

HADDONFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

CLUBS, SPORTS, AND ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK SELECTION GUIDE

2016 - 2017



Dear Students and Parents of Grades 6, 7, and 8:

We are proud to present to you our club and activity offerings for the 2016-2017 school year. Please take time to review the selection. We encourage all students to participate. Most clubs begin during the week of September 26 and continue through to the week of May 30. Unless otherwise specified, most before school activities start at 7:10 am and end at 7:50 am, and most after school clubs start at 3:00 pm and end at 3:50 pm. Meeting times are subject to change and will be advertised to students. Activity advisors make every effort to communicate changes with club members. Students should also confirm meeting dates with the activity advisor. Please note that in addition to when school is closed for students, after school activities do not meet on half days.

Students may sign up for as many clubs, sports, and activities as they wish for we have a “no cut – no limit” approach here at the Middle School (with a few exceptions). Students should schedule the first and subsequent meetings of the activities they wish to join in their agenda books, so they are sure to attend. Students are encouraged to attend a meeting to decide whether they wish to participate. However, students should remember that homework comes first and should consider homework and other time demands when making their selections. Unless selection procedures are specified, a student can join a club at any time. However, in order to participate in a sport, one must complete and submit online Athletic Registration to participate in sports (including Winter Running Club. Click on the district athletics link on the Haddonfield home page – it will take you to the Registration portal.

Please be informed that a yearly activity fee of \$75 must be paid at the start of the school year before a student can participate in any club, sport, or activity. Participation may be denied if the fee is not received. The yearly activity fee that covers two or more students in the Middle School is \$125. Please make checks payable to: HMS Student Activity Account and send it in with the (completed) form on the last page (14).

We look forward to a very exciting and fun-packed yearlong program. If you have any ideas or suggestions for improvement, we welcome them!

Sincerely,
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THE HADDONFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Haddonfield Public Schools, working in partnership with families and community, is to develop the unique potential of each individual by creating a challenging and diverse learning climate that promotes the development of the whole student and prepares its students with the knowledge and skills to meet life's challenges and enrich their community.

BELIEFS

We believe that we have the responsibility to treat each person with respect.

We believe that nurturing creativity is a critical element in the learning process.

We believe that service to others promotes the social, emotional, and intellectual growth of the individual.

We believe that schools share the responsibility with family and community in promoting positive social skills.

We believe that every person has the right to a safe and nurturing environment.

We believe that learning is a lifelong process.

We believe that every person can learn and every person learns differently.

We believe that all people have the right to achieve their individual potential.

We believe that the quality of education depends upon the quality of the teachers, advisors, and coaches.

We believe that valuing diversity enriches learning.

We believe that the inclusion of special needs students in regular education classrooms enriches every child's education.

We believe that we have a responsibility to teach and model ethical behavior.

Driven by the *Haddonfield Public Schools Mission Statement* and *Belief Statement*, a collaborative effort that involved parents, coaches, teachers, and administrators developed a vital *Middle School Philosophy*. This philosophy will guide the decision-making process and development of our activities and athletic programs.

Middle School Philosophy for Activities and Participation

The activity and athletic programs of Haddonfield Middle School help students to develop a positive self-image, foster a sense of belonging, and increase student interest and participation in extra-curricular activities that will extend into high school, college, and community. In addition, the programs are designed to foster the development of life-skills, positive values, leadership, service, and healthy habits, so that personal growth and development results with an emphasis on skill development and improvement, personal best, cooperation and team spirit, rather than focus on the high levels of performance/competition. Activities, Clubs, and Athletic Programs offer opportunity and instruction to any and all interested students at a developmentally appropriate level.

School Sponsored Athletic Programs

Requirements for Participation:

1. a valid School Health Examination dated after June 1st on file with the school nurse
2. a completed Medical Questionnaire online form
3. a signed Parent Permission online form
4. a signed Parent/Student-Athlete Expectation online form
5. maintained academic eligibility
6. paid activity fee

Transportation:

Transportation will be provided to all away events. All student athletes are expected to travel on the team bus. Exceptions may be granted in emergencies and only parent/guardians can drive their own children. The procedure is to seek permission of the head coach, with a written request from the parent/guardian. These requests must be made at least 24 hours in advance, except in extenuating circumstances.

