

RHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OFFERED

Please note that specific days/dates/times are subject to change. Students should listen to morning announcements to find out when their activity will meet. Also, during the year, some clubs may not meet due to lack of interest or lack of advisor and other activities may be added during the year.

CLUBS: (See all contact info below)

- **ALTERNATE ENERGY RACE TEAM** - Members of this team build full-size alternate energy electric powered go-kart. They compete in an End of May endurance race against other middle and high schools throughout the state. [This club starts in September and runs through June. It meets EVERY Thursdays from 2:20-3:45.](#)
- **ART CLUB** - Art Club is open to all students regardless of skill level. We explore drawing, painting and 3D design and anything of personal interest that relates to Art. [This club starts in October and runs through June. It meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 2:20 to 3:30.](#)
- **DRAMA CLUB** - allows students to learn about theatre through the hands-on production of plays and participation in other performance activities such as the annual “Halloween Happening”, Drama United performance and a standard drama performance. Students may participate through both acting and backstage work. All students are welcome to audition regardless of experience. The club usually puts on one play each school year. [This club starts in the Spring and runs through end of the year. It meets every day during production from 2:20 to 4:30/5:00.](#)
- **DRAMA UNITED CLUB** - [Info to follow. Please contact adviser below for any information.](#)
- **ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB** – The goal of the club is to work together to make our school and community a greener place to be. Students will decide what projects and activities they would like to undertake. All students are welcome. This club starts on Wednesday, September 26 and runs through June. It meets every other Wednesday from 2:15 to 3:30.
- **HOME ECONOMICS CLUB** - **The goal of this club is to introduce students to do a variety of arts and crafts** focusing on variety of different skills. Projects may include students using the sewing lab and/or the foods lab for specific projects.. Students may be asked at times to purchase more expensive projects supplies if they choose to participate in the club project. [This club starts in October and runs through May. The Home Economics Club will meet every other Wednesday in room 225.](#)
- **F.P.S.P. (FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS PROGRAM)** - is an academic problem-solving group which meets one evening per week, competing in three events throughout the year and “finals” in the spring. Any interested students may join. This club meets Mondays starting September 17th, from 4:00-5:00pm, room 104.
- **GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE** - All are welcome to join. This group plans different activities to spread equality. We paint murals, play games and engage in other school wide awareness activities. [This clubs starts in October and runs through June. It meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month in Rm 136 from 2:20 to 3:00.](#)
- **FIRST LEGO LEAGUE** – This is the competition level of US First for middle school students called First Lego League. The team does a research project based on the current year’s completion theme. The team also designs a Lego robot to perform tasks on the completion game mat to score as many points as possible in a 2:15 minute match vs. a randomly drawn opponent. The RHAMBots First Lego League runs from Sept.-Dec. with the regional competition usually the first week of Dec. If team makes the qualifications, they will compete in the state tournament at CCSU also in December. For info on this year’s completion, go to www.firstlegoleague.org [This club starts in September and runs through December.. It meets EVERY Wednesday, Meetings added as needed as Tournaments approach from 2:20 to 3:30\(3:45\).](#)
- **STUDENT SECRET SERVICE** - Past activities include: Teddy Bear Clinic at Manchester Hospital; Used Sporting Goods Sale; making favors for hospitalized children; visitation to Marlborough Manor Convalescent Home (for bingo); prep of Red Cross care bags for disaster victims; book drive for underprivileged children; Spring Food Drive; and assembling Easter baskets for the Children’s Medical Center. [This club is pending an adviser.](#)

