

# PARKWAY SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities are an integral part of the middle school years. Participation in intramural sports, clubs and fine arts productions enhance students' academics and skills, as well as allow them to explore common interests with new friends. Most importantly, participation in these activities provides a sense of accomplishment and personal pride, encourages time management and promotes school spirit.

In the past, hundreds of students have enjoyed our clubs and after school activities. Therefore, we strongly encourage students to take advantage of this year's opportunities. Many of the activities are published in this booklet; however, **students are strongly encouraged to watch for announcements on the video displays located in the sixth grade hall, pavilion, main hall and the intramural bulletin board located in the main hall where students will be directed, when and where to sign up, and where to meet for a particular sport.**

We have many clubs and activities to choose from and will try to offer any others you may suggest.

Activities will start at 3:20 and end at 4:25 P.M. Activity buses will be available to take participants home and will leave South Middle at about 4:30. *Missouri Central Bus Company* buses will be available to take VST students home. All students riding the bus home will receive a bus pass from their activity coordinator. Without this pass they will not be allowed on the bus. After activities are over, all students will report to the pavilion and wait for instructions before boarding their bus. We hope to see all of you getting INVOLVED and having FUN!

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Parkway South Middle School



# THE PATRIOT WAY



The core value is shown in after school activities when...

	<b>STUDENTS</b>	<b>ACTIVITY SPONSORS</b>
<p><b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> <i>means being reliable or dependable.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Come prepared to participate in an activity (proper clothing, equipment, and water if needed).</li> <li>• Sign in at the beginning of activity periods (by 3:20) and remain present for the entire activity period.</li> <li>• Find the correct activity bus and sit calmly in the correct location.</li> <li>• Communicate with sponsors about concerns related to the activity or transportation home from the activity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure dismissal procedures are always followed during after school bus duty.</li> <li>• Exercise caution and care when facing a student's medical concern.</li> <li>• Communicate with students about upcoming events and important dates.</li> </ul>
<p><b>KINDNESS</b> <i>means having a sympathetic attitude towards others and a willingness to do good.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work well with others.</li> <li>• Show positivity and respect to all participants in an activity—both students and sponsors, from South Middle or otherwise.</li> <li>• Represent South Middle with pride and dignity in all District events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work well with others.</li> <li>• Show positivity and respect to all participants in an activity—both students and sponsors, from South Middle or otherwise.</li> <li>• Represent South Middle with pride and dignity in all District events.</li> </ul>
<p><b>EMPATHY</b> <i>means understanding the feelings of others, even if you haven't been through the exact same situation. It means acting on understanding to help others.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are patient and do not laugh if another participant is having trouble in an activity.</li> <li>• Try to understand the perspective of others even if they don't agree with them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are patient with struggling participants.</li> <li>• Try to understand the perspective of others even if they don't agree with them.</li> </ul>
<p><b>INTEGRITY</b> <i>means doing what is right even when there is no one there to hold you accountable.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do the right thing when no one is looking.</li> <li>• Follow directions the first time they are given.</li> <li>• Participate in activities the fair way.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select teams (for athletics) using a consistent, equitable protocol and are transparent about the selection process.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RESILIENCE</b> <i>means being able to become strong, healthy, and successful even when something is difficult or discouraging.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not give up when facing obstacles in an activity.</li> <li>• Face adversity with positivity, not complaining.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for students in the face of adversity.</li> <li>• Show positivity in all situations.</li> </ul>

# INTRAMURALS

Intramurals are offered after school during the activity period that runs from 3:20 to 4:25 and will begin on Wednesday, August 30th. Generally, sixth grade meets on Monday, seventh grade meets on Wednesday, and eighth grade meets on Thursday. However, for certain sports, the activity sponsor may wish to invite students to stay for more than one day. The invitation to participate in intramurals is extended to any and all students.

All students wishing to participate should have tennis shoes and be appropriately dressed for the activity. *A WATER BOTTLE IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED FOR ALL SPORTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE HELD OUTDOORS.*

In-district tournaments with the other Parkway middle schools are offered for each grade level for certain sports. These events are coeducational and include: cross country, soccer, wrestling, basketball, volleyball, flag football, softball, and track. Tournament teams will be limited in size based on the nature of the sport being played, and will be selected by the activity sponsor using—in order—the following criteria: **Following the Patriot Way, Attendance, and Skill.**

Teams will be selected at least one week prior to the date of a tournament. While all students are still welcome to attend practice in the dates prior to the tournament, the tournament team will not be altered barring an athlete's inability to attend.

## The Patriot Way

All participants in intramural sports are expected to follow the Patriot Way at all intramural practices and District tournaments. Major violations of the Patriot Way at intramural practices or District tournaments will result in a referral to the school's administration for consequences up to and including suspension from after school activities as well as participation in District tournaments.

## Dismissal Protocol

Due to the safety concerns present in sending a student away on the wrong bus, all activity sponsors and students are expected to follow the following protocol during activity bus dismissal.

- Students should take care of personal matters at the conclusion of their activity, fill out a bus pass, and immediately take a seat at the assigned table until they are dismissed by an activity sponsor. .
- If students are unaware of their transportation home, they should immediately find an adult to help them.
- Activity directors will be readily available to field questions from students if they are unsure of the correct activity bus to ride.
- Activity directors will dismiss students for an activity bus once all students are seated, the bus has arrived, and the bus is ready to depart.
- Once dismissed by activity directors, students will clear any debris from their location, push in their chairs, and walk calmly to their bus. Students receiving a ride home from a guardian may leave at any time.

