once a week. The club offers a unique opportunity for students to combine writing, speaking, technology, and creativity, while learning how to deliver information clearly and effectively in a real-world format. Whether students dream of being journalists, anchors, filmmakers, or storytellers, this club provides the perfect space to explore those talents.

Upper School Chorus: Kaz (4-8) ****This club meets Wednesday and Friday Mornings****
Description: The Nysmith Upper School Chorus is for **upper school students in grades 4-8** who are interested in exploring their voices and learning about choral music. All are welcome! There will be multiple performance opportunities throughout the school year, including a spring trip to Busch Gardens! **Material Fee: $15.00.**
There will be a separate signup link for this club.

Upper School Musical: Kaz/Helton-Barrow (4-8) Room: 9
Description: After last year's revolting and naughty production of Matilda Jr, the Upper School Musical Theatre club is excited to return this year! Open to all Upper School Students, our school production will be April 23rd. Our show will be chosen based on the number of students participating– current musicals being considered include Peter Pan, The Adventures of Merlin, Shrek, Aladdin, and more! All students who sign up will have significant stage time. We are excited for another fantastic production! Meeting on Monday AND Wednesday, this club will end at the same time as overnight field trips. **Material Fee: $45.00.**

THURSDAY CLUBS (31 SESSIONS)

All About Art: Gutkowski (PK-1) Room: 3
Description: Join us as we explore and celebrate your child's inner artistic abilities through paint, watercolor, how to tutorials and so much more! Art fosters creativity, builds self-esteem and develops fine motor skills. **Material Fee: $40.00.**

Basketball Club: Sharp (5-8) Room: Main Gym (This club will end on May 1)
Description: The Basketball Club is offered to 5th through 8th boys and girls who have a strong interest in basketball. The club will emphasize the development of individual and team fundamental basketball skills (defense, ball-handling, passing, shooting, rebounding, etc.), with opportunities to practice those skills in scrimmages every week. **Material Fee: $25.00.**

Beginning Band: Thompson/Cook (3-8) ****This club meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings****
Description: The Nysmith Beginning Band is for student's **3rd grade and up** interested in learning a new wind or percussion instrument. Instrument options include: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, or Percussion. Multiple performance opportunities throughout the school year, including a spring trip to Busch Gardens! *Separate rental/purchase of instrument(s) and method book is required.* **Material Fee: $15.00.** ***There will be a separate signup link for this club.***

BioMaker Club: Chianvichai/Samper Bernard (4-8) Room: 44
Description: Welcome to the BioMaker Club, where biology meets innovation! In this hands-on club, students will explore the fascinating world of biotechnology and biomedical engineering by creating models, experimenting with bio-inspired designs, and building projects that blend science and creativity. From designing prosthetic hands to experimenting with plant-based materials, every project offers a chance to discover how biology and technology work together. Join us to explore the future of bioengineering and make science come to life through exciting, hands-on activities! **Material Fee: $40.00.**

Bouldering: Balk/Hausamann (K-4) Room: Multipurpose (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Get ready to CLIMB our Bouldering Wall! This club is sure to be exciting and challenging for all! Students will learn key vocabulary and techniques that will enhance their bouldering skills. The sport of climbing helps individuals improve their balance, coordination, communication, teamwork skills, encouragement, motivation, perseverance and fitness. Climbing also helps students learn different ways of problem solving and to how to set achievable personal and team goals. This club will also incorporate skills to help students improve their overall physical fitness which is a key component in their overall well-being. Students will be guided through various movements, games, activities, problem-solving and challenges that will improve all of the skills necessary to be a successful and safe climber.