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory for all practice meetings and games. Each student athlete has an obligation to attend every team session. If a student athlete must miss a practice, the student athlete must notify the head coach in person no later than the previous day. An absence will result in the athlete not being permitted to play in the next game/meet.

Behavior:

Student athletes should abide by school rules and standards of behavior. Deviation from these rules may lead to dismissal from the team.

Attitude:

Come to practice with a good attitude. Understand that the coaches are there to make you and the team better. Listen to corrections and do not take constructive criticism personally. Coaches and athletes are all striving to reach the same goals, by working together; you will attain your goals.

Communication:

Communication is of utmost importance for a successful program. Student athletes must display the ability to take direction, to get along with teammates and the coaching staff, and to share information and concerns. Parents should ask questions and keep the coaching staff informed of student issues that arise during the season.

Athletic schedules are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, schedule changes, locations and directions, and to view coaches' eBoards, click on the Middle School link (at the top of the district homepage), then click on Sports in the red column on the left of the page – then look for and click on your HMS sport.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS
QUICK REFERENCE CHART
2016-2017

Club	Day	Starts	AM 7:10 - 7:50	PM 2:50 - 3:50	Advisor	Location
AM Announcements	Every day	9-4	7:55		Ms. Verdeur	Guidance Conference Room
Animal Welfare Club	Interest Meetings 9-19 and 9-21 Meeting day TBD	Week of 9-26		X	Mrs. McKelvey Mrs. Scott	Room 165
Audio-Visual Club	As needed Interest meeting on 10-4 at 2:50	10-4			Mr. Corvino	Auditorium
Basketball – Boys	Winter Interest meeting 11-21 at 3:00 in room 277	See online schedule		After school per schedule – Click Winter Activities on district athletic homepage – Boys MS BB link	Head Coach: Mr. Prevoznak	MS Gym
Basketball – Girls	Winter	See online schedule		After school per schedule – Click Winter Activities on district athletic homepage – Girls MS BB link	Head Coach: Ms. Furlong	MS Gym
Battle of the Books	Per Schedule	1 st week in October		After school and during lunch per schedule	Ms. Miller Ms. Spanier	MS Library
Bowling Club	Interest meetings on Sept 20 and 21 at 2:50 in room 173	Week of Sept 29 – students will select best day of the week		X 8 consecutive weeks 3:00 to 5:00	Mr. Kozak	The Big Event Bowling Lanes – formerly Cherry Hill Playdrome - Bus will depart from and return to HMS
Bulldawg Buddies	Per Schedule during the school day	Informational sign-ups week of 9-19			Ms. Miller Mrs. Papa	Individual Classrooms

Cake Decorating Club	Every other Tues	9-20		X	Ms. Sanchirico	Room 161
Computer Coding Club	Tuesdays	10/4		X	Mr. Maguire	Room 253
Cross Country	Fall	9-7		After school per schedule – Click Fall Activities on district athletic homepage – MS CC link	Head Coach: Mrs. Baker Assistant Coach: Ms. Baker	HMHS or HMS per schedule
Drama Club	Rehearsal schedule will be announced	Fall and Spring Clubs		After school per schedule	Directors: Ms. Radka (F) Ms. Izzo (S) Assistants: Ms. Mastantuono (F&S) Ms. Radka (S) Ms. Izzo (F) Mr. Hecker (S)	Auditorium
Field Hockey	Fall	9-7		After school per schedule – Click Fall Activities on district athletic homepage – MS 6 th Gr or MS Girls FH link	Head Coach: Ms. Trotman	MS Field
Friends of Rachel	Fridays	9-30	X		Ms. Aquino Mrs. McKelvey	Art Room 57
History Club	TBD Interest Meeting on 9-28 at 3:00	TBD		X	Mrs. McComas	Room 65
Jazz Band	Fridays Interest Meeting on 9-30	10-7	X		Mr. Corvino	Auditorium
Leadership Club (7 th grade only)	Interest Meeting on 10-5	10-5		X	Mrs. Walters	Room 273
Math Counts	Wednesdays (Regional Competition 1-28-17)	10-5	X		Ms. Munz Ms. Resnick	Room 153
Morning Library	Daily	9-10	X (7:30)		Ms. Rue	MS Library

