

**Hinsdale Middle School  
Extracurricular Activities**

Activity	Sponsors	Objective	Description	Start Date	End Date	Regular Meeting				Fee	#	Grades		
						Day	Start	End	Cut?			6	7	8
6th Grade Book Club	Amy Ostrowski	Encourage students to read and discuss books.	If you love to read, this is the club for you! Bring your lunch up to Mrs. Ostrowski's room and talk about which books you have loved and get suggestions from other students as well. Learn about authors visiting our area, and what exciting titles are coming out in the near future. We will have a book of the month, but you do not have to read it to participate in the club.	Sept	May	Tu: 1st & 3rd of the month	lunch		no	\$0	25	√		
Art Club	Stephanie Stewart	Provide a time for students who like art to spend some time making art in a creative, low-key atmosphere with few parameters.	Students may simply spend time drawing anything of their choice using a variety of media or working on the project set up for that day.	Oct	May	W	2:45 PM	3:30 PM	no	\$0		√	√	√
Basketball - Boys	Scott Burnette & Dan Powers	Compete in West Suburban Middle School Athletic Conference.	Drills and practice. Tryouts will be held in November.	1-Dec	Feb-29	M-F	3:30 PM	5:00 PM	yes	\$160	24		√	√
Basketball - Girls	Kelly Pelak-Ditmars, Dan Powers & Erika Sajpel	Compete in West Suburban Middle School Athletic Conference.	Drills and practice. Tryouts will be held in September.	1-Oct	30-Nov	M-F	3:30 PM	5:00 PM	yes	\$160	24		√	√
Battle of the Books	Linda Tetreault	Encourage students to read books by providing a fun competitive outlet.	Students form teams and enter competitions where they answer questions about the books they have read in a quiz show format.	Feb	May	varies				\$0	150	√	√	√
Cheerleading	Jennifer Schramm & Lauren Miller	Compete in West Suburban Middle School Athletic Conference.	Drills and practice. Tryouts will be held in November. Squads are comprised of 14 seventh graders and 14 eighth graders.	1-Dec	Feb-29	TBA			yes	\$115	28		√	√
Chess Club (session 1)	Lea Bishop	Enhance students chess abilities through instruction and practice.	Chess Club is offered in two sessions. Each meeting consists of a lesson by a professional chess instructor from Chess Scholars and then is followed by some time to play and practice the new strategies.	8-Mar	19-Apr	W	2:45 PM	4:00 PM	no	\$65	20	√	√	√
Chess Club (session 2)	Lea Bishop	-	-	26-Apr	31-May	W	2:45 PM	4:00 PM	no	\$65	20	√	√	√
Cooking Club	Danielle Scacco	Learn about foods and enhance cooking skills.	Cooking Club members walk to Fuller's Home & Hardware for group cooking classes with a chef.	Sep	May	varies			no	\$25 per session	12	√	√	√
Cross Country Boys	Dan Powers, Tim Klayum & Dave Johnson	Compete in West Suburban Middle School Athletic Conference.	Drills and practice.	26-Aug	30-Sep	M-F	2:45 PM	3:30 PM	no	\$160		√	√	√
Cross Country Girls	Melissa Livanos, Stephanie Stewart & Amy Uscila	Compete in West Suburban Middle School Athletic Conference.	Drills and practice.	26-Aug	30-Sep	M-F	2:45 PM	3:30 PM	no	\$160		√	√	√
D181 Foundation	D181 Foundation: Meg Cooper	Enrich the educational experience for students in District 181	The Foundation offers a number of grant programs that encourage creativity and innovation in the schools. Among these programs are KIDS Grants which are provided to students who initiate a creative program or project that benefits the public, community or environment.			n/a				-		√	√	√
Debate Club	Meghan Sheridan & Andrew Dzija	Introduce students to debate skills and improve public speaking skills.	Students will work together to choose debate topics. For each meeting students prepare their position in advance. Students strategize their position. Various debate forums will be introduced throughout the course of the year. Each meeting will conclude with introducing the debate topic for the next meeting.	Mar	May	TBD			no	\$0	20	√	√	√
Eco Club	Jane Fetty & Troy Huber	Discuss environmental issues and other science-related topics	Students will discuss issues including energy awareness, conservation and environmental awareness. The group will conduct activities to make sure HMS maintains its Earth Flag, and participating students will help decide the year's agenda. The group will meet every other Thursday beginning Oct. 6.	6-Oct	May	every other Th	2:45 PM	3:30 PM	no	\$0	30	√	√	√
Equestrian Club	Mary Kalsbeek & Raleigh Seraponas	Learn about horses and riding.	Students will take monthly riding lessons. They will groom and tack their mount before lessons, and get them cleaned up after the ride.	Oct	Mar	1st W, 3rd Th	3:00 PM	5:30 PM	no	\$180	12	√	√	√
Future Problem Solving Bowl	Danielle Scacco	Stimulate critical and creative thinking skills and encourage students to develop a vision for the future.	Students will be on 4-person teams and research problems that have implications for the future. Teams will apply a 6-step problem-solving process as they explore a challenge to the future. Critical and creative thinking skills will be refined.	Oct	Mar	TBA			no	TBD		√	√	√
Humane Society Club	Emily Alsip & Eileen BungE	Support the work of the Hinsdale Humane Society, promote an interest in the care of companion animals, and educate ourselves and the student body about animal welfare issues of special concern.	Student leaders and group sponsors will jointly decide on various activities (fundraising, educational and volunteering).	Sep	Mar	W	2:45 PM	3:30 PM	no	\$0		√	√	√
Intramurals	Tim Klayum, Dan Powers & Dave Johnson	Give students the chance to participate in the current PE activity with others recreationally.	Play whatever sport is scheduled. No sign up required, come when you have time and interest.	1-Oct	30-Apr	M,T, W,Th	2:45 PM	3:30 PM	no	\$0	varies	√	√	√
Jazz Band	Janelle Sanfillippo	Provide an opportunity for select advanced band students to learn to play in the swing style.	Rehearse music for the next performance.	Aug	May	Th	2:45 PM	4:00 PM	yes	\$100	25		√	√
Jazz Strings	Emily Beyer	Provide orchestra students with the opportunity to perform a variety of alternative music styles, including jazz, rock, pop and movie soundtracks.	Rehearse music for the next performance.	fall	spring	W	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	yes	\$100			√	√
Math Team	Lea Bishop & Erika Sajpel	Participate in numerous regional and state math competitions including the Fenwick Math Competition, the Latin School of Chicago Math Tournament, and Math Counts.	We meet every week to prepare for meets by holding mini-school competitions. We enjoy playing a variety of math games and work on challenging problems both individually and as a team.	Oct	Feb	W	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	no	\$50	25	√	√	√
Model U.N.	Danielle Scacco	Practice thinking, debating and speaking skills while learning about current issues in a global framework.	Students step into the shoes of United Nations member nations to debate current issues. This is an 8th grade group	Oct	TBA	W	lunch		no	TBA				√
Musical - "Scrooge"	Steve Tabisz, Rick Dusek, Jan Clarin & Sue Wachowski	Showcase HMS vocal talent, provide students an opportunity to see how a musical is put together.	Present a musical to the HMS community. While this is a no cut activity, individual roles are assigned to 7th and 8th graders who participate.	Sept	Dec	daily	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	no	varies	150	√	√	√
One-Act Plays	Steve Tabisz, Jan Clarin & Rick Dusek	Afford our talented acting students the opportunity of expanding their performance skills through brief plays	Each year, three brief plays are presented in a variety of styles, from drama and comedy, to science fiction and horror.	Jan	Feb	daily	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	yes	\$0	35		√	√
Peer Leadership	Lisa Powers	Provide an opportunity for the development of leadership skills in the context of providing service to HMS and the community.	Peer leaders are the ambassadors for HMS.	Sep	May	TBA			no	\$0		√	√	√

