



WYDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

AFTER-SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES BOOKLET

2024 - 2025

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	Tuesdays	3:15 - 4:15 (Through 2/29)
<p><u>Description:</u> Wydown's Math Club and Competition Mathematics Team compete in local, state, and national competitions. We practice every Wednesday in Room 125 from 3:15-4:15 pm.</p> <p>All students are encouraged to join as long as they are hard-working, independent thinkers who have a desire to be better at competitive mathematics. Students can join anytime through the school year.</p> <p>Start Date: 9/3/24</p>			
<u>Think Tank (Academic Support)</u>	Various Teachers	Varied	3:15 - 4:15
<p><u>Description:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boeyink will provide Math Support for students in 7th grade. - Tuesdays & Wednesdays • Harkins will provide academic support to any team's students. - 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 <p>Start Date: 9/3/24</p>			
<u>Science Olympiad Tournament Team</u>	TBD	TBD	3:15 - 4:15
<p><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.</p> <p>Start Date: TBD</p>			

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 Cafe 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: 9/5/24 End Date: 12/19/24			
<u>Art Club</u>	Birhanu	Thursdays in Room 129	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Art Club is an opportunity for students at Wydown to connect and be in community through art. We will follow a choice based model and students are allowed to utilize most materials in the class to their liking. There will not be projects assigned. This will be an open studio for any interested student in the building. Please join our Google Classroom here: nirala for updates throughout the year. Art Club will be meeting three Thursdays a month. Room 268 Start Date: 9/12/24			
<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: 9/9/24 End Date: 2/10/25			

<u>Chess Club</u>	Mangalam, Milchanowski, & Minute	Thursdays in 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: 9/12/24			
<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: 9/5/24			
<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: 9/9/24			

<u>Comic Con</u>	Thompson	Wednesdays in Room 215	3:15 - 4:15
<p><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</p> <p>Start Date: 9/5/24</p>			
<u>Disc Golf Club</u>	Schneider	Tuesdays in Room 178	3:15 - 4:15
<p><u>Description:</u> Students will learn about and participate in the sport of disc golf. We will meet once per week where we will learn skills, form and the game rules and will practice these skills at Concordia park. Hopefully we will be able to travel to a local course during the season so we can play a true round of disc golf. Room 178</p> <p>Start Date: 9/3/24 End Date: 11/5/24</p>			
<u>Dungeons & Dragons and Gaming Club</u>	Solomon and Snyder	Thursdays in Room 225	3:15 - 4:15
<p><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 welcome.</p> <p>Start Date: 9/3/24</p>			

<u>Harry Potter Club</u>	Warner	Tuesdays in Room 273	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> <p>Join us for an enchanting journey into the wizarding world! Our Harry Potter Movie Club invites all fans of magic, adventure, and friendship to come together and explore the beloved film series. Each week, we'll watch Harry Potter movies and talk about our favorite moments, characters, and more. Whether you're a Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff, or Ravenclaw, everyone is welcome!</p> <p>Start Date: 10/29/24</p>			
<u>Improv Club</u>	Kavanaugh	Tuesdays in Room 140	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> <p>Join us in Improv Club to explore the awesome world of Improvisational Comedy! Sixth grade students will work on improv skills while having lots of laughs! Improv is a team sport where students can take chances in a safe, supportive environment. Mistakes are part of the process!! This club will meet once a week.</p> <p>Start Date: 9/10/24</p>			
<u>International Affairs Club (Model UN)</u>	Solomon	Wednesdays in Room 225	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> <p>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.</p> <p>Start Date: 9/18/24</p>			

<u>Origami Club</u>	Blank	Thursdays in Room 232	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Learn to fold different origami figures and how it relates to math and science. Start Date: 9/28			
<u>Pokemon Club</u>	Kee	Mondays in Room 135	3:15 - 4:15
<u>Description:</u> Kids will come to battle their Pokémon decks and talk all things Pokémon. Start Date: 9/9/24			
<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: 9/3/24			
<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: 9/3/24			

<u>Social Justice Book Club</u>	LaPierre	Thursdays in Room 139	3:15 – 4:15
<p><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 reads a variety of middle-grade and YA literature, mainly fiction centered on economic, political, & social rights in order to engage in productive dialogue, better understand inequity, and learn how to advocate and take action against it. Each month we 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.</p> <p>Start Date: 9/19/24</p>			
<u>Student Council (StuCo)</u>	Pautsch	Wednesdays in Room 232	3:15 – 4:15
<p><u>Description:</u> Are you interested in becoming a leader within our school community? Join Wydown's 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 and activities throughout the year, so come join in the fun! You must fill out an application to be considered for membership – see Dr. Pautsch for more information, and click here to apply.</p> <p>Start Date: 9/11/24</p>			
<u>The Y (Student Magazine)</u>	Purcell	Wednesdays in the Library	3:15 – 4:15
<p><u>Description:</u> The Y is a student-produced newsmagazine, conceived, produced, and distributed for the Wydown student body and broader community.</p> <p>Start Date: 9/11/24</p>			

Performing Arts

Name	Sponsor(s)
<u>Fall Play - “This Murder was Staged”</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.	
<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 Wednesdays in September.	
<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>	Holm
<p>Description: The Jazz Band is an auditioned group of musicians made up of currently enrolled 6th, 7th and 8th grade band students. Occasionally, Mrs. Holm 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 Mrs. Holm for audition information in the fine arts office.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<u>Junior Thespians</u>	Engelmeyer & Deanes
<p>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.</p>	
<u>Middle School Drumline</u>	Petti
<p>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.</p>	

<u>Spring Musical - “The Lightning Thief, the Percy Jackson Musical”</u>	Engelmeyer, Miller, Urvan, Kroon, & Kastner
<u>Description:</u> 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 13, 2024. 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
<u>Description:</u> 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.	

Wind Ensemble	Holm
<p><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.</p>	

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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