

JONAS SALK MIDDLE SCHOOL

After School Clubs



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2016-2017 School Year

6TH GRADE INTERMEDIATE BAND *1-3 Points*Club Advisor: Mr. F. Batsch*

The 6th grade Band is open to all 6th graders regardless of experience. Each student would then be assigned a lesson based on their experience from beginners to advanced. The Band plays 2 concerts during the school year: a holiday concert and a spring concert. Some select members of the band will also be performing with the 7 and 8th grade Concert Band.

This band meets for the entire year practicing 2 times a week. Every Thursday, the band practices either as sectionals or as a full band during their 3rd period lunch. Also, on Thursday, the band would practice after school from 3 to 4PM

Sign up procedure is open to all 6th graders and they will be asked to apply again at the end of the 6th grade.

**7 & 8TH GRADE CONCERT BAND *1-5 Points***Club Advisor: Mr. F. Batsch*

This group is open to all 7 and 8th grade instrumentalists regardless of experience. Each student would then be assigned a lesson based on their experience from beginner to advanced. This band plays 2 concerts during the school year: a holiday concert and a spring concert.

The band meets for the entire year practicing at least once a week on a rotating basis after school to 4:00.

Sign up procedure is open to all 7 and 8th graders. Students in the 7th grade will be asked to apply at the end of the 7th grade.

WIND SYMPHONY *1-3 Points*Club Advisor: Mr. F. Batch*

The wind symphony is the advanced band of the entire instrumental program. Each member of this elite group is placed in an advanced class for instrumental lessons. The music that the students will be performing can vary from classical to pop. This group is tasked to do a considerable number of performances a year. They are tasked to perform at the Veteran's Day program as well as two concerts during the school year. They also perform for the Old Bridge Senior citizens groups and at the Old Bridge Arts Festival in the spring. In the Arts Festival, the band not only will perform a selected number of their own, but they also perform in a combined effort with the Sandburg band and the High School concert band as well. The wind symphony also performs each year in competition.

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TECH BUSTERS STEM CLUB *1-3 Points*Club Advisor: Mr. A. Ascione*

The Tech Busters STEM Club meets from mid-October to mid-May

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Club is designed for the students to interact in STEM oriented activities such as online tech apps, Robotics & Programming, Model Rocketry, Tech Videos, Sci-Fi videos, Computer, Device Technology, Console Gaming, Coding and 3D Printing.

In this Club activity, your child is given the opportunity to think “out of the box” and stand out in creative Engineering skills.

The club meets twice a month on Wednesdays from 3:00–4:00pm.
Club hours: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Permission slips are available in the cafeteria and online, at Mr. Ascione’s website:

<http://www.oldbridgeadmin.org/webpages/aascione>

Please have your child return the slip to Mr. Ascione, Room #99.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER CLUB *1-3 Points*Club Advisor: Mr. A. Ascione*

The National Day of Prayer club meets from mid-February to mid-May. The National Day of Prayer is held yearly throughout the United States and is open to people of all faiths. This school year it will be held on Thursday, May 4th, 2017 where we will rally around the flagpole as we pray for our nation.

Days of prayer have been called for since 1775, when the Continental Congress designated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln called for such a day. Officially, the National Day of Prayer was established as an annual event by an act of Congress in 1952 and was signed into law by President Truman. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer.

Need to know more? Go to :

<http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/> and also check out the 2016 Presidents Declaration:

<http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/2016-proclamation>.

This club will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 3:00–4:00.

Club hours: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Permission slips are available in the cafeteria and online, at Mr. Ascione’s website:

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*** Points are based upon frequency of attending the clubs/ activities and are used for the eligibility for the R.E.A.C.H. Incentive Trip**

This group meets for the entire year practicing a minimum of three times a week after school. The times will vary.

This band is by audition only and consists of a maximum of 35 selected students from all grade levels.