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Show Choir	Steve Tabisz	Teach students the art of combining movement and song in a variety of musical styles and provide them with many performance opportunities.	The HMS Show Choir is a singing/dancing group of about 65-70 7th and 8th Graders who perform for a variety of audiences.	Aug	May	M	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	yes	\$100 + Cost of trip	68		√	√
Showstoppers	Jan Clarin	Provide a choral experience for students and provide them with the opportunity to develop their voice and performance presence.	The Showstoppers will offer a choral alternative to a 'show choir' experience. The Showstoppers will perform for a variety of audiences.	Aug	May	M	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	yes	\$100 + Cost of trip	40+		√	√
Spartan Singers	Steve Tabisz & Jan Clarin	Teach good vocal technique, singing independently in parts and executing riser choreography.	Any 6th grader who enjoys singing and can commit to weekly Thursday rehearsals is invited to participate.	Jan	May	Th	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	no	\$25	75	√		
Special Olympics Track Team	Eileen BungE & Gus Lauer mann	Participate in track and field events at the Illinois Region 5 Special Olympics Spring Games. Any HMS student who meets the Special Olympics requirements may participate.	Practice track and field events in the open area south of HMS.	15-Mar	9-May	T&W	2:45 PM	4:00 PM	no	\$0	4 to 8	√	√	√
Symphonic Band	Janelle Sanfillippo	Provide additional playing opportunities for the more advanced band students.	Rehearse music for the next performance.	Aug	May	some W	7:00 AM	7:45 AM	yes	\$0 + opt: Cost of trip	60		√	√
Track & Field	Maria Jandak, Amy Uscila, Jennifer Schram & Scott Burtnette	Compete in West Suburban Middle School Athletic Conference.	Drills and practice.	1-Apr	31-May	M-F	2:45 PM	4:00 PM	no	\$55			√	√
Volleyball - Boys	Tim Klayum & Dan Powers	Compete in West Suburban Middle School Athletic Conference.	Drills and practice. Tryouts will be held in January.	1-Feb	30-Mar	M-F	3:30 PM	4:30 PM	yes	\$115	24		√	√
Volleyball - Girls	Susan Woerner & Amy Uscila	Compete in West Suburban Middle School Athletic Conference.	Drills and practice. Tryouts will be held in January.	1-Feb	30-Mar	M-F	3:30 PM	4:30 PM	yes	\$115	25		√	√
Yearbook	Bill Eggert	Create materials for and design the HMS yearbook.	Once students are trained on the various facets of yearbook production, most weekly sessions are work sessions. Students will also be assigned to take photos throughout the year in classes, extracurricular activities, field trips and other special events.	20-Sep	17-Apr	Tu	2:45 PM	3:30 PM	no	\$0			√	√