Newspaper Publication	By individual appointment	Sign-ups begin 9-19			Ms. Sanchirico	Room 161
Odyssey of the Mind Club	Interest meeting end of October – TBA.	10-14 Mondays and Wednesdays		X (3:00 - 4:15/4:30)	Ms. Rue Mrs. Pasanek	Tech Room 53
Paw Print Literary Magazine	Mondays	10-5		X	Ms. O'Neill Mrs. Radka	Room 271
Peer Leaders (gr. 8 FutureAct -mandatory training in Sept)	Wednesdays	9-14	X		Mr. DeLano Mrs. Miller Mrs. Probst	MS Cafeteria
(NJ) Peer-to-Peer Leadership (gr. 7-mandatory training in Sept)	Thursdays	9-15	X		Ms. Cannaday Mr. Thomas Mr. Prevoznak	MS Cafeteria
Sea Perch	Tuesdays	9-27		X (3:00 – 4:00)	Mr. Kozak	Room 173
Strategy Club	Wednesdays	9/21		X (3:00 – 4:00)	Mr. Kozak	Room 173
Student Council	1 st Tuesday of each month (or per schedule) Balloting on 9-22 Voting on 10-4	10-4	X		Ms. Munz Ms. Verdeur	Art Room 57
Technology Club	Interest meeting on 10/10	10-14		X	Ms. Licorish	Tech Room 53
Track and Field	Spring	See Online Schedule		After school per schedule – Click Spring Activities on district athletic homepage – MS T&F link	Head Coach: Ms. Baker Assistant Coaches: Ms. Miller, Ms. Baker Mrs. Cannaday	HMHS Field or HMS per schedule
Winter Running Club (athletic physical required)	Tuesdays and Thursdays 11-15 to 1-31	Interest meeting 10-25 at 3:00		X (3:00 – 3:45)	Ms. Papa Ms. Cannaday	Room 151
Winter Volleyball Club	Interest Meeting week of 10-26	Week of 11-14		X	Ms. Miller Ms. Kocher	Central APR
Wrestling	Winter	See online schedule		After school per schedule – Click Winter Activities	Head Coach: Mr. Scannell	HMHS Wrestling

				on district athletic homepage – then MS Wrestling link		Room
Yearbook Club 8 th grade only	Thursdays Interest Meeting 9-29	10-6	X		Ms.Gehring Ms. Munz	Tech Room 57

Music programs are included and described below!
Activity fees are not required for participation in the music program
(except for Jazz Band).

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

AM Daily Announcement Team

Advisor: Mrs. Verdeur

8th grade students are selected to deliver the morning announcements each and every school day. Maybe you can be one of them! The team meets in the office a few minutes before homeroom and prepares to lead the students and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance and report the news of the day over our intercom system. Grade 7 team leaders nominate students at the end of the school year. Candidates are interviewed and auditioned before selection is made. Both near-perfect attendance and tardy records are requirements. So, 6th and 7th graders, build a great record NOW!

Animal Welfare Club

Advisor: Mrs. McKelvey/Mrs. Scott

The Animal Welfare Club will provide students with information and programs that focus on animals and the role they play in the lives of people. The club will give students a chance to plan and participate in projects that help animals. Students will also learn how animals help humans including providing companionship and acting as service animals. The club will include care of the club pets (two guinea pigs) for interested students who are not allergic, participation in projects, and at least one field trip!

Band - 6th Grade (Intermediate)

Advisor: Mr. Corvino

This ensemble meets twice a cycle during tutorial period on Days 3 & 6 to rehearse. Students of all playing levels are encouraged to join if they enjoy music! Students perform at school concerts, community functions, Middle School Promotion, mall concerts, and at an annual Hershey Park Festival. Students may audition for All South Jersey regional ensembles and eligible students may participate in the Camden County Arts 4 Teens Festival. Small group lessons are offered to instrumental students who participate. Lessons are given on a rotating basis to insure minimal impact upon academic and associative

arts classes. Students should have an instrument to use during lessons, rehearsals, performances, and for home practice. Students must commit quarterly for this program.

