

## **Clubs/Activities at UMS for 2018-2019**

### **Melodies - After School Treble Choir – Ms. Makvana**

Melodies is a select treble choir that meets primarily after school from 3:05pm - 4:30pm in C104. The group is open to all treble voices throughout the school and performs in two concerts during the year. A brief audition will take place in late September. Club runs from 9/25/18 - 6/4/19. Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/mtsd.us/ums-choirs/home>

### **Art & Photo Club – Mrs. Ehnert**

The MUMS Art and Photo Club is open to all students who love Art! Meetings are held 2x a month from 3pm - 4pm on Wednesdays in C102 and monthly themes will be announced soon! Each meeting will allow students the opportunity to work with a variety of different Art media. Digital photography focused meetings will allow students to use their creativity to explore photographic visual imagery with the digital technology of today. They will also gain a greater understanding of how to learn to take high quality pictures with their cell phones that rival top digital cameras of today! Art and Photo club is a safe and relaxed environment where exploration of individual ideas and creativity is encouraged. Students will be able to work independently, as well as work on large scale group projects like murals, sculptures, and musical scenery. Additional dates will be added to assist in the painting of Musical scenery in the winter. Club runs from 9/26/18 - 6/12/19. Website: <https://sites.google.com/mtsd.us/ehmert/art-club?authuser=0>

### **CLAW Newspaper – Ms. Tiu**

As members of The CLAW newspaper staff, students practice the craft of journalism in its many forms, with the goal of producing at least three publications throughout the year. The CLAW seeks to publish polished works in the following genres: school news writing, opinion/editorial writing, feature writing, sports & arts writing, and works of graphic & visual art. The CLAW club will meet on alternate Wednesdays from 3pm - 4pm in B114 and runs from 9/26/18 - 6/12/19.

### **Techsters the Tech Club – Mrs. Markmann**

During Techsters Computer Club we will explore new technologies and learn new programming skills. Meet fellow 7th and 8th graders who are also interested in technology. Meet guest speakers who come to our club meetings to share their expertise in technology. Members will explore artificial intelligence and how to gain new tech skills. Club begins January 2019. Meeting day to be determined.

### **Debate Team – Ms. Kevorkian and Mr. Scarpa**

**Eighth-grade students** are invited to audition for the UMS Debate Team. Students learn to assess controversial issues and then argue a position, a process which includes researching, writing, and preparing oral arguments. Additionally, they write formal legislative bills. This club requires focus and dedication, but also is a lot of fun. Information packets detailing the club and the audition requirements will be available in October - listen for announcements. The Debate Team meets on Tuesdays in B114 from November through March from 3:05pm - 4:15pm. Attendance is mandatory.

### **FIRST Lego League Robotics Team – Ms. Yip**

FIRST Lego League is an international competition where teams program a robot (using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® ) to score points on a thematic playing surface, create innovative solutions to a problem, all while being guided by the FLL Core Values. These three elements - the Robot Game, Project, and FLL Core Values - make up the yearly Challenge that focuses on a different real-world problem related to the sciences. The FLL team will participate in one or more tournaments. Please check the website at: <http://montyumsrobotics.weebly.com> The FLL team will meet from 3pm - 5pm on Thursdays, Fridays, and varied times on Saturdays. Club runs from September through November in room E101. See website for specific details.

### **Interact Club – Mr. Regner**

The Interact Club is a community service organization which meets on Thursdays from 3pm - 4pm in B214 approximately 3 times per month through the school year. Students plan and coordinate all school community service projects. Interact is open to all and there are no requirements to join. The club is the school branch of the Montgomery Rotary Club. Meetings will be announced in school. Club runs from 9/25/18 - 6/6/19.

### **Intramural Basketball – Mr. Ramsay**

This is a chance to learn some new basketball skills, play as a team, meet new people and have some fun! New teams are made each session and no experience is necessary. Intramural Basketball will meet in the gym on **Wednesdays** in the spring from 3pm - 4pm.

### **Intramural Flag Football – Mr. Ramsay**

Flag Football is a fall club. Games are played outside rain or shine, unless the weather is extreme or dangerous for play. Team sizes range from 5 to 10 students, depending on the number of teams. Teams are formed the first few weeks of play. A student must have a signed permission slip to play. Each student should make a commitment to play whenever his or her team is playing. Flag Football meets on **Wednesdays** for 10 weeks in the fall from 3pm - 4pm.

### **Intramural Ultimate Frisbee – Mr. Regner**

Ultimate Frisbee is a no coaches, no referees sport that was created by high school students from Columbia High School in Maplewood, NJ. Come play and learn the sport of Ultimate Frisbee, soon to be an Olympic sport. Emphasis is on fair play, not winning. Students who like athletics but don't like the more organized/aggressive sports are encouraged to join. This club is open to all, come as often or as little as you like. Ultimate Frisbee meets on Wednesdays in the spring from 3pm - 4pm.

### **Intramural Volleyball – Mrs. Giunta**

Volleyball is an intramural sport that is open to all, no experience is necessary. The club covers the basics of the game including serving, bumping and setting. The majority of the time is dedicated to playing the game and having fun. Regular participation is required by the advisor. Students will be playing games against fellow students at UMS. Volleyball meets on Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays in the fall from 3pm - 4pm.

