

2018-2019 PAMS Club List:

Academic Team:

The Academic Team meets every other week and tests student knowledge on a number of areas including current events, all academic areas, and sports. Students can participate in tournaments on line against students from around the country and local tournaments held at other middle school academic teams from Chester County school districts. There are two levels of competition with a 6th grade team and a combined 7th-8th grade team. Mr. Odell is the faculty advisor and the team meets in Room #323

Advisor: Mr. Odell

Anime Club

Anime club is a great club to join if you like anime, manga, or cosplay! We watch and discuss anime, listen to music from shows, share our favorite manga and practice drawing. In past years, we've even had a yu-gi-o tournament! Our discussions and activities are largely student driven, so bring your enthusiasm and ideas! Anime club meets on Wednesdays, with specific dates to-be-announced.

Sponsor: Mrs. Wallace

Archery Club:

The archery club meets 2 times per week at a minimum for students who want to compete at the State Archery Championships that are held at Penn State. The students meet in the morning and/or evening to practice and improve their archery skills. In March, roughly 45 students from Phoenixville Area Middle School will compete in the State Archery Championships. In 2016, 46 schools and over 900 students from Pennsylvania will be competing in the daylong event.

Advisor: Mr. Leister

AV Club:

The AV club at the middle school allows an opportunity for students to participate in expanded use of technology in the form of video production and reporting. There is a cross curricular benefit as proper grammar and diction will be emphasized when writing and presenting announcements and/or shooting events on and off school grounds. The goal of the AV Club is to shoot, edit, and report on video the great things we have going on here at the middle school. The club will be student driven and will cultivate exploration of this new medium. As the program has continued to grow each year, students have been teaching other students how to use cameras and editing software with my guidance. I continue to have a number of 7th and 8th grade students who are already interested in the technical aspect of shooting and editing video for both WPHX and Phantom TV.

Advisor: Mr. Gabb

Best Buddies:

Phoenixville Area Middle School's Best Buddies club is a branch of the international Best Buddies organization. This club gives students with and without Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)

an opportunity to interact and build friendships. Through their participation, people with IDD form meaningful connections with their peers, gain self-confidence and self-esteem, and share interests, experiences and activities that many other individuals enjoy.

Advisor: Ms. Caracciolo

Board Games Club:

Uno! Monopoly! Sorry! Scrabble! Qwirkle! These are only some of the many possibilities of board games that you can play with your friends. We'll enjoy some old favorite and explore some new ones too!

Advisor: Ms. McCarthy

Bucket Band:

The Bucket Band is a group of students who are interested in forming an ensemble to showcase their creativity and musical rhythms while using buckets and trash cans as percussion instruments. This club is open to any 6th, 7th or 8th grade student and practices will begin in January before school. Our goal is to perform at this year's Spring Concert. We look forward to creating great music together!

Advisors: Mrs. Trafford & Mr. Saville

Build Your Own Computer Games:

Using Gamemaker 8 you will be able to create your own computer game! You will be able to design backgrounds, sprites, and the story line for the game. At the end of the 8 weeks of this club, you will have created a standalone game that we can put on a CD so that you will be able to play it at home as well. This club will have a limited number of seats.

Advisor: Mr. Corcoran

Builders Club:

Builders Club is a student-led service organization for middle school students. The local Kiwanis Club of Phoenixville serves as the Builders Club sponsor. Mrs. Iero and Mrs. Mazak will act as the Builders Club faculty advisors and will be in attendance at all the Builders Club meetings. Meetings will be held twice a month in Room #111. Members in this service organization are students who are interested in-service to school and the community. The objectives of Builders Club are:

- To provide opportunities for working together in service to school and community
- To develop leadership potential
- To foster development of a strong moral character
- To encourage loyalty to school, community and nation

Advisors: Mrs. Iero and Mrs. Mazak

Chess Club:

The Chess Clubs meets every other Friday afternoon from 2:35 – 3:30 for students wishing to learn or improve their chess skills and the accompanying problem solving skills associated with playing chess. The club is open to players of all levels. All equipment is provided or students may bring their own

equipment. The club meets in Room #323. The club usually has a Student-Faculty Pizza and Chess Club party at the end of the year.

Advisor: Mr. Odell

Chess Team:

This year we will be attending chess tournaments held in the local area with players who are interested in participating outside of chess club and are willing to take on additional practice time. All equipment including chess clocks are provided or players can use their own. Membership in the US Chess Federation is required prior to participating in tournaments. Travel to the PA State Championship is also a possibility. The Chess Team will meet from 3:30 – 4:30 every other Friday afternoon following the Chess Club meeting. The team will meet in Room #323.

