



**WYDOWN MIDDLE
SCHOOL
AFTER-SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES BOOKLET
2019 – 2020**

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Wydown Middle School is dedicated to providing a wide array of athletic, academic, and extracurricular clubs and activities. We hope access to these activities provides variety and depth to the enriching education offered throughout the school year. In order to sign up for an activity, students are asked just to show up to an activity that they are interested on the specific day and time that is listed in the book. Students may change activities, however, we asked that once they are in an activity that day that they remain in the activity until it's over at 4:15 p.m.

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, the Spring Musical, Robotics, and Improvisation Club that have requirements for 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 clubs 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. If a student is suspended (in-school or out of school they may not participate in after-school activities for the day(s) of their suspension)

All after school activities will begin at 3:20 and ends at 4:15. Most school-sponsored after school activities meet on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Additionally, there are some activities that will meet before school starts. All activity sponsors will notify students of the start and ending time and if they need to reschedule. There is an activities bus available for students who ride the bus in the morning. The activity bus departs Wydown at 4:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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Academic Resources

Math Club and Competition Mathematics Team

Sponsor: Mr. Powers and Mrs. Wolbert

Wydown Math Club and Competition Mathematics Team competes in local, state, and national competitions. We practice every Thursday in room 218. All students are encouraged to join as long as they are hard-working, independent thinkers who have a desire to be better at competition mathematics. Students can join anytime throughout the school year. To register, see Mr. Powers in room 218.

For contests with unlimited registration such as the AMC 8 (in November), all Wydown students are welcome to compete.

For contests with limited registration, such as MathCounts, there will be a school tryout for each individual contest's Wydown Math Team.

Thursdays

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

Room 218 (Mrs. Wolbert)

Science Olympiad

Sponsor: Mr. Crook

We will have Science Olympiad Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:20 - 8:05 September through February. Science Olympiad is open to anyone who wants to explore the worlds of biology, geology, physics, chemistry, and design challenges. Science Olympiad consists of 23 events. Students choose two or three to practice, and then we compete in tournaments. No prior knowledge or experience is necessary. We have coaches from Washington University here to help. We have a recreational team for students to compete and have fun. And we have a competitive team that challenges the best schools in the country at invitational olympiads. WMS students win quite a few medals and trophies each year. This year we are trying to go to Nationals. Want to help us get there?

Tuesdays thru Thursdays

7:20- 8:05 a.m.

Room 235

Learning Center (formerly known as Think Tank)

Think Tank is a grade level specific group where students can work to complete homework, catch up on school work, or have a study session with a teacher.

6th Grade: Tuesdays and Thursdays

6th Grade Hallway

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

7th Grade: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

7th Grade Hallway

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

7/8 Team: Tuesdays and Thursdays

7/8 Hallway

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

8 East: Wednesdays

8 East Team Area

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

8 West: Tuesdays and Wednesdays

8 West Team Area

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

Quiet Study Time in the Information Commons (Library)

Sponsor: Ms. Brotherton

For students who need to work quietly on school work

Students must...

- *use the [link on the Information Commons Webpage](#) to sign up before 1:00 PM, 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 3:20 PM or have signed pass from check-out teacher (after school)*
- *stay until after school dismissal*
- *bring personal headphones if the assignment requires sound*

Students may not...

- *socialize, eat, or drink*
- *work on group projects (due to the need for a quiet environment)*
- *arrive after 3:20 PM (without pass)*
- *leave before dismissal (after school, unless a 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)*
- *play games (unless related to specific assignment)*

Before school: Every day from 8:00 - 8:15 A.M.

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

Extra-Curricular Activities

All in Coalition

Sponsor: Mrs. Gasawski

The WMS All-In Student Coalition promotes teenage substance abuse prevention by participating in fun, drug-free activities and helping the community through service work. This group will meet on the first Wednesday of the month from September 4th through the end of the school year.

