

Wydown Middle School Activities Booklet 2014-15

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Wydown Middle School is dedicated to providing a wide array of athletic, academic, and extra-curricular clubs and activities. We hope access to these activities provides variety and depth to the enriching education offered throughout the school year.

The majority of programs listed in this booklet are consistent with the philosophy of the Clayton “No Cut” policy for athletics and activities. However, there are certain activities such as the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, the Fall Play, and the Spring Musical that require limitations to participation. In particular, the performing arts teachers have to make decisions on casting, but always try to find ways to include as many students as possible in each production. Additionally, other club and activity sponsors recognize the balance between student academic performance and their interest and participation in a particular club, sport, or activity. Wydown Middle School holds very high academic expectations for all students. If a student is failing to meet these expectations he or she may be asked to temporarily refrain from activities in order to dedicate attention after school to supervised study.

Appropriate rules of behavior for the school day apply during all before or after school activities including activities off campus and sponsored by Wydown Extra. If a student is repeatedly breaking the school rules they will no longer be allowed to participate in the activity.

All after school activities will begin at 3:30 and end at 4:15. Other than Making It Happen and Wydown Extra events, most school sponsored after school activities meet on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Additionally, there are some activities that will meet before school starts.

Everyday there is a VICC activities bus that departs Wydown at 4:20pm.

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Academic Resources

Math Homework Lab

Sponsor: Ms. Gaidis

Math Homework Lab is dedicated time before school to work on math with our Math Intern. You will also have the opportunity to work in small groups and use the computers if needed.

Monday through Friday

7:45-8:15

Library

Making It Happen

Sponsor: Dr. Linda Gwyn

The Making It Happen Program at Wydown Middle School started in 1991. Making It Happen is an academic tutoring program as well as an opportunity for mentorship with a successful Washington University student. During weekly meetings, Wydown students and their tutor work toward academic success. The overall goal of the program is to build an understanding of how to be a successful learner with a trusted mentor.

Examples of student-driven academic daily activities could be improving test-taking skills, reading science lessons, planning for long-term projects, developing problem-solving skills for mathematics, or editing a writing piece. These regular tutoring sessions occur at Wydown Middle School each afternoon from school dismissal until 4:15 pm following the academic calendar of Washington University.

Enrollment in the Making It Happen tutoring program is open to any Wydown student regardless of academic ability or previous involvement with the program. Students in the program volunteer to participate and parental consent is necessary. To be included, both parent and student must agree to the weekly commitment, as tutors are expecting to meet with students once a week.

Monday- Friday

3:30-4:15

8th Grade Floor

Science Olympiad

Sponsor: Dr. Linda Gwyn and Co.

Science Olympiad is an education program to promote scientific interest through a six-month sequence of practices and competitions. Participants master the concepts outlined in events such as anatomy, experimental design, engineering, forensics, ecology, and geology. Most importantly, students learn to problem solve using a “hands-on, minds-on” philosophy. This design necessitates that children share responsibility and learn to study cooperatively.

Science Olympiad is both a team and an individual endeavor. At the beginning of the season, students will express interest in three to four of that season’s twenty-three events. Each event requires a great deal of commitment: practices begin in late August and can continue through May.

Once the Wydown children select their events, WashU volunteers will be assigned to help students with one or two events based on their area(s) of expertise. Each volunteer will work with a group of Wydown children at practices that will be held every Wednesday and Friday.

Wednesday/Friday 3:30-4:15 Room 134

Quiet Study Time in the Information Commons (Library)

Sponsor: Dr. Victoria Jones

For students who need to work quietly on school work

Students must...

- *sign in guest book, include specific school-related assignment on which they will be working*
- *come to the Information Commons with a productive purpose in mind and work quietly*
- *work in a way that allows others to be productive*
- *be respectful of people and property*
- *arrive by 3:30 PM or have signed pass from check-out teacher (after school)*
- *stay until 4:15 PM (after school)*
- *bring personal headphones if assignment requires sound*

Students may not...