Band - 7th and 8th Grade (Junior)

Advisor: Mr. Corvino

This ensemble meets twice a cycle during tutorial period on Days 1 & 4 to rehearse. Students of all playing levels are encouraged to join if they enjoy music! Students perform at school concerts, community functions, Middle School Promotion, mall concerts, and at an annual Hershey Park Festival. Students may audition for All South Jersey regional ensembles and eligible students may participate in the Camden County Arts 4 Teens Festival. Small group lessons are offered to instrumental students who participate. Lessons are given on a rotating basis to insure minimal impact upon academic and associative arts classes. Students should have an instrument to use during lessons, rehearsals, performances, and for home practice. Students must commit quarterly for this program.

Basketball – Boys

Coach: Mr. DelDuca

Boys Middle School Basketball takes place during the winter months, from December 7th to the end of February. All boys interested in basketball in 7th and 8th grade may sign up. 6th grade boys who feel they are capable of competing with these older boys may try out. Our basketball program develops the fundamentals of shooting, passing, ball handling, defense, and teamwork. Generally, games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays against other Colonial Conference teams. Practices are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Game and practice times vary. Be sure to check the Sports link on the Middle School homepage. **A physical is required to participate. Please submit all the athletic participation forms online before the club start date. Click “Online Registration” on the district athletics homepage.**

Basketball – Girls

Coach: Ms. Furlong

Girls Middle School Basketball takes place during the winter months, from December 7th to the end of February. All girls interested in basketball in 7th and 8th grade may sign up. 6th grade girls who feel they are capable of competing with these older girls may try out. Our basketball program develops the fundamentals of shooting, passing, ball handling, defense, and teamwork. Generally, games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays against other Colonial Conference teams. Practices are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Game and practice times vary. Be sure to check the Sports link on the Middle School homepage. **A physical is required to participate. Please submit all the athletic participation forms online before the club start date. Click “Online Registration” on the district athletics homepage.**

Battle of the Books

Advisors: Mrs. Miller/Mrs. Spanier

Want to be a more avid reader? Well, Battle of the Books is a reading motivation program! The goals of the program are: to encourage reading for pleasure; to broaden reading interest; and to recognize students who enjoy reading. Student teams of four to six read books over a period of months, discuss them, quiz each other on the contents, and then compete on teams to correctly answer questions based on the books. The questions used all begin with, "In what book . . .," so the answer will always be a title and an author. The state-wide program involves a cooperative effort by many individuals and New Jersey Association of School Librarians (NJASL). It is popular with students and has provides new opportunities for academic competition. Battle of the Books has proven itself to be effective in stimulating interest in reading.

Bowling Club

Advisor: Mr. Kozak

The Bowling Club will meet for 8 consecutive weeks during the fall/winter. The day of the week will be selected by those who attend the interest meeting. Listen for announcements on when and where the interest meeting will be held. There may be additional 8 week sessions if interest is expressed. A school bus will transport students to and from the bowling lanes once a week. The bus departs at 3:00 and returns at 5:00 at the flagpole. Students will roll three games each day. Shoes and equipment will be provided by the bowling alley, if needed. Mr. Kozak will provide students with coaching – skill and technique building and overall knowledge of the sport of bowling. Sounds like a lot of fun!

Bulldawg Buddies

Advisors: Mrs. Papa and Mrs. Miller

Bulldawg Buddies is a club designated for 8th grade students who are interested in mentoring and developing relationships with first grade students in Central Elementary School. Students will meet together once a cycle during their tutorial period. Students will be engaged in a variety of activities that will foster a love of learning. Learn how to provide a safe learning environment for young children so that they can reach their highest potential.

Cake Decorating Club

Advisor: Mrs. Sanchirico

This has been a very successful club! Twice a month, on Tuesdays, you will learn the decorating techniques of professional bakers from simple to fancy. Monthly, you will use these techniques to decorate a cake that club members can enjoy!

Chorus – Grade 6

Advisor: Mrs. Murray

This ensemble meets twice a cycle during tutorial period on Days 1 & 4. The focus of this ensemble is to continue the development of vocal technique for all interested singers and to perform. Sixth Grade Choir takes two trips during the school year, one for a local winter performance and the other to Rowan

University to participate in a choral festival. This ensemble also performs in the Sixth Grade Winter and Spring Concerts. Students are also encouraged to audition for state and regional choirs for advanced singing opportunities; this is an optional part of the program. Sixth Grade Choir is for those who really enjoy singing!

