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JOHN H. WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB LIST 2008/2009

All clubs are open to 7th and 8th graders unless otherwise noted.

WMS MADRIGAL SINGERS

MR. CUNDARI

To study and perform advanced four-part vocal music from the Renaissance Period.

CONCERT CHOIR

MR. CUNDARI

These students will perform at various activities throughout the year such as holiday concerts, the tree-lighting ceremony, and spring musicale. They will also attend various competitions.

WMS STAGE CREW

MR. CUNDARI

Teamwork through backstage management of props, chairs, lights, etc.

WMS SKI AND SNOW BOARD CLUB

MS. RUSH

Assist students build self-confidence, athletic abilities, and social skills through skiing and snowboarding. Trips to be coordinated by Nutley Parks and Recreation Department.

WMS S.T.A.N.D. CLUB – STUDENTS TAKING A NEW DIRECTION

MR. CAPPELLO

Students will engage in activities promoting a lifestyle free of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. They will also participate in bullying prevention activities. Meets Wednesdays after school.

WMS MATH CLUB

MRS. FOGLIO

The Math Team is looking for an elite, enthusiastic group of students to represent the school in the annual Math Counts Competition. Weekly practices and math-related games are held in Room 306.

MATH PEER TUTORING – GRADE 8

MRS. FOGLIO/MS. FREDRICKS

Grade 8 vector math students will strengthen their own skills while helping other students grasp mathematical concepts. Study skills and shared learning tools will be stressed.

WMS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

MS. ZOLTOWSKI

Students will be able to understand the use of a digital camera, identify and photograph civic and community leaders, and photograph school functions for display.

LAW AND JUSTICE CLUB

MS. ZOLTOWSKI

Students will meet twice a month to discuss aspects of law enforcement and the legal system. Speakers will periodically be brought in from various law enforcement agencies for hands on demonstrations. Students will create and perform a mock trial acting as judge, jury, lawyers and witnesses.

WMS STUDENT COUNCIL

MRS. KOZYRA/MR. MANGANIELLO

The Student Council will meet on a weekly basis. The club will promote school unity by offering dances and other social activities as well as suggestions to make Walker Middle School the best school in the area.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

MR. Mc PARTLAND

The percussion ensemble will meet on a weekly basis. It will perform at concerts, at the annual café night held in the Spring, Nutley Senior Center, Nutley Old Guard and at all elementary schools.

CLARINET, FLUTE, AND SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLES

MR. Mc PARTLAND

All of these ensembles will meet on a weekly basis. It will perform at concerts, at the annual café night held in the Spring, Nutley Senior Center, Nutley Old Guard and at all elementary schools.

WIND ENSEMBLE

MR. Mc PARTLAND

The wind ensemble will rehearse on a weekly basis. It will perform at concerts, at the annual café night held in the Spring, Nutley Senior Center, Nutley Old Guard and at all elementary schools.

WMS JAZZ BAND

MR. Mc PARTLAND

The jazz band will rehearse on a weekly basis. It will perform at concerts, at the annual café night held in the Spring, Nutley Senior Center, Nutley Old Guard and at all elementary schools. Last year, our jazz band performed at a professional jazz club called "Trumpets". We're planning to play at Trumpets again this year.

WMS YEARBOOK STAFF – GRADE 8

MS. ECHEVARRIA/MR. KOCUM/MRS. MINERVINI

This club is for selected eighth grade students. Staff will learn how to plan and lay out pictures of clubs, candid, and memorable events that take place during the school year.

WMS – LET’S GO TO THE THEATRE

MR. KOCUM

This club will attend professional plays selected by club members and advisor. Trips to Broadway, Papermill Playhouse, Surflight Theatre, etc., will be taken. Students will be exposed to live reputable theatre performances. Workshops prior/post show will be conducted to analyze/discuss content. This club is open to all students.

WMS FORENSICS CLUB

MRS. GRIWERT/MRS. STENDARDI

Students will build self-confidence, develop self-expression, and improve critical-thinking skills through oral presentations. Students will participate in the Essex County Forensics Tournament.

THE ARTIST CLUB – GRADE 7

MS. HILL

This club is for 7th graders who like to create and draw. Students should have artistic ability. Meetings are generally on Wednesday mornings at 7:45 A.M. Activities include school murals, scenery, and helping with the end of the year Art Fest Show, as well as, individual projects.

ART LEAGUE/VIDEO PRODUCTION CLUB – GRADE 8

MS. HILL

This club is for avid artists who like to draw, paint and sculpt and have strong artistic skills. Members work on murals, scenery, lobby displays and a variety of interesting venues. This club helps plan and facilitate our school’s big celebration of the Arts, “Art Fest”. This very active club meets mornings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

WMS 4-H HOPEFULS

MS. HILL

This club is for 7th and 8th graders who like animals. This club is affiliated with the local state and national 4-H clubs of America. Our 4-H motto is “To Make the Best Better.” Started originally for horseback riding enthusiasts who did not own their own horses, we have expanded to cover humane issues regarding pets and wildlife, and to do fun projects to help learn and educate others about “the other earthlings” on our planet. We meet twice monthly with some additional events and workshop times.

