

KMS Clubs and Activities 2019-2020

Dear KMS Students:

Below, you will find a list of clubs and activities that will be offered during the 2019-20 school year. Activity buses will run Monday – Friday at 5:55 p.m. with the exception of during interscholastic tryouts. If a parent is not present at 5:55 p.m., the child will be placed on the activity bus. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Makowski, Student Activities Coordinator, at 648-4700.

Academic Challenge (Ms. Houchins)

Academic Challenge is a jeopardy-style trivia team that competes against other schools. Students in 6th, 7th & 8th grade are invited to try out for the team at the beginning of the second nine weeks grading period. Matches and practices are held after school during the season, which runs from Nov.-Jan. Announcements will be made prior to the start of the season regarding an informational meeting & tryouts.

Art Club (Ms. Tatro)

If you are interested in being a part of the KMS art club stop by the Art Room (132) and fill out the interest form on the door. Meeting time and information to come out shortly. You don't have to be in art class to be in the art club! Art club will be student led and its sure to be a fun time! "Let's get a little crazy here" -Bob Ross

Band (Mr. Gauldin)

Beginning Band - This group includes 1st year instrumentalists and select students from the 7th and 8th grade bands. They perform at both the Winter and Spring concerts. All 6th grade and 7th grade beginners are required to be a part of this group, with minimal rehearsals outside of the school day prior to each performance.

Festival Band - Members of this elite group include 8th grade advanced students, as well as up and coming 7th graders who show a great deal of musicianship and responsibility throughout the first half of the school year. The group begins after school rehearsals in January to prepare for the District II VBODA adjudicated festival on the weekend of March. Attendance is required. It is an extreme honor to be involved in this ensemble.

Pep Band - Pep band is offered to any student currently enrolled in the 7th grade intermediate or 8th grade concert band. The pep band performs for the home football games and spirit parades.

Battle of the Books (Mrs. Sutterluety)

Join our first-ever KMS Battle of the Books team! This is the first year that all middle schools will participate in the classic reading challenge. Mrs. Sutterluety will provide all of the titles. We will begin meeting in November.

Board Game Club (Mr. McKay & Mr. Sollner)

Do you enjoy playing Monopoly, Checkers, Connect 4 and many other games? Then join us on Wednesdays after school during the 2nd nine weeks. Grab a friend and let's play games, laugh and just have some plain old fun!

CAM Club (Mrs. Sutterluety)

Cosplay, Anime, and Manga enthusiasts – this club is for you! We meet monthly, on Mondays, during lunches, in the KMS Library. This is an informal group of fangirls, K-POP lovers, Manga readers, amateur anime artists, and more. We have activities, guest speakers, and - most importantly – a chance to mingle with fellow fans. Listen to the morning announcements for specific dates.

Chorus (Ms. German)

KMS Chorus – All chorus students participate in Winter and Spring concerts, field trips & other performances. Rehearsals before concerts are expected.

Madrigals (KMS Honors Choir) - KMS advanced students who are enrolled in chorus for the year and maintain an A average can audition in December, for our KMS Honors Choir called Madrigals. This is a mixed choir of talented young musicians with soprano, alto, tenor & baritone voice ranges. These students rehearse a variety of music appropriate for concerts, community performances & school assemblies.

Debate (Mrs. Bailey)

Debate is an interscholastic activity in which students' debate about a variety of topics using the Public Forum format. The debate season begins January 28th and continues through March 16th when we compete in the city debate championship. Students who are interested or even curious are invited to attend tryouts after school. There will be announced pre-season meeting to introduce students to the debate format and share more information regarding tryouts.

Diversity Club (Mr. Whitley)

The Diversity Club helps promote awareness of differences among members of the Kempsville Middle School Community while also acknowledging that, ultimately, we are all inherently the same. Through this recognition, a better understanding will help create a more harmonious school environment. The initial meeting of this club will take place on Thursday, Sept. 26th. Future meeting times will be posted on the school website in the very near future.

Flag Team/Color Guard (Ms. Tatro)

Come out and be apart of the KMS Color Guard/Flag team! We will practice 2 times a week afterschool on Monday and Wednesdays. Students would need to ride an activity bus or be picked up after practice. The team will perform at the KMS home football games in September and October. We will have an interest and workout meeting on 9/9. If you have any questions please come see Ms. Tatro in the art room (132). No experience is required! Come on out and have some fun learning and performing rag twirls with the KMS Color Guard!

Forensics (Mrs. Marchand)

If you enjoy performing, debate, poetry, prose, writing persuasive speeches, or speaking in front of people, Forensics is for you. Forensics is a competitive speaking sport, where members will compete against other schools in a variety of categories. Students on the team will be chosen to compete in categories ranging from the humorous to serious, and more. Tryouts will begin March 23rd with specific topic tryout and practice dates TBA. The tournament will be Thursday, May 14th at 5:30 PM.