Calm Club: Eidson/Linane (1-5) Room: 22
Description: Come join Calm Club — a peaceful place to relax, create, and recharge! Each week we'll enjoy calming activities like drawing, coloring, mindfulness, crafts, snack-making, quiet games, and even cozy movie days. Whether you love to be creative, chill with friends, or just need a moment of calm, this club is the perfect spot for you. **Material Fee: $20.00.**

Certamen Club: Burgess (7-8) Room: 10
Description: In addition to doing a variety of fun Latin activities, we will train for local trivia competitions known as Certamen. The questions at these competitions are about Latin vocabulary, grammar, Greco-Roman mythology, and ancient history. Some questions are connected to pop culture. There is an expectation that your child will attend about two-thirds of these events, which take place about monthly for ~four hours on a Saturday. If your child is in Spanish and wants to join us, I will create activities for them that involve both Latin and Spanish. Otherwise, students are often grouped with their grade level for part of the club session, though some activities, particularly practice rounds of Certamen, involve the whole club together. Snacks and treats will be provided for each session - if you don't believe me, ask past club members about their experience! I am proud of the balance that students have struck between having fun and performing at the competitions. In 2024, our Intermediate Competitive team defeated St. Anselm's and TJHSST in the VSCL Finals, which was the highest distinction attained by any middle school team in the state. **Material Fee: $20.00.**

Computer Games & Homework: Bramnick (3-8) Room: Media Lab
Description: This club will provide a fun environment where kids can get some homework done, get some extra academic help if needed, and also have time to relax and play their favorite computer games with their friends! We will split the cub into three parts: snack/outside time (15 min) homework/educational game time (20 min) and free computer game time (25 min). Games must be school appropriate and approved by a teacher. Thank you for your interest in this club! **Material Fee: $10.00.**

Concert Band: Kaz (4-8) ****This club meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings****
Description: Formerly called "Advanced Band," Concert Band is for student's **4th grade and up** interested in continuing their studies on their wind or percussion instrument. Instrument options include: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, or Percussion. Multiple performance opportunities throughout the school year, including a spring trip to Busch Gardens! *Separate rental/purchase of instrument(s) is required.* **Material Fee: $15.00.** ***There will be a separate signup link for this club.***

Creative Portrait Photography: Guitierrez (7-8) Room: Purple lab

Description: Step into the world of storytelling through the lens in the **Creative Portrait Photography Club**! Designed especially for 7th and 8th graders, this club invites students to explore the art of portrait photography with a creative twist. In this hands-on club, students will: Learn the **fundamentals of portrait lighting**, including how to use flashes and modifiers to shape and control light; **Create and develop characters**, using costumes, props, and imagination to bring unique personalities to life through the camera; **Experiment with creative lighting techniques**, both natural and artificial, to set mood and tone; **Edit their images in Adobe Lightroom**, enhancing their portraits with professional-level tools to bring out the best in every photo. Whether you're curious about photography or already love snapping pictures, this club will help you grow your technical skills and unlock your artistic vision. By the end, students will have a portfolio of original, character-driven portraits that showcase their creativity and new photography skills. *You will not need a camera for this club.* Here are some of the benefits of joining the Adobe Express Club: Hands-on Learning: Gain practical experience with lighting, composition; Creative Expression: Explore storytelling and imaginative thinking by designing characters and scenes for portrait photography; Learn to control and manipulate light using flashes, modifiers, and both natural and artificial lighting techniques; Get introduced to Adobe Lightroom and learn how to enhance portraits using professional-grade tools. No Equipment Required: Participate fully without needing your own camera—everything is provided. Improve visual storytelling abilities and feel empowered to express your unique

artistic voice. Fun and Engaging Environment: Enjoy a collaborative, supportive space with peers who share an interest in photography and creativity. **Material Fee: $30.00.**

Crochet Cafe: Wilhelm (3-4) Room: 20 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Welcome to the Crochet Cafe! If you are looking for a space to learn how to crochet, a chance to learn new techniques, or just time to work on current projects, then this is the club for you! From stuffed animals to clothes, if there is something you want to crochet, then we can make it happen. Hooks and yarn will be provided, but if you already have these materials, feel free to bring them! Snacks will be provided (it is a cafe after all :>).
Material Fee: $50.00.