**MARCHING BAND *1-3 Points***Club Advisor: Mr. F. Batsch and Mrs. L. Arzig*

The Marching Band is a select group of musicians from all grade levels. This group is tasked to represent JONAS SALK MIDDLE SCHOOL throughout the state in many community parades and events. Some of these events include a Halloween Parade at the Voorhees Elementary School in October, marching band demonstrations at the school concerts, various holiday parades throughout the state and finally ending the season with a Memorial Day Parade in Old Bridge. This band also includes a Color Guard and an Honor Guard. This band also performs in competition.

This club meets for the entire year and practice sessions are scheduled based on an as needed basis depending on the upcoming scheduled event.

Sign up procedures are by audition only from all three grade levels.

JAZZ BAND *1-3 Points*Club Advisor: Mr. F. Batsch*

This group again consists of our most advanced students usually from the 7 and 8th grade band. This band performs music in the jazz and big band genre and gives the members of the band a fantastic experience in learning the history of jazz music in America and the roots of jazz and big band music. This band performs in competition.

This band meets all year long and practice sessions are a minimum of two times a week for a minimum of one hour.

This band is selected by the band director directly from Wind Symphony personnel.



ORCHESTRA *1-5 Points*Club Advisor: Mr. B. Mathews*

The JSMS Orchestra consists of students who have successfully completed book one of Essential Elements and demonstrate the ability to perform grade 1 level music. The group combines with the CSMS Orchestra for concerts and competitions held throughout the year.

This club is open to 6-8th grades students who are enrolled in the Orchestra program and have demonstrated the ability to perform grade 1 level music.

**CHAMBER ENSEMBLE *1-3 Points***Club Advisor: Mr. B. Mathews*

The JSMS Chamber Ensemble consists of select students who have successfully completed book two of Essential Elements and demonstrate the ability to perform grade 3 level music (inclusive of all finger patterns with all #'s and b's). The group combines with the CSMS Chamber Ensemble for concerts and competitions held throughout the year.

This group is selected by audition. All members of the Chamber Ensemble must also be a part of the Orchestra. This club is open to 6-8th grades students who are enrolled in the Orchestra program and have demonstrated the ability to perform grade 3 level music (inclusive of all finger patterns with all #'s and b's).

STUDENT COUNCIL *1-3 Points reps & Alt., 5 Points as officer*Club Advisor: Mrs. K. Samson and Mrs. N. Hoelz*

Student Council is made up of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Each homeroom has two representatives. Student Council works to put school spirit into Salk School. We plan the school dances, school spirit days, and more.

Student Council meets at least once or twice a month through September - June. The meetings are from 3:00-4:00.

Each homeroom votes for two candidates to represent their homeroom.

**SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB *1-3 Points***Club Advisor: Mrs. Kellyanne Bean*

Students will learn the basics of sign language communication; students will also learn about deafness within our community.

Sign Language Club dates to be determined.

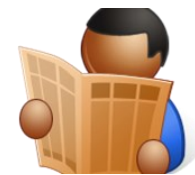
Students can sign up outside of the Art Room 308.

**SALK VACCINE NEWSPAPER *1-3Points***Club Advisor: Mr. S. Mazzella*

Come join the recently redesigned and revamped school newspaper, the Salk Vaccine! Salk's most enthusiastic writers and reporters are encouraged to join the newspaper staff.

Veteran Salk reporters will launch the initial fall issue, but sixth graders are invited to report for the three additional seasonal issues. Meetings are usually held bi-weekly, although student reporters are expected to research and plan out their stories individually and on their own time.

Mr. Mazzella, 7-2 Social Studies teacher and former journalist will coach students on how to brainstorm story ideas, plan and prepare for interviews, conduct interviews, write drafts, and write final stories. All great skills that every student should master! Plus, it's a thrill to see your name in a by-line in the school newspaper! Watch for sixth grade sign ups in November. Hope to see you there.



CHORUS *1-5 Points (for each Winter and Spring Concert)

Club Advisor: Ms. L. Bono

Chorus is an after school activity open to the entire student body. Songs are prepared for the Holiday Concert which is performed for parents and friends.