Chorus – Grades 7 and 8

Advisor: Mrs. Murray

Chorus rehearses twice a cycle during Tutorial. 7th grade girls rehearse on Day 5; 7th and 8th grade boys rehearse on Day 2; and 8th grade girls rehearse on Day 6. Students perform at school concerts in December and May, and at community functions, Middle School Promotion, mall concerts, and a Hershey Park festival. Students may audition for All South Jersey regional ensembles and eligible students may participate in the Camden County Arts 4 Teens Festival. Students must make a yearlong commitment to attend all rehearsals and performances.

Computer Coding Club

Advisor: Mr. Maguire

Did you know that computer science is the top paying college degree and one of the most in-demand jobs in the world today? You can use computer science skills to do everything from creating games to saving lives. These skills help you to become a better thinker. Join the club to help understand how the “language of computer science “ could be critical to ensuring that you are not left in the dark ages! During this course, students will learn the basics of computer coding through specifically designed software for middle school students. Using he code.org resources, students will be able to write codes to create their own animation, virtual stories, and basic video games. Participating students must have access to an email address, must be comfortable sitting for long periods of time, and should be able to process verbal and written instructions.

Cross Country

Coaches: Mrs. Baker and Ms. Baker

The middle school cross country program exposes the team members to distance training and racing at the 1.5 mile distance. Students of all ability levels and experience are welcome to become part of the program. They will be challenged to steadily progress in their training and improve in their performances. The season starts in early September and runs through late October. Season practices will include a combination of practices at the middle school and the high school. The team competes in Colonial Conference dual meets and championships meets. Practice and meet schedules will be posted on the team website. **A physical is required to participate. Please submit all the athletic participation forms online before the club start date. Click “Online Registration” on the district athletics homepage.**

Drama Club

Director: Ms Radka (Fall Play)/Ms. Izzo (Spring Musical)

Members of the Drama Club pull it all together to present a play each Fall (September to October) and a musical each Spring (January to April). Club members may perform on stage or work on scenery, advertising, lighting, or sound. Students audition for performing roles. The number one requirement is:

Commitment! If a student demonstrates a lack of commitment, the student may be asked not to participate. Expectations for participation and a club schedule are given to students and parents prior to auditions. First auditions for the Fall Play and Spring Musicals will be announced as the time draws near and held in the Middle School Auditorium. Those who receive acting roles will be required to memorize a script. A rehearsal schedule will be made and distributed during auditions. During the last two weeks before “show time,” rehearsals are held Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. There are Saturday rehearsals for the Fall Play and the Spring Musical. The number of participants is limited due to the physical size of the stage. Drama Club is open to all grades.

Field Hockey

Coach: Ms. Trotman

Our Field Hockey program, under the expert guidance of our coaches, develops the fundamental skills involved with passing, ball handling, scoring, defense, and teamwork. The season starts with an interest meeting. Please listen to the morning announcements for the date and time. Game days vary. 6th grade uses the Middle School field; 7th and 8th grade uses Tatem’s field. **A physical is required to participate. Please submit all the athletic participation forms online before the club start date. Click “Online Registration” on the district athletics homepage.**

Friends of Rachel Club

Advisors: Mrs. McKelvey/Ms. Aquino

The Friends of Rachel Club is a group of compassionate students who meet regularly to work on ideas and projects for students and our school that make students at HMS feel important. FOR Club formed after a moving school assembly about the life of Rachel Joy Scott. Rachel’s life ended tragically in a school shooting, but the story and legacy of her life focused on her commitment to recognizing the good in others continues on and is inspirational.

History Club

Advisor: Mrs. McComas

Come one and all to the History Club! This year, we will study archaeology and ancient civilizations. Take part in archaeological excavations, solve mysteries that are thousands of years old, and construct ancient buildings. Studies will be done through videos, games, and hands-on projects. So, bring your sense of adventure and join us as we learn and build our way through history!