Cultural Compass: Herr (PK-3) Room: TBD (This club will end on May 1)
Description: At the Cultural Compass we believe that every culture has a story to tell, and every corner of the world holds something amazing waiting to be discovered. This club is all about traveling the globe—without leaving home! Each week, we'll "visit" a new country, dive into its traditions, food, music, and customs, and learn about the people who call it home. Through exciting activities like creating cultural crafts, tasting international snacks, learning dances, and exploring languages, we'll celebrate the rich diversity of the world. Whether it's hearing a story from far-off lands, discovering unique holidays, or even "virtually" traveling to famous landmarks, the Cultural Compass is a place where you can satisfy your curiosity and become a global citizen. Join us on this fun-filled journey to learn, grow, and connect with the world. Get ready to travel, learn, and share the beauty of cultures from every corner of the globe! **Material Fee: $30.00.**

Doodle Club: Rogers (4-8) Room: 32 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Spend an afternoon with fellow doodlers as we explore a wide range of artistic expression. Participants in this club will follow tutorials or fly solo to generate artwork in areas of personal interest. As desired, we'll discuss art/calligraphy/design history, the practical applications of artwork, and more! **Material Fee: $25.00.**

Hold On, Let Them Cook: Stewart/Tan (6-8) Room: 41 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Are you curious about the culinary world? Maybe you've dabbled in the kitchen a few times, perhaps you cook on a weekly basis, or maybe you don't even know the correct way to hold a knife! No matter your experience level, you are welcome to join "Hold on, Let them Cook!"

In this club we'll be giving students hands-on experience preparing and cooking a variety of dishes while also giving them a strong foundation of knowledge so students don't only learn

how to cook, but also truly understand the processes and purpose behind different aspects of cooking.
What is the correct safe temperature to consume beef? Chicken? Are they the same? What seasonings blend together well, and why? What in the world is Umami and how exactly do you incorporate it into a dish? What is the best way to cook an item - boil, fry, grill, roast, flambe? If you're brand new to cooking, have no fear, we'll give you the skills to confidently cook your own meals and if you are more experienced you'll be able to experiment and use the knowledge provided to craft new dishes of your own invention. All while having fun and participating in numerous food-based activities, some inspired by hit cooking-based shows like Chopped and Crime-Scene Kitchen! So parents, are you worried your student will become a fast-food dependent college student one day? We'll have no fear just Hold on, Let them Cook!
***Note: Parents and Students must be aware, comfortable, and take seriously that this club will involve real, sharp knives and heat-sources and students are expected to act appropriately at all times, or they can/will be asked to leave the room (or club) if acting in an unsafe manner. Material Fee: $40.00.**

InkCredibles: Ouverson (PK-5) Room: 16
Description: Introducing the Ink-credible Club for Pre-K through 5th Grade! Get ready for a wild and wacky ride as we dive into the world of creative writing and comic book creation. In just one hour a week, we'll whip up mind-boggling plots, craft quirky characters, conjure up fantastical settings, and build worlds. So, strap on your creativity capes and join us in the Ink-credible Club. **Material Fee: $45.00.**

Intro to Coding & Games Design: Kaur/Nasser (5-8) Room: Silver Lab
Description: Are you interested in learning to code in JavaScript, Python, and Java? Club members will be provided with an opportunity to learn how to code in each of these coding languages. Club members will have projects where they will be given coding challenges to create video games. Club members will use codemonkey, coding chatbots, greenfoot and other online resources to learn to code as the club members take their first step into the world of computer programming while coding video games! If you have an idea for a game and want to learn to code, sign up for this club because it fills up fast. **Material Fee: $25.00.**

Legos, Building and Games, Oh My: Pendlebury (3-6) Room: 28 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: This club will be lots of fun, with a dose of creativity and strategy thrown in. We will alternate between using our imaginations with "Build Days" (Legos, Keva Blocks, Marble Runs, etc.) and "Game Days" when we will use strategy and smarts to play all types of games, from Scrabble to Stratego and More. **Material Fee: $40.00.**

Little Stars Readers Theatre: Dillion (K-1) Room: TBD
Description: Each week, children will explore exciting scripts based on favorite stories and fairy tales. With simple lines, expressive voices, and playful acting students bring characters to life while building confidence, language skills and imagination. Perfect for young learners who love to pretend, perform and play! **Material Fee: $65.00**.