### **Jazz Band – Mr. Mazurkiewicz**

This is an audition-only after school ensemble that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays in room F102 from 3:00pm - 4:30pm. This award-winning ensemble is a high-energy band that performs at festivals and concerts throughout the year. This ensemble is open to all UMS students who play Drum Set, Bass, Guitar, Piano, Trumpet, Trombone and Saxophone. Auditions are in late September. The jazz band calendar will be posted with the audition materials on Mr. M's website. Jazz band will not conflict with other extra curricular music ensembles. Club runs from 10/4 - 6/2.

### **MathCounts – Ms. Donovan**

MathCounts is a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement in every US state and territory. MathCounts is one of the most successful education partnerships involving volunteers, educators, industry sponsors and students. MathCounts is open to 7th and 8th graders who enjoy math, like to solve math problems, and meet other students with this common interest. MathCounts meets in B215 on Wednesdays, October through March from 2:55pm - 3:55pm. Specific dates are listed on the website. If you decide you want to try out for the competition team, you should go to the Montgomery MathCounts website to sign up: <http://montgomerymathcounts.weebly.com/>

### **Science Olympiad – Ms. Butler and Ms. Molinaro**

The Science Olympiad is a national organization that promotes science learning and competition. The UMS team is selected based on set criteria in September and includes 7th, 8th and 9th graders. Students should attend an informational meeting, complete an application and submit it to one of the coaches in early September. Students will also be required to take a test(s) to show their science aptitude. Science Olympiad meets after school in room E102 on Tuesdays and Thursdays (from 3pm - 4:15pm) and occasional Saturdays throughout the school year, beginning in late September. Regional and State competitions occur in January and March respectively.

### **Stage Crew –**

If you want to be a part of the play production but do not want to be center stage, then stage crew might be for you. Stage crew is always busy backstage during the show. Sets need to be moved into place during scene changes and props need to be ready for actors who are entering the stage. Stage crew is the group that will call the cast from their dressing rooms for each scene. Critical components of the stage need to be operate such as the main curtain and house lights. Stage crew is in charge of keeping a safe and orderly stage before, during and after the show. Stage crew is a fun club to be a part of and you get to see your hard work through the final production. Stage Crew begins in January.

### **Student Council – Ms Donovan and Ms. Horowitz**

The Student Council at UMS sponsors many school wide events. Student Council runs fundraisers throughout the school year. Student Council sponsors the dances and plans Spirit/Red Ribbon Week. Other activities include being guides at Back to School Night, preparing gifts for Teacher Appreciation Week, sponsors the 8th grade end of year t-shirts and various other activities depending on the Student Council's needs. In order to join, you must fill out an application and submit it to Ms. Horowitz in the first few weeks of school. Most applicants are accepted unless there are too many applicants. Students new during the school year can speak to Ms Horowitz regarding membership opportunities. Student Council meets from 3pm - 4pm on Thursdays in B208 approximately 2-3 times a month, depending on the current project, throughout the school year.

### **UMS Spring Musical – Mr. Accardi**

Each year the UMS music department invites any and all students to participate in a full-length, Broadway style musical. There are opportunities for being on stage; working backstage; playing in the orchestra; building and painting scenery; making costumes; creating publicity posters; and working with the sound and lighting technology. No previous experience is necessary. Auditions for actors are usually held in early December. All students that plan to audition will be taught a song, scene, and dance prior to their audition. Rehearsals will begin in December for the instrumentalists and the actors. Set construction, art and technology work begins in January. All rehearsals are after school and require regular attendance. The performances are scheduled in March. The Spring Musical practices begin on late fall after school through the production dates in early March.

### **Wind Ensemble - Mr. Mazurkiewicz**

This is an audition-only after school ensemble that meets from October through May. This ensemble is for band students interested in playing more advanced band literature and performs at festivals and concerts throughout the year. Students must be enrolled in band class to participate. Auditions are in late September. The wind ensemble calendar will be posted with the audition materials on Mr. M's website. Wind ensemble will not conflict with other extra curricular music ensembles.

### **Yearbook Club – Mrs. Kallens**

The Yearbook Club designs and produces the annual Upper Middle School yearbook. Activities include planning, design, artwork, photography, writing, editing and proofreading. The Yearbook Club is open to all students in 7th and 8th grade who enjoy writing, photography, and art. The Yearbook Club meets throughout the school year on Wednesdays in B107 with regular meetings beginning on 10/31/18. An informational meeting will be held after school on 9/26...come check it out!

### **Yoga Club – Ms. Lachenauer**

The UMS Yoga Club will practice yoga, yoga games, meditation, and mindfulness exercises to help us stay in the present moment and be the best versions of ourselves. No experience is necessary and we have yoga mats for you! Just bring yourself--just as you are! Yoga Club meets from 3pm - 4pm once a month on Thursdays in B116 or the Media Center.

### **Select Orchestra– Miss Yavorsky**

Select Orchestra is an audition-only after school ensemble open to 7th and 8th grade orchestra members who are looking for more challenging advanced repertoire. Select Orchestra will rehearse in C103 on Wednesdays from October through May from 3pm - 4:15pm, with auditions taking place during flex in September. Attendance is mandatory, but time can be split between Select Orchestra and other Wednesday-only clubs, sports, and activities. Club runs from 10/4/18 - 5/22/19. Check the board in the orchestra room for more details!



