



WYDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

AFTER-SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES BOOKLET

2025 - 2026

Students 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 on the specific day and time that is listed in the book. Students may change activities; however, we ask that once they are in an activity that day, they remain in the activity until it's over.

The majority of programs listed in this booklet are consistent with the philosophy of the Clayton "No Cut" policy for athletics and activities. However, certain activities such as the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, the Fall Play, the Spring Musical, Improv Club, and Science Olympiad Tournament Team 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.

Other clubs and activity sponsors also 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 fails to meet these expectations, they may be asked to temporarily refrain from activities to dedicate time to supervised study after school.

Appropriate rules of behavior for the school day apply during all before or after school activities, including activities off-campus. If students repeatedly break 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). Also, students may not participate in afterschool activities if they are absent from school.

Teachers have the autonomy to schedule clubs anytime after the school day. Please make sure you check with your child's specific activity host for times and the link to join the activity virtually. 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 times and if they need to reschedule. There is an activities bus available upon request for students who ride the bus to school; please notify your sponsor at least a week in advance if you will need a bus ride home.

Students will sign up at lunch for the particular activity that they would like to participate in each activity day.

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Academic Resources

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>Math Club & Competition Math Team</u>	Wolbert & Powers	Thursdays	3:15 - 4:15 (Through 2/29)
<u>Description:</u> Math Club is a fun and welcoming space for students who enjoy problem-solving, creative thinking, and exploring math beyond the classroom. We participate in several math competitions on-site and off-site throughout the year too. Room 132 Start Date: 9/11/25 End Date: 3/10/2026			
<u>Think Tank (Academic Support)</u>	Various Teachers	Varied	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> • Boeyink will provide Math Support for students in 7th grade. - Tuesdays & Wednesdays • Snelling will provide academic support to team 7/8 students. - Tuesdays • Maesaka, Meier and Overfield will provide academic support to team 8 West. - Tuesdays & Wednesdays Start Date: 9/3/24			
<u>Science Olympiad 6th Grade Team</u>	Crook	Thursdays	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Each year, Science Olympiad teams all over the country compete with each other in 23 different events. This year we will offer a 6th grade club to explore these events, participate in design challenges, and compete in trivia contests based on the Science Olympiad science categories. Check with Mr. Crook for specific meeting days. Room TBD (6th Grade Hall) Start Date: 9/11/2025 End Date: 12/11/2025			

<u>Science Olympiad Tournament Team</u>	Crook	Tuesdays	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Science Olympiad offers 23 different science events for students to master and compete with other olympians across the country. We have recreational and competitive teams that participate in invitational tournaments, and hopefully go to State and Nationals. No experience necessary; you will be able to figure it all out at practice in room 235. Start Date: 9/9/2025 End Date: 2/24/2026			
<u>World Language Lab</u>	Welge	Tuesdays	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> The World Language Lab is open to any world language student (Spanish, French, Latin, Chinese). This club is a space intended for students that need to work on projects, study for upcoming tests, get teacher help, make up any assignments or tests for their language class. Room 128 Start Date: 9/9/2025 End Date: 5/19/2026			

Extra-Curricular Activities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>Anime Club</u>	Gamble	Thursdays in Room 128	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Anime Club is for anyone who appreciates the art form of Japanese animation and pop-culture. We will view anime that are suitable for kids and teen audiences (Rated G-TV14), and appreciate all things anime and manga too. Thursdays in Room 128 - only on A days . Start Date: 9/11/25 End Date: 12/18/25			