O.W.L (Organization with Love): Aljets (6-8) Room: 32 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: This club will meet twice a week to work on organizational, time management, and chunking skills. With homework posted on Google Classroom or put in planners or said via word of mouth; it can be difficult to keep track of everything and easy to forget tasks. And if there are extra-curricular activities it can be even more chaotic. In the club we will look at a variety of methods, both digital and analogue, to help students organize and prioritize! **Note: You must join both the Tuesday and Thursday sessions.**

Mandala Drawing Club: Balachandran (2-5) Room: 2
Description: In this club, kids will be drawing repeated patterns and shapes that radiate from the central point. It is a form of art and meditation which calms our mind and helps in relaxation and stress relief. **Material Fee: $35.00.**

Math Olympiad Middle School and Other Math Competitions: Broccoli/Momberger (6-8) Room: 29
Description: If you enjoy tackling unique math problems and participating in engaging, enriching activities, the Math Olympiad Middle School Club is perfect for you. This club offers a dynamic environment where members receive weekly practice questions and guidance, preparing them for the five Math Olympiad contests and other in-school math competitions. This is also a great supplemental club for students enrolled in MATHCOUNTS, given them two hours instructional and practice time per week. Whether you're just starting or looking to build on your existing skills, this club offers a supportive community and numerous opportunities for growth and recognition in mathematics. ***Note: If you are in 6th grade you can also join Math Olympiad Elementary School, but you cannot compete in both divisions**. **Material Fee: $20.00.**

Science Olympiad (5-8): Croft/Croft (5-8) Room: 42A
Description: In Science Olympiad, students work together in teams of up to 15 to compete in 23 events. The events change from year to year, covering fields and topics including: anatomy and biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, geology, mechanical and structural engineering,

and technology. Some events entail taking a test, while others involve doing hands-on labs, or even building and bringing a device to the tournament. **Material Fee: $30.00.**

Science Peeps: Artigiano (PK-1) Room: 27
Description: Based on the "Peep and the Big Wide World" series and curriculum, this club will engage young children in developmentally appropriate science learning. It focuses on six core science areas: : exploring water, sound, plants, color, shadows, and movement. Students will learn and practice science concepts through animated stories, games, art, and hands-on activities. **Material Fee: $50.00.**

Spanish Club: Ivanovic (K-1) Room: 7 or 30
Description: Learn Basic Spanish with music and games. **Material Fee: $35.00.**

Sports Club: Severo (2-8) Room: Main Gym/Outside
Description: Does your child love to play sports? Well, this is the club for them! Students will play pick-up games of all of their favorite sports and maybe even learn a few new pointers to help their game. **Material Fee: $35.00.**

Star Trek Fan Club: Mullan (7-8) Room: 39
Description: Students will gather to experience one of the seminal science fiction franchises: Star Trek. Gathering at 3pm, students will watch handpicked episodes of Star Trek- The Original Series, Star Trek the Next Generation, Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, Star Trek: Voyager, Star Trek: Enterprise, Star Trek: Strange New Worlds as well as a handful of Star Trek Feature Films. The TV episodes were all made for network TV and contain nothing objectionable and the feature films are also made for families and mass audiences. By the time the students are done with the school year, they will have experienced the best that Star Trek has to offer and they will have a new appreciation for some of the greatest science fiction of all time.

Stem Challengers: Killian/Powers (3-5) Room: 13
Description: Can you build the strongest bridge? What about the fastest car? Or a boat that can hold the most weight without sinking? These are only a few of the activities that we will be completing in this club. Students will learn to collaborate with their peers to solve a problem using the engineering design process. Each STEM challenge will involve a hands-on project that may last several weeks or could be completed in one club meeting. Students will be challenged to use critical thinking skills and team work as they research, design, build, test, and improve their projects. **Material Fee: $75.00.**

Step-by-Step Drawing Club: Salvatierra (2-3) Room: S38 (Art Room)
Description: Welcome to your Step-by-Step Drawing Club! In this club students will learn how to draw different habitats, fairytale scenes, animals and more! They'll learn about the importance of perspective and overlapping, making their drawings look realistic. They'll also have a chance to explore materials upper school students tend to use such as charcoal, various ranges of graphite, and ink. **Material Fee: $20.00**

Strings Orchestra: Kaz (3-8) ****This club meets Monday morning and Thursday afternoon****
Description: Formerly called "Advanced Strings," String Orchestra is for student's **3rd grade and up** interested in continuing their strings instrument studies. Instrument options include: Violin, Viola, Cello, or String Bass. Limited spaces for harp and piano also exist. Multiple performance opportunities throughout the school year, including a spring trip to Hershey Park! *Separate rental/purchase of instrument(s) is required.* **Material Fee: $15.00.** ***There will be a separate signup link for this club.***