Jazz Band

Advisor: Mr. Corvino

The Jazz Band meets on Fridays, before school, at 7:10 sharp, starting on or around October 7th. Listen for announcements. If you love to perform jazz music or wish to learn how, this club is for you! Students should possess an instrument to use during rehearsals and performances. All students are welcome to join!

Leadership Club

Advisor: Mrs. Walters

This club is open to 7th grade students who wish to join our FutureAct Peer Leadership Program in 8th grade. Attendance and completion of the program is mandatory to become a Peer Leader if one did not go through the selection process at the end of 6th grade. Students will develop their own leadership styles, enhance their communication and facilitation skills, and make presentations to 5th and 6th grade classes. Listen for announcements and come to our interest meeting!

Math Counts

Advisor: Ms. Resnick and Mrs. Munz

MATHCOUNTS is a collaborative and competitive club that continues to grow with excellence each year. It is designed to allow students to have more involvement with various strands of Mathematics (Arithmetic, Probability, Algebra, etc.) in an effort to sharpen their skills and critically think about scenarios that can be solved through the usage of Mathematics. Students can look forward to having fun with Math through individual, partner and group work. Our competition team competes regionally, hoping to move on to the State competition. Come fire-up your brain! We meet Tuesday mornings!

Morning Library

Advisor: Ms. Rue

Morning Library: The HMS library is open every morning from 7:30- 7:50. Students may use this quiet time to complete homework, use the computers for printing and typing, plus study for tests and quizzes.

Newspaper Publication

Advisor: Mrs. Sanchirico

The school newspaper is written for our students, by our students. It is published at least once during each marking period and is distributed to all students during school. Club members work collaboratively with Mrs. Sanchirico, at individual work sessions, to produce the paper. The paper presents relevant discourse on school and community issues. Aspiring journalists need only a love of writing, a sense of curiosity, and a nose for news. That is all that is required! Each member will set up an individualized meeting schedule with Mrs. Sanchirico.

Odyssey of the Mind Club

Advisors: Ms. Rue/Mrs. Pasanek

The Odyssey of the Mind is a nationally recognized program that teaches students to learn creative problem-solving methods. This is a competition based club, requiring commitment from both students and their parents. As we get closer to the competition dates in March, meetings could be daily, plus an occasional Saturday. The competition has three main components: a **long-term problem** that requires a team, of up to 7 students, to have developed a solution to a problem presented to them in September; **style**- which is best described as the theme which is added to the problem's solution; and **"spontaneous"** - the team's response to a given problem on the day of the competition. If you have an interest in

expressing your ideas, thinking outside the box, and working in a cooperative team structure, check us out. There will be information meetings for both students and parents at the beginning of the year.

Paw Print Literary Magazine

Advisors: Mrs. O'Neill/Mrs. Radka

The Paw Print literary magazine is a student created publication composed of poems, short stories, creative writing, comics, drawings, and photographs. Staff members meet weekly to read, review and evaluate pieces that have been submitted. Once all the writing and artwork has been selected for the publication, staff members work diligently on design and layout. The Paw Print literary magazine is distributed to the HMS student body in the spring. There will be an interest meeting in September!

Peer-to-Peer Leadership Program – Grade 7

Advisors: Mrs. Cannaday/Mr. Thomas/Mr. Prevoznak

Leadership minded students may apply to participate in this statewide program developed by the Princeton Center for Leadership Training. Students are selected in May of their 6th grade year and are trained to present programs, when they are in 7th grade, to 5th and 6th grade students to help them learn how to resist smoking tobacco, drinking alcoholic beverages, and experimenting with other drugs. They also address issues that may contribute too, or result from, experimentation. They organize the school-wide Shoebox Project for children of South Jersey's migrant workers. This group meets each Thursday, at 7:15 a.m., in the Cafeteria, to learn and practice group facilitation skills, communication skills, and to prepare their presentations. *Please note: To be a Peer-to-Peer Leader, you must attend a mandatory training day in September.*