- *socialize, eat, or drink*
- *work on group projects (due to the need for quiet environment)*
- *arrive after 3:30 PM (without pass from school personnel)*
- *leave before 4:15 dismissal (after school, unless guardian has arrived)*
- *use computers for non-school related purposes*
- *listen to music (unless related to specific assignment)*
- *watch videos (unless related to specific assignment)*

Before school: Every day from 7:45 - 8:15 AM

After school: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:15

Extra-Curricular Activities

Chess Club

Sponsors: Mr. Napoleon Carter & Mr. Dave Powers

Come be a part of the best Chess Club in Missouri! Our Chess team has won several state championships, including four state titles. Chess is a great game that develops strategic, tactical, and mathematical skills. If you like thinking creatively and matching wits with others, the Wydown Chess Club is for you.

Thursdays 3:30-4:15 Mainstreet

Cooking Club

Sponsor: Ms. Sarah Miller

Cooking club will spend time planning and making some healthy food that uses local products. It will be all vegetarian as well. The club might do some small gardening in the spring and take a couple of field trips to local farms. The club might also help conduct some cooking demonstrations along with local chefs in the winter for parents and staff members.

Fridays 3:30-4:15 Room 138/FACS room

SPACE FOR COOKING CLUB IS LIMITED WEEKLY, IF INTERESTED, SEE MS. MILLER TO SIGN UP FOR A CLUB EVENT.

Geography Club

Sponsor: Mr. Mark Solomon

Open to all interested students, the geography club will explore geography by geocaching, playing games, and studying for the National Geographic Bee. We will also get Wydown ready for Geography Awareness Week.

Thursdays 3:30-4:15 Room 215

Student Council (STUCO)

Sponsor: Ms. Oliver

Would you like to be involved in the fun of Student Council committees? Just join us! When you hear or read in the announcements about Student Council committee meetings, just check in with the sponsor listed and come to the meetings. Be active in Student Council and then “advertise” your experience in the next election for officers. Be a Student Council assistant and contribute to your school and community.

Wednesdays

3:30-4:15

Room 126

Writing Club

Sponsor: Ms. Devereux

For aspiring writers, the Writing Club explores the joys of the writing process. Students will discuss and share favorite books, get help with their independent writing, and read original and published works aloud. Incorporating writing into daily life, the club seeks to inspire young writers.

Tuesdays

3:30-4:15

Room 242

Green Club

Sponsor: Ms. Oliver

Green Club will meet weekly to focus on environmental concerns, recycling, and doing what we can to make the world a better place. Students will get their hands “dirty” and actively play a role in making change in the environment around them.

Thursdays

3:30-4:15

Room 118

Yearbook

Sponsor: Ms. Brotherton

The Wydown yearbook is a student publication. Participants first learn yearbook techniques. Then they select a theme for the book, take pictures, and write captions.

TBA

3:30-4:15

Library

Social Justice League

Sponsor: Ms. Fulstone

The Social Justice League seeks to build student leadership skills by encouraging students to take action to improve the climate and culture of our school. Through community service and teambuilding, the group will create advisory activities, explore peer mediation, and partner with other area middle schools to work on community projects.

Wednesdays

3:30-4:15

Room 119

Step Team

Sponsor: Ms. Roberson

What could be more challenging than learning to move your body to create sound and rhythm? The Step Team seeks to build team unity and develop special leadership skills in its members. There will be an end-of-the year showcase in May.

Tuesday-Thursday

3:30-4:15

Room 130

Science Bowl

Sponsor: Ms. Wray

Join us weekly to develop and share your science knowledge and know-how in a fun collaborative environment. Science Bowl is a team contest offered by the U.S. Department of Energy. The format is speed-based; a question is read and the team will seek to be the first to answer correctly. We will form teams to participate in the Mission Regional Science Bowl in February.

TBD

3:30-4:15

Room 229

International Affairs Club (Model United Nations)

Sponsor: Ms. Beeson and Mr. Solomon

Students will explore current events by becoming experts on specific countries around the world and by exploring current global challenges. Members will become delegates in a Model United Nations conference with students throughout the St. Louis region.

Fridays

3:30-4:15

Room 215

Science Fair 2015

Sponsor: Ms. Crews

Students will prepare an exhibit for entry into the Clayton Science Fair and potentially the St. Louis Regional Fair. Mentor support will be provided after school. Students investigate a topic of their choice. Starts 3rd Quarter.