Tap/Musical Dance: Oran (3-4) Room: Stage
Description: Come join our exciting Tap and Musical Theater Dance class! We'll be learning fun tap techniques and lively musical theater routines. Dance is a great way to build teamwork, boost self-esteem, and have a blast! ***Note: Dancers will need Mary Jane tap shoes and tan jazz shoes. We will have a big showcase and the end of clubs**. **Material Fee: $80.00.**

Tennis Thursdays and Computer Games: Harris (1) Room: Red Computer Lab
Description: Students will play tennis outside when the weather is nice and will be in the red lab doing computer activities during the off season. ***Note: Students must bring their own tennis racquet. Material Fee: $10.00.**

The Makersverse: Murarka (K-3) Room: 5
Description: The Makers club encourages young children to explore creativity and problem-solving through hands-on activities. This club will provide a space for kids to experiment with different materials, learn basic engineering concepts, and develop their fine motor skills, all while fostering collaboration and a sense of accomplishment. Students will enjoy activities such as designing challenges, building simple structures, drawing, painting, sculpting with clay, and many more. **Material Fee: $30.00.**

The Movie Makers: Lucena (4-8) Room: 7 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: The Movie Makers is a club designed for students in grades 4 through 8 that combines creative storytelling with digital video editing tools. Students will create original short stories in both English and Spanish using animated characters, virtual backgrounds, and AI-

generated voices. The main goal of the club is to introduce students to the complete audiovisual production process in a fun, accessible, and educational way, promoting both language development and digital literacy.

Throughout the club, students will learn how to use Adobe Express to design animated scenes and build characters through customizable avatars. Based on their own scripts, they will explore how to incorporate voice-overs—either AI-generated or recorded by themselves—allowing them to practice bilingual storytelling. They will then bring all these elements together in Adobe Premiere Rush, where they will learn the basics of video editing: trimming scenes, organizing sequences, and adding background music or simple effects.

Each session will last between 45 and 60 minutes and will take place once a week. During the first sessions, students will focus on planning their stories, writing their scripts, and creating characters and settings. In later sessions, they will concentrate on recording, editing, and presenting their final videos. At the end of the club cycle, participants will share their projects in a small internal showcase to celebrate their work and growth.

In addition to fostering artistic expression and narrative thinking, this club aims to help students develop collaborative skills, project planning, and responsible use of digital tools. All content will be tailored to the students' age and skill levels in a safe and guided environment. The Movie Makers is a unique opportunity for students to discover the power of storytelling through visual and technological language.

Up & Atom: Boissiere (2-3) Room: 14 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Welcome to a fun-filled club where curious minds explore simple science in exciting ways! Ever wanted to make bubbles bounce, create nature sun prints, or build your own sprout house? These are just a few of the hands-on experiments we have in store. So get Up and Atom—and join the club where science is fun. **Material Fee: $40.00.**

Wiggle, Wiggle, Write!: Dillon (K-1) Room: B4
Description: Let's get those fingers wiggling! In this fun-filled club, students will explore the joy of drawing, coloring, tracing, and telling stories—all while building strong, ready-to-write hands. It's the perfect mix of creativity and fine motor fun to support writing, cutting, and early cursive too! **Material Fee: $75.00.**

Young Inventors' Club: Rodriguez (PK-1) Room: TBD

Description: An after-school club where children's natural curiosity meets the fun of colors and games. At the Young Inventors' Club, we transform the principles of physics—like motion, balance, and magnetism—into exciting art and construction projects. It's the perfect space to play at being a scientist, an artist, and an engineer, all at the same time. **Material Fee: $35.00.**

FRIDAY CLUBS (28)

Brushstroke Brigade: Ouverson (PK-3) Room: 16
Description: Welcome to the vibrant world of the Brushstroke Brigade Club! Join us for an hour of creative fun and artistic adventures, perfect for budding artists in Pre-K through 5th grade. Our club is dedicated to igniting the imaginations of young learners through the magical medium of watercolor painting. During each session, we will foster a love for watercolor painting. From learning basic techniques like brush strokes and color mixing to experimenting with different textures and effects, our little artists will discover the endless possibilities of this beautiful art form**. Material Fee: $55.00.**

Chamber Music: Thompson (5-8) Music Room
Description: Incorporation of chamber ensembles amongst all instruments and/voices. This includes Duets, Trios, Quartets, Saxophone Ensemble, etc.

