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Clubs and activities do not begin until several weeks after school resumes. Dates and times of initial meetings will be announced several days ahead of time, so students have the opportunity to attend the first meeting. If a student is interested in forming a club, see Mrs. Schunk, Principal.

<p><u>ART CLUB</u></p>	<p>All students who have an interest in art are welcome to bring their creativity to the Art Club. Art Club is an opportunity for students to explore a variety of mediums and improve their craft. Students will also engage in group projects and may be called upon to support school and community endeavors related to the visual arts.</p> <p>SPONSOR: Katie Herron Email: herronk@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<p><u>BOY CHOIR</u></p>	<p>Boy Choir is open to any boy at Sycamore Junior High School. The choir meets on Thursdays (sometimes on Tuesdays) from 7:15 to 7:55 a.m. The choir performs at every vocal music concert at Sycamore Junior High, as well as Music in the Parks competitions. They perform a wide variety of literature and enjoy donuts at every rehearsal. Boys are required to purchase a specially made shirt and tie.</p> <p>SPONSORS: Deborah Stein and Jesse Callahan Email: steind@sycamoreschools.org Email: callahanj@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<p><u>Chess Club</u></p>	<p>SPONSORS: Kavitha Dinesh and Evalyn Abeles</p>
<p><u>Gaming Club (D&D)</u></p>	<p>DND Club meets once a week on Thursdays after school and is a great place to make new friends, have fun, be creative, and enjoy the #1 role-playing game in the world. Anyone can join, up to a max of 30 students. Members will learn how to create their characters and then participate in a pre-made adventure, leveling up their hit points and XP (experience points) each week. Members can choose between being a player or the Dungeon Master - there will be around 6 groups of 5 people each. No materials need to be purchased - dice and character sheets are provided. DND Club typically meets on Thursdays for 1.5 hour after school, and runs end of Sept until March.</p> <p>SPONSORS: Simcha Kackley</p>
<p><u>FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics Team</u></p>	<p>Are you interested in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math)? You'll delve into all aspects of STEAM with FTC robotics. Participation involves three components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build and program an autonomous robot to score points on a thematic playing surface. • Research innovative solutions to a problem and present the solutions to a panel of judges. • Learn core values such as “coopertition” and “gracious professionalism.” <p>Teams of 15 students will compete at an in-house practice robot run as well as 2-3 progressive competitions. FTC will run all year depending on competition advancement, with weekly after-school meetings lasting 2-3 hours. Cost is \$100 (for on-time registration) or \$125 (which includes late fee).</p> <p>SPONSORS: Kim Jarvis Email: jarvisk@sycamoreschools.org</p>

<p><u>Flight Crew</u></p>	<p>The Flight Crew's mission is to build a school environment where all students wake up inspired to learn and return home knowing they did their best at the end of the day. We are an action-team, devoted to the care and relationships of others so that we can have a safe and successful school year.</p> <p>Our curriculum, based on Simon Sinek's "Start With WHY" and "The Infinite Game", provides the structure where students learn and understand how to build trust and relationships, then drive our actions to serve our community. Students who share and believe in our mission can apply to join the Flight Crew at the end of each semester. Applications are reviewed by teachers and administrators prior to acceptance.</p> <p>Location: Cafeteria Sponsors: Mr. Graulty</p> <p>Dates: Flight Crew is meeting every Tuesday, starting in September in the media ctr. From 3:15-4:15pm.</p> <p>SPONSORS:TBA</p>
<p><u>FRENCH CLUB</u></p>	<p>The goal of the French Club is to celebrate French and francophone cultural practices, perspectives & products. Students will celebrate French holidays, culture, trivia, and games. The types of activities may include crafting mardi gras masks, sampling French cuisine such as cheese or chocolate fondue, discovering French & francophone music by creating a playlist and singing French songs, interacting with native speakers, and playing cultural games or bingo based on cultural vocabulary/language . The meetings foster an enthusiastic and safe space for students to connect and engage with the culture and language in a meaningful and positive way while extending their learning and cultural awareness in a relaxed atmosphere outside the classroom.