Advisor: Mr. Odell

Club PRIDE:

Students will promote the PRIDE matrix in the building through service. We will create ways to reinforce the PRIDE initiative and reward students and staff for their consistent school-wide positive behavior.

Meetings will take place after school in room #223 on 9/25, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/14.

P – positive attitude/actions

R – respect yourself and others

I – intelligent decisions

D – develop positive relationships

E – engage in classroom activities

Advisor: Ms. McGillian & Mrs. Daley

Digital Art Club:

This after school club mixes traditional art media with digital art applications. Students will explore the digital medium as a method of creating art. We will work primarily with Adobe Photoshop to create composite images and graphic artwork in this club. Student work will be on display throughout the year at PAMS. Digital Art club will run from December – February on Tuesdays and Thursday's after school.

Advisor: Mr. C. Saville

Enjoy Some Learning Club:

This is a club all about having fun while learning English! We will play games, make food and create crafts. We will have some good old-fashioned fun... while practicing English!! We will meet every third Friday after school in room #307.

Advisor: Mrs. Werley

Fall Play:

Take part in the Fall Play. The Fall play is open to any 7th or 8th grade student.

Advisor: Mr. Donnelly

French Club:

The French club meets once a month after school in room #203. Past activities have included re-enactments of the Paris Waiter's Race, Mille Bornes tournaments, salt map making, planting of flowers on the school grounds, crepe making and sampling of French cheeses and pastries.

Advisor: Mrs. Praesant

Garage Band Club:

Garage Band is a music creation application. Participants will learn how use to Garage Band, its virtual instruments, and audio recording process. Students will create music and other special projects. This club is open to all grades at PAMS.

Advisor: Mrs. Trafford

Geography Club:

Solve real world problems with a group of friends as you compete in the National Geographic Society GeoChallenge! The GeoChallenge is an annual themed and standards-based competition from the National Geographic Society that challenges student groups in grades five through eight across the United States to develop a creative solution to a real-world problem. If you like science, technology, problem-solving and geography then this is the club for you. Check out this year's GeoChallenge at <https://admin.nationalgeographic.org/education/programs/geochallenge/>

The club will meet every Monday in October, November, December and January after school until 4 pm in Mr. Worrell's room 312.

Advisor: Mr. Worrell

German Club:

The German club is open for students who have interest in the German language and culture.

Advisor: Mrs. Saylor

Girls' Leadership:

Girls' Leadership is a Middle School based leadership development program run by Women's Resource Center and facilitated with a PAMS staff member. The focus of the program is to foster skills in leadership, communication, problem-solving, career exploration, media literacy, decision-making and more. Girls' Leadership is for 7th grade girls who have been nominated by teachers, team leaders and guidance counselors. The group meets in the fall for 6 sessions and in the spring for 6 sessions for a total of 12 sessions per school year.

Advisor: Ms. McGillian

Hip Hop Dance Club:

"Movers and shakers: Leave your worries at the door and come jam out to upbeat hip-hop and pop music in after school hip hop, jazz and funk club. Learn new moves each week and bring your own flair to the dance floor! Come with sneakers and get ready to bust a move. Everyone is welcome! No experience needed!"

First Meeting is Nov 7 in the Cafeteria from 2:45-4pm. Meetings are held on Wednesday.

Advisor: Ms. Blundi

Lacrosse Club:

Lacrosse Club is offered to new and experienced players. The club will focus on conditioning, skills, rules and drills. You will need a mouth guard, lacrosse stick and goggles. If you do not have these items, a loaner will be given. Lacrosse is offered to girls only.

Advisor: Mrs. Kruger

Latin Club:

The Latin Club is open to any student interested in the history, culture, and mythology of Ancient Rome and Greece. Students will participate in a variety of fun and engaging activities including a t-shirt contest, pumpkin decorating, Saturnalia in December and the PCS Latin Week celebration to name a few.

Advisor: Ms. Quinn

Lego Club:

Everything is AWESOME when you connect with others. Join the LEGO Club! Lego club is a great way to meet new people while building some fun Legos. The LEGO club will meet after school in room #214 on Wednesdays. (10/17, 10/24, 11/28, 12/19, 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/17 and 5/22)

Advisor: Mrs. Bowles

Math 24:

Math 24 club prepares students for the tournament-style competition. Math 24 is a game that develops mathematics and problem solving skills. We will meet twice a month starting in January to prepare for our competition in May.

Advisor:

Math Counts 6:

This club will involve sixth grade students solving multiple step word problems. They will apply various strategies and their higher order thinking skills to be successful. The club will participate in several competitions this year. We will meet after school and a calendar of dates and times will be provided. Contact Mrs. Lisa Gray (grayl@pasd.com) for more information.