- **LITERARY MAGAZINE CLUB** - Student work (writing, art, music, lyrics, sculpture) is submitted or collected throughout the year resulting in the publishing of our yearly digital edition of *RHAMblings*. Official meetings for this club begin in late winter/early spring and runs through the end of the school year. This club meets once to twice a month as needed to assemble our *RHAMblings* website. The final edition is published to the school community and public in early June.
- **BUDDIES CLUB** - This club includes students with and without disabilities, providing the opportunity for students with developmental or physical disabilities to form a bond with other students in the school house. This club typically meets once a month, with our first meeting on September 26. We will meet in room 105 from 2:15-3:30. Students attending will receive a schedule of future meetings at the first meeting
- **SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB** - The club takes 5 trips each year to Ski Sundown in New Hartford. Signups start in October for the trips that start in January. The trips are every Wednesday and buses leave the school at 2:00 pm and return at 8:00 pm. All students are welcome. Lessons and rentals are available.
- **STUDENT COUNCIL** - serves as an advisory group for the student body to the administration. All students are volunteers and there are currently 4 per team participating. Students discuss current issues concerning the schoolhouse climate, activities that are school-wide and special events. Students may be involved in planning special events for the 7th or 8th grade class separately as the need arises.
- **T.S.A. (TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOC.)** and **VEX** meets Tuesday or Wednesday. TSA is a national vocational student organization with activities that include: fundraisers, leadership conference, state and national conferences, community service and fun activities. VEX is the Robotics part of this club. VEX is a tournament robot that students compete with throughout the year starting as early as December. Our VEX middle school students compete at the High School level. This club starts in October and runs through early May. It meets EVERY Tuesday/Wednesday from 2:20 to 3:45.
- **WORLD LANGUAGE** - World Language Club encourages students to become familiar with the different cultures and customs of countries throughout the world. This includes not only Spanish and French, but several other languages. Club members will participate in various activities such as arts and crafts, music, dance, and food, etc. These informal activities allow participants to become involved in and learn about many countries and languages of the world, as well as increase cultural awareness, while having fun too! This club starts in September 27th and runs through June. It will meet every other Thursday in Room 200 from 2:15- 3:30pm.
- **YEARBOOK CLUB** – Students help create the school yearbook. Club members will use school provided cameras at school events for photographs. They will assist in the marketing and sales campaign, and utilize the design software application to create the book. The two major deadlines are in December and February; the completed book is delivered in late May. This club starts in October and runs through February.
- **JAZZ BAND** – Jazz Band is an auditioned group which meets after school on Tuesdays from 2:15-3:30. This ensemble focuses on learning basics of swing, latin and rock styles as well as improvisation. Jazz participates in festivals and a number of performances throughout the year. This club starts in September and runs through May.
- **MATH LAB** – Math lab is a quiet working time for students who are looking for extra help or enrichment in their math classes. It is a drop-in program after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students do not need to sign up in advance to attend. This club starts in September and runs through June. It meets every Tuesday in Room 117 and every Thursday in Room 217 from 2:15 to 3:30.
- **WRITING LAB** – Writing lab is a quiet working time for students who are looking for extra help or enrichment with their writing. It is a drop-in program after school on Wednesdays. Students do not need to sign up in advance to attend. This club starts in September and runs through June. It meets every Wednesday in Room 110 from 2:15 to 3:30.
- **CARD GAME CLUB** – The goal of this club is provide a safe place for students to meet to play various cards games such as Magic the Gathering. Secondary skills learned from this club are math skills, logic and problems solving skills. This club begins in September and runs through June. Card Game Club will meet on Thursday's from 2:15 to 3:15 in Room 203.

- **FOOTNOTES (Select Choir)** – Footnotes is a select women's chorus that meets after school on Tuesdays from 2:15 - 3PM. Participants are selected by audition only. Three performances per school year. See Mrs. McKiernan for audition information.
- **LOW KEY (Select Choir)** – Low Key is a select men's chorus that meets after school on Thursdays from 2:15 - 3PM. Participants are selected by audition only. Three performances per school year. See Mrs. McKiernan for audition information.

CONTACT INFO

Club	Contact Person	Email
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SPORTS:

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FALL

- **Boys' and Girls' Soccer** begins shortly after the start of a new school year. The dates for tryouts are published in the school's "Morning Bulletin" and the season runs through the beginning of November.
- **Cross Country** begins at the start of the school year and runs through the end of October. There are practices Monday through Thursday after school. Students will be able to take the late bus.

WINTER

- **Middle School Wrestling** begins in Nov. and ends in Feb. Practices are held after school from 2:15-3:45 p.m., allowing students to take the late bus home. Matches (12-14 per season) are usually scheduled for Wed. & Fri. afternoons and two tournaments are also part of the schedule. Wrestling is open to all male and female 7th and 8th graders. All students who come out make the team; there are no tryouts.
- **Cheerleading** starts mid-Nov. and ends mid-Feb. Tryouts are held before Thanksgiving break. Practices are Monday through Thursday from 2:20-4:30 p.m.; games are usually scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from mid-December through mid-February; usually two games per week from 3:30-4:45 p.m.
- **Girls' and Boys' Basketball** starts with tryouts in early to mid-November. Teams are selected around Thanksgiving break and season ends mid-February. Students meet after school for practices every day during the season except weekends. Boys & girls alternate practice times with one practice being held from 2:15-4:00 and another from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Usually 16-18 students comprise each team's roster.

SPRING

- **Girls' Softball** tryouts are held at the end of March. Practices are held every day and the season runs through the end of May (depending on weather).
- **Track and Field** starts end of March. All students are welcome; everyone makes the team. Students will participate in three events during meets. Practices are held after school every day. Students will be able to take late bus.
- **Boys' Baseball** tryouts are held at the end of March. Daily practices are held and the season runs until the end of May (depending on the weather).