Green Team (Mrs. Bowles)

The Green Team is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Our goal is to connect with nature through positive learning experiences which will benefit ourselves, our environment, and wildlife in our community. Through various projects and activities, students will gain an understanding of the environment and his/her place in it. The club will be actively and physically involved with nature. Possible projects include: planting gardens, recyclable crafts, expanding the school recycling program, and participation in community programs. Monthly meetings will be held after school on Wednesdays beginning September 11th. The meeting dates for the 1st semester are October 16, November 13, December 11 & January 15.

Interscholastic Sports

In order to participate in the interscholastic sports program, students must have a MSL physical (Rev. June 2017 form on file with the Student Activities Coordinator, Lisa Makowski).

- Winter I: Boys & Girls Basketball
- Winter II: Girls Volleyball & Wrestling
- Spring: Boys Baseball, Girls Field Hockey, Girls Softball & Boys and Girls Track

Intramurals:

In order to participate in the Intramurals program, students must have a MSL physical form (Revised June 2017) on file with the Student Activities Coordinator.

Baseball (Mr. McDowell & Mr. Spruill) –

Baseball Intramurals is open to all students desiring to develop their fundamental baseball skills during the 2nd nine weeks after school. Emphasis will be placed on hitting mechanics utilizing the indoor batting cage. Conditioning, stretching and game strategies will also be explored.

Football (Mr. Brown) –

Spring football conditioning is 2-3 days a week during the 4th nine weeks. Students will participate in football drills and skills for condition in preparation for the fall tryouts. Highly recommended for any student interested in football.

Volleyball (Mrs. Garcia) –

Volleyball intramurals is open to all students who wish to develop the fundamental skills during the 1st nine weeks after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Wrestling (Mr. Brown) –

Wrestling will allow you to learn the skills and techniques required to be a champion on the mat. Wrestling will also develop your strength, conditioning, and discipline, helping you to be a champion on and off the mat. Wrestling intramurals will be held after school October through mid-January.

Ladies' Club (Mrs. Chesson)

The Ladies Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month starting in October. We work on social skills and how to reach your potential in school as well as perform service projects for the staff at Kempsville Middle School. All members from last year are invited back and other interested girls are welcome to join.

NJHS (Mrs. Coronato)

The purpose of the National Junior Honor Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship. Students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in these areas and have a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative grade point average will be invited to apply. Applications are given to potential inductees during the second semester and are due back to the sponsor in late March. The Faculty Council will render their decisions and the honor will be bestowed upon selected candidates during the Induction Ceremony in April.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in room 116 during lunch. Our first meeting will be September 24, 2019. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Coronato.

Orchestra (Mr. McConnell)

As a participant in the Kempsville Middle School Orchestras you will have the opportunity to attend afterschool rehearsals in which we will prepare for events such as upcoming concerts, our annual Assessment, and other extra-curricular orchestras (All-City Orchestra, Junior District Orchestra, etc.). These rehearsals will be concentrated around performance techniques, etiquette, and will also allow the opportunity for you participate in masterclasses or sectional rehearsals led by other VBCPS orchestra directors.

Pickleball Club (Mrs. Matthews)

Interested in getting involved in the growing competitive scene of pickleball? Kempsville Middle is now offering a pickleball club in the fall for all skill levels. The club starts the second week of September and will meet on Mondays after school. We encourage you to bring your own pickleball paddle, however we do have paddles to lend out for daily use. , Students must have a MSL physical form on file with the Student Activities Coordinator.

Running Club (Mrs. Yeager)

Calling all runners!!! Do you love to run as much as Mrs. Yeager? We are looking for anyone who loves to run to join KMS's very own run club!! You don't have to be a skilled runner to participate, you just have to love to run, or want to run to get in shape for your sports teams! We will be running short or longer distances, depending on your ability level and comfort! If you are interested, come on out! You will also have the option to participate in local races throughout the year! Remember, in order to participate, students must have a MSL physical form on file with the Student Activities Coordinator. Running club will be held on Wednesdays and the first meeting will be Sept. 18th.

SCA (Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Sutterluety)

The SCA is a group of students who make a difference at KMS! We help in a number of ways: we provide services for our school, volunteer in the community, and organize fundraisers. We sponsor school functions, like dances and spirit events. The SCA encourages leadership, citizenship, teamwork, and friendship, all while having fun. We are always looking for creative and responsible young adults, especially for our General Assembly (GA). These GA students help with all of SCA functions.

Writing Center (Mrs. Garcia)

The WC is a group of collaborative students that share a love of writing. We meet regularly to share personal writings as well as in class writing assignments. Whether you are a seasoned writer or are just looking to improve your skills, the WC is waiting for you! Students may attend the writing center regularly or just drop in to have a class essay peer reviewed. We look forward to seeing you the first Wednesday of each month.

Yearbook (Ms. Revo)

Yearbook is looking for students that are dependable, organized, and love to take pictures. This is the 50th anniversary for Kempsville Middle School and we would like to capture as many moments as possible to put into our yearbook. Applications will be handed out at the informational meeting which will be held September 10th at 4pm. We will discuss this year's themes, expectations, and meeting dates. Applications will be due back 20th.