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# We've Got Something for Everyone!

## CLUBS

In addition to our athletic team offerings, we are pleased to announce that we will again offer the opportunity for students to join a variety of after-school clubs. These extra-curricular activities provide a wonderful chance for students to discover new interests and meet students from other grades. We hope you'll consider joining one of the clubs listed below.

The **Math Club** is open to all 7th and 8th graders and invited 6th graders. Mrs. Kruger, Mr. Kennedy, and Mrs. Haberstroh give students who enjoy the challenge of math and want to expand their knowledge beyond the classroom lessons an opportunity to do so. Math Club uses MATHCOUNTS materials. The mission of MATHCOUNTS is to increase the enthusiasm for and enhance achievement in middle school mathematics throughout the United States. To coincide with its 25th anniversary, MATHCOUNTS has launched a new Club Program. Depending on the level of student and teacher involvement, a school may receive a recognition plaque or banner and be entered into a drawing for prizes. Math Club meets each Thursday from 3:15 until 4:15 beginning September 13th during the first semester. If Math Club is for you, please return the permission slip by Friday, September 7th.

The **Stock Market Club** meets during the spring months and is for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The club utilizes the Stock Market Game which is a simulation game for the United States Stock Market. The competition was developed to promote a better understanding of the Financial Investment System and how it works. The simulation is geared to helping students understand how to trade in the stock market. They also learn the costs and benefits involved in economic decision making, buyers and market demand, sellers and market supply, and sources and uses of capital. While working in teams, the students have fun and learn some of the mechanics of investing. Mrs. Kruger, Mrs. Haberstroh and Mr. Kennedy work with both the **Math Club** and the **Stock Market Club**.

The **Battle of the Books** is a reading competition program for students in grades 4 - 6. This year, the **Saint Jude Student Book Club** will focus on the assigned books from the **Battle of the Books** list. The Book Club will begin meeting later this winter, closer to the February battles. Details to be announced.

The **Spanish Club**, under the direction of Mrs. Shanebrook will meet for approximately eight Mondays in the spring and is open to students in grades 5 - 8. Those in the club will have an opportunity to experience Spanish culture, language, food and art. There are plans to include guest speakers and an outing to a Spanish restaurant as part of the activities.

From Monday, September 24th and each Monday through November 12th, students in grades 5 - 8 may participate in the school's **Environmental Club**. Monday meetings will be from 3:20 - 4:00 in the Niemer Science Lab. Ecology and the environment will be the focus for this group. Mrs. Hackett will be working with the students.

**Lego Club** is open to students in grades 4 and 5. Students who join the Lego Club meet with Mrs. Kowalski and Miss Crivello. Details for sign-up will be in the newsletter at a later date. Those interested are encouraged to sign up immediately as membership is limited. Joining the club is a great way to have fun while building fantastic creations. The final event for the group will be a Lego Competition, tentatively scheduled for February. The exact date has yet to be determined. With a group the size of our club, we're always grateful for any donations of your old Legos.

We're still working out the details for the **Chess Club**. This club will be open to students in grades 1 - 8. We are in need of a moderator for supervision and to set up the arrangements with Mr. Arlen Walker of the Milwaukee Chess Club. This club is both for the novice and the seasoned players.

The **Saint Jude Children's Choir** is open to students in grades 3 - 8. The group will meet Wednesdays from 6:30 until 7:20. Under the direction of Mr. Jim Pluer will offer liturgical music at one of the Masses every other weekend and at special feasts and seasonal events.

Also in the works is the **Bowling Club** which will meet once a week. Exact dates to be determined. The club will be open to students in grades 1 through 8. We are looking for two parent coordinators to help Mrs. Heller with this club.



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Under the direction of Mr. Tim Karth and under the sponsorship of Pius XI High School, individual and small group **Instrumental Band Lessons** will be offered at Saint Jude the Apostle School. Lessons will be given on Wednesdays at Saint Jude School. The large group lessons will be held immediately after school. Also, please see the flyer which accompanied last week's newsletter. Those interested should plan to attend the Information and Registration Night which will be held at Pius XI High School on Wednesday, September 5th, at 6:30 in Band Room 609.

The **Saint Jude Student Council** will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month beginning later in September. The students in this group plan and implement civic and social activities throughout the school year. Initiatives are determined on a yearly basis depending on the ever-changing needs of the school and community. The moderator for the Student Council is Mrs. Paula Bond.

Training for **Altar Servers** begins in fifth grade. Students are given regular service assignments for weekend Masses. Once a student joins the server program, a note from a parent is required to withdraw. Additional duties and responsibilities will be explained during the server training sessions which are directed by Miss Beverly Kreul.

**Forensics** is the process of speaking to a group of people in a structured, deliberate manner intended to inform, influence, or entertain the listeners. The art and science of public speaking is known as forensics. We anticipate offering a Forensics Club this year. Under the direction of Mrs. Cathy Richter and open to students in grades 6, 7 and 8, the group will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 11th, from 3:15 until 4:00 for students and interested parents.

We are pleased to offer a new club this year that should be of interest to both students and adults. Mrs. Maggie Kowalski will direct a **Fitness/Yoga Class** this fall. Details with times, dates and sign-up procedures to follow. This class will be open to adults and children, with a limit of approximately 20 people.

We hope all parents will encourage their child(ren) to join at least one of these extra-curricular clubs. We offer these as an opportunity for all to get involved in activities outside the structured school day. As well as meeting new friends from other grades, we feel these activities offer opportunities for students to learn the values of teamwork, individual and group responsibility, physical strength and endurance, competition, and a sense of culture and community. Extracurricular activities provide a channel for reinforcing the lessons learned in the classroom, offering students the opportunity to apply academic skills in a real-world context, and are thus considered part of a well-rounded education. Except for the Bowling Club and the Chess Club, there are no fees for the other clubs unless a special outing would incur extra expenses. Sign-up sheets will be available in the homerooms.

In addition to the clubs, students may also sign up for the **Art Classes** offered by Mrs. Maribeth Mullen.. Wednesday sections are for students in grades 4K through Grade 4. Watch for information and registration forms which are published on a regular basis.



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