Advisor: Mrs. Gray

Math Counts:

The purpose of Math Counts is to increase the students understanding of math through a series of academic contest questions. During our meetings, we will be reviewing problems from the Math Counts national competition series and participating in other various competitions.

Advisor: Mr. Hoshaw

Mural Club:

Students in grade 6-8 will have the opportunity to help design and paint a school themed mural at PAMS. Students will learn skills and techniques to create a design, enlarge and transfer to a wall, and paint a mural to help encourage school spirit at PAMS.

Advisor: Mr. C. Saville & Mr. Spinelli

National Junior Honor Society:

The purpose of the National Junior Honor Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, promote leadership, develop character, and encourage citizenship. The PAMS Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society promotes appropriate recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in these areas and determines service projects in which members regularly participate. These service projects are intended to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals, the school, and the community.

Advisor: Mr. Gubanich

Penn's Civilians Educational Organization:

The mission of Penn's Civilians:

To increase the academic and social achievements of low socio-economic students and to serve as a resourceful parents, educators and all who seek to enrich the lives of children. After School Program that focuses on community service as well as teaching students lifelong learning skills. The main project of the group is to provide food for the Chester County Food Bank. The students built and will maintain 4 gardens for the food bank. The service oriented group gives back to the community and the school. The students cleanup around the school, design posters, create artwork along with cooking a meal for their families. The students will maintain the gardens throughout the school year.

Advisor: Mr. Leister

Phantomettes Dance Team:

This club is open to all middle school and high school students. The dances are choreographed by our student captains and guided, organized by a teacher coach. We perform in both community events, and school events. We have dancers of all levels, coming together to learn new styles and techniques of dance.

Advisor: Mrs. Grammerstorf

Phoenixville's Got Talent – Performance:

Phoenixville's Got Talent gives the opportunity for all students to display their talent and enhance their communication skills in an artistic way. This club teaches students how to be confident, how to communicate, and how to present themselves in front of an audience. Students will also develop material for performance packages.

Advisor: Mrs. Trafford

Phoenixville's Got Talent – Technical:

Technical staff is needed to produce a show. Students will learn how to run the light board, spot lights and the sound board. We will also work as stage crew and work the flybar system. Participants will act as support for the dress rehearsals and performance. Additionally, management of the creation of performance packages will be integral to the process.

Advisor: Mrs. Darby

Photography Club:

The Photography club is open to Middle School students grades 6, 7, 8 with an interest in learning techniques for taking good pictures. The club is a beginning level photography club introducing the fundamentals of photography. Students will create a portfolio of work as well as submitting of work to the advisor for display within the school. You will learn the mechanics of your camera, camera techniques, and experience to begin to explore photography as an artistic medium.

Photography Club meets in the spring, will meet after school March through May.

Advisor: Mr. C. Saville

Reading Olympics:

The Reading Olympics Program is a cooperative, multi-county reading incentive program held annually in Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware, and Chester Counties. PAMS has been participating in the Chester County program since the 2005-2006 school year. The purpose of the program is:

To encourage children to read more than they currently do, to read a greater variety of books, and to enjoy the excitement of reading and talking about books. The team format encourages students to share the challenge of reading the selection of books with their friends.

Advisors: Ms. Turk and Mrs. Mazak

Ski and Snowboard club:

The Phoenixville Ski and Snowboard Club hits the slopes with three great trips this year! Enjoy the excitement of skiing and snowboarding as you visit Bear Creek Mountain Resort and Blue Mountain Resort. The ski club is for all levels of students, but cannot set up lessons because of time restraints. Hit the slopes with your fiends this season during the trips listed below. You can attend all of the trips or choose what fits your schedule and budget. First Meeting is in late October. Listen to announcements.

Trip #1: Thursday night January 10th

Trip #2: Sunday January 27th All Day

Trip #3: Thursday night February 21st

Advisors: Mr. Worrell and Mrs. Krueger

Spartan Club:

The global leader in Obstacle Racing since 2005, was designed by seven insane ultra-athletes and a Royal Marine. If you have tried trail races, mud runs, tough mudder runs, or a warrior dash, it's time to step up to a brutal Spartan Race obstacle course. You can tackle a Spartan Sprint, a Super Spartan, maybe even attempt a brutal Spartan Beast, but only a few of you will have the heart to graduate up to our Ultra Beast Marathon, an endurance race like NO other.

Are you unbreakable Why Spartan? Because the Spartans were tough as nails. Why race the obstacle course races? Because we all thrive under pressure, survival of the fittest. Our goal is simple... to get you off your couch, throw you in the mud & trails, and feed you one tough endurance event day that will be the adrenalin rush of your life.