Peer Leadership Program – FutureAct - Grade 8

Advisors: Mr. Delano/Mrs. Miller/Mrs. Probst

This program is a part of the Haddonfield Rotary Club's FutureAct Program. While this program is a continuation of the Peer-to-Peer Program, there is a strong added emphasis upon service to the school and community. During the year, some of the activities include: facilitate group activities during the 6th and 7th grade Decision Days; tutor youth from Camden, collect coats for the needy, help with the Shoebox Project, collect items for our Mother's Day Baskets Drive for needy single mothers in Camden County, perform for and socialize with the senior citizens at the Haddonfield Home, and provide gifts for the senior citizens at Ancora State Hospital. Peer Leaders apply for membership in May of the 7th grade year. The group meets each Wednesday, at 7:15 a.m., in the Cafeteria, to fine-tune leadership skills. Peer Leaders are expected to be great role models for their classmates. *Please note: To be a Peer Leader you must attend a mandatory training day in September.*

Principal's Advisory Committee

Advisor: Mr. Morolda

The members of the PAC include parents, teachers, administrators, and students. There are openings for student representatives from each grade. Interested students apply by submitting a letter of intent to Mr. Morolda during the first two weeks of school. Mr. Morolda will conduct student interviews and select the representatives. Membership provides insight on how a committee of people with diverse perspectives

works together. They meet at 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. one Wednesday of each month to discuss ways to improve our school. The first meeting will be held on October 14. Allow your voice to speak for the entire student body! Delicious snacks are always provided!

Sea Perch

Advisor: Mr. Kozak

Sea Perch is a club which has a main focus on underwater robotics. Throughout the year, members of this club will focus on working together in order to solve a problem posed by the event organizers from Drexel University. The solution generated from the club will be taken to a competition in early spring when the club will compete against other clubs from around the Delaware Valley in both performance and documentation challenges. Members will gain experience working with many different building materials and will work together to construct a remote controlled underwater device. Members of this club will learn about the topics of buoyancy, ballast, design planning, prototyping, and team work.

String Ensemble (Orchestra) - Grades 6, 7, and 8

Advisor: Mrs. Thompson

The Middle School String Ensemble rehearses once a cycle during tutorial period on Day 3. 6th grade members also rehearse during Tutorial on Day 5 and 7th and 8th grade members have an additional rehearsal during Tutorial on Day 2. Students must either play or have the desire to learn how to play a stringed instrument. Students perform at school concerts, community functions, Middle School Promotion, mall concerts, and at an annual Hershey Park Festival. Students may audition for All South Jersey regional ensembles and eligible students may participate in the Camden County Arts 4 Teens Festival. Small group lessons are offered to instrumental students who participate. Lessons are given on a rotating basis to insure minimal impact upon academic and associative arts classes. Students should have a string instrument to use during lessons, rehearsals, performances, and for home practice. Students must commit quarterly for this program.

Student Council

Advisors: Mrs. Munz/ Mrs. Verdeur

The Middle School Student Council is an elected group of student officers and homeroom representatives who sponsor service-oriented projects, contribute to the improvement and good of the order of the school, promotes school pride, spirit, and morale. Representatives organize and participate in a variety of activities that benefit charity organizations and community outreach programs and plan special school events such as Spirit Week. Student Council will meet on the first Tuesday of each month or per schedule starting on October 4. Ballots will be distributed in CPR on 9-22. Voting will take place in CPR on 9-29.

Technology Club

Advisor: Mrs. Licorish

Students of all skill levels are invited to join Technology Club. We may meet on Fridays from 2:50-3:50 in Room 53 – but the day of the week will be decided upon by the Club members during our interest meeting in September. Technology club provides a unique opportunity for students to work in small groups within a supportive and stimulating environment. Students will be encouraged to develop and

explore new ideas, concepts, and approaches that will further expand their in-class learning, including, but not limited to robotics. Club projects will be decided upon by the Club members based upon their interests. Multiple projects will run simultaneously.