First Wednesdays of each month beginning September 4

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

Room 273

Anime Cafe

Sponsor: Mrs. Gamble

Anime Cafe is for anyone who appreciates the art form of Japanese animation and pop-culture. We will view anime (subtitled) and suitable for all audiences (Rated G), share snacks and appreciation of all things anime and manga too.

Every other Thursday beginning September 5

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

Room TBD

Black Student Union (BSU)

Sponsor: Mrs. Conner

This is an after-school club designed to break down stereotypes and issues between ourselves and others. We will be working to build respectful relationships within our group, as well as with other cultures. We will host programs (Black History Month, cultural potluck) and get involved in service projects (working with elderly people, neighborhood clean-ups).

Wednesdays

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

Room 226

Chess Club

Sponsors: Mr. Carter

Come be a part of one of the best Chess Clubs in Missouri! Our Chess team has won several tournament championships, including thirteen state titles and we also host a nationally rated tourney annually. 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. Competition is encouraged but not required.

Thursdays (all year) Beginning Sept. 12th

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

Mainstreet

Comic Con

Sponsor: Mr. Thompson

Students will read comic books and watch comic book related movies and participate in group discussions regarding the materials.

Wednesdays

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

Room 141

Creative Writing Club**Sponsor: Ms. Miller**

Do you love to write creatively but don't have the time and/or a supportive group to do it with? Come join Ms. Miller in Room 138 on Wednesdays to write fun stories and creative nonfiction! We will have prompts and shared discussion and then students have time to craft their own pieces with supportive feedback from peers and a teacher.

Wednesdays**3:20 - 4:15 p.m.****Room 138****First Tech Challenge (FTC - Robotics)****Sponsor: Mr. Kalmes**

It's way more than building robots. FIRST Tech Challenge teams (10+ members, grades 7-12) are challenged to design, build, program, and operate robots to compete in a head-to-head challenge in an alliance format.

Wednesdays and Thursdays**3:20 - 4:15 p.m.****Room 178****Geek Guild****Sponsor: Mr. Swope**

Students will gather to play tabletop games, collectible card games, and role-playing games. We will have fun discussing science fiction, fantasy and superhero books, movies and graphic novels.

Tuesdays**3:20 - 4:15 p.m.****Room 7W Hallway****Girls Who Code****Sponsor: Mrs. Weber**

Girls will have the opportunity to build character and coding skills as they learn, plan, build and celebrate together to create a project that they care about.

Wednesdays (Sept - Dec)**3:20 - 4:15 p.m.****Room 255****Improv Club****Sponsor: Mrs. Kavanaugh**

Explore the awesome world of Improv! In this club, students will play fun acting/improv games, will make new friends and will have lots of laughs! It is the best way to have fun, and decompress after school. Please email Mrs. Kavanaugh if you are interested at jenniferkavanaugh@claytonschools.net

Thursdays**3:20 - 4:15 p.m.****Room 140****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.

TBD**3:20 - 4:15 p.m.****Room 225**

Jewish Student Union

Sponsor: Rabbi Mike Rovinsky

Open to students of ALL faiths, The JSU Club (Jewish Student Union), meets bi-weekly on Thursdays. Student gathers together to enjoy pizza while exploring a variety of contemporary issues through a Jewish lens. The club uses a multi-modality approach to stimulate discussion and learning including video clips, arts & crafts, games, and other fun activities. The mission of the club is to share with the students' meaningful life lessons and the relevancy of spirituality to their daily lives. The students do not engage in religious practices/activities and the messaging of the lessons are relevant to all students regardless of religious affiliation or lack thereof. Rabbi Mike can be contacted at RabbiMike@jsustl.org or 314-498-6279.

