



BRENTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

(Offerings are subject to student demand and faculty sponsorship.)

Extracurricular Activities

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Battle of the Books is an extracurricular opportunity for students who enjoy reading and discussing books. Students are given a list of books to read in the fall. Anyone who wishes to be considered for the team needs to take a preliminary test. The students with the eight highest scores will be chosen for the team. Following team selection, meetings are held to discuss the books and quiz each other on the content. In early March, each middle school team meets for a quiz bowl contest. Students compete against their peers on content-related questions pertaining to the assigned books.

BMS BUDDIES

BMS Buddies is a club that seeks to connect children of all ages who have intellectual and developmental disabilities with other children to form and maintain friendships. The club's monthly party will typically be held on the last Thursday of the month from 3 – 4 pm. The planning meeting will be held the week prior to the party and will be announced in the weekly newsletter. The BMS Buddies chapter began in 2013. All students are welcome to join!

CHESS CLUB

The Brentwood Middle School Chess Club welcomes all students who want to learn to play or improve at the game of chess. Students can play for fun or sharpen their skills for tournament competition. Being a member of the chess club helps students improve problem solving and concentration skills, as well as provide a positive environment for student interaction. Meetings will be held the first and third Thursday of the month from 3-4pm.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION (DI)

Destination Imagination is an activity that encourages team work, creativity, divergent thinking skills, and fun while solving a problem. Teams consist of five to seven members. Competitive teams are judged in three areas: a long-term problem solution, the style in which the solution is presented, and spontaneous problem solving. There are no right or wrong answers. All solutions are acceptable within the problem guidelines. Each long-term problem has limitations, a cost limit, and a time limit. Within this framework, teams attempt to produce solutions and present them in a creative and humorous way. No outside assistance is allowed; all ideas and efforts must be student generated. Competition ranges from regional to state and international levels. Historically, Brentwood Middle School has had teams qualify for all three levels of competition.

LITERARY CLUB

BMS Literature Club meets twice each month on Tuesdays or Thursdays to share and discuss original stories, poems, drawings, or music. Students may also share any of these genres from other artists whose work they particularly admire.

MATH TEAMS

Sixth Grade: Selection for the math team is made each year from top three sixth grade math students. The students compete in the MBA 6th Grade Invitational and the MTSU State Contest. The Brentwood Middle School Math Team consistently ranks among the top teams in the contest.

Seventh & Eighth Grade: The seventh and eighth grade math team is selected by a tryout test. Six students from algebra and six students from geometry will compete in the Interscholastic Math League four times throughout the year against middle and high schools. The team attends the state math competition at Middle Tennessee State University and consistently ranks among the top teams in the contest.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (Model U.N.)

Are you interested in what is happening in other countries? Model United Nations is an activity for students who want to learn about other countries. Students, in teams of 2-4, research a country of their choice. Finding a problem that could be shared at the Model UN, students prepare a presentation. On the day of the conference, students present the resolution to the Model United Nations, which consists of other students. Teams form and select a country in late August, teams meet weekly to prepare for the conference which is held in November.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Brentwood Middle School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. The group focuses on community service and developing leadership skills. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in these areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, and service. Students are selected to be members by a Faculty Council which bestows this honor each year upon qualified students on behalf of our school. Students apply for membership after the third nine weeks of their 7th grade year.

PEP BAND

Pep band is open to all students currently enrolled in the 7th and 8th grade band. (Special permission may be granted to those students not in the 8th grade band who play piano, rhythm guitar, and bass guitar.) This ensemble performs popular sports “stand” music and meets four times after school in preparation for a football game performance and performances at all in-school pep rallies.

POWERHOUSE

Powerhouse is an a cappella group that daily during Thrive. Any grade may audition for this select group. This ensemble will feature commercial styles of music (Pop, Jazz, Rock, etc.) and students will have opportunities to select songs as well as create their own arrangements.

ROBOTICS

Students and parents interested in the application of knowledge in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). In this project, supported by the BMS and BHS PTO, students learn to analyze and solve problems utilizing the Engineering Design Process, which helps them develop technological literacy skills. These skills are sought by industry in its workforce. Our charted path is designed to field a competitive Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology (BEST) team in its Middle Tennessee Hub tournament either next or the following Fall. There are no out-of-pocket costs for participation in club activities. The meeting agenda includes an explanation of objectives, WCS administrative requirements for the extra-curricular activity, and the components of a BEST competition. The Joint BHS/BMS Robotics Club is sponsored by Roberto Marrero, Ph.D., Science Teacher, BHS, and sanctioned by both institutions.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

A team of 15 students work on teamwork and problem solving to prepare for 23 exciting events. There are a variety of events in earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, computers and technology. Students from any grade level may tryout for this competitive. Students are tested in these areas via building projects, labs, and tests. It begins in late September and competitions start in January.

STARS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The STARS Student Executive Council is comprised of approximately 20 students from the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades who work directly with a Core team of teachers to determine worthy projects. Students interested in being selected for the council must go through an application process which includes writing an essay and acquiring Core team recommendations. The SEC plays a key role in promoting a drug-free, alcohol-free, and bully-free environment in the halls of Brentwood Middle. Each year they promote these concepts through activities such as Red Ribbon Week and school-wide assemblies and activities.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)

The general purpose of the Student Government Association is to provide a forum for student expression, to inform students and faculty, to promote good relationships between the students and faculty, to better the welfare of the school, to assist in the planning of student activities, to promote community service, to promote school spirit and good citizenship, and to provide leadership for the student body. The Brentwood Middle SGA consists of an executive board and representatives. The executive board is made up of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary from the 8th grades. These students are elected in the spring for the upcoming year. After school has been in session for a month, each grade will elect student representatives. The SGA meets regularly on Monday afternoons and on some power Monday mornings.

THEATRE ARTS

All Brentwood Middle School students are invited to audition for our fall play and spring musical. Students must be willing and able to rehearse Monday through Friday, after school. Performances run for three nights. If students would rather work behind the scenes, they may work on our various technical crews (run crew, hair/makeup, publicity, stage management lights and sound, and house management). Whether actor or crew member, a BMS theatre production is an exciting and fun way for students to become involved in their school.

VIKING PRIDE PEP CLUB

The goal of the Viking Pride Club is to instill BMS Viking Pride in all students and celebrate BMS team successes. Meetings are held after school to make signs for the school recognizing all academic and extra-curricular achievements. This group is fluid so members are urged to come when they can and not worry about it when they can't. People can join at any time.

YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT (YIG)

Politicians needed. Would you like to sit in the seat of a State Senator? You might have the chance if you participate in Youth Legislature. In this program, students learn about the process of presenting a bill. As members of the Senate or House of Representatives for a day, students present bills and vote on the bills presented by other students. Forming teams in February, students meet weekly to prepare for the conference in May.