Chess Club: Croft, J (4-8) Room: 42A
Description: Chess Club is a place for young players to gather and find joy in chess with their peers. Rather than drilling strategy, we focus on challenges and chess variants to encourage creativity over the board with lots of open-ended play. Each week will introduce a chess variant for students to try which will get them thinking outside the standard rules in a low stakes environment. Along the way we will gain appreciation for the history of the game and learn a bit about some of its most colorful characters. From divergent explorers to future grandmasters, all of us will learn and all of us will grow. **Material Fee: $20.00.**

CyberPatriot: Sorto (6-8) Room: Silver Lab
Description: Are you ready to take on hackers, protect virtual systems, and compete on a national level? Join CyberPatriot, where you'll team up with other students to compete in the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition hosted by the Air Force Association. Students will compete in two qualifying rounds, taking on real-world cyber threats such as patching weaknesses and securing networks. Qualifying teams will get the opportunity to take on schools across the U.S. for a chance to win the national title. Join the team. Train like pros. Defend the digital world. **Note: Students must have a laptop that meets minimum technical specifications to be used for competitions. Material Fee: $30.00.**

Doodle Dreams: Fowler, S. (K-2) Room: 13
Description: Where imagination takes the lead and pencils dance with joy! Each week, students embark on a step-by-step drawing adventure, learning how to turn simple shapes into silly creatures, magical scenes, and fantastical doodles. After the drawing fun, it's time to bring their masterpieces to life with a splash of color! Every artist goes home with a one-of-a-kind

creation to treasure each week. Perfect for curious minds, giggly hearts, and anyone who loves to draw, doodle, and dream!

Full Immersion French Club: Oulebsir (PK-K) Room: 2
Description: A Gentle Introduction to French for Little Learners. Welcome to our French Club, a warm and playful environment where young children are introduced to the French language through fun and age-appropriate activities. Each session is conducted entirely in French and carefully designed to meet the developmental needs of preschool and kindergarten learners. What we do: Songs and nursery rhymes to help children hear and repeat French sounds; Simple and engaging stories to build listening and comprehension skills; Movement and sensory games to learn through play; Creative activities like coloring, collage, and playdough to introduce new vocabulary; Daily routines in French to encourage natural language use; Cultural discovery themes such as: Tasting pretend or real French foods (like crêpes, baguette, cheese, or fruit); Exploring famous French landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, Mont Saint-Michel, or the lavender fields; Celebrating French holidays and traditions (e.g., la Chandeleur, Bastille Day. Our goal is to create a joyful and nurturing space where children absorb French the way they learn their first language—through repetition, interaction, and play. Each child is encouraged to participate at their own pace in a caring, supportive environment. **Material Fee: $20.00.**

FUN FRIDAY: Murarka (K-3) Room: 5
Description: The FUN FRIDAY club includes magic tricks, jokes, riddles, and games! A fantastic way to destress and unwind after a week of hard work! Students will learn to perform simple magic tricks and science behind them. Jokes, riddles, and games will offer a playful and engaging environment where learners can develop skills like creativity, problem solving, analyzing, and making connections. The club will boost students' confidence and self-esteem, strengthen their social and emotional skills, and enhance their memory and concentration. **Material Fee: 30.00.**

Game on: Boissiere/Killian (2-5) Room: 24 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Join a club that celebrates intelligence, creativity, strategy, and fun! We play a variety of indoor and outdoor games designed to build social skills, sportsmanship, and strong communication. Whether you're working with teammates, facing off in friendly competition, or just enjoying a good laugh, there's something here for everyone. Each meeting introduces new games and teaches the rules, so come ready to think, play, and have a blast! **Material Fee: $40.00.**

