

Timothy Edwards Middle School



Co-Curricular Activities

2017-2018

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TEMS is proud of its extra-curricular 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 extra-curricular/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.

EXTRA CURRICULAR VS. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-Curricular Activities	Co-Curricular Activities								
<p>(These activities require either a tryout, an audition, or application)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entertainers Entertainers Tech Crew Jazz Ensemble Spotlight Show Choir Sports-Interscholastic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseball Basketball Cheerleading Cross Country Field Hockey Soccer Softball Track TE TV News 	<p>(These activities require a nomination and/or sign up)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cougar Community Service Club Literary Magazine: Out of the Blue MathCounts Media Center Assistants Mentoring Program Outdoor Education Club Peer Mediation Science Olympiad Sports -Intramural <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 0 10px;">Basketball</td> <td>Soccer</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 0 10px;">Dodgeball/Pinguard</td> <td>Tennis</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 0 10px;">Flag Football</td> <td>Variety Sports</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 0 10px;">Homerun Derby</td> <td>Volleyball</td> </tr> </table> T.E.A.M.(Timothy Edwards Afterschool Matinee) Yearbook Club 	Basketball	Soccer	Dodgeball/Pinguard	Tennis	Flag Football	Variety Sports	Homerun Derby	Volleyball
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ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR 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.

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. 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 in grades 6-8 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 to Mr. Klein about your interest in the program. Tech Crew meets after school starting in January and follows the Entertainer's rehearsal schedule.

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 & MRS. CARVACHE

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.

COUGAR COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB – MRS. MADARA

The Cougar Community Service Club provides community service opportunities for students and stresses the importance of volunteerism. The club aims to mesh the social studies curriculum with service learning and foster an awareness of the importance of civic duty and community. It is open to all students in grades 6-8 and will meet on Wednesdays from 2:40-4:00, once a month in Room 313. Listen to the TETV morning news for meeting dates.

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 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 and straightening them out, straightening books on shelves, keeping library clean and orderly, assisting with displays, assisting with special projects before school 7:45-8:05. Students may pick up an application in the Media Center. Students must keep up with all assigned school work. 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 students in grades 6-8.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION CLUB – MS. NELSON & MR. WILKINSON

This club provides a wide variety of beginning and intermediate outdoor-educational experiences for students at TEMS. In the past, trips have included excursions to Block Island, hiking on CT trails, cross country skiing, snow tubing, whale watches and ice skating. Activities are planned throughout the school year. Most activities and adventures take place during weekdays and sometimes on week-ends due to time constraint. Open to all students in Grades 6-8. Pick up permission slips in the main office or 251 for each activity you choose to participate in. Every attempt is made to keep cost at a minimum and a fundraising dance is held to help defray expenses.

PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM – MRS. LAGASSE

Students will be trained to mediate conflict among their peers that interfere with the educational process. Entire school year. Meetings take place weekly during lunch. Mediations take place as needed during lunch or study hall. Students fill out an application which will be available at the end of September. Applications will be located outside Cougar's Corner in Room 376 or outside of Guidance.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD –MR. SMITH-HORN

Science Olympiad is a co-curricular national competition. All students in grades 6-8 are welcome to apply for one of the 30+ available spots. Small groups of students (2-6 in each group) will work to address various topics identified by the National Science Olympiad and will compete at the state competition in March 2017. Since 2004 TEMS has earned three second place state finishes, one third place finish and five consecutive first place finishes which allowed the team to move on to the national competitions. All students must maintain a B or higher average.

SPORTS, INTERSCHOLASTIC (GRADES 6–8) MR. EDWARDS, 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:

Boys Basketball - Mr. Edwards

Girls Basketball - Mr. Chandler

Girls Cheerleading – Mrs. Edwards

Spring:

Boys Track & Field – Mrs. Velasquez

Girls Track & Field –Mrs. Edwards

Girls Softball – Ms. Gasparino

Boys Baseball-Mr. Swierczynski

SPORTS, INTRAMURAL (GRADES 6-8) MR. EDWARDS, 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 selected from students in grades 6-8. Rehearsals will be Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings through May. Dedicated rehearsal attendance is mandatory for continued membership in the ensemble. Extra evening rehearsals will be added as necessary. All TE students are encouraged to audition for Spotlight Show Choir in early October. Criteria for membership includes demonstration of good vocal and movement abilities, stage presence, a willingness to work hard, commitment and continued academic achievement.

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 with days of the six day encore rotation. See Mr. Goric in Room 244 for an application.

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

T.E.A.M. is an after school program offered to students who can select a six to eight week course of their choice and participate for a nominal fee. The activities are generally of a high interest level and are taught by trained instructors. T.E.A.M. is open to students in grades 6-8.

YEARBOOK CLUB – MS. GRAVELL

Each year, a hard cover 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. This club is open to students in grades 6-8 who are accepted through an application process.