<u>Art Club</u>	Birhanu	Thursdays in Room 268	3:15 – 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Art Club is an open studio where you can explore materials, create your own projects, or finish class assignments. There will be no assigned projects. To join, sign up at the front office on Thursdays and join the Google Classroom with the following code: niaala so you can stay informed. Meetings are in Room 268 from 3:15–4:15 PM, three Thursdays a month (starting Sept. 11). No membership needed! Just sign up downstairs & show up when available! Start Date: 9/11/25			
<u>Buffalo Bills Club</u>	Gamble	Victory Mondays in Room 130	3:15 – 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Learn and share your knowledge of the storied traditions of the greatest team in the history of the NFL. We will learn about the culture of the Bills Mafia and the city of Buffalo, the legends of the Bills--past and present, and create a fundraising campaign for the Oishei Children's Hospital in Buffalo, in honor of our QB Josh Allen 17. We will meet on Victory Mondays (so a lot) for snacks and to view game highlights and projections. All are welcome, especially new fans. Go Bills! Start Date: 9/15/25 End Date: 2/9/25			
<u>Chess Club</u>	TBD	TBDin Main Street	3:15 – 4:30
<u>Description:</u> Come be part of one of the best Chess Clubs in Missouri! The Wydown Chess Club is for players of all skill levels – from those learning to play to aspiring Grand Masters! Chess is creative problem solving and critical thinking; it teaches you to strategically plan and tactically execute. Chess helps develop pattern recognition, utilize logic and make decisions visually and analytically – it utilizes both sides of your brain! Team practices are also supported with coaching from members of the Wash U. Chess Team. Tournament competition is encouraged, but not required. Start Date: TBD			

<u>Comic Con</u>	Thompson	Wednesdays in Room 215	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Students can read comic books, watch comic book-related movies and TV shows, and engage in conversations with like-minded peers. Since PG-13 movies and TV-14 TV shows are viewed, a parent permission slip must be submitted to Mr. Thompson before students can join the club. Permission slips can be found in the Counseling Office. Permission slip to participate: Mr. Thompson's Comic-Con Permission Slip Start Date: 9/10/25			
<u>Crochet Club</u>	Hardt	Fridays in Room 142	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> A group of artists getting together to learn, practice and perfect the art of crochet. And RELAXING after a long day. Meeting on days when there are not volleyball games. Start Date: 10/24/25			
<u>Disc Golf Club</u>	Schneider	Tuesdays in Room 178	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Disc Golf is growing all over the world. It is a lot of fun. It is also typically free to play and the sport continues to grow both at an amateur level and professionally. We are an intramural disc golf team, meaning we will mostly be playing against our own team, but we may play against one other school at the end of the season. Start Date: 9/3/25 End Date: 11/11/25			

<u>Dungeons & Dragons and Gaming Club</u>	Solomon and Snyder	Thursdays in Room 225	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Dungeons and Dragons is a fantasy role-playing game. Players create a character and embark on imaginary adventures, using the roll of a dice to determine the outcome of the character's choices. Students may opt to play other games including RPG's. Beginners are welcome. Start Date: 9/4/25			
<u>Improv Club</u>	Kavanaugh	Tuesdays in Room 140	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Improv Club is a fun, welcoming space where you can explore creativity, quick thinking, and teamwork through improv games and activities. You will practice building scenes on the spot, learning to listen, and supporting others. No pressure—just laughter, imagination, and a chance to try something new every week! Start Date: 9/2/25			
<u>International Affairs Club (Model UN)</u>	Solomon	Tuesday in Room 225	7:40 - 8:15
<u>Description:</u> Join Model United Nations and become a delegate representing another country. We will explore global issues and problems. The club culminates in May with a General Assembly with students from middle schools around St. Louis. Check in with Mr. Solomon for the day of the week. Note: This club will meet on Tuesday mornings. Start Date: 9/17/25			

<u>Jewish Student Union</u>	Beattie	Wednesdays in Room 117	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Jewish Student Union is open to students of all backgrounds. We discuss topics that are relevant to middle school through a Jewish lens. Start Date: 9/10/25			
<u>Magic the Gathering Club</u>	Blackwell	Thursday in Room 140	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Do you love strategy, creativity and epic battles? Join the Magic: The Gathering Club! Whether you're brand new to the game or already a skilled planeswalker, this is the place to learn, play, and share your love of MTG with friends. We'll teach the basics, practice with good sportsmanship, and build decks that show off your style! Come cast spells, summon creatures, and discover the fun of one of the worlds most popular trading card games! Start Date: 9/18/25			
<u>Pokemon Club</u>	Kee	Wednesdays in Room 135	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Do you enjoy Pokemon? Do you love to battle others in the card game or enjoy trading? Or do you prefer making Pokemon art? Have you checked out Pokeduku or Pokemon infinite? What about Pokemon Puzzles? Play Pokemon Go or on the Switch? This is the club where we can do anything you want with Pokemon! Come with experience or none, we can teach you and have fun together! Our goal is to build friendships and community with others that love Pokemon! Start Date: 9/10/25			