GGamers Lounge: Tan (6-8) Room: Purple Computer Lab (This club will end on May 1)
Description: GGamers Lounge is a laid-back club for students who love video games! Whether you want to spend your time on a solo adventure or connect with friends in team games, we invite all students with an interest in games to sign-up for the good vibes and good games. We'll be playing a wide variety of games, from competitive to casual, driven by what you and your fellow club members are into. This is your chance to de-stress, share your favorite gaming moments, discover new games, and just have a great time with other gamers. In the past, we have played titles such as Minecraft, Roblox, League of Legends, Super Smash, Cuphead, and Overcooked, to name a few titles. We will have access to PC, Switch, and PS4 games. Hope to see you there! **Material Fee: $20.00.**

Harry Potter Spelling Club: Roy (PK-3) Room: 19
Description: Get your magic wands ready! In Harry Potter Spelling Club, young witches and wizards will practice spelling words with their "Spell Books!" **Material Fee: $75.00.**

Improv Comedy Club: Bolton (6-8) Room: 33 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Develop your wit, confidence and public speaking skills with friends after school on Fridays! Classic improv games like Freeze, Park Bench, Zip Zap Zop and many more, plus new games created by Nysmith students! **Material Fee: $5.00.**

Latin Ballroom Dance Club: Ivanovic (3-4) Room: TBD
Description: Introduction of 5 Latin Core Dances, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Samba, Jive and Paso Doble. **Material Fee: $60.00.**

Lower School Chorus: Sun (1-3) ****This club meets Wednesday and Friday mornings****
Description: The Nysmith Lower School Chorus is for **lower school students in grades 1-3** who are interested in exploring their voices and learning about choral music. All are welcome! There will be multiple performance opportunities throughout the school year, including a spring trip to Busch Gardens!
Material Fee: $15.00. ***There will be a separate signup link for this club.***

Matball: Severo/Lasley (4-8) Room: Main Gym
Description: Matball - everyone's favorite game at Nysmith. Here is your chance to get to play every week!!! Students will get to play and have fun with their friends. **Material Fee: $35.00.**

Math Crew Club: Gunjovska (PK-2) Room: 15
Description: Join our fun math club! In our club students will have fun, develop their knowledge and understanding of Math. It will help children apply their skills in everyday life,

improve Children's Mathematical reasoning and boost their self-confidence. They will enjoy this club using fun math games, doing math related projects and solving math puzzles. Studying and fun together. **Material Fee: $35.00.**

Math Kangaroo Joeys: Broccoli/Momberger (1-2) Room: 29
Description: Math Kangaroo club focuses on helping students develop a positive attitude towards mathematics. Its primary goal is to cultivate a deep-seated appreciation for math by making it engaging, challenging, and rewarding through the competition format. Math Kangaroo club focuses not only on improving students' math scores but also on enhancing their problem-solving abilities. Participants are exposed to a variety of word problems, logic puzzles, and mathematical challenges that require critical thinking and creative approaches to find solutions. By teaching new strategies for solving math problems and providing exposure to different types of mathematical concepts, the club helps students gain confidence in their mathematical skills. This confidence extends beyond the competition setting and contributes to their overall success in the classroom and beyond. The Math Kangaroo Competition indeed holds a significant place in the realm of mathematics competitions for primary and secondary school students worldwide. The exam is a 75-minute multiple-choice test. For students in grades 1-4 there are 24 questions. The competition date is set for THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2026 after school. As part of the club, you will receive an invitation to register your child for this competition. The cost to register is $21. This is separate from the materials fee. **Material Fee: $20.00.**

Running Club: Burgess (6-8) Room: 10 (or Pavilion when weather permits)
Description: This club is oriented toward distance running, because that is my background as a runner. (I ran a 4:48 mile, 10:21 2-mile, and 18:15 5K in high school.) However, we will not be running for the entire 55 minutes of each session. We will make sure to stretch before and after the runs to prevent injury. Time will also be allocated for announcements, and some workouts will require rest intervals. We will also sometimes do relays as a fun activity, which naturally means that only some will be running at a given time. Though no one will be denied entry into the club based on ability, your child should be able to jog at least a mile if they want to get the most out of it. Also, coming in with less running experience raises the risk of injury. I understand that the heat makes running in the summer undesirable, but a little jog early in the morning a few times a week will help a lot. Preparation will also help your child converse during runs, which will allow them to get more of the social benefits that the club offers.

