

Lewis F. Cole Middle School

Clubs and Activities Directory

2023-2024

Student Council

**Meets Wednesday
Room 125**

Ms. Jillian Reicherz

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A student council is a representative body composed chiefly of students chosen by their classmates to organize social and extracurricular activities and participate in the government of a school. We are composed of both seventh and eighth-graders and have four officers and two representatives from each homeroom, making our total 44 students. Occasionally, we allow students who are not elected to join the student council, which raises our membership to 50 students.

7th Grade Band

**Alternating Thursdays and
Fridays
Band Room**

Mr. Anthony Gioia

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Classroom Code: 7qlzfks

The purpose of the 7th grade Band rehearsal program is meant to run in conjunction with the instrumental band lesson program. Its purpose is to provide students with the knowledge and skills of wind and percussion instruments at the seventh and eighth grade level. Students who participated in the elementary band program will be given a more in-depth education on their own instruments and will be expected to perform at a higher level. Using their method books, students will be exposed to and be expected to play more difficult exercises with the guidance of their teacher. Supplemental materials will be handed out over the course of the year, which will aid them in mastering their own instruments and becoming better musicians. They will also be expected to perform at the annual Winter and Spring Concerts where students will play musical repertoire appropriate to their level as an exposition of their abilities and achievements. In order to join this course, students need to have at least one year of band lessons before participating in band rehearsals.



8th Grade Band

**Alternating Thursdays and
Fridays
Band Room**

Mr. Anthony Gioia

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The purpose of the 8th grade Band rehearsal program is meant to run in conjunction with the instrumental band lesson program. Its purpose is to provide students with the knowledge and skills of wind and percussion instruments at the seventh and eighth grade level. Students who participated in the elementary band program will be given a more in-depth education on their own instruments and will be expected to perform at a higher level. Using their method books, students will be exposed to and be expected to play more difficult exercises with the guidance of their teacher. Supplemental materials will be handed out over the course of the year, which will aid them in mastering their own instruments and becoming better musicians. They will also be expected to perform at the annual Winter and Spring Concerts where students will play musical repertoire appropriate to their level as an exposition of their abilities and achievements. In order to join this course, students need to have at least one year of band lessons before participating in band rehearsals.

7th and 8th Grade Chorus

**Lessons are 4th or 5th period during lunch
Full Chorus Meets Tuesday after school
Chorus Room**

Mrs. Janue Vargas

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The after school chorus runs in conjunction with Lunch Chorus Class. For chorus lessons the students get their lunch and come to the chorus room to eat. After eating we sing. Most often we work in sections, while everyone has free time, in a rotating schedule. When we are ready to work as a full group we meet after school on Tuesday to combine all parts and work to gain a cohesive quality among the singers. We perform for the Spring and Winter Concerts.

Computer Club

**Meets Alternating
Wednesday & Thursday
Computer Lab**

Ms. Christina Murphy

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Classroom Code: c5nrs3y

The Computer Club provides services to school technology to include the following: the cleaning of hardware, creation of signs, banners, passes, posters, etc. for teachers, other clubs, and school events (dances & assemblies). Students will create greeting cards for the community (essential workers, residents of nursing facilities, etc.) during the holiday seasons.

Environmental Club

**Meets Alternating
Wednesday & Thursday
Room 173**

Ms. Christina Murphy

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In the environmental club we work together with students to learn how to care for the environment. We participate in activities to use and waste less materials while recycling goods that can be reused. We take measures to clean the environment by picking up trash in our community. We focus on utilizing more technology to create less waste. The environmental club participates in school wide contests involving nature to bring appreciation to the environment we live in.

Handbells Choir

**Meets Wednesday
Room 161**

Ms. Janue Vargas

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This is a club that also becomes a performing group. Handbells are individual note instruments. Each student has anywhere between two to 6 notes they are responsible for and they learn how to put them together to create songs using printed music and learning specific handbell techniques. We perform for a holiday concert and a spring concert.

Intramurals Club

**Meets Monday and Wednesday
Gym**

Mr. Zachary Schlemm

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Classroom Code: ci6ream

Intramurals Club is an after school club that allows students to continue to better themselves through physical activities. These physical activities include fitness, sports, mindful movements, and physical challenges. This club's goal is to meet every Monday and Wednesday for the majority of the school year.

Intermedia Art Club

**Meets Monday
Computer Room 172**

Ms. Kristina Sommerhalter

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Classroom Code: s6zudvv

Intermedia Art Club meets on Monday afternoons in the art room (Room 158) after school until approximately 4:00 P.M. From October through May, students draw, paint, sculpt, take pictures, create digital art, and inspire each other's creative efforts. Artwork varies from year to year and may consist of photography, woodworking, fibers and fabrics, ceramics, and sculpture, as well as charcoal, watercolor, pen, crayon, pencil, colored pencil, and computer-aided designs. Students who join the art staff are also encouraged to take risks with their artwork each week and are taught about different types of art styles.

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Intermedia is the art and literary magazine created by Lewis F. Cole Middle School students for the entire student body. The magazine consists of original artwork and literary pieces done solely by our students. Artwork that has been completed in school, as well as at home, is permitted for inclusion into Intermedia. One does not have to be "on staff" to submit work. All submissions are not guaranteed to be featured on the district website or published in our annual art and literary magazine.

