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NORTHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Students are strongly encouraged to participate in academic activities. The programs are offered to provide learning experience important to your development. Students are responsible for listening to the morning announcements to determine starting dates for the various activities. This information will also be posted on our morning announcements on the Middle School webpage. Students may pick up registration forms in the office. Parent/guardian may call the athletic/activities secretary with questions (663-0680).

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Chess Club

The Chess Team offers practice and instruction every Thursday from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m., September to early November at the high school. For players that show great talent, there are opportunities to play in chess tournaments. The Chess Team also meets in the spring (February to March) in preparation for the State Tournament (for those who qualify).

Environmental Club

The NMS Environmental Club is open to all students grade 6-8. The club has three main goals: outdoor adventure, service learning and becoming an ecologically responsible citizen. An organizational meeting will be held early in the school year to set meeting times and projects. Meetings and projects will occur through April, with an Earth Day celebration as a final event.

Honors Choir

Honors Choir is a Select 40 auditioned voice group that performs at special events throughout the school year. This is for 7th and 8th grade students. Auditions take place in the spring.

Jazz Ensemble

The middle school jazz ensembles are open to students currently enrolled in the middle school bands. Rehearsals are scheduled outside of the school day. Band students in grades 6-8 are invited to participate mid October through May.

Knowledge Masters

The Knowledge Master Program offers academic challenge in a computerized program. Students in grades 6-8 meet Friday mornings before school from October to April.

Minnesota Junior High Mathematics League

The Minnesota Junior High Mathematics League is open to all students in grades 6-8 interested in math and problem solving. Participation will involve a commitment of one to two practice sessions after school per week leading to six interscholastic math meets held from October to February.

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Speech Club

All 6-8 grade students interested in telling stories, reading poetry, or interpreting drama are invited to join the Middle School Speech Team. The Speech Team season runs December through February. Students participate in festivals held Saturday mornings. Students compete against themselves, trying to improve their grades each time. The final trophy tournament is competition with others. The Speech Team practice schedule is flexible and can accommodate other practice schedules.

Spelling Bee

The Northfield Spelling Bee is open to students in grades 6-8 at Northfield Middle School and St. Dominic. Participants for the District Bee are chosen through classroom bees, which occur in December or January. The District Bee is usually held at the beginning of February, and the finalists from that bee go on to represent Northfield at the Regional Bee held in Rochester, MN. The Regional Bees are sponsored by Southeast Service Cooperative in Rochester.

Student Council

Student Council is an organization through which students provide leadership to the student body. The council meets several times each month during the school day and is responsible for most activities provided for students. All students are urged to contact their representatives if they have problems or concerns that they would like discussed by the council. All representatives are elected in May of the year prior to when they serve. Students “at large” are elected in the fall of the school year.

Yearbook

Much planning, organization and work must be done to produce our yearbook each year. Listen for announcements concerning the yearbook in the fall.

* Dates and times subject to change at the start of the school year.