</p> <p>SPONSOR: <u>Leah Hunt</u> Email: huntl@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<p><u>INTER-NATIONAL CLUB</u></p>	<p>The primary goal of the International Club is to celebrate our differences! Students will explore different cultures in order to broaden their cultural horizons and be responsible member of the ever-changing, diverse, global community. We also provide opportunities for students with various backgrounds to preserve and share their heritage and cultures with others by planning and making presentations, participating in cultural activities planned by the club, and interacting with community members from different cultures. The types of activities may include cultural presentations,culture-specific crafts, culture-specific games, culture-specific food sampling, mini-language lessons, and general discussions.</p> <p>SPONSOR: <u>Mika Wolfford</u> Email: wolffordm@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<p><u>INTRA-MURAL BASKETBALL</u></p>	<p>A less competitive, non-cut option, intramural basketball is a great way to get exercise and play with friends. Sign-ups occur in late November, with the season lasting December-February. Practices and games are held on Saturday afternoons.</p> <p>SPONSOR: <u>TBA</u></p>
<p><u>INTRA-MURAL GOLF</u></p>	<p>Intramural golf consists of golf instructional groups who meet twice per week in April and are open to any student who did not play on a fall golf team. Sign ups will occur after spring break through Google classroom. Golf clubs are provided, but students can choose to bring a few clubs to school. The sessions include golf instruction, learning how to play, and comradery. Most sessions will be held on the SJH campus but will have field trips to Acres for the driving range and putt putt. Students are required to pay for their own range balls, putt putt rounds, and snacks. Groups are limited to 12 golfers and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>SPONSOR: <u>Matt Heyl</u></p>
<p><u>JAZZ ENSEMBLE</u></p>	<p>Junior high jazz ensemble is an opportunity for band and orchestral students to experience playing a variety of jazz styles and learning about improvisation. Membership in the group is open to any band or orchestra student. The group has performances at both the junior and senior high schools and begins in November with rehearsals on Tuesday mornings from 7:15-7:55.</p> <p>SPONSOR: <u>Jordan VonWahlde</u> Email: Vonwahldej@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<p><u>Latin Club</u></p>	<p>The goal of Latin Club is to help students get acquainted with the ancient world of the Mediterranean, particularly through the civilization of Rome. You do not have to be a Latin student to participate. Every week we meet after school in the Latin room for various activities, like gladiator games, toga twister, and more. If you want added fun, we participate in monthly Certamen Competitions. These competitions are trivia competitions between Latin programs across Cincinnati that take place on Saturdays from 9:00-11:00 am. We also compete in the OJCL Latin convention, a 3 day state convention that takes place in March. Students can win state honors and recognitions at the convention.</p>

	<p>SPONSOR: Sean Minion Email: minions@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<u>MATH CLUB</u>	<p>Math Club Math Club meets once a week and is a great place to make new friends, have fun, and share a love of math with others. Anyone can join. Members compete in various competitions (inside and outside of school), and 10-12 Mathletes will be selected for a position on the MathCounts team. The MathCounts Team will compete at the annual MathCounts Competition in February. Math Club typically meets on Wednesday for 1 hour after school, and runs between Sept/Oct until March.</p> <p>SPONSOR: Jim Miles Email: milesi@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<u>NATIONAL JUNIOR BETA CLUB</u>	<p>Beta Club is comprised of 8th grade students. Students qualify as 7th graders by maintaining a 3.7 average for three quarters and completing an application. The purpose of the club is "to lead by serving others." Students are involved in many charitable and volunteer activities and are responsible for Adopt-a-Senior-Day. Email: darbyshired@sycamoreschools.org</p> <p>SPONSORS: Dana Darbyshire and Leah Dworkin Email: darbyshired@sycamoreschools.org Email: dworkinl@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<u>PARTNERS' CLUB</u>	<p>Partners Club is an opportunity for students with disabilities to build strong relationships with their peers through social opportunities and experiences.</p> <p>SPONSORS: Stephanie Surblis and Krissia Ennis Email: surbliss@sycamoreschools.org Email: ennisk@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<u>PBL / DESIGN THINKING</u>	<p>The PBL club is designed for creative students interested in project-based learning. In this unique student-driven approach to learning, students will go through an extended process of inquiry in response to a complex, real-world problem.