

HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, SPORTS CLUB

The following is a list of activities and their advisors which **may be offered** during the 2009-2010 school year. Activities take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays. Not all clubs are active for a full year. Some are held in the fall, some in the spring and some are full-year activities. Announcements will be made well in advance of the beginning of a club so that students will have an opportunity to sign up. There is a 3:25 p.m. late bus for students remaining for extra help and/or clubs.

- ❖ **After School Orchestra**—Mrs. Winschel
Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass students. Open to all experienced string instrument students (all grades). This performing group meets on Wednesday s until 3:15 p.m. The repertoire is rigorous and includes both classical and pop. The group performs for both school and community activities throughout the year.
- ❖ **Art Club** - Ms. Stratford
The Hillcrest after-school art club gives students the opportunity to participate in art projects that are not feasible in the regular art curriculum. Past projects have included painting murals and home-made silk screening on T-shirts. The art club meets on Wednesdays until 3:15.
- ❖ **Babysitting Course**—Mrs. Glenn, R.N,
Students learn basic child care and how to handle emergency situations
- ❖ **Book & Sandwich Club**—Mrs. Seaman and Mrs. Nappi
Grade 8 students met with Mrs. Seaman or Mrs. Nappi in small groups to discuss a book selected and read by the group. Various days during lunch.
- ❖ **Choraleers**—Mrs. Winters
An auditioned group open to any student interested in vocal performance. This is a full-year program that meets Wednesdays after school until 3:15 p.m.
- ❖ **Cool It** - Ms. Ferrigno
Cool It! is a competition in which students learn about the science of climate change, and then create real local solutions to this global problem. Cool It! is open to all Connecticut middle and high school students. Students can participate through their schools, including home schools or through after school programs, community centers, or other youth organizations. Read the [Cool It! rules](#) for complete information on the program. For more information, please visit www.coolitchallenge.org.
- ❖ **Computer Club** - Mrs. Rogalin
The computer club will meet after school on Wednesdays. You will perform a variety of activities incorporating different types of software not studied in class. Learn how to create a web page as well as other programs. You will create web pages that will be attached to the Hillcrest website. Learn how to edit photos to be included on the webpage. Students will also learn how to create and edit videos.
- ❖ **Cultural Diversity Club** — Ms. Procaccini
Promote acceptance and understanding of the different ethnic, cultural, racial, political and religious backgrounds.
- ❖ **Debate Club** – Mrs. Alford/Mrs. Kitchener
The Young People's Debate for Connecticut middle school students, sponsored by the Connecticut Consortium for Law and Citizenship Education, is held in April/May. Students comprising debating teams of 2, debate current and historical legal questions. For more information, please visit www.cclce.org.
- ❖ **Dog Lover's Club**—Ms. Grebla/Mrs. Callahan
Grade 6 students meet to discuss dog breeds, dog care, dog current events and famous dogs in literature and film.
- ❖ **Eighth Grade Council**—Ms. Bogos
Students are elected to serve as officers and representatives for special 8th grade activities.
- ❖ **Game/Social Club** - Mrs. Carattini/Mrs. Sacco
An opportunity for students to engage in a wide range of social activities with peers. There will be many fun games and activities provided.

- ❖ **Hillcrest Reviews**—Mr. George and Mrs. Ryan
Students gather in the media center during lunch to share their common interest in reading. The group promotes reading through a number of activities including reviewing books new to the collection, book talks, and discussions. This club meets Wednesdays during lunch.
- ❖ **HMS Performing Arts**—Mrs. Goldin
Open to all students who are interested in performing. Students will be able to explore and expand performing arts through the annual musical
- ❖ **Jazz Ensemble**—Mr. Whitmoyer
Students interested in jazz and popular music with introduction to improvisation.
- ❖ **Literary Magazine "Expressions"**—Mrs. Van Steinburgh and Mr. Watsky
Students write, compile and edit a booklet of student writings that is published at the end of the school year
- ❖ **Math Center** - Mrs. Gunsolley/Mr. Tobitsch
The Math Center provides an opportunity for students to stay after school and receive extra support in mathematics. All grade levels are welcome. Trumbull High School students will provide extra help individually or in a group setting. Students may come to review and practice math skills they have difficulty with. The Math Center will be open on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:15 starting in November.
- ❖ **MathCounts**—Mrs. Muralidharan
Selected students participate in a nationally recognized Math competition
- ❖ **Media Center Extended Hours**—Mr. George
Students have an opportunity to continue their studies utilizing the facilities and resources of the media center after school on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- ❖ **Mock Trial Program Competition** - Mr. Hendrickson
Prepares students for the high school mock trial program.
- ❖ **National Junior Honor Society**— Mr. Kennan
Students are selected for this group based on strict academic guidelines.
- ❖ **Peer Tutors**— Mrs. Dexter
Students are chosen to help other students who could benefit from one-on-one help with academic subjects'
- ❖ **School Newspaper "Hillcrest Hawk"**— L. Kitchener
Students compose, edit, and print a school newspaper that is published periodically throughout the school year.
- ❖ **Sewing/Knitting Club**—Mrs. Sepe
Students interested in learning sewing/knitting and expanding their skills..
- ❖ **Ski/Snowboard Club**—Parents
Students ski at various CT facilities with their own equipment or rentals
- ❖ **Spanish Club** - Mr. Kennan
At the end of trimester 1, the club will begin. It explores and maintain newly found Spanish skills, you will watch Spanish films, share cultural experiences, play language-based games and have a lot of fun. Open to all Spanish students.
- ❖ **Spokes**—Ms. Wilock/Mrs. Arsenault
Unique opportunity for middle school age students to develop and implement service projects at the local, national, and international levels under the sponsorship of local Rotary Clubs.
- ❖ **Sports Club** - Mr. Seltenreich
The Hillcrest Sports Club provides students with an opportunity to participate in games and physical activities that promote social interaction in a non-competitive environment. The club is open to boys and girls in each grade and will be held on Mondays and Thursdays beginning during the Fall.
- ❖ **Stock Market Club**—Mrs. Muralidharan
A simulation of the actual stock market, students participate in trading and observing trends in a "virtual" stock market setting.
- ❖ **Student Council**— Mrs. Monaco/Ms. Iwaszkewicz
Students are elected to represent their class for many school-related activities.

- ❖ **Swim Helpers**—Mr. Berecz, Mr. Demarest
Students are chosen to help with students who are physically challenged (This activity takes place during school hours)
- ❖ **We the People** - Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Callahan
Instructional program that enhances students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy.
- ❖ **Writing Center**— Mrs. Ryan
- ❖ **Yearbook**—Mrs. Maffei
Students help to compile and edit the school yearbook that is published in the spring and distributed at the end of the school year.
- ❖ **Young Authors**—Mrs. Ryan
Students share their interests and talents as they participate in a writing workshop. Students explore and develop the many genres of creative writing. Meets Mondays after school until 3:15 p.m.