Spanish Explorers: Lucena (1-3) Room: 3 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Spanish Explorers is a club designed for students in grades 1 through 3 to introduce them to the Spanish language in a fun and engaging way. Through a combination of

animated films, children's series, and short interactive lessons, students will begin to recognize basic Spanish vocabulary, simple phrases, and cultural expressions that will prepare them for formal Spanish instruction in fourth grade.

Each session will feature age-appropriate content such as cartoons and shows in Spanish with English subtitles. The goal is to create a relaxed and immersive environment where children begin to associate spoken Spanish with familiar actions, visuals, and storylines. After each viewing, students will participate in brief, playful lessons focused on key words and expressions from the video, reinforced through songs, repetition, and simple activities.

Sessions will be held once a week and will last approximately 60 minutes. The club is conducted in both English and Spanish, using the English language as a bridge to help students understand and feel comfortable with their first contact with Spanish. Over time, students will develop a basic listening vocabulary, the ability to follow simple commands, and an appreciation for Spanish-speaking cultures.

This club is ideal for young learners who are curious about languages and will benefit from early exposure in a low-pressure setting. Spanish Explorers provides a gentle, enjoyable path into language learning, helping students build confidence and enthusiasm before they begin their daily Spanish classes in fourth grade.

Soccer Club: Samper Bernard/Chianvichai (4-8) Room: Soccer Field
Description: If you watch the Premier League, the Bundesliga, La Liga, Serie A and love soccer, this is your club. In this club, we are going to enjoy soccer in all its aspects. Mini tournaments (4 against four, seven against seven will be held during the year. The most important thing is to have fun with all the students. Prizes and food will also be part of the fun. In addition, you will have the chance to wear your favorite soccer jersey every Friday. **Material Fee: $30.00.**

The Great Escape Club: Wilhelm (3) Room: 20 (This club will end on May 1)
Description: Do you like puzzles and problem solving? Do you like mystery and intrigue? Then this is the club for you! Think outside the box in order to escape the box!

Ukulele Club: Cook (2-4) Room: 8
Description: Learn to play a versatile and accessible string instrument in Ukulele Club!
In ukulele club, students will learn to fret strings (meaning to press down the strings to produce a note) and strum chords in a fun and supportive setting. The ukulele is one of the most popular instruments for beginners of all ages, and ukulele club members will be playing and singing along to some of their favorite contemporary artists in no time! Past ukulele club members are

welcome to join to continue their ukulele practice, as well as take on helpful roles as mentors for members who are just beginning their ukulele journeys. Students ready to find the joy in musicianship may very well find it in Ukulele Club! Students are encouraged to have their own playable ukulele for any practice at home, but it is not necessary! We have a set of classroom ukuleles that students may use at every Ukulele Club session. **Material Fee: $10.00.**

Upper School Chorus: Kaz (4-8) ****This club meets Wednesday and Friday Mornings****
Description: The Nysmith Upper School Chorus is for **upper school students in grades 4-8** who are interested in exploring their voices and learning about choral music. All are welcome! There will be multiple performance opportunities throughout the school year, including a spring trip to Busch Gardens!
Material Fee: $15.00. ***There will be a separate signup link for this club.***

Wise Fables in Action: Rodriguez (PK-1) Room: TBD
Description: "Wise Fables in Action" is a club for young children that uses classic fables to teach life lessons in a fun, magical, and hands-on way. Through activities like storytelling, puppet play, and crafts, the club aims to foster curiosity, a love for reading, creativity, and an appreciation for shared human heritage, all while developing important social skills like sharing and collaboration. **Material Fee: $20.00.**

Young Coders: Kaur/Nasser (3-4) Room: Blue Lab
Description: Welcome to the exciting world of coding. Do you want to learn how to code and have some fun doing it? Club members will use CodeMonkey, which is a fun and educational game-based environment where club members learn to code. Club members will be helping the monkey get the bananas while on a coding adventure. Then the club members will venture into the world of python coding as you play a word guessing game with a chatbot interface. All of the coding adventures in this club can be done using drag and drop which makes it easy and fun to learn about coding. If you want to have fun coding and completing coding challenges, sign up for this club because it fills up fast. **Material Fee: $25.00.**