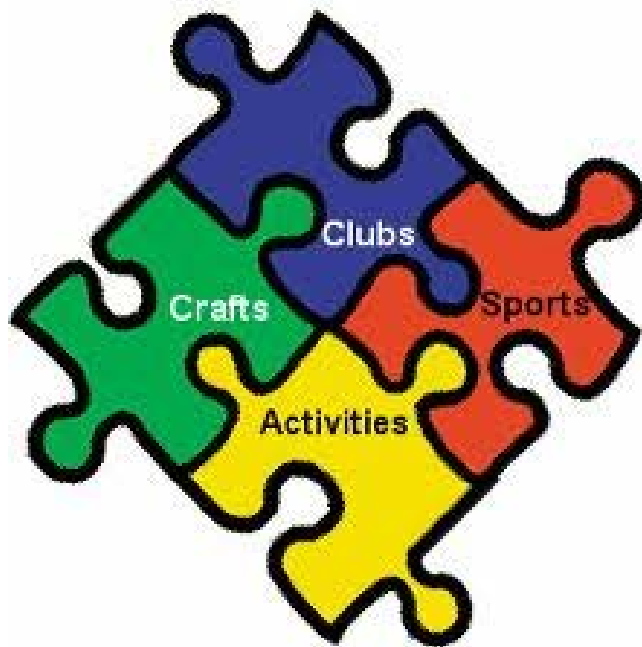


# Timothy Edwards Middle School



## Co-Curricular Activities

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# EXTRACURRICULAR/CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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TEMS is proud of its extracurricular and co-curricular activities. Students will have many opportunities to meet people and participate in a wide variety of activities including sports, music, Entertainers, outdoor education, yearbook, TE TV News, and many others. We believe that every student should have the opportunity to participate in the total school program which includes extracurricular/co-curricular activities. Participation in these activities is a privilege. A student must accept responsibility for his/her own actions and meet the academic guidelines for participation.

Students should watch and listen to the morning announcements for information about the clubs, activities and sports at TE.

<u>Extracurricular Activities</u> (These activities require either a tryout or an audition)	<u>Co-Curricular Activities</u> (These activities require a nomination and/or sign-up)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Entertainers</li> <li>● Festival Jazz Band</li> <li>● Interscholastic Sports</li> <li>● Fall: Field Hockey, Soccer Cross-Country Winter: Basketball, Cheerleading Spring: Track, Softball, Baseball</li> <li>● Spotlight Show Choir</li> <li>● Peer Mediation</li> <li>● TE TV News</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Generation Leadership</li> <li>● Literary Magazine Club</li> <li>● Math Counts</li> <li>● Media Center Assistant</li> <li>● Mentoring</li> <li>● Outdoor Education</li> <li>● Ski/Snowboard/Golf Club (SW Rec Dept)</li> <li>● Intramurals</li> <li>● Yearbook</li> <li>● STEAM Olympics</li> <li>● Stock Market Game</li> <li>● Student Ambassadors</li> <li>● TEAM After School Activities</li> </ul>

## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At the beginning of a new school year, all students are eligible to tryout or audition for any extracurricular activity. Beginning after trimester one, students must possess a minimum GPA of 2.0, in addition to passing grades (no F's in any subject areas), in the trimester prior to the tryout to be eligible for tryouts or auditions. Failure to maintain a 2.0 GPA during the course of the season or activity will result in the following interventions:

1. A two week probation period will be implemented in which the student will be disqualified from any practices, games, rehearsals, etc. related to their activity.
2. An academic hearing will be scheduled by the student's guidance counselor. Members of the review board may include the student, a parent, a team teacher and/or encore teacher, guidance counselor, the activity supervisor, and an administrator.
3. After the two week probation, the review board will determine whether or not the student qualifies to resume participation based on progress toward targeted academic goals and positive work habits.
4. Lack of progress toward the established goals will result in dismissal from the activity.

## **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENT ATHLETES**

The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) and the South Windsor Board of Education require a physical examination each year for students participating in our interscholastic sports program. Students may not attend try-outs or practice until they have completed and signed the sports participation agreement forms which include evidence of a physical examination and/or a physician's statement signed by the doctor. You must log into your Parent Portal account and complete the 2018-2019 Student Information Update after July 1<sup>st</sup>. You may access Parent Portal at [www.southwindsorschools.org/parentportal](http://www.southwindsorschools.org/parentportal). When updating please make sure to check the boxes for the sport(s) that your child is interested in trying out for at TEMS for each season (fall, winter, spring). You must click on the sport for each season that they are interested in trying out for and complete all fields. A **hard copy** of the physician's statement (**dated after June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**) must be turned into the main office along with the \$100 sports fee. You will **not** be allowed to tryout if these forms are not completed. If you are having trouble with your Parent Portal account please contact the office staff at Timothy Edwards (860-648-5030) which is open daily from 7:30 am until 2:30 pm during the summer. The \$100.00 fee is refunded if your child does not make the team and there is a \$500.00 family limit which is for both TEMS and South Windsor High School.