# 2017-2018 INTRAMURAL SCHEDULE

## September-October: Cross Country

10/10, 3:30	6/7/8 Practice XC Meet	Central Middle
10/30, 4:00 (11/1: rain date)	6/7/8 District XC Meet	South Middle

## September-October: Soccer

10/18, 3:30 (10/25: rain date)	8 Boys and Girls	West Middle
10/23, 3:30 (10/25: rain date)	6/7 Boys and Girls	Northeast Middle

## September-October: Wrestling

10/16, 3:30	All Grades District Tournament	Central Middle
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## November-December: Basketball

12/18, 3:30	6 Boys and Girls	Northeast Middle
12/18, 3:30	7 Boys and Girls	South Middle
12/20, 3:30	8 Boys and Girls	West Middle

## January-February: Volleyball

2/21, 3:30	6/7 Boys and Girls	Southwest Middle
2/22, 3:30	8 Boys and Girls	Southwest Middle

## March-April: Softball

4/9, 3:30 (4/12: rain date)	6/7 Boys and Girls	South High
4/11, 3:30 (4/12: rain date)	8 Boys and Girls	South High

## March-April: Flag Football

4/16, 3:30 (4/17: rain date)	6/7/8 Boys and Girls	Central High
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## April-May: Track

5/17, 9:00 (5/18: rain date)	6/7/8 District Track Meet	North High
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# Other Exciting Activities

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**Book Battle** - December through May - Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Flick - Library

Do you love to read? Are you great at remembering trivia? Are you competitive?

Book Battle is for you if you answered YES to these questions. Join the team that will compete against 33 other middle schools in May of 2018. We will read, discuss, and quiz each other on 20 required books determined by the St. Louis Area Book Battle Chair Committee. Fierce competition ensues in May when we go to competition. We need a team of 6 with 2 alternates. All grades are welcome. We will begin meeting in December of 2017. Lists of required books and Book Battle information can be found on the library's webpage.

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**Chess Club** - year round - Mr. Morley - rm. 2502

Chess, "exercise your mind, don't waste it!" Chess is a fun game that tests both your thinking and analytical skills. Come join us. The Chess Club will meet every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in Mr. Kulick's room.

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**CS First Coding Clubs** - September through March - Mrs. Sanders - Library

**WHEN:** after school on the third and fourth Wednesdays of each month

**FEE:** \$5.00 for a Scratch coding workbook available in the school store.

See Mrs. Sanders in the library to reserve a spot. 20 students maximum per session. Bring your Chromebook and earbuds!

CS First by Google is an online computer science club that increases student access and exposure to computer science (CS) education through after-school programs. CS First involves block-based coding using Scratch. There are 8 different themed "clubs" that students can choose from based on personal interest and varying degrees of difficulty: Storytelling, Friends, Fashion and Design, Art, Social Media, Sports, Music and Sound, Gaming, and Animation.

Goals: Increase confidence when using computers; instill courage to try new things; grow perseverance when tackling difficult problems; provide a sense of belonging in technology; demonstrate the impact Computer Science has in careers and communities.

## **Drama - Fall Play/Spring Musical - Fall/Spring - Mrs. Farmer - rm. 1704**

**Fall Play** - "Death By Dessert" performs October 26, 27, and 28.

**Spring Musical** - "The Little Mermaid Jr." Performs March 14, 15, and 16.

Casting is by audition only. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to audition.

Auditions for "Death By Dessert" are September 6th. First rehearsal is the following Monday, September 11th. We rehearse M-W-R during the activity period until TECH WEEK when rehearsals will go until 5:30 pm.

Auditions for "The Little Mermaid Jr." are November 13th. We rehearse M-W-R during the activity period until TECH WEEK when rehearsals will go until 5:30 pm.

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## **Homework Clubs**

Need extra help and time for homework? Stay after school! Attend the following team homework clubs, or speak to your teachers about other additional opportunities that become available throughout the year.

**6th Grade Math** - Monday, year round - Mrs. Blanton - rm. 1410  
**8 Blue** - Wednesday, year round - location and host alternate weekly  
**8 Red** - Monday, year round - Mrs. Lewis - rm. 2501

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**Math Club** - Thursdays, year round - Mr. Lehmann - rm. 2402

Have you ever done a math problem and thought "Hey, that was actually fun!"? In Math Club, we work on all kinds of puzzles, logic problems, and brain teasers. We will also participate in a few math competitions along the way. Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 7th.

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**Patriot's Herald Newspaper** - year round - Mrs. Knowles - rm. 2412

The Patriot's Herald goal is to inform and entertain students with school, community, and worldly information and interests. The paper is for students by students. Meet on Wednesdays beginning September 13. As a staff member you must be committed to weekly meetings. Responsibilities include writing, drawing, photography and/or research.

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**Yearbook** - Sept. to March - Ms. Gillum - rm. 2414

Yearbook Members will be responsible for writing articles and taking pictures of the events at South Middle School. Members must apply in advance to be included in the yearbook staff. Days of the week vary. Meet in Mr. Phillips' room (2414).