

## John F. Kennedy Middle School – Clubs and Activities – 2018-2019

**GET INVOLVED!** 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. Also, the J.F.K. School website ([www.southingtonschools.org](http://www.southingtonschools.org)) has more information under the Student Life section.

Club/Activity	Meeting Information	Advisor	Description
ABC/STEPS	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, until 3:20 in the Media Center	Mrs. Frattini-Barnes 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 SSR time.
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
Builders Club	Once a month until 3:30	Ms. Stearns Mrs. Dickson Mrs. Cozzolino	Community services projects, sponsored by the Southington Kiwanis Club, middle school version of the SHS Key Club.
Cheerleading	Winter Season	Ms. Labouliere	JFK team sport – tryout required
Color Guard	Two sessions: Sept/Oct and March through June 2:45 - 3:45 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 Bands 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. Performance routines for the flag & rifle lines are created by student guard members and practices are, largely, student-led. There is no fee for participation. There are no auditions, and most of our members go on to perform with the State Champion SHS Color Guard.

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Con Brio	Mondays, 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. Rehearsals are either Mondays or Thursdays – a schedule is posted on the Con Brio website..
Cross Country – Co-Ed	Fall season – MWTh until 3:45	Mr. Zenowitz Mr. Burkell	JFK team sport – no tryout required
Dance Performance Club	Mondays and Fridays 2:45-3:50, Auditorium	Ms. Mierzejewski	Girls dance team open to all grades \$5/pp. Performances after school on Mondays or Fridays.
Drama Club	January – April, per schedule	Mr. Palmieri	JFK/JAD combined performance, auditions required
Drawing Club	Meets in the winter in Room 219	Miss Soltys	Students will learn different drawing techniques such as types of shading, adding shadows and highlights, compositions, etc.
Dungeons & Dragons Club	Meets weekly on Wednesdays until 3:30 in Room 120	Mrs. Ponte	Dungeons and Dragons is a role playing adventure game. Create a character and choose your destiny! D&D focuses on team building, storytelling, and decision making. It is open to all grades 6-8.
Gaming Club	September - May, last Monday of the month	Mr. O'Neill	Non-electronic technology gaming, including dice-based and card-based games.
Hive Club	Wednesdays until 3:30, in Room 104 or 203 depending on activity	Mrs. McHenry Mr. Gualtieri Miss Sievel	Courtyard maintenance, JFK garden during the school year as well as summer, discussion groups and two fundraisers – Halloween dress up and holiday wreath sale – plus other activities to promote kindness at JFK

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Homework Club	Mondays, until 3:15, Room 227	Mr. Ghidini	Assistance with homework
JFK Robotics	Mondays, Room 27	Ms. Mierzejewski	JFK Robotics runs as a team in the fall and a club in the spring. Teams research and design a solution to a current scientific question or problem and build autonomous LEGO robots that perform a series of missions.
Junior Next Steps	Thursdays, as announced, until 4:30	Miss Daigle	A social group participating in craft, game, art, snack and other activities and field trips with the JFK student body.
Kennedy Eagles Cycling Club	Dates to be determined in the spring	Ms. Brun Mr. Stiebel	The Kennedy Eagles Cycling Club: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Get students excited to ride a bike</li> <li>● Introduces bicycle safety rules of the road</li> <li>● Teaches bicycle skills, challenges, games + practice</li> <li>● Partners with CCAP, which provides students with a free entrance to junior races and discounts for a new bicycle</li> </ul>
Library Volunteers	Before school, SSR or study hall	Miss LeBlanc Mr. O'Neill	Assist media center with shelving books, check in/out and creating book displays
MATHCOUNTS	As announced	Mrs. Duffy	Students work on advanced math problems and a team is selected to compete on the regional/state level.
National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)	Meetings as announced Induction ceremony in the fall	Mrs. Fontaine	The National Junior Honor Society is a nationally recognized organization which stresses five core criteria: Scholarship (3.65GPA or higher), leadership, citizenship, community service and character. This organization, founded in 1929 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle school students. Also, the NJHS is much more than an honor roll. Students who have earned membership within their respective schools have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, character and are active participants within community service programs. It is our main purpose to honor those students who possess such outstanding qualities, challenge them to develop further in these areas and also create enthusiasm for outstanding scholarship.

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Newspaper Club	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month	Mr. O'Neill	Create web-based school newspaper, <i>The Eagle Eye</i>
Peer Advocates	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month in the media center until 3:15 pm	Mrs. Frattini	Teacher nominated and application process in the Spring preparing for the following school year. Students are trained to assist peers in dealing with issues and/or helping direct peers to an adult that can assist them best. Peer advocates help improve the environment with in our middle school community. This program is for 7th and 8th graders and trainings will be in June for the following school year. This is an application process due to the number of students being able to be trained at a time. Partnership with the Southington Anti-Drug Task Force.
Ping Pong Club	November – February Meets every Wednesday	Mrs. DeSimone Mr. Leiner	Small groups organized and play in the cafeteria. Grade six will alternate weeks with the combined grades of seven and eight. No equipment needed.
Relay for Life	Spring	Miss Soltys	Fundraising and participation in town wide event
Running Club	Mondays	Mrs. Blitz Mrs. Levesque	April and May (not 4/15) - 8 weeks
Science Bowl	1-2 days a week until February	Mrs. Maringola	Group meets to study and quiz each other on science concepts in preparation to attend the Regional/Connecticut Middle School Science Bowl.
Soccer - Boys and Girls teams	Fall Sport	Mr. Lefkowitz Mr. Cristelli	JFK team sport – tryout required

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Softball – Girls	Spring sport	Mr. Cristelli	JFK team sport – tryout required
Ski/Snowboard Club	January/February 4 Mondays at Mt. Southington	Mrs. Jacobs Mrs. Landry	Pre-Registration required, transportation not provided
Stock Market Club	As announced	Mrs. Sterner	Students learn about the stock market and investing
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
Student Council	As announced	Miss Soltys	A student group which fosters leadership within our school community. Students organize school socials, fundraisers, and community service activities
Swing Choir	Wednesdays after school, until 4:00	Mrs. Roberts	By audition – members perform at school concerts in winter and spring
TinkerCAD Club	As announced. Art Computer Room	Mr. Richards	In this club, students will learn how to design and print 3D. Grade 6 or 7
Unified Theater	As announced	Miss Daigle Mrs. Perry	A student production in the spring led, written and directed by students. Open to students of all abilities and experience. No auditions.
Unified Sports	As announced	Miss Durso-Smith	Open to students of all abilities and experience.
Voices of Thunder	Mondays after school, until 4:00	Mrs. Roberts	By audition – members perform at school concerts in winter and spring
Volleyball – Girls	Fall sport	Mrs. Volpe	JFK team sport – tryout required
Writers' Club	Date as announced, until 3:30, Room 225	Mrs. Sciota	Students work on creative writing pieces
Yearbook	As announced	Mr. Richards	Produce annual school yearbook