## **DIRECTORY OF ACTIVITIES**

### **ENTERTAINERS – MRS. PETRIN/MRS. LEVEILLE**

TEMS Entertainers put on a musical production each Spring. Approximately 100 students and staff members participate in Entertainers either as cast members acting, singing and dancing or as members of a crew working lights, sound, or stage set. Auditions take place in early December and rehearsals run from the first week in January through the performances, usually held the third week in March. An informational meeting will be held in early November. Please listen to announcements on TE TV News. Students not wishing to perform on stage may be involved with the production behind the scenes as they learn about set design and construction, sound and lighting and other facets of producing a musical. All students are accepted into the program providing they go through the audition process, attend rehearsals and keep up with their schoolwork.

### **ENTERTAINERS TECH CREW – MR. KLEIN**

Tech Crew for TEMS Entertainers is a class on technical light and sound for theatre, running the spotlights, stage lights, microphones, audio, and technical services for the production. If you are really into theatre, but don't like being in the limelight, the Tech Crew might be for you! Come to the Entertainers meeting in November to hear about the production and speak with Mr. Klein about your interest in the program. Tech Crew meets after school starting in January and follows the Entertainer's rehearsal schedule.

### **GENERATION LEADERSHIP - OFFICER ROY/ MRS. LAKOMY/ MRS. LAGASSE**

Generation leadership students are those who are interesting in taking on a leadership role at TE. Participants will attend three all day leadership training with an action oriented, high energy speaker who will demonstrate how to promote self confidence and make positive changes. Meetings take place monthly during lunch. Trainings take place three times a year during the school day. Pick up an application in the Counseling Department.

### **JAZZ ENSEMBLE – MR. MARCI**

This is an advanced auditioned band which competes at local jazz festivals. Students rehearse every Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. This band is open to all students who participate in their grade level jazz bands. Auditions take place in September.

### **LITERARY MAGAZINE: OUT OF THE BLUE – MS. OLSEN**

A magazine featuring the poetry, short writing, artwork, and photography of TEMS students and staff. ALL are welcome. Come to our celebration of writing in the first trimester! You do not need to pre-register for the club - just show up! Meetings will be held in Room 312 beginning in January. Listen to TE TV news for more updates.

### **MATHCOUNTS – MR. DENKER & MRS. GOLDMAN**

At meetings, students work on problems from the MathCounts organization or New England Math League. Students may work with friends or by themselves. There are two competitions: In January, students compete to represent TE at the Hartford Chapter MathCounts competition. Qualifying students will compete in February at the University of Hartford with

the possibility of qualifying for the state competition in March. At the end of February, students participate in the New England Math League competition. Meetings take place Fridays at 7:00 a.m. in the cafeteria, starting the end of October through the end of February. MathCounts is open to all middle school students interested in math. There will be announcements on how to join and an information sheet distributed by math teachers in October.

#### **MEDIA CENTER ASSISTANTS – MRS. LONGO**

Media Center assistants will be assigned one or more of the following tasks during their time on duty: Pulling books for units, working at the circulation desk, placing new magazines on shelves, straightening books on shelves, keeping library clean and orderly, assisting with displays and special projects before school 7:45-8:05, or during study halls. Students may pick up an application in the Media Center. Students must keep up with all assigned school work and grades cannot fall below a C average.

#### **MENTORING PROGRAM – MRS. KOZIK AND MRS. REED**

The Mentoring Program is designed to provide students with an adult role model to speak with, share their concerns or simply talk about items of interest. Mentors are recruited from the community, screened and trained prior to being matched with a mentee. Activities include eating lunch on a regular basis with a mentor and group activities. Students are recommended to participate in the program by teachers, counselors, administrators and parents. Students can also request to be paired with a mentor. The Mentoring Program is open to all students.

#### **OUTDOOR EDUCATION CLUB – MS. NELSON AND MR. WILKINSON**

This club provides a wide variety of beginning and intermediate outdoor-educational experiences for students. In the past, trips have included excursions to Block Island, hiking on CT trails, cross country skiing, snow tubing, whale watches, ice skating, paddle boarding, ropes course and corn mazes. Activities are planned throughout the school year. Most activities and adventures take place during weekdays and weekends. Open to all students. Pick up permission slips in the main office or 251 for each activity.

#### **PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM – MRS. KACZMAREK**

Students will be trained to mediate conflict among peers that interfere with the educational process. Students will also participate in promoting a positive school climate through activities such Pinwheels for Peace, Unity Day and Chalk Walk. Meetings take place weekly during lunch. Mediations take place, as needed, during lunch or non core classes. Students fill out an application which will be available at the end of September. Applications will be located outside of Room 376 and in the Counseling Office.