<u>Prism</u>	Griffith/ Puerto	**Wednesdays in Room 127**	3:15 – 4:15
<u>Description:</u> PRISM – Pride, Respect, Inclusivity, Support, and Mentorship – We are a safe space for LGBTQ+ and allies. **Meetings will be on Wednesdays first quarter, but possibly switch the days each quarter to include anyone who can't attend Wednesdays.** Start Date: 9/10/25			
<u>Scholar Bowl</u>	Blank	Tuesdays in Room 232	3:15 – 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Do you like fun facts & trivia? Watch Jeopardy or play Trivial Pursuit? Then, Scholar Bowl is for you! Scholar Bowl is a competitive academic activity in which teams of students buzz in with a buzzer system to answer questions on history, literature, science, math, sports, pop culture, and more. Start Date: 9/30/25 End Date: 5/20/26			
<u>Scouting America Troop 21B</u>	Coscia	Tuesdays	7:00 – 8:30
<u>Description:</u> Established in 1919, Troop 21 is one of the oldest and most active Boy Scout troops in the Greater St. Louis Area Council. We believe in growth through travel, giving students in our troop unrivaled opportunities to see the world. Troop 21 is a boy-led troop: our committed adult leaders mentor the scouts as they lead the troop and its patrols. https://troop21clayton.org/ Troop meets on Main Street. Start Date: 9/2/25			
<u>Scouting America Troop 21G</u>	Sieband	Tuesdays	7:00 – 8:30
<u>Description:</u> Established in 2022, Troop 21G is one of the first Scout BSA Girls Troops in the Greater St. Louis Area Council. Does your girl have a pioneering spirit and a sense of adventure? Join us as we go hiking, camping, horseback riding, rock climbing and more–and maybe even make the journey all the way to Eagle Scout! http://www.troop21girls.org/ Troop meets in the Library. Start Date: 9/2/25			

<u>Social Justice Book Club</u>	LaPierre	Thursdays in Room 139	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Part of being a Wydown Greyhound is working for equity, empathy, and social justice in our school and our community. The Social Justice Book Club is a book club that will focus on anti-racist fiction in order to engage in productive dialogue, better understand racism, and learn how to advocate and take action against it. Each month we will read a new book and discuss the author's influences for writing it and its connections to current events. We will have a Literacy Salon-style meeting for the book at the last meeting of the month. Come to read, question, grow, and become empowered--this club is open to all students and faculty. Start Date: 9/11/25			
<u>Student Council (StuCo)</u>	Pautsch/ Marino	Wednesdays in Library	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Student Council is a space for all students to share their voice to ensure that Wydown is a place where ALL students feel like they belong. Student Council will provide student perspectives on new policies, changes, concerns, or innovations. They will also be responsible for planning and facilitating school pep rallies, spirit weeks, school-wide celebrations, and school dances. If you have school spirit or ideas for how to make Wydown even more amazing, StuCo is the place for you! To join StuCo, you must complete the StuCo application, including submitting recommendations from 3 teachers. Returning members need only to submit the Returning Member application. Returning member StuCo Application New Member StuCo Application Start Date: 9/3/25			
<u>Christian Club</u>	Thompson	Thursdays in Room 215	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> The Christian Club is a place for students to discuss Biblical topics, play games, eat food, and build relationships with other like-minded peers. Start Date: 9/10/25			

<u>The Y (Student Magazine)</u>	TBD	Wednesdays in location TBD	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> The Y is a student-produced newsmagazine, conceived, produced, and distributed for the Wydown student body and broader community. No sponsor as of yet. Start Date: TBD			
<u>Y Tutor</u>	Blank	Wednesday & Thursday in Room 232	3:15 - 4:15
Y Tutor is a program where students from Wash U walk over to mentor our students by providing homework help and/or supporting them with complex projects. Parents indicate interest via Google Form at the beginning of the semester, and chosen students are paired with a tutor for the whole semester. Signup deadline is September 19 Start Date: 10/22/25			

Performing Arts

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>
<u>Fall Play - "Elf Jr. The Musical"</u>	Engelmeyer, Deanes, Urvan, & Kuhn
<u>Description:</u> 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, sound crew, or production assistants). For the latest information, please go to http://wydowntheatre.com or visit the theatre callboard next to the drama room for more information. There will be a required informational meeting for all students interested in participating. Please check with instructors for deadline dates.	

