

**EAST AURORA MIDDLE SCHOOL
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS**

Arts and Crafts Club – Ms. Cavanaugh, Advisor – Grades 5-8

The Arts and Crafts club is open to any fifth to eighth grade student. The purpose of the club is to create projects that allow students to express their creativity and share their talents. In addition, this club will aid various community organizations.

Builders Club – Mrs. Wnek, Advisor – Grade 7 & 8

The Builders Club is a middle school club sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club. This is a service organization designed to contribute to our school community, East Aurora community, Buffalo community and to reach out to the needs of the world.

DECA – Mr. Kot, Advisor- Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8

NYS DECA offers an opportunity for students to participate in a co-curricular student organization at the middle school level. The Academy is open to 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. The students will be exposed to activities that promote leadership development, civic consciousness, social intelligence and a vocational understanding of business and marketing.

DECA is a great organization that allows students to make new friends, travel, to learn more about themselves and to help them choose a career path. Club meetings are typically on Fridays and other days are scheduled as necessary for club events. Eighth graders are allowed and encouraged to participate in National DECA activities including the regional competition, state leadership conference, summer leadership camp and the international leadership conference.

The EAHS also has a DECA chapter that members can become involved in this year and in future years. Consider making a commitment to DECA.

Drama Club – Mr. Terhune, Mrs. Arendt, Co-Advisors – Grade 5-8

The Middle School Drama Club offers acting and set opportunities for students in grades 5-8. The goal of drama club is to have fun, while learning about stage directions, drama terms, voice projection and character development. Through rehearsals, students will build confidence in their performance and learn to work together with a closely-knit cast. If acting is not your thing, consider helping out with lights, sound, costumes, props, or the set. These are important jobs that help manage and produce the play. No prior experience on stage is necessary.

The 5th and 6th grade drama club will be enjoying club time and preparing to perform a variety of short skits, namely some “fractured” fairy tales and “tall and twisted” tales. Students in grades 5 & 6 will be allowed to use scripts, if necessary. Rehearsals will take place **each week on Tuesdays** during the months of October, November and through mid-December. It is our hope to perform for parents and all the 5th grade classes sometime in December.

The 7th and 8th grade drama club will perform a short one or two act play. The process begins with auditions and continues with rehearsals. Along the way, the set will take shape and costumes will be selected. Participants are expected to **memorize their lines, which involves practice at home. Rehearsals will take place on Thursdays during the months of October, November and December.** The final event for this group is an evening performance open to the public in December in the Middle School multi-purpose room.

The drama club is also responsible for the **Talent Show** which will be held on **Wednesday March 18th at 7pm at the High School. Auditions will take place January 22nd – January 24th from 2:30 – 3:15 in the Middle School multi-purpose room. The Host/Emcee auditions will take place the following week.** Students selected to perform in the Talent Show will rehearse on either Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Explorers Club – Mrs. Zakroczemski, Miss Daigler, Co-Advisors – Grades 5-8

This club offers students creative and unique experiences based on interests and ideas that students suggest for greater exploration. Students will share and build upon their talents and interests outside of school. Students will participate and explore community service and group activities.

International Club – Mrs. Rizzo, Advisor – Grade 7 & 8

International Club gives students the opportunity to explore Spanish and French culture through cooking, crafts, and language games. This is an enrichment activity directly linked to the NYS Standards 1 and 2: Language and Culture. International Club is best suited to language students in grades 7 & 8. Students meet either Tuesday or Thursday (student choice upon sign up) weekly, September – December.

Club members are involved in sampling international food, as well as making arts and crafts from other cultures. Popular activities include: Ojos de Dios, French crepes, “Molas”, and a faux Picasso piece. Scavenger hunts and international bingo help students expand their language skills and take yet another step toward communication and cross cultural understanding. We celebrate a Fiesta in December to cap off our semester of club participation.

Intramural Sports – Ms. Meharian, Advisor – Grades 5-8

The Middle School intramural program reinforces skills taught in physical education class. All students have the opportunity to participate in team and individual sports. The emphasis of this program is enjoyable participation in physical activity for all students. Approximately 250 students participated in intramural sports last year. Activities may be subject to change due to weather/facilities usage.

Intramurals are scheduled from September until June. Students should listen to the morning announcements to make sure the activity is open to their grade level. Activities may be subject to change due to weather and facilities.

Latin Club – Mrs. Hannon , Advisor – Grades 7-8

The EAMS Latin Club began with two over-arching goals in mind: to enrich the experience of those students who are studying Latin, and to promote the study of Latin and the Classics to the school-wide community. Over the past three years the EAMS Latin Club has been involved in a number of different endeavors, and has grown significantly. Here, students are given the opportunity to have fun with Latin, experience the language in a thriving energetic practical atmosphere, and meet and interact with other Latin students whose skill levels vary. Students are also given the opportunity to participate with the wider world, whether it is a local cultural event or organization or nationwide recognition. All of these opportunities help promote a deeper understanding of Latin as a language and a discipline; it helps develop individual student skills, it deepens students’ relationships with learning, the school, and each other, and it broadens students’ horizons. The current EAMS Latin Club has been officially chartered by the American Classical League as an active chapter of the National Junior Classical League.