Every other Thursday beginning September 5

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

Room 135

Making Friendship Bracelets

*Learn to make your own colorful **bracelets** of threads or yarn. As fun for beginners as it is to intermediates. Learn. Get inspiration. Share ideas.*

Tuesdays beginning October 1

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

Room 255

Newspaper Club

Come join the new Newspaper Club here at Wydown. We will meet after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Ms. Baker's room (239). Our goal is to create a newspaper that is not too serious. We are not going to be political, but, instead, we hope to just add a bit of laughter and light-heartedness for those bad days. Students will submit their own writing. Members of the newspaper club will screen and edit the work. Come join us.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

Room 239

Student Advocates for Justice and Equity

Sponsor: Ms. Fulstone

Do you think about issues of power, justice, stereotypes, and prejudice? Want to talk about these topics in a safe space and take action to improve our school and the local community? In SAJ, we will have opportunities to collaborate with St Louis area arts and justice organizations, as well as students across the St Louis region. We will share and learn about the issues that concern human rights in our own lives and find ways to be active citizens for a better and more inclusive community overall.

Thursdays

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

Room 219

Student Council (STUCO)

Sponsor: Mrs. Synovec and Mrs. Marino

Are you interested in becoming a leader within our school community? Join Wydown Student Council! As a member of StuCo, you will develop leadership skills, promote service, and help build positive school culture. We will organize and participate in a variety of events throughout the year, so come join in the fun!

Tuesdays

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

Room 232

Wydown Christian Club (WCC)**Sponsor: Mr. Thompson**

Students will be given an opportunity to study Biblical issues, topics, history and build relationships. Students will study, discuss and debate Biblical issues which will include the use of reference materials. Team building activities will also be provided to strengthen student relations. Students will also have the opportunity to pray for issues and challenges, directly and indirectly, impacting their lives.

Tuesdays**3:20 - 4:15 p.m.****Room 133****Yearbook****Sponsor: Mrs. Pratlé**

The Wydown yearbook is a publication that captures memories and stories of the year. We are looking for students who are creative, interested in graphic design, writing, and photography. All students are welcome to join us as we create a book that is fun, interesting and will last a lifetime.

Days TBD**3:20 - 4:15 p.m.****Library****Performing Arts****WILDCAnToreS****Sponsor: Mr. Urvan**

Formerly known as the WMS A Cappella Club, the WILDCAnToreS is a group of dedicated singers who perform popular music without instrumental accompaniment. The WILDCAnToreS will perform at least two concerts in 2018-2019. Rehearsals will take place after school, on Tuesdays, in the choir room. The official roster and rehearsal schedule will be provided after the audition process is complete. Audition information will be announced at the end of August. Please contact Mr. Urvan with any questions that you may have.

Tuesdays**3:20 - 4:15 p.m.****Choir Room****ViBravo/Vivace Orchestras****Sponsors: Mrs. Holy and Mrs. Wood**

This after school activity is offered to middle school orchestra students that want to expand their musicianship. There are four different levels of orchestras offered. They are auditioned groups and auditions are held in May, August, and February. Students are selected based on note reading ability, intonation, and overall musicianship. Once Vivace music is mastered, students can audition for Bridge, ViBravo, and then Chamber.

Vivace/Bridge: Tuesdays**3:15 - 5:30****Orchestra Room****ViBravo: Tuesdays****3:15 - 5:30****Band Room****Chamber Ensemble****Sponsors: Mrs. Day and Mr. Henderson**

The Clayton Chamber Ensemble is comprised of exceptional elementary and middle school students from the School District of Clayton. Approximately 50% of the students began their musical endeavor in the District's 4th grade elementary Suzuki program, and the remaining students came to the string

program with previous experience. The focus of this group is to offer a chamber music experience, free of the presence of a conductor. The Chamber Ensemble is an after school program. Currently, years of experience range from two to seven years. Daniel Henderson and Carolyn Day are the directors of the Clayton Chamber Ensemble. Students rehearse once weekly after school for two hours.