The club is active from October to December. Rehearsals are held Mon. thru Fri. however everyone is not required to be at every rehearsal. It is a rotating schedule and the chorus is split into groups.

Chorus is open to everyone. There are no try-outs. Sign-ups take place in the cafeteria and a permission slip is required.

**SELECT CHORUS *1-5 Points**

Club Advisor: Ms. L. Bono

Select Chorus is a group of students chosen from the chorus through an audition process. These children sing at various community events, school assemblies, and take part in a competition through "Music in the Parks".

This chorus runs from October to June and rehearsals are when needed.

An audition is required to be selected for Select Chorus.

SPRING MUSICAL *3-5 Points cast, 1-3 points crew

Club Advisors: Ms. L. Bono and Mrs. K. Kelly

The Spring Musical takes place in April. It is open to the entire student body. Auditions are required. Children also have the opportunity to work behind the scenes. Information will be available in January.

This activity begins in the middle of January. Play dates for this school year are April 2,3,&4. Play rehearsal schedules will vary, depending on the involvement of the student.

An Audition is required for on stage performances, sign-ups are required for back stage.

**WEIGHT ROOM CLUB *1-3 Points**

Club Advisor: Mr. P. Poitras

Students will participate in weight training and fitness activities using proper technique and form.

The club will meet from mid-September to early November on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 3:00 - 4:00.

The club is open to 7th and 8th graders. 20 student maximum. 1st come basis.

**COOKING CLUB *1-3 Points**

Club Advisor: Mrs. K. Schaeffer

In the club we will be preparing delicious desserts, including apple crisp, rocky road bars, chocolate covered marshmallows and lots more.

The cooking club will meet once a week for eight weeks from mid-January to mid-March.

The club is only open to 7th and 8th graders only. Sign- ups will be on a first come basis. Space is limited to 25 students.

**COLOR GUARD *1-3 Points**

Club Advisor: Mrs. L. Arzig

The Color Guard is the front of the Marching Band, the flags add the visual effect to the music. The members are taught the basics to spinning.

We usually practice until 4:00 PM; days of practice will vary depending on upcoming events and the Marching Band schedule. Events include 3 parades, 1 concert, and 1 competition.

Everyone is welcome to join - girls and boys - no one is turned away.

GUITAR CLUB *1-3 Points*Club Advisor: Mr. C. Cirillo*

The Guitar Club is a great opportunity for students to learn or enhance their ability to play acoustic or electric guitar. Club members do not need to have prior knowledge to join the club, but are required to have their own guitar and bring it to school on meeting days. They will be introduced to different musical styles and instructed on learning new material including chords, scales and bar chords.

This club meets from November to June on Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:00

This club is open to 7th and 8th grade only. Permission slips can be procured in room Aux F

CHINESE CULTURE CLUB *1-3 Points*Club Advisor: Ms. S Liao*

Chinese Club provides opportunities for students to explore Chinese culture and language through all extra-curricular activities, such as:

1. Chinese culture introduction
2. Chinese music
3. Chinese dancing
4. Chinese craft: learning how to make paper cutting or paper folding
5. Chinese kite: making and flying kite
6. Chinese sport: Jian Zi, Pingpong (table tennis)
7. Learning Chinese calligraphy,
8. Learning Chinese knotting
9. Learning Chinese traditional clothing
10. Celebrating Chinese holiday
11. Making Chinese food (Jiao Zi), learning Chinese tea, cultural food tasting
12. Playing Chinese chess



The club meets every other Thursday after school from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Permission slips are available in the cafeteria and online, at Ms Liao's website: <http://www.oldbridgeadmin.org/webpages/sliao/>

SCHOOL STORE *1-3 Points*Club Advisor: Mr. Curtis*

The school store is a student run "business" that offers the student body great school supplies, along with some fun items too, at affordable prices. Students are involved in all aspects of the business, from taking inventory, making sales, purchasing, pricing, advertising and marketing, and other management decisions.

