

John F. Kennedy Middle School – Clubs and Activities – 2023-2024

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Getting involved in school activities helps you make friends and makes you feel good about yourself. You can learn more about our clubs and activities by listening to the daily morning announcements during homeroom. These announcements are also posted daily on our school's website. Please reach out to the Advisor if you'd like more information.

Club/Activity	Meeting Information	Advisor	Description
ABC/STEPS	As announced	Mrs. Wright Mrs. Blitz	ABC Asset Build Classroom is aligned with STEPS. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month after school until 3:20pm. This club focuses on advertising the monthly asset and determining how the asset will be honored. Some assets require planning for a particular event and other assets are carried out during advisory and/or lessons during KBlock time.
ADL Club	To Be Determined	Mrs. Marks	Students practice OT exercises/skills, cooking tasks, cleaning tasks, hygiene, coping skills/strategies and work on transition goals.
Adaptive Bowling Club	To Be Determined	Mrs. Marks	Students participate in bowling after school.
Adaptive Sports Club	To Be Determined	Mrs. Marks	Students participate in different athletic games after school. Students practice OT exercises/skills.
Arabic Club	To be determined	Mrs. Issadi	Students will learn Arabic handwriting and basic conversations, Arabic alphabet and numbers. We will also learn about Arabic countries' culture. We will focus on music, art, food cooking and tasting...etc.
Baseball - Boys	Spring sport	Mr. Lefkowitz	JFK team sport – tryout required
Basketball - Boys and Girls	Winter sport	Mr. Lefkowitz Mr. Moffo	JFK team sport – tryout required
Chess Club	Wednesdays until 4:00	Ms. Durso Mr. Gendreau	Students can learn to play Chess, practice with their friends, and partake in club based tournaments.

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Color Guard	Two sessions: Sept/Oct and March through June. Friday practices 2:45 - 4:00 as announced	Mr. Johnson	The JFK Color guard is a year-long, after-school group that performs at all of the JFK Bands' events. Returning 7th & 8th grade members perform with the band during fall events, while new members of all grades join returning members in March for practices after school on Fridays to prepare for the Memorial Day Parade and other events. Performance routines for the flag & rifle lines are created by student guard members and practices are, largely, student-led. There are no auditions, and most of our members go on to perform with the State Champion SHS Color Guard.
Con Brio	Thursdays, 3:00 – 4:00 Combined with DePaolo	Mrs. Sloves	String Orchestra by audition – members perform as a combined Kennedy and DePaolo group at winter and spring concerts as well as touring elementary schools. Students are bused to rehearsals when they take place at the across-town school. Schedules posted on Canvas.
Cross Country – Co-Ed	Fall season – MWThF until 3:45	Mrs. Blitz Mrs. Carbone	JFK team sport – no tryout required
Drama Club	January – April, per schedule	Mr. Palmieri	JFK/ JAD combined performance, auditions required
First Lego League	Fall - Dates to be determined	Mrs. Brown	The team will research and design a solution to a current scientific question or problem and build autonomous LEGO robots that perform a series of missions (through coding). The team will compete in a state competition. Limit 10 students (grades 7,8).
French Club	To be determined	Mrs. Issadi	Students will learn about the French language & culture of the different French speaking countries. The French Club will meet once or twice a week for a variety of activities such as making French food, French movies, French art, ...etc. All are welcome - 6th, 7th, & 8th graders
Gaming Club	As announced	Mr. Clark	Non-electronic technology gaming, including card-based (CCG) and dice-based games, such as Dungeons and Dragons (D&D).

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GSA	As announced	Miss Soltys	The Gender-Sexuality Alliance (GSA) at John F. Kennedy Middle School provides a safe and welcoming space for any student to discuss issues related to sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. We work to create a school community where all students feel welcome and supported, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.
Hive Club	September-June Wednesdays until 3:30 Usually a break for the month of January.	Mrs. McHenry Mr. Gaultieri Mrs. Prushinski	Coordinates fundraisers (such as Halloween Dress Up, canned food drive, holiday wreaths), makes staff gifts for holidays and maintains school garden as well as courtyard. Flexible for students who would like to join. Can join anytime of the year if you are participating with sports, drama club, etc.
JFK Robotics	January - March	Mrs. Brown	Students program (code) robots to complete a variety of challenges. Grades 6-8.
Junior Next Steps	Thursdays, as announced, until 4:30	Miss Daigle	A social group participating in crafts, games, art, snack and other activities and field trips with the JFK student body.
Library Leaders	As announced	Mr. Carvalho	Library Leaders have partnered with the Southington Public Library to create inter-library programming within the town. They also participate in monthly leadership training so they can better improve not only the library, but also improve the experience students and staff might have in the media center. Each month, they design a program that all students and staff can be a part of. While Library Leaders still volunteer in the media center during homeroom and SSR shelving books, cleaning computers, and helping fellow students find books, their new primary goal is to redesign user experience in the Library Media Center.
Noteworthy	Thursdays after school	Mrs. Roberts	By audition - choral group combining Kennedy and DePaolo singers. Rehearsals are after school on Thursdays. Students are bused to rehearsals when they take place at the across-town school. Noteworthy performs at JFK and JAD winter and spring concerts, elementary school tours and other community/school events.
Ski/Snowboard Club	January/February 5 Monday evenings at Mt. Southington	Mrs. Landry Mrs. Perkins	Pre-registration required and sign-ups will occur in November. Group participation fee for lift, lesson, or rentals required. School transportation is not provided. Club tickets available to students and families for group dates.

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Soccer - Boys and Girls teams	Fall sport	Mr. Lefkowitz Mr. Cristelli	JFK team sport – tryout required
Softball – Girls	Spring sport	Mr. Cristelli	JFK team sport – tryout required
Stage Band	Monday and Thursday, until 4:00 in the Music Room	Mr. Johnson	By audition – members perform at school concerts in winter and spring, as well as concerts out in the community.
Stock Market Club	As announced	Mrs. Sterner	Students learn about the Stock Market and investing
Student Council	As announced	Mrs. Fontaine Mrs. Fox	A student group which fosters leadership within our school community. Students organize school socials, fundraisers, and community service activities
Volleyball – Girls	Fall sport	Mrs. Volpe	JFK team sport – tryout required
Writer's Club	As announced	Mrs. Sciota	For anyone who likes writing. Students can join at any time.
Yearbook Club	As announced	Mr. Richards	Limited to the first 15 students who sign up

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