Advisors: Mrs. Krueger & Mr. C. Saville

Spring Spectacular:

Join the middle school's spring musical. Open to all students in grade 6-8.

Advisor: Mrs. Darby

STEM Knex Club:

The STEM Knex Club will make a variety of structures like Rollercoasters, Wheel Chairs and Rube Goldberg's. It provides effective learning tools that helps students understand complex science, technology, engineering, and math concepts. Meetings will take place in room #112.

Advisor: Mrs. Holderer

T.A.T.U.:

The program was developed by the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and American Lung Association as a youth empowerment vehicle. T.A.T.U. teens provide tobacco education to younger students through peer-to-peer activities – such as skits, role-playing, videos and discussions.

Advisor: Mr. Corcoran

Tennis Club:

Tennis club is an opportunity for students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade to participate in a lifelong activity. The club will focus on all the strokes of tennis – forehand, backhand, serve, volley and smash through various game play. We will also learn tennis rules and scoring. At the conclusion of tennis club we will run a tennis tournament so the students can practice skills learned.

Advisor: Mrs. Krueger

The PAMS Newspaper Club:

The PAMS Newspaper Club is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Our goal is to publish quarterly editions of The PAMS Press, our middle school newspaper filled with school news, local news, sports team and club profiles, teacher spotlights, and so much more! The Newspaper Club meets once a week to discuss news and write articles for the paper. We also spend time interviewing members of the PAMS community, taking photographs, and editing the articles we write. If you want to help spread the word about all of the wonderful events the PAMS community has to offer, see Miss Plaxe in room #215 to join the PAMS Newspaper Club.

Advisor: Miss. Plaxe

Theatre - Drama Games:

Students will participate in drama games and activities. This club will teach valuable theatre skills while allowing students to have fun and build confidence. We will stretch imagination and encourage creativity in characterization. This club is open to any student at PAMS.

Advisor: Mrs. Trafford

TSA - Technology Student Organization

What is TSA? The Technology Student Association (TSA) fosters Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education through personal growth, leadership and opportunities in Technology, Innovation, Design and Engineering (TIDE). Middle and high school members apply and integrate science, technology, engineering and mathematics concepts for the challenges of a dynamic world through co-curricular activities, problem solving, competitive events and related programs resulting in academic development and endless possibilities in our global society

Advisor: Mr. Corcoran

Vocal Ensemble:

Vocal ensemble is an auditioned group of singers from 6th, 7th and 8th grade. Auditions are held at the beginning of the school year. The students meet twice a week after school to rehearse and perform at both choral concerts. They also compete in the music in the parks competition each spring and perform at various other community events.

Advisor: Mrs. Darby

Volleyball Club:

Open to all middle school girls interested in playing volleyball. Designed for those that love volleyball and those that want to learn. Come volley and have a ball.

Advisor: Mrs. Colley

Winter Track:

Each year after the holiday break, Winter Track club starts up here at PAMS. The decision to get a club started was mostly student driven; many asked that we organize weekly workouts for them so they could better prepare for their upcoming spring sports.

We meet 2-3 times a week after school for about an hour workout. The focus is on building core strength that would benefit any sport they would participate in the spring, from baseball to lacrosse or even track. When the weather co-operates we go outside to run a little, but the majority of the workouts are inside. We look forward to other successful winter track club this year that will help students prepare for whatever sport they will compete in for the spring.

Advisor: Mr. Gabb & Mrs. Krueger

WPHX Radio

“Good morning Phoenixville! You’re tuned to WPHX the best and only radio station at the Phoenixville Area Middle School. Now will you please rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silence.” WPHX has been in existence for over 10 years and has been self-supporting since day one. The students generate their own revenue that supports the purchase of all WPHX broadcasting equipment. From the early days when the students had to announce from a phone handset in the main office of the old building, to today’s wireless microphones and streaming music, the students are exposed to, and learn how to manipulate, the latest technology to keep the broadcasts sounding the best they can.

Advisor: Mr. Gabb

Zentangle Art Club:

Zentangle is a method developed by Maria Thomas and Rick Roberts. It is a mindful doodling experience they describe as a “creative journey to a place of peace, empowerment, and unlimited potential”. I like the method because it requires few supplies and can be accessed almost anywhere. Traditionally, Zentangle is done on a 4X4” paper, a finished artwork can be started and completed in an hour session. Additionally, once the basic method is taught, variations and advanced processes are easily done independently leaving opportunity to add new/beginning students to the club. Meetings will be after school in room 102.

Advisor: Ms. Detwiler