Math Club – Mrs. Head, Advisor

Math Club at EAMS is open to any middle school student who wants to discover the recreational side of mathematics. Some of our activities include learning math “magic” tricks, creating modular origami polyhedrons, curve stitching line designs, constructing tessellations, and solving the Rubik’s Cube. We also celebrate Pi Day and organize a Chess tournament in the spring. We will meet on designated Fridays from October through May. Meetings will be announced several days in advance over the PA system, and also will be posted outside of Mrs. Head’s classroom, 326.

National Junior Honor Society – Mrs.Cole, Mrs. Warda-Bender –Co- Advisors – Grade 8

National Honor Society members are inducted into this organization based on their leadership, character, citizenship, scholarship, and service to the school and community. Members of this service organization are required to perform 20 hours of volunteer work during the school year in addition to participating in Honor Society sponsored projects. A minimum of 12 meetings are planned for the year, with additional time spent on group service projects. Seventh graders interested in being inducted are encouraged to be active in school and community events several months before the selection process begins in February of each school year. Service and leadership through churches, scouts, nursing homes, and school organizations are recommended. Honor

Society will meet on an as needed basis to organize events and projects. **Meeting dates will be announced on the morning announcements.**

Science Club – Mr. Padmanabha, Advisor – Grades 7-8

For the first half of the year, we meet once a month for different types of science activities. The second half of the year, we participate in a model bridge competition. Each year, in conjunction with National Engineers Week, the Association of Bridge Construction and Design (ABCD) sponsors a Memorial Model Bridge Contest for students in grades 7 through 12. The contest offers students a chance to interact with practicing engineers to apply their school studies to a real world simulation, to build their team work skills, and most of all, have fun with their imaginations. Science club meetings will be announced during homeroom one week before we meet.

Spirit Club – Mrs. Head, Advisor – Grades 5 -8

Any student who is truly proud to be an East Aurora Blue Devil is encouraged to join Spirit Club. This club runs a number of school-related Spirit activities throughout the year including fundraisers, dress-up days, spirit days, and classroom display decorating contests. Students who join are encouraged to find new and creative ways to make EAMS a more spirited atmosphere. We provide the opportunity to make friends while making our school a more positive environment. Meetings will be held several times throughout the year (especially around holidays and Homecoming week), late September through May, and will be announced several days in advance over the PA system. Upcoming meeting dates will also be posted outside of Mrs. Head's classroom, 326.

S.T.E.A.M. Club – Mrs. Krull, Mrs. Steinbrenner, Co-Advisors – Grades 5-8

Are you interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art or Math? Then this may be the club for you! Our club meets monthly on Thursdays. We explore new technology, participate in challenges and create as we discover the engineering design process. Look for sign - up sheets and listen to the announcements for meeting dates.

Student Council – Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Koch, Co-Advisors – Grades 5-8

Student Council helps develop leadership skills among students. It serves the community and school. The council provides opportunities for students to be involved in the life of the school, and establishes communication channels for students to have input in school decisions.

The Student Council meets monthly to discuss issues pertaining to the school and to schedule after school events.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) - Mrs. Kruse, Ms. Laipple, Co-Advisors – Grades 5-8

The goal of SADD is to send a powerful message... a vast majority of middle school students **do not** use drugs/illegal substances, alcohol or tobacco. The members of SADD communicate this message to the entire student body through various campaigns and activities such as Red Ribbon Week, school-wide assemblies, and SADD sponsored events. Members of SADD also serve as role models for their peers.

Yearbook/Publications – Mrs. Gervasi , Mrs. Christie, Co- Advisors –Grades 5-8

Do you like to take photos? Join the Yearbook Club for another fun year! Get together with the yearbook crew and their quest to capture great photos and to create yet another exciting yearbook filled with all the fun times here at EAMS!

Middle School Jazz Band/A cappella – Mr. Davis/P. Blackwell, Co- Advisors

Jazz band is an extracurricular ensemble that meets once a week and performs at school concerts. This is a select group of students based on an audition. Students are expected to practice their music and attend rehearsals. Students prepare music that is age appropriate, fun, and challenging. The ensemble music includes various jazz styles and instrumentation, as well as active participation.

Late Bus



There is a late bus that departs from the Middle School at 3:15 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. There is not a late bus on Monday. Students staying for clubs, intramurals, Extended Learning Time, or detention may ride this bus. They need a pass from the teacher they were staying with to get on this bus.

Since there is only one bus, students may be dropped off at a location up to ½ mile from their home. Also, it is possible that your child could be on this bus for up to one hour.