

Wydown Middle School Activities Booklet 2015-16

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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 3:35 and end at 4:20. 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 4:25pm.

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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-Friday

7:35-8:05

Library

Science Olympiad

Sponsor: Ms. Sermos and Mr. DeGuire

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.

TBA

3:35-4:20

Room 232

Quiet Study Time in the Information Commons (Library)

Sponsor: Dr. 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 3:35 PM or have signed pass from check-out teacher (after school)*
- *stay until 4:20 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 3:35 PM (without pass from school personnel)*
- *leave before 4:20 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 7:35 - 8:05 AM

After school: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 3:35
- 4:20

Extra-Curricular Activities

Chess Club

Sponsors: Mr. Carter & Mr. 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 Wydownn Chess Club is for you.

Thursdays

3:35-4:20

Mainstreet

Cooking Club

Sponsor: Ms. 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

3:35-4:20

Room 138/FACS

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

Geography and History Club

Sponsor: Mr. Solomon and Ms. Beeson

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

Thursdays

3:35-4:20

Room 215

Student Council (STUCO)

Sponsor: TBD

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.

TBA

3:35-4:20

Room 126

Yearbook

Sponsor: Ms. Henson

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

3:35-4:20

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

3:35-4:20

Room 219

Science Bowl

Sponsor: Ms. Wray

Join us for some morning academic fun as we prepare for the middle school regional science bowl held in late winter. Teams throughout Missouri compete in this fast-paced quiz bowl event in all areas of science and math. The top three teams receive trophies and the top team will represent the state in the national championship competition. This year, we are lucky to have a former champion and a current Washington University astrophysics student help us prepare.

Wednesday & Thursday 7:30-8:05 Room 229

International Affairs Club (Model United Nations)

Sponsor: Ms. Beeson and Mr. Solomon

7th and 8th grade students will become delegates for countries and explore global issues throughout the year. The club culminates with a General Assembly conference with students from middle schools around St. Louis.

Fridays 3:35-4:20 Room 215

Science Fun Club

Sponsor: Science Teachers

Join others at your grade level to explore various science subjects and activities. As a group, you will create the direction. Further, you might find support here to try your hand at the Science Fair, Science Bowl, or Science Olympiad. Weekend environmental activities and field trips will be planned by the group.

Varies based on grade Lunch Time Science Labs

Gay-Straight Alliance

Sponsor: Ms. Baker and Ms. Snelling

The purpose of the Gay-Straight Alliance is to raise awareness in the student body about GLTBQ issues in a safe and accepting manner. The Alliance will organize forums for discussion, possible guest speakers, and the National Day of Silence. This student club will work to improve school climate for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. All students are encouraged to join.

Wednesdays

3:35-4:20

Room 239

Geek Guild

Sponsor: Mr. DeGuire

Students will meet bi-weekly to share in their interest in anime, sci-fi, fantasy books and movies, collectible card games, and table top games.

TBA

3:35-4:20

Main Street

Performing Arts

Fall Play

Sponsor: Ms. Miller

Each fall, the Wydown Theatre Company produces a theatrical production. Students are welcome to audition for an acting role or apply to be on one of the crews (technical crew or costume crew). The fall production is scheduled for November 13th and 14th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Auditions will start at the beginning of September.

Meetings TBA

Wydown Theater

Jazz Ensemble

Sponsor: Mr. 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

7:20-8:05

Band Room

Spring Musical

Sponsor: Mr. Engelmeyer

Each spring, the Wydown Theatre Company produces a musical production. Students are welcome to audition for the cast or apply to be on one of the crews (technical crew, costume crew, or production assistants). The spring musical, Mary Poppins, is scheduled for March 11th and 12th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Auditions and cast announcements will be held before winter break.

Meetings TBA

Wydown Theater

Wind Ensemble

Sponsors: Ms. Shenberger and Mr. 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 7:20 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

7:20-8:05

Band Room

Wydown Middle School
Interdistrict and Intramural Sports 2015-
2016
(www.clayton.k12.mo.us//Domain/475)

Interdistrict Sports 2015-2016

Interdistrict Sports: Instructional athletics. Interdistrict sports practices start at 3:35 and end at 4:20 (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)

6th-8th Grade Girls Field Hockey
7th & 8th Grade Coed Track & Field

Intramural Sports 2015-2016

(One day a week for 10 weeks)

Intramural Sports: After school sports at Wydown, playing against students from Wydown only. Intramural sports start at 3:35 and end at 4:20. Students will be in the gym or on the field with the sponsor of the sport.

Fall (September – November)

6th & 7th Grade Kickball
6th -8th Grade Introduction to Field Hockey
6th & 7th Grade Soccer

Winter (January – March)

6th & 7th Grade Introduction to Golf

Spring (March – May)

6th & 7th Grade Flag Football

6th & 7th Grade Basketball

6th – 8th Grade Ping Pong

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.