Wednesdays

3:20 - 4:30

Orchestra Room

Fall Play “Puffs”

Sponsors: Ms. Miller, Mr. Engelmeyer, and Mr. Kastner

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, costume crew, or production assistants). There will be a required informational meeting for all students that are interested in participating on August 27, 2019. Dates and requirements will be discussed at the meeting. For the latest information, please go to <http://wydowntheatre.com/19-20-season> or visit the theatre call board next to the drama room for more information.

Meets Daily in the Fall

Please see Website for times

Wydown Theater

Spring Musical “Matilda the Musical”

Sponsors: Ms. Miller, Mr. Engelmeyer, Mr. Urvan, and Mr. Kastner

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). There will be a required informational meeting for all students interested in participating on November 19, 2019. Dates and requirements will be discussed at the meeting. For the latest information, please go to <http://wydowntheatre.com/19-20-season> or visit the theatre call board next to the drama room for more information.

Meets Daily in the Spring

Please see Website for times

Wydown Theater

Junior Thespians

Sponsors: Ms. Miller and Mr. Engelmeyer

Wydown's Junior International Thespian Society Troupe (T-Troupe) is a group of students who have earned membership into this honor society through work in theatre. T-Troupe meets periodically to work in the theatre department, plan activities and visits CHS to work with the casts of selected shows. This organization is by invitation only. Students involved will be contacted by sponsors regarding events and troupe opportunities. Please visit <http://wydowntheatre.com/thespians/> for more details

Mondays (select dates)

3:20 - 4:15 p.m.

Room 179

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.

Tuesdays & Fridays (all year) beginning in October.

7:25 - 8:15 a.m.

Band Room

Wind Ensemble

Sponsors: Ms. Shenberger and Mr. Kanaan

The Wind Ensemble is an auditioned group made up of 7th and 8th graders who have a desire to rehearse and perform challenging literature in addition to their daily band curriculum. The group is also open to advanced 6th graders who meet the audition requirements. The wind ensemble meets every Thursday morning at 7:25 a.m. beginning September 7th and is open to all woodwind, brass, and percussion students who exhibit outstanding skill proficiency on their instruments. Initial auditions are held each fall. Sectionals and additional rehearsals may be scheduled on an as-needed basis.

**Thursday mornings (all year)
(Sectionals/Dress Rehearsals as needed)**

7:25 - 8:15 a.m.

Band Room

Wydown Middle School
Interdistrict and Intramural Sports 2019-2020
(www.clayton.k12.mo.us//Domain/475)

Intramural Sports 2019-2020
(One day a week for 10 weeks)

Intramural Sports: Afterschool sports at Wydown, playing against students from Wydown only. Intramural sports are from 3:20 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

*More information regarding sports will be available throughout the year.

Fall (September – November)

6th-8th Grade Soccer

- Soccer meets **every Wednesday at 3:15 p.m.** with Mrs. Groves. **Meet in room 141**

6th - 8th Grade Ping Pong

- Ping-Pong meets **every Tuesday at 3:15 p.m.** with Mrs. Wolbert. **Meet in the atrium outside of the 7th-grade hallway.**

Interdistrict Sports 2019-2020

Guidelines for Participation

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.

5. If students are suspended from the school day they may not participate in practice and/or game the day of the suspension.

Fall (September–November)

6th - 8th Grade Cross-Country

- Will meet every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with Mrs. Schneiderhahn at 3:15 p.m. in the fitness room.

8th Grade Girls' Volleyball

- Will meet every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with Mrs. Baggett at 3:15 p.m. in the gym.

Winter (January–March)

8th Grade Boys' Basketball

- Will meet every Tuesday and Thursday with Mrs. Conner at 3:15 p.m. in the gym.

8th Grade Girls' Basketball

- Will meet every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with Mr. Donnell at 3:15 p.m. in the gym.

Spring (March-May)

6th – 8th Grade Field Hockey

- Will meet every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with Ms. Connor and Ms. Weber at 3:15 p.m. in the gym.

6th – 8th Grade Track

- Will meet every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with Ms. Basinger at 3:15 p.m. in Mainstreet.