Track and Field

Coaches: Mrs. Baker, Ms. Baker, Mrs. Cannaday, Mrs. Miller

The middle school track program includes: individual and relay races, sprints, distance events, long jump, high jump, shot put, and discus. The program exposes the athletes to the various events and training principles. The team members will be guided to find events that match their interests and potential. They will be challenged to steadily progress in their training and improve in their performances. Generally, the season starts in March and runs through May. Season practices will include a combination of practices at the middle school and the high school. The team competes in Colonial Conference dual meets and additional championships meets. Practice and meet schedules will be posted on the team website. **A physical is required to participate. Please submit all the athletic participation forms online before the club start date. Click “Online Registration” on the district athletics homepage.**

Winter Running Club

Advisors: Mrs. Papa, Mrs. Cannaday

This club meets two times per week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from November through January. Come to the interest meeting in Room 151. The focus is on the fundamentals of running and conditioning. Distance runners, students who plan to participate in Track and Field in the spring, and those of you who just wish to stay in shape over the winter months are encouraged to participate! **A physical is required to participate. Please submit all the athletic participation forms online before the club start date. Click “Online Registration” on the district athletics homepage.**

Winter Volleyball Club

Advisors: Mrs. Miller and Ms. Kocher

Not very competitive or athletic – but wish you had the opportunity to feel the thrill of sport? This club will focus on **fun** and the fundamentals of volleyball. Students will learn the basics of serving, setting, rotation, and volleying. This club extends the physical education curriculum of our school in a very safe learning environment. So, show off your new skills in gym class!! Students will be encouraged to come out and have fun while learning to play a great sport!

Wrestling

Coach: Mr. Bupp

The wrestling team is open to all students who are interested in learning about the sport of wrestling and the training methods associated with the sport. Emphasis is placed on technique and strategy, personal best, and training habits. The team competes in Colonial Conference dual meets and two multiple team tournaments throughout the winter months. Practices begin on December 7 and are held Monday thru Friday at 5:30 in the High School wrestling room. With a few exceptions, matches are generally on Wednesdays. **A physical is required to participate. Please submit all the athletic participation forms online before the club start date. Click “Online Registration” on the district athletics homepage.**

Yearbook Club

Advisors: Mrs. Gehringer, Mrs. Munz

This club is an 8th grade exclusive! All students who join this club must be willing to make the yearlong commitment to deliver a first class yearbook to the students of HMS. Computer skills are needed, however, students can learn as they go. Attention to detail and personal organization are necessary. Meeting Thursday mornings, at 7:10 am, in room 57, the yearbook staff performs a variety of tasks including taking photographs, deciding on themes, assembling pages, writing descriptions, and drawing illustrations and artwork.

**ENJOY THE BUFFET!
TAKE AS MANY SERVINGS
AS YOU WANT!!**



**JUST DON'T FORGET
ABOUT YOUR
HOMEWORK!!!**

HADDONFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE FORM 2016-2017

All students are encouraged to participate in our sports, clubs, and activities offerings. A complete listing of activities can be viewed from the district's website. Click on *Middle School*, then click on the *Clubs, Sports, and Activities* tab.

All students in 6th through 8th grade, then again, when in 9th through 12th grade, who participate in any sport, club, or activity are required to pay a yearly activity fee to partially cover the cost of their participation. This also applies to participation in any extracurricular or performance activity such as: drama, jazz band, or student activities such as peer leaders, bulldawg buddies, or student council. Student activities fees are primarily used to support student endeavors and celebrations. Whether a student participates in one or many activities, the Student Activity fee at HMS is \$75.00. **The maximum Student Activity fee for any family at the Middle School is \$125.00.** If your family has difficulty paying this fee, please contact the HMS principal or counselor.

The student activity fee may be paid prior to the start of school using any of the options below:

1. Complete the form below and return it with your payment by mail to:

Haddonfield Middle School
5 Lincoln Avenue
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

2. Complete the form below and bring it with your payment to the main office prior to the start of school
3. Complete the form below and return it to the school once the school year has started (but prior to the student participating in a sport, performance, or extracurricular activity).

(Please return with payment)

Haddonfield Middle School
Activity Fee: \$75.00
Total Family Fee: \$125.00 (for more than one child in the Middle School)

Checks should be made payable to: HMS Student Activity Account (Please print clearly to insure proper credit. Your canceled check is your receipt.)

Please list below the full name(s) and grade level(s) of each student covered by this payment.

	NAME	GRADE	FEE	
1.	_____	_____	\$75.00	
	Last (please print) First			
2.	_____	_____	\$50.00	
	Last (please print) First			
3.	_____	_____	N/C	_____
	Last (please print) First			
				TOTAL