SHOOTING STARS

MS. INGUANTI/MS. GRECO

The club’s objective is to promote confidence in students through displaying their talents related to singing, dancing, musical instruments, comedy, etc. We will also hold a fundraiser for the Autism Awareness Program in Nutley.

GOLF CLUB

MR. GRANT

To introduce the game of golf as a lifetime activity. Learn how to play golf utilizing proper technique and an appreciation of the history and etiquette of the game. Will meet Thursday mornings.

THE STUDENT LINK

MS. ECHEVARRIA

In order to enable students with special needs, the club members will put books on cassette tapes that the students can use at home. This club will also be the link between the administration, parents, and peers by communicating the school calendar events via the signs and bulletin boards.

BOOKS AND BAGELS

MS. ECHEVARRIA

Students will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month to discuss pieces of literature from a variety of genres. Student will be encouraged to voice his/her personal opinion of the current text and bring relevant content knowledge to group discussion. Teachers will guide discussions.

METEOROLOGY AND SPORTS INFORMATION CLUB

MR. BERTUZZI

This club will report daily weather forecasts and middle school sports results.

ACOUSTIC GUITAR CLUB

MR. BERTUZZI

This is an all-acoustic guitar club. Beginners to advanced – all are welcome.

ITALIAN CLUB

MRS. SCHIAVONE

To promote the Italian language and culture.

HISTORY CLUB

MRS. SAITTA/MR. MANGANIELLO

The History Club is for students who are interested in social studies-related topics. Current events are discussed and trivia games, debate techniques, history-related movies, field trips, and the Memorial Day program are some of the activities the club will be involved with. The History Club will also pursue philanthropic endeavors, for example, collecting money and supplies for victims of hurricanes and other social needs.

TRIVIA CLUB

MRS. STENDARDI/MRS. GRIWERT

The Trivia Club is open to all students who like games like Trivial Pursuit and Jeopardy. Students in this club will participate in the Essex County Academically Speaking Competition in the spring.

SOFTBALL CLUB

MS. ZULLO

An introduction to the sport of fast pitch softball. Pitching, catching, bunting, and sliding are just some of the skills that will be covered.

SMAC (Student Movement Against Cancer)

MS. ZULLO

The John H. Walker Middle School Student Movement Against Cancer (SMAC), will be dedicated to eliminating Cancer and supporting those touched by the disease. Students will be committed to promoting cancer awareness through education, advocacy and service.

SPANISH CLUB

MRS. MUNIZ-BERMO

To promote the Spanish language and culture.

FITNESS CLUB

MR. SASSO

Exercise and conditioning for all sports activities which will include stretching and cardiovascular movement.

To meet one day per week.

THE ANIME CLUB

MR. Di CRISTO

A place to view and discuss new anime and classics alike. Genres vary from Shonen to Josei and Kodomo. Related materials like manga and video games are also welcome.

LATIN CLUB

MR. Di CRISTO

To study and explore Roman culture and the use of the Latin language.

BOWLING CLUB

MR. SICULIETANO

Self contained Special Ed students only to work on our sportsmanship – rules team playing and to refine our gross and fine motor skills. We will leave the building during lunch 5th & 6th period.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY CLUB

MR. STOFFERS

Students meet prior to morning homeroom to research historic events special to that day.

FUTURE TEACHERS CLUB

MS. FREDRICKS

The Future Teachers Club is looking for students who have ever thought about becoming a teacher or wondered what it would be like to be one. Activities will include being teacher's assistants, teaching lessons, and visiting elementary schools.

COOKING CLUB

MRS. ZAZZALI/MS. LOMBARDO

The students will be involved in preparing healthy meals, will investigate healthy food options and ingredients, prepare a food budget, and explore concepts and tools for basic cooking.

JUNIOR INTERACT CLUB (J.I.C.)

MS. GRECO/MS. INGUANTI

A student-led organization that provides members with opportunities to help out our community and the world it's in. The J.I.C. will work together with the office of Mayor Joanne Cocchiola.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

MRS. ZAZZALI/MS. LOMBARDO

To raise trout eggs and produce trout that will be released in a freshwater stream in the spring.

INVEST IT

MRS. DORFMAN

What would you do with “\$100,000?” Learn how to make your money grow for you. Find out how the stock market works and how to invest. Buy and sell stocks with your teammates. Create and manage an on-line virtual stock portfolio.

JA – IT’S MY BUSINESS

MRS. DORFMAN/MR. KING

Learn how to start your own business now by using your skills to create, advertise, and manage a business for yourself. This is a hands-on and computer based club. Discover how to make your talents work for you.

GIRLS RULE

MS. SHERIDAN/MS. LOMBARDO

To deal with specific issues i.e. relational aggression, hygiene, frustrations, being “classified” and what it means. etc. Members will be selected based on teacher/counselor recommendations.