<u>Fiddle Club</u>	Day
<u>Description:</u> Students will learn traditional fiddle music and create their own compositions. This will be a more casual setting than our typical orchestra class and a fun way for students to explore some different styles of music. We will begin meeting on Thursday during Pack.	
<u>Greyhound Sound (Acapella Ensemble)</u>	Urvan
<u>Description:</u> The Greyhound Sound is a singing ensemble that performs contemporary acapella and vocal jazz music. All students are welcome to audition and information about this opportunity will be provided to all students beginning in September and meeting on Wednesdays and Thursdays.	
<u>Jazz Ensemble</u>	Perry
<u>Description:</u> The Jazz Band is an auditioned group of musicians made up of currently enrolled 6th, 7th and 8th grade band students. Occasionally, Mr. Perry will hold auditions for students that are not currently enrolled in band for vacancies in the rhythm section. Auditions are held in May during PACK time. See Mr. Perry for audition information in the fine arts office. Students will learn many different jazz styles as well as basic improvisation techniques. The Jazz Band meets for the entire school year beginning in September. Jazz Band meets before school Tuesday and Friday mornings from 7:30 am – 8:20 am. The Jazz Band is open to instruments including Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Drum Set, Vibes, Piano, Guitar, and Bass Guitar.	

<u>Junior Thespians</u>	Engelmeyer & Deanes
Description: WMS Jr. Theatre honors society. Students become members through eligible theatre work. We hold an annual induction ceremony each spring. Students involved will be contacted by the sponsors regarding events and troupe opportunities. Please visit http://wydowntheatre.com/thespians/ for more details.	
<u>Middle School Drumline</u>	Petti
Description: This is an extracurricular activity that is only open to current 7th and 8th Grade Percussionists in the Wydown Bands. We will be learning and performing music in a drumline setting and will potentially perform at Clayton sporting events in the community.	
<u>Winter Production - "Between the Lines Jr."</u>	Engelmeyer, Miller, Urvan, Kroon, & Kastner
Description: 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. Please check with instructors for deadline dates. Dates and requirements will be discussed at the meeting. For the latest information, please go to http://wydowntheatre.com or visit the theatre callboard next to the drama room for more information.	
<u>Tri-M Music Honors Society</u>	Day, Holm & Urvan
Description: Tri-M is a national honor society that recognizes and rewards student musicians. Students from the band, choir, orchestra come together to organize and perform community service projects. To be eligible for Tri-M you must: be in 7th or 8th grade, be enrolled in band, choir, or orchestra for at least 1 semester, and have an "A" average in music classes and a "B" average overall. For more information, email Mrs. Day (carolynday@claytonschoools.net) or Mr. Urvan (nicholasurvan@claytonschoools.net).	

<u>ViBravo/Vivace Orchestras</u>	Holy & Wood
<u>Description:</u> ViBravo Orchestra is an auditioned orchestra that meets after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The orchestra is composed of elementary students all the way to 7th grade. This is an option for students that want a challenge. The orchestra meets all year. There are auditions in August and the end of March. Vivace Orchestra is an auditioned orchestra that meets after school on Tuesdays. The orchestra is composed of elementary students all the way to 6th grade. This is an option for students that want a challenge. The orchestra meets all year. There are auditions in August and the end of March. Students that participate in ViBravo and Vivace must be enrolled in orchestra during the day.	
<u>Wind Ensemble</u>	Holm
<u>Description:</u> 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 7:30 a.m. beginning in September 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. Performance Dates are required as noted on the Fine Arts Calendar and in the Band Handbook. Thursday Rehearsals (all year) beginning in September. 7:30 - 8:15 a.m.	

Wydown Middle School
Interdistrict and Intramural Sports
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 and/or absent from the school day they may not participate in practice and/or games the day of the suspension.

***The most up to date information regarding Inter-district and Intramural Sports can be found in the weekly [Hounds Happenings](#) email from [Coach Schneiderhahn](#).**

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