#### **INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS- MR. SWIERCZYNSKI, ATHLETIC COORDINATOR**

Timothy Edwards has an extensive and successful Interscholastic Sports Program with dedicated student athletes and coaches. Games and meets are held against other area middle schools with both "home" and "away" competitions. Transportation is provided to away meets and games. The goal of the Interscholastic Sports Program is to provide playing experience, develop skills, foster teamwork and promote competitive spirit. Most teams practice daily after school during the season. In all cases the sports are open to any interested TE student. Some teams require tryouts with a limited number of open positions. Students must have a completed on line sports form with a doctor's note and sports participation fee turned in prior to the first day of practice/tryouts. The TE Interscholastic Athletic Teams are listed below by season along with their respective coaches.

##### **Fall:**

Boys Cross Country - Mr. Nelson  
Girls Cross Country - Ms. Nelson  
Boys Soccer - Mr. Chandler  
Girls Soccer – Mr. Carnes  
Girls Field Hockey - Mrs. Custer & Mr. Wilkinson

##### **Winter:**

Girls Cheerleading – Mrs. Edwards  
Boys Basketball - Mr. McClay  
Girls Basketball - Mr. Chandler

##### **Spring:**

Boys Track & Field – Mrs. Velasquez  
Girls Track & Field –Mrs. Edwards  
Girls Softball – Mr. Wry  
Boys Baseball-Mr. Swierczynski

## **INTRAMURAL SPORTS - MR. SWIERCZYNSKI, ATHLETIC COORDINATOR**

The TE after school intramural program offers students an opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities. Students learn new skills, practice game strategies, meet new friends and have fun. Some of the intramural offerings are listed below, but the program is not limited to these activities. Rather, intramural athletics are geared towards student interest and the availability of proper supervision. Intramural activities are held on late bus days (M, W, Th) from 2:40 to 4:10 and are open to all interested students in grades 6-8 unless otherwise noted. **Please note that intramural offerings are subject to change from year to year**, based on student interest, staff availability, facilities availability and weather. Offerings are communicated to students by PE teachers and on the TE TV news.

### **Fall:**

Basketball  
Grade 8 Flag Football

### **Winter:**

Volleyball Tournaments

### **Spring:**

Tennis  
Homerun Derby  
Pinguard  
Soccer

## **SPOTLIGHT SHOW CHOIR - MRS. GASTA**

Spotlight is an auditioned show choir. All students are encouraged to audition for Spotlight Show Choir in early October. Audition dates will be announced on TE TV News. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Dedicated rehearsal attendance is mandatory for continued membership in the ensemble. Extra evening rehearsals will be added as necessary. Criteria for membership includes demonstration of good vocal and movement abilities, stage presence, a willingness to work hard, commitment and continued academic achievement.

## **STEAM OLYMPICS - MR. SMITH-HORN AND MRS. BAJOREK**

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Olympics will allow all interested students to compete in a variety of STEAM activities based on a specific “theme”. Meetings and competitions take place on Saturdays, dates TBD, likely in late October and late May. Sign-up forms will be available in all Science, Tech Ed, Art and Math classrooms.

## **STOCK MARKET GAME - MR. SMITH-HORN**

All 6th grade students are invited to participate. The stock market game is a ten week/nine session competition from October - December. Students can work in a team of their choosing and invest in a “mock” \$100,000 in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Numerous guest speakers will present information about various investments and businesses. Meetings take place after school on Thursdays. Sign up forms will be available in all grade six math classes and in room 307.

## **T.E. TV NEWS TEAM – MR. GORIC**

Timothy Edwards Middle School has its own TV Station! The TETV Morning News is broadcast daily from our own state of the art professional television studio throughout the school, giving announcements, updates, lunch menu, awards, and news for the student body. If how a real news program works interests you, you are interested in technical aspects of production, or always wanted to be a news anchor, TETV News might be for you! Each team member is trained in operating the studio equipment and delivering news professionally. TETV Morning News meets every morning at 7:30 a.m. before school. Crew positions rotate. See Mr. Goric in Room 114 or 228 for an application.

## **T.E.A.M: (TIMOTHY EDWARDS AFTER-SCHOOL MATINEE PROGRAM)–MRS. RICHARD**

T.E.A.M. offers a variety of after school activities. Students can select a six week course in Fall and/or Winter, for a nominal fee. T.E.A.M. is open to all students. Past activities have included wood working, movie matinee and bowling. Forms, with activity offerings will be given to students prior to each session. Forms will also be available on the TEMS website soon after activity offerings have been finalized.

## **YEARBOOK CLUB – MS. GRAVELL**

Each year, a hardcover yearbook is published for all students to purchase. TE students who apply to be members of the yearbook staff are involved in all aspects of book production. This includes photo selection and placement as well as book sales and distribution. The first meeting date will be announced on the TE TV news. Meetings take place once a week after school.