

# Middle School Club Description

## **Grade 6 Class**

Advisor: Mr. O'Brien

Grade 6 Class will elect officers and participate in activities to include hallway holiday decorating, collections of food and clothing to help the needy and our annual car wash to raise money and awareness for ALS.

## **Grade 7 Class**

Advisor: Ms. Lang

Center Moriches Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade class and members of the middle school Student Council will be responsible for several events and activities this year. Activities include but not limited to: Fundraisers, school spirit activities, community service projects, field trips and other events to involve all students in the Center Moriches Middle School experience.

Everyone in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome to join us at the meetings scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in the many activities during the school year and to make suggestions.

## **Grade 8 Class**

Advisor: Ms. Montpetit

Grade 8 Class is a student-based club designed to help promote school spirit and leadership among students. Students can participate at all levels including: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and student body members. All Class officers and members will demonstrate leadership qualities by setting good examples of behavior through their words and actions. All Class members will be expected to participate in Grade 8 Class activities, which will serve to enhance the quality of the school.

## **Art Club**

Advisor: Ms. DiMeo

The Middle School Art Club is open to all students who love Art! We meet the first and third Wednesday of the month from 2:30 to 3:30. Art Club gives students the opportunity to work with a variety of different Art media. It is a safe and relaxed environment where exploration of individual ideas and creativity is encouraged. Students will be able to work independently, as well as work on large scale group projects like murals and sculptures. A signed permission slip is required each time a student attends.

## **Book Club**

Advisor: Ms. Glynn

The Center Moriches Book Club will gather at meetings to enjoy the love of literature with one another by reading books together, engaging in book discussion, and also by setting up events where we can encourage enjoyable reading experiences for other middle schoolers to enjoy.

## **Crochet**

Advisors: Mrs. Connolly

The **Hugs and Stitches Club** welcomes you to **GET HOOKED**, by learning easy and fun techniques of crocheting. Come join us on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month and learn how to start a project, cast on stitches, read patterns, and create beautiful items to wear, display or donate. Have fun spending time with friends, staff, and teachers while learning a craft that you will enjoy for many years to come!

## **Coding Club**

Advisor: Mr. Turnow

The Center Moriches Middle School Coding Club is a club based on computer programming. We are a "Google School", we will be using Google products such as "Coding with Chrome". "Coding with Chrome" is a Google project to provide an easy-to-use coding/programming environment (IDE) within the Chrome browser that even works offline. Currently, users are able to create programs using Blockly, Coffeescript, HTML, Javascript and Python. We will be using other coding programs and programming languages as well. This club will be student centered and student driven as students have various levels of computer programming knowledge. Whether you are just a beginner or an advanced programmer, we will focus on computer coding and programming and explore how coding will help us in education and life all around us! Sit back and program away!

## **Drama Club**

Advisor: Ms. Glynn

The Center Moriches Middle School Drama Club is for those students who are interested in theatrical arts. The mission is to cultivate the dramatic arts, public speaking, and socialization through performance. Students this year will be participating in the High School Musical on March 1, 2, and 3.

## **Friends and Buddies Club**

Advisor: Ms. Trujillo

The Friends and Buddies Club is all about building friendships between special and general education students. We do this by creating structured time for students to interact socially. Our club meets during 10th period on Wednesdays. Please check the web-site for meeting dates. Depending on our activity for the day, we may work in an art classroom, the library, the gym or outside. Our club will be involved in fundraising and special events to celebrate different occasions throughout the school year.

## **FTC Robotics**

Advisors: Mr. Roy/Mr. Voelger

Middle School Robotics is designed for students in grades 6-8. Teams are responsible for designing, building and programming their robots to compete in a contest with other Center Moriches students (Battlebots). We are focused on teaching the fundamentals of design and engineering within robotics while having a primary focus on fun and 100 percent student participation within the club. The teams will be small and will require the active engagement of all team members.

Students will have the opportunity to:

Design, build and program robots, develop problem-solving, organizational and team-building skills as well as compete and cooperate with other teams here at Center Moriches.

## **Home and Careers Club**

Advisor: Ms. Brienza

The Home and Careers Club is open to all middle school students. We will meet on planned Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30 pm in room 302. Our focus this year will be on celebrating the seasons and holidays through cooking and crafts. Through these activities, children will learn the importance of teamwork and effective communication to achieve their goals. Proper safety and sanitation in the kitchen will be emphasized. The club ends promptly at 3:30 so students must have transportation arranged if not taking the late bus. Parental permission is required.

## **Jazz Chorus**

Advisor: Mr. Preston

The CMMS Vocal Jazz Club will be a group of 15-30 students interested in performing standard jazz literature.

