

Old Orchard Junior High Activities/Clubs Guide



2023 - 2024

General Information About Activities and Clubs

Session Dates

We will have 3 sessions of clubs throughout the 2023-2024 school year. Each session will have a variety of clubs!

Trimester 1 Session dates:

- Mid-September through November

Trimester 2 Session dates:

- January through mid-March

Trimester 3 Session dates:

- Mid-March through May

Times for Clubs

All clubs will meet 3:05-3:55 pm Each club will meet on its assigned day of either Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday at that time.

Restrictions for Clubs

There are no restrictions for clubs. You do not need certain grades to attend and you can attend as many clubs as you would like.

Expectations for Clubs

Clubs and Activities are an extension of the school day, therefore, school-appropriate behavior is expected. If a club sponsor believes a student is not being respectful or responsible, then they may contact home, request the student not attend for a designated time, facilitate a mediation or apology, or any other consequence that seems appropriate for the situation.

Trimester 1 Clubs

Mid-September through November

Tuesdays 3:05-3:55	Wednesdays 3:05-3:55	Thursdays 3:05-3:55
Choir GSA- 09/18 Movie Critic- 09/26	Dungeons & Dragons Language Exchange	Art Club Battle of the Books-10/5/23 Practice Buddies
*** Jazz Band will meet Tues & Thurs in the morning at 7am Open Gym will meet Tues & Thurs 7:00-7:45 am		

Trimester 2 Clubs

January Through Mid-March

Tuesdays 3:05-3:55	Wednesdays 3:05-3:55	Thursdays 3:05-3:55	Fridays 3:05-3:55
Choir Cheer club(starts 10/17/23) Badminton(starts 10/17/23) GSA Movie Critic	Dungeons & Dragons Language Exchange	Art Club Battle of the Books Practice Buddies	Sticker Society
*** Jazz Band will meet Tues & Thurs in the morning at 7am			

Trimester 3 Clubs

Mid-March through May

Tuesdays 3:05-3:55	Wednesdays 3:05-3:55	Thursdays 3:05-3:55
Choir GSA Movie Critic	Dungeons & Dragons Language Exchange	Battle of the Books Practice Buddies
*** Jazz Band will meet Tues & Thurs in the morning at 7am		

About the Activities and Clubs:

Art Club

Ms. Trinh

Room: 232

Let's make art! In the art club, we will create things with one another and express ourselves with your own personal projects.

Badminton Club - starts 10/17/23

Ms. Tsioles

Room: A-Gym

Are you interested in badminton? Do you want to play with friends? Come join us all are welcome! Dates: 10/17, 10/18, 10/19, 10/20, 10/24, 10/25, 10/26, 10/27 before school starts.

Battle of the Books - start date 10/5/23

Ms. Schook & Ms. Merrill

Room; LMC

Battle of the Books is a club for any 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who like to read and want to be part of a competitive team. Students will read a collection of high-quality books, meet as a group to discuss the books, and then prepare for reading comprehension competitions at Morton Grove Public Library against other schools in Niles Township. Students Meetings will likely be monthly September-December, bi-weekly January-February, and weekly March-April.

Cheer Club - starts 10/17/23

Ms. Tsioles

Room: Outside the B gym

Are you interested in cheerleading? Do you want to work on your basic skills? Feel free to come and work on jumps, motions and overall learning material for cheerleading at OOJH. Dates: 10/17, 10/18, 10/19, 10/20, 10/24, 10/25, 10/26, 10/27 from 3-4pm

Choir Club

Ms. Hickey

Room: 235

Students will have a chance to sing solos, duets, or in small groups for the Vocal Showcase. Students come to Choir Club to collaborate and support each other through singing and get informal opportunities to perform for each other in preparation for the Vocal Showcase.

Dungeons & Dragons/Table Top Gaming Club

Mr. Petrella & Mr. Hussain

Room: LMC

6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to join on Wednesday afternoons for Dungeon & Dragons. Are you interested in having a fantastic adventure? Would you like to create your own characters and write a marvelous story together with friends? If so, come join the Dungeons & Dragons Club. We will meet each week to embark on new quests and learn how to build social connections through creative gameplay!

GSA (Genders and Sexuality Alliance)

Ms. McClellan & Mr. Flood

Room: 311

GSA is a club for students who want a safe place to hang out, talk about the world, and maybe even plan for positive change in our school and community. GSA meets once per week and our priority is to build a positive and safe environment for LGBTQ + and/or Allies to the community. Come and join for some fun hangs!

Jazz Band

Mr. Petrella

Room: 234

Jazz Band is a group that plays jazz, rock, funk, latin, swing, and a variety of other styles of music not usually performed by the concert band. An audition is required. Jazz Band will perform at contests, festivals, and other public events as well as our school concerts. Students who play guitar and bass are welcome to audition, as well as any band instruments. Reading music is required.

Language Exchange

Ms. Parkinson

Room: 304

Are you fluent in a language other than English? Are you interested in learning a language other than English? Join us at Language Exchange to learn, teach, and enjoy the many languages at OOJH!

Movie Critic Club - starts 9/26/23

Ms. Merril & Mr. Ninan

Room: 306

Love movies? Want to meet others who love movies too? Join Movie Critic Club! Meet up to watch movies and create reviews to share with the school.

Open Gym

Mr. Garland

Room: A Gym

Open Gym is a club that provides an opportunity to exercise and have fun exercising with friends. 7 am - 7:45 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rotate grade levels each day.

Practice Buddies

Ms. Nevinger

Room: Band Room

Calling all musicians! Hang out with your fellow musician friends to practice or jam! Open to musicians who sing or play a band or orchestra instrument, piano, percussion and/or guitar.

Sticker Society

Ms. Nevinger

Room: Art Room

Do you love stickers? Join fellow sticker enthusiasts in designing and sharing your own sticker creations! No experience needed.