Intermedia Literary Club

**Meets Monday
Room 107**

Mr. Alden Etra

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Classroom Code: s6zudvv

Intermedia Literary is a place where students meet to read, write, discuss, and collaborate in preparation for the Intermedia publication submitted to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Students have a place to plan, write, and workshop pieces to be submitted to the magazine with Mr. Etra's guidance in a place where artistic endeavor is not only applauded but respected. Intermedia Literary collaborates with Intermedia Art, which is run by Mrs. Sommerhalter. The final product is Intermedia Magazine, where students' art and writing skills are featured. The community works hard to allow students to express full creativity. It is a space where students can feel comfortable to share ideas and write down short stories, poems, nonfiction pieces, scripts and more.

Intermedia Literary Club meets on Monday afternoons in Mr. Etra's room (Room 107) after school until approximately 4:00 P.M. From October through May, students work to refine their writing craft, workshoping pieces from inception to publication.

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Library Council

**Meets Tuesday
Media Center**

Ms. Cean Spahn

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Library Council allows students the chance to participate in afterschool library/media center activities from October through May of each school year. We meet on average two to three times a month for an hour with students participating in a variety of activities throughout the year which may include community service activities, book fair planning, book discussion groups, open Makerspace activities, movie days, and other fun activities.

Math Club

Meets: Wednesday

Room: 169

Ms. Stefanie Katic

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The Math Club gives students that are interested in mathematics the opportunity to compete in two academic competitions for students in grades 5-8. The AMC8 Competition is a multi level individual competition for students all around the country. The MathCounts Competition is an individual and team competition that consists of the top 8 students to represent LFCMS in the Chapter Competition against Bergen and Hudson county schools. Most importantly, the Math Club is a great place to have fun and learn more about the math that makes up the world around us.

Multicultural Club

Meets Tuesday

Room 117

Ms. Solanlly Ortega

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The Multicultural Club is an organization that strives to foster awareness and appreciation for all races, ethnicities, and nationalities in our school community. Students will develop awareness by participating in a variety of activities to learn about different cultures, heritages, foods and traditions from around the world. Our school community is composed of an ethnically diverse student body and staff who will work together to celebrate diversity.

SADD Club

Meets Thursday

Room 128

Ms. Stefanie Pinajian

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The Middle School SADD Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, is a service organization dedicated to helping promote better decision making by students and supporting awareness campaigns with a focus on safe and smart choices by teens. SADD members meet on an average of once per week. During our meetings, students create and design posters for upcoming events and activities. Students also come up with various ideas for future campaigns or fundraisers

Science League

**Meets Monday
Room 104**

Mr. Brian Larcheveque

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The Science League is for students interested in learning more about chemistry and gives them the opportunity to compete in an academic competition for students in grades 5-8, titled, "You Be The Chemist Challenge." This competition is a multilevel, individual competition for students all around the country. Our meetings consist of mini-lessons and labs that cover a number of topics directly from the competition. Most importantly, the Science League is a great place to have fun and learn more about the science that makes up the world around us.

String Orchestra

**Meets Monday
Room 161**

Ms. Mary Stephensen

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Classroom Code: mssyrxj

The String Orchestra welcomes any student who plays a string instrument or any student who would like to start. You will practice in small groups each week, learning the skills of your instrument, plus we learn all types of music from Bach to rock. The entire group also meets as one collective unit once a week on Mondays right after school. At that time we practice for our Holiday and Spring Concerts, plus many other activities that happen throughout the year ending with a trip to Dorney Park Amusement Park.

Yearbook

**Meets Tuesday
Room 125**

Ms. Jillian Reicherz

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The middle school yearbook is a yearly publication created by the 7th and 8th-grade students of Lewis F. Cole Middle School. The main goal of this activity is to preserve middle school memories for all students by producing a yearbook.

Student Ambassadors

**Meets Monday
Health Room # 152**

**Ms. Tara Gratacos, Ms. Christine Lepore,
Ms. Crystal Vargas**
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Student Ambassadors are a select group of students dedicated to preventing disharmony and bias behavior while helping to maintain cooperation and unity within the middle school student body. The students who are selected serve as role models for our school. The main goal of this group is to facilitate and promote a positive school climate by teaching and reinforcing a consistent set of behavioral expectations for every student in all of our school settings. The entire group meets once or twice per month where the students determine objectives for the remainder of the year and plan appropriate activities for our school. Each day, student ambassadors assist our Multiple Disabilities (M.D.) students during art, music, digital arts, S.T.E.M, and physical education lessons. All M.D. students participate within a regularly scheduled 8th-grade class where they can have peer to peer assistance. In addition, select student ambassadors meet with the advisors during their free time to prepare for upcoming lessons and plan appropriate activities for the group.

To be selected as a Student Ambassador, one must maintain academic excellence – a student does not need to be an honor roll student. They must exhibit extraordinary effort daily. The student must be recommended by multiple staff members, fill out a written application, and complete an interview with the Student Ambassador advisor and assistants. The staff members who recommend the student for the group must confirm that the student has outstanding leadership skills and can foster unity among the diverse population of the middle school. The Ambassadors must respect other students, listen, maintain confidentiality when necessary, and volunteer to serve in various capacities to better our school environment.

Zoology Club

**Meets Tuesday
Room 106**

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Zoology is the scientific study of animals and this club centers around activities that allow students to get hands-on experience learning about animals. Activities include outdoor animal study, dissection, classroom pet care and more. Last year students had the opportunity to learn about animal metabolism through making fermented foods. Students also set up a habitat for the classroom beetle tank. Students are responsible for feeding and maintaining the classroom animal tanks. Students will be able to learn about animal anatomy through dissection. During the warmer months, students will go outside and explore to find what animals live in our local area. If you are interested in science, veterinary care, medicine, outdoor exploration, or animals in any way, consider joining the zoology club.