Students will:

1. Learn how to improvise through scatting.
2. Learn how to use microphones and sound equipment.
3. Learn the basic techniques to execute intricate harmonies of the Jazz genre.

There may be additional rehearsals, with prior notice for special events.

## **Jazz Band**

Advisor: Ms. Pinto

Jazz Band is offered for students who wish to learn to play basic styles of jazz music. It is also great for students who want additional performance opportunities in music. Emphasis is placed on the swing style and improvisation using the blues scale which will broaden the student's working knowledge of different musical genres. Being a part of Jazz Band will also help foster community relations through music performances. There will be two groups for Jazz Band. One will consist of everyone who signs up to participate and the second will be a smaller, auditioned group that will travel to compete at the Music in the Parks Festival. Auditions will be held after the first 3 weeks of rehearsals. Only traditional "big band" instruments will be used for the auditioned group (saxophones, trumpet, trombone, electric guitar, bass guitar, piano and drum set) unless permission is given by instructor. Jazz Band will perform at school events, for the student body, community and at festivals.

## **National Junior Honor Society – Senekes Chapter**

Co-Advisors: Mr. Schauer and Ms. McCormick

**\*\*\*Unlike the other clubs available at Center Moriches Middle School, this club is not open to the entire student body. Members of the NJHS are from the 8th grade class only. Eligible members are selected through an induction process at the end of the student's 7th grade Year.**

The National Junior Honor Society was formed in 1929 to create an organization that recognizes and encourages academic achievement while developing character, service, citizenship, and

leadership. Nearly 89 years later, the NJHS has gained a reputation for excellence. At the Center Moriches Middle School, we want to continue that tradition.

In order to be considered for membership in the National Junior Honor Society, the student must meet the following criteria: scholarship, leadership, citizenship, service, and character. **All criteria weigh EQUALLY and grades alone DO NOT guarantee selection into the honor society.**  
**Scholarship: Maintain an 90% average (core classes only).**

***6<sup>th</sup> Grade GPA (Quarters 3 and 4) as well as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade GPA (Quarters 1, 2 and 3) are all considered in this average. Conscientiously attend to all academic responsibilities.***

**Leadership:** Uphold and promote positive behaviors, takes initiative, and handles responsibilities efficiently. Suggested leadership activities include but are not limited to:

- Club officer
- Team captain
- Team manager
- Student-teacher (religion, dance, martial arts)
- Camp counselor
- Leader in the classroom
- Tutoring younger students
- Girl Scouts / Boy Scouts
- Section leader in band

**Citizenship:** Community involvement, respect for freedom, justice, and the rights of others.

**Service:** Participation in school and outside activities. Suggested activities include but are not limited to:

- Food drive
- UNICEF
- Walk-a-thons
- Essay contests
- Library volunteer
- Relay for Life/Ride for Life

**Character:** Honesty, respect for peers and adults, following all school rules, cooperative, and takes criticism well.

## **Science Quiz Bowl Club**

Advisor: Mr. Turnow

The Middle School Science Quiz Bowl Team is a club that encompasses a team of students interested in learning more about science and putting that knowledge to the test! Our club will focus on the In-House Quiz Bowl competition. Select students will also participate in the Brookhaven Laboratory Middle School Science Quiz Bowl. A select small group of students will represent Center Moriches Middle School at the BNL competition. Our club will focus on preparing for both competitions and learning more about science. Do you think you have what it takes? Please come join our team and help represent Center Moriches at these prestigious events.

## **Student Council**

Advisor: Mr. Velotti

The Middle School Student Council is comprised of all the elected officers of the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, as well as any student interested in wanting to have a say in what goes on in our school! This is a forum for the officers to meet and discuss activities, events, and fundraisers that will affect the entire Middle School. We will also plan and implement activities that will benefit our local and school communities.

## **World Language Club**

Advisor: Ms. Bennett

The Foreign Language Club is designed to supplement the study of Foreign Language outside the classroom curriculum. All languages and cultures are discussed. Each meeting or month will focus on a different country of language, with activities meant to enhance classroom study. Activities include authentic celebrations, foods, traditions, holidays, etc. All students from the middle school are invited to become members. Permission slips are required.

## **Yearbook Club**

Advisor: Ms. Horoszewski

The Center Moriches Middle School Yearbook Club is made up of 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The staff takes photos, and works on the layout of the annual publication which will arrive in late June.

## **Youth and Government**

Advisor: Mr. Voelger

Youth and Government Club gives students a chance to role play the job of a representative in New York State government. Students create ideas for laws, vet them within a committee of their peers and ultimately write and debate bills. YaG is a YMCA run organization. Public speaking, persuasion, and debating are required to be successful in the club. The club travels to Albany and participates in a State conference where students get to debate their bills against students from across New York State.