The school store will be operating the entire school year 5 days a week. Students will be assigned to work certain days during their lunch period.

Sign up procedure: students can pick up a school store application in the beginning of the school year. It must be handed in a week after the first day of school and potential "employees" will be chosen after consulting with the students present and former teachers.

PEER TO PEER *1-5 Points*Club Advisor: Mrs. M. Reilly and Mrs. K. Whitman*

Peer to peer is a statewide character education program that builds leadership skills and educates middle schools students about the dangers of substance abuse. Peer leaders are 8th grade students who act as role models for the student body. Peer leaders will be expected to co-facilitate outreach sessions with younger peers that address important challenges such as the dangers of substance abuse and resisting pressure to experiment with drug, alcohol, and tobacco.

This club will meet for the entire school year, Sept-June on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00

This club is open to 8th grades students only and students are selected based upon an interview process. Students will be asked to apply at the end of 7th grade.

BE THE CHANGE *1-3 Points*Club Advisor: Mrs. C. Jorda*

The mission of "Be the Change" is to create a culture of acceptance and compassion within Salk School and our Community. We do mini outreaches to help spread positivity around school by doing things like hi-fiving people and giving compliments, or raising money for the less-fortunate.

The club doesn't have regular meetings but communicate via "Remind". We will meet if need be to prepare for specific activities (ie: Valentine's Day). All students can participate!



A/V CLUB (AUDIO/VISUAL MULTIMEDIA SYSTEMS) *1-3 Points*Club Advisor: Mr. N. Andreacci*

The A/V Club learns about and helps with sound systems, microphones, cameras, video recording and lighting around Salk School, including assemblies, sports events, concerts, and school plays.

The A/V club will meet from December through June. The days the club will meet have not been decided yet. It will depend on when other clubs meet and what club members vote upon

Students should listen for the announcements after Thanksgiving to hear how to sign-up. (Students may need a recommendation letter from their home room teachers to join.)

G.L.O.B.E. PROGRAM *1-3 Points*Club Advisor: Mr. N. Andreacci*

At Salk School, students may participate in the after-school club for the international G.L.O.B.E. Program. As a part of the G.L.O.B.E. Program, students may volunteer to go on a weekly field trip to a stream near the school. A Board of Education bus takes us to the stream, which is about a quarter mile away. We will take samples and conduct chemical and physical tests of the water according to the program's protocols. We may also decide to go on other field trips. Other tests that we do for G.L.O.B.E., include weather observations, soil testing, biological observations, and other scientific tests. Like other G.L.O.B.E. schools throughout the world, we submit our test results to scientists in Washington, DC over the Internet.

The club meets on select days from 3PM to 4:00 PM, from December through May. The days the club will meet will depend on when other clubs meet and what club members vote upon

Students should listen for the announcements after Thanksgiving to hear how to sign-up. (Students may need a recommendation letter from their Science teachers to join.)

Builders Club *1-3 Points*Club Advisors: Mrs. K. Dunn and Mrs. T. Flynn-Rozanski*

This club is designed to teach students the importance of character education. Throughout the year students will work on various activities that give back to the community. The club also takes trips after school such as visiting the Menlo Park Veterans home and local senior citizen centers.

This club runs from Sept-June and is open to all students grade 6-8

DANCE TEAM *1-3 points*Club Advisor: Ms. A. Filosa*

Students try-out, and a team is assembled for performances at the Winter Concert, the Talent Show, Battle of the Classes and Fun Fest. Practices are once a week. The practice day will be selected once the team first meets, and students will stay usually until 5:00 on that day.

**FRENCH CLUB *1-3 points***Club Advisor: Mrs. Azer*

French Club will give the students the opportunity to explore the French culture through music and cooking. We will cook French Crepes, have a chocolate fondue party and celebrate Mardi Gras and La Bastille Day. We also make crafts related to the French culture.

French club will meet once a week for eight weeks from Mid-October to December on Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:00 PM.

The club is only open to 7th and 8th graders. Sign-ups will be On a first come basis. Space is limited to 25 students.