Wednesdays

3:30-4:15

Room 135

Performing Arts

Fall Play

Sponsor: Mrs. Carla Miller

The fall production is scheduled for November 14 and 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will start at the beginning of September.

Meetings TBA

Wydown Theater

Jazz Ensemble

Sponsor: Mr. Mike Kanaan

The Jazz Ensemble is an auditioned group of musicians made up of 7th and 8th graders possessing a desire to rehearse and perform challenging jazz music. Students will learn how to play in many different jazz styles as well as basic improvisation techniques. The jazz ensemble meets beginning in Sept/Oct and is open to selected instruments including saxophones, trumpets, trombones, drum set, vibes, piano, guitar, and bass guitar. Audition music is available in the band room.

Tuesday & Friday

7:30-8:15

Band Room

Spring Musical

Sponsor: Mr. Brian Engelmeyer

The spring production will be held on March 6 and 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Auditions and cast announcements will be held before winter break.

Meetings TBA

Wydown Theater

Theater Tech & Costume Club

Sponsors: Mr. Edward Kastner, Mrs. Carla Miller, Mr. Brian Engelmeyer

Students will become a part of a school theater production. Tasks include constructing and painting sets, sewing costumes, and creating props. Students also work during the performance, as backstage hands, light and sound board controllers, ticket sellers, and make-up artists. The club meets for eight weeks in the fall to produce a play and for nine weeks in the spring to produce a musical.

Meetings Fall and Spring TBA

Art Room 1

Wind Ensemble

Sponsors: Ms. Jennifer Shenberger and Mr. Michael Kanaan

The Wind Ensemble is an auditioned group made up of 7th and 8th graders whom have a desire to rehearse and perform challenging literature in addition to their daily band curriculum. The wind ensemble meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 am beginning in Sept/Oct and is open to all woodwind, brass, and percussion students who exhibit outstanding skill proficiencies on their instruments. Initial auditions are held each September.

Thursday mornings

7:30-8:15

Band Room

Wydown Middle School
Interdistrict and Intramural Sports 2014-2015
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Interdistrict Sports 2014-2015

Interdistrict Sports: 7th & 8th Grade only, instructional athletics. Interdistrict sports practices start at 3:30 and end at 4:15 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday only). Games and meets usually start at 4pm.

Fall (September – October)

7th & 8th Grade Coed Cross Country
8th Grade Girls Volleyball

Winter (January – March)

8th Grade Boys & Girls Basketball

Spring (March – May)

7th & 8th Grade Girls Field Hockey
7th & 8th Grade Coed Track & Field
7th & 8th Grade Step Team

Intramural Sports 2014-2015

(One day a week for 10 weeks)

Intramural Sports: 6th and 7th grade after school at Wydown, playing against students from Wydown only. Intramural sports start at 3:30 and end at 4:15. Students will be in the gym or on the field with the sponsor of the sport.

Fall (September – November)

6th & 7th Grade Flag Football
6th & 7th Grade Team Sports
6th & 7th Grade Soccer

Winter (January – March)

6th & 7th Grade Ping Pong
6th & 7th Grade Introduction to Golf

Spring (March – May)

6th & 7th Grade Flag Football
6th & 7th Grade Basketball
6th & 7th Grade Roller Blade Club

Guidelines for Participation **(Inter-district Sports Only)**

1. Students must complete all necessary forms listed below before being allowed to participate in games:
(Forms will be handed out during sign-ups)
 - permission for medical treatment
 - tobacco/alcohol and drug abuse
 - medical emergency consent
 - physical examination form signed by a physician
2. Students must attend practices to be eligible to compete. It will be up to the discretion of the coach to determine who is eligible to participate from week to week based on practice.
3. Students must be passing all of his/her classes (no D's or F's) in order to remain eligible for the season. Grades will be checked at mid quarter and at the end of the quarter. Students failing at mid quarter are no longer eligible.
4. Students are expected to display positive sportsmanship at all times. If a coach feels it is necessary to remove a student from the team for disrespect or lack of sportsmanship they have the right to do so.