

## *EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES*

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**Note:** Students should pay *close* attention to WGMS morning announcements for information regarding specific dates and times for each activity. Activities are subject to change each school year.

### **BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club is open to all students at GMS. We meet on a monthly basis to discuss a previously agreed upon book. We look forward to lively discussion and enrichment activities, but not tests! **Sponsor: Cindy Pons**

### **CAMPUS LIFE**

Campus Life meets each Friday after school to address topics of interest to middle school students.

**Sponsors: Holly McAllister**

### **CHEERLEADING**

Rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls may tryout each spring for the following school year.

**Sponsors: Football/ Competition: Leah Curtis; Basketball: Mandi Davidson; Wrestling: Amie Stearns**

### **CHESS CLUB**

The Chess Club is open to all students at GMS. It is a great opportunity to interact with your fellow students and to foster a love for the game of chess. **Sponsor: Will Shipman**

### **DANCE TEAM**

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls try out in September for the current year.

**Sponsor: Ashley Yelton**

### **DESTINATION IMAGINATION**

Any student who wishes to foster creative thinking and problem solving skills may participate in Destination Imagination. During the annual competitions, students will solve problems in a variety of areas; a central challenge prepared in advance and an instant challenge which is an unknown element. Through problem solving, students learn lifelong skills such as working with others as a team, evaluating ideas, making decisions, and creating solutions while also developing self-confidence and presentation skills. Season begins in October with tournaments in March, April, & May (Global Finals). **Sponsor: Tommy Koehler**

### **DRAMA CLUB**

Drama club is open to all students at GMS. In Drama Club, students learn about various aspects of theatre arts both acting on the stage as well as behind-the-scenes activities. **Sponsor: Jennifer Keith**

### **DUKE UNIVERSITY AND JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY TALENT SEARCH**

Seventh and eighth grade students with one or more TCAP composite scores at the 95th percentile or higher are invited to participate in these Talent Search Programs. Students register to take the ACT (7th) and/or the SAT (8th) college entrance exams at local high schools. After school test prep classes are offered at GMS prior to winter break (SAT) and in January (ACT). Participant benefits include practice for college admissions tests award ceremonies (local and national), summer program options and inclusion on the Duke and Johns Hopkins talent search mailing lists for other enrichment opportunities and high school/college information. **Sponsor: Mary Farrell**

### **FCA**

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a club that is led by Grassland athletes but is open to the entire student body. It is a time for students to join together to support each other in their Christian walk. We meet every Wednesday morning in the library at 7:00 a.m. FCA begins in September and goes through the school year.

**Sponsor: Matt Hill**

### **KNIT WITS**

The Knitting Club is open to all GMS students, teachers, and parents. We meet on a weekly basis and learn basic knit and purl stitches. Students are encouraged to practice their skills on personal projects as well as a community service project. Advanced knitting techniques will be taught to those who wish to progress.

**Sponsor: Cindy Pons**

### **LITERARY MAGAZINE CLUB**

The Literary Magazine Club offers the opportunity to share writings and drawings of students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. **Sponsor: Sylvia Perry**

### **MATH TEAM**

The math team is open to GMS students in the 7th and 8th grade who are currently enrolled in Algebra (1A, 1B, or Honors) or Geometry. The math team competes in four contests throughout the year (November, December, February, and March), sponsored by the Interscholastic Math League. The contests are held at area high schools. Students on the math team periodically meet after school to prepare for the contests and to build camaraderie. **Sponsor: TBD**

### **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY**

GMS is a charter member of the National Council of the National Junior Honor Society. The Society promotes character, scholarship, leadership, service and citizenship. Students who are members will achieve that status by completing an application for membership. Applications will be made available in the fall. Membership is limited to 7th and 8th grade students. A "B" average is needed to achieve and maintain membership status.

**Sponsor: Lisa Robinson, Matt Hill**

### **NEWSPAPER STAFF**

The school newspaper is designed to showcase the efforts of the GMS students who like to write report and be creative. Any student is eligible to be on the newspaper staff. The paper staff will cover one issue every nine weeks with the last issue being the really "big one", because it will include the Eighth Grade class favorites and Last Will and Testament section. The meetings will be announced on a weekly basis. **Sponsor: TBD**

### **SCIENCE CLUB**

The Science Club is open to any student who is interested in extending his/her enthusiasm for science beyond the classroom. The club meets monthly. **Sponsor: Andy Mangrum**

### **STARS Executive Council**

The SEC is open to all students who wish to be leaders in our S.T.A.R.S. program (Students Taking a Right Stand). All those who wish to join the SEC will be asked to complete an application with teacher recommendations. Students in the SEC will be selected by the STARS Counselor and the SEC sponsor. The SEC will attend a training seminar in mid-October to learn how to become excellent peer mediators and the will also complete two service projects during the year. **Sponsor: Delaina Andrews**

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Elected representatives from each grade level conduct a fall food drive, decorate for school dances, advertise for Spirit Week, and a variety of other student activities. Elections are held in mid-September. **Sponsor: Amanda Boone**

### **VARIETY SHOW**

Any student who would like to share their special talent in drama, singing, acting and instrumental music is welcome to try out for the annual GMS Variety Show. Tryouts will be held in March and the show is held the last day of school in May. There is a preview show for parents in the evening usually a day or so before the last day of school. **Sponsor: Jennifer Keith**

### **WGMS**

WGMS is our very own announcement program at GMS. Any students who are interested and feel comfortable in enhancing their public speaking skills can join the staff of WGMS. Each morning the staff will air LIVE the daily announcements to all homeroom classes. Please see Mr. Clark for more information. **Sponsor: Jerry Clark**

**YEARBOOK STAFF**

An announcement is made during the first month of school for anyone wishing to be on the staff. Students will fill out a questionnaire and teacher feedback will be part of the selection process. Ten to fifteen students will be selected by the sponsors. **Sponsor: Margie Sander**

**YOUTH LEGISLATURE**

The Youth in Government Program, Youth Legislature, which is sponsored by the YMCA is available to all students. This program takes place in the spring. Students work in groups of 2 to 3 to write legislation and work towards its passage in a Model Legislature held in the House and Senate Chambers of the Tennessee State Capitol. **Sponsors: Joe Marley and Russ Keller**