</p> <p>SPONSOR: Kimberly Jarvis Email: jarvisk@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<u>Power of the Pen</u>	<p>Power of the Pen inspires a love for the beauty and power of language and writing. It encourages creative and critical thinking and enriches and enhances the writing skills of its members. Students who join Power of the Pen also have the opportunity to try out for the Competitive Team which will represent Sycamore Junior High School at Interscholastic Writing Competitions. Each year, the Statewide activities involve nearly 10,000 students from across the state of Ohio. Power of the Pen meets once a week.</p> <p>SPONSOR: Rebecca Huff Email: huffr@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<u>R.A.T.T. Pack</u>	<p>Come run with Ms. Beatty and special guest appearances! All students are welcome, as they will be running at a conversational pace. Have fun, meet new friends, or get a head start with physical conditioning throughout the school year. R.A.T.T. Pack runs throughout the school year! Come join the fun!</p> <p>SPONSOR: Shannon Beatty Email: beattys@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<u>SKI CLUB</u>	<p>Ski Club travels to Perfect North Slopes 4 Thursdays in January and is open to any 7th and 8th grade student of any ability level <u>who will purchase their pass through our club</u>. If it is canceled, a makeup day will occur in February. The club meeting, details, and forms for all members will be housed in Google Classroom. The code to join is posted and announced in October. Students must purchase their pass through the club in order to use school transportation. Friends and family can purchase discounted passes as well at this time. Ski Club passes must be purchased at the end of October, through the November deadline on the school site housed in the Perfect North Website. The paperwork to join must be completed electronically through Google classroom by the November deadline. Buses leave SJH at 3:30pm and return at 8:50pm. Rental equipment and lessons can be added if needed. Lessons are required for beginners. Helmets are REQUIRED for all! Email: meyerl@sycamoreschools.org</p>

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<p><u>STUDENT COUNCIL</u></p>	<p>Student Council is made up of a body of selected representatives from the 7th and 8th grades based on an application and interview process and is an organization that gives a “voice” to the student body in making policy and student culture decisions. In meeting with the principal, the Student Council also helps students become responsible leaders amongst their peers. Past activities include: Rachel’s Challenge, the canned food drive, the NCAA-style pop tabs tournament to support the Ronald McDonald House, teacher appreciation plaques and activities, and the creation of the end-of-the-year video and more. Students are expected to be able to make a bi-weekly time commitment to this organization.</p> <p>SPONSORS: <u>Mary DiOrio and Lesli Lally</u> Email: Dioriom@sycamoreschools.org Email: Lallyl@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<p><u>SYCAMORE JUNIOR HIGH THEATRE</u></p>	<p>If a student loves the theater or wants to learn more about theater, this is the group. The SJH Theatre is entrusted to put on the productions for the year. Usually we have two productions a year, one in the Fall and another in the Spring. Every other year a major musical is undertaken. The students involved work both on and off stage to secure a successful show- publicity, techs, actors, assistant to the Director and stage/assistant manager. There are normally anywhere from fifteen to 100 students. We also help with special projects when such talents are needed.</p> <p>SPONSOR: <u>Elizabeth Seal</u> Email: seale@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<p><u>SYCAMORE SINGING COMPANY</u></p>	<p>SSC is an opportunity for students who thrive on performing, especially through singing and dancing. The group performs at all Sycamore Junior High concerts and throughout the community. SSC meets every Monday evening and some Tuesday evenings. Students must audition and purchase a costume.</p> <p>SPONSOR: <u>Jesse Callahan and Polly Savage</u> Email: callahanj@sycamoreschools.org Email: savagep@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<p><u>TECHNOLOGY CLUB</u></p>	<p>Would you like to explore the concepts of engineering and the design process, production software, 3D printing, robotics, computer hardware and MakerSpace applications? If so, then the Technology Club is for you. The goal of the Technology Club is to engage students in the investigation of technology in a hands-on, fun way.</p> <p>SPONSORS: <u>Ben Brenner and Chris Gutermuth</u> Email: brennerb@sycamoreschools.org Email: gutermuthc@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<p><u>WE THE PEOPLE</u></p>	<p>This academic club is either by invitation of your History teacher, or voluntary if you have an interest in government, American History, and law. This club does not begin until late February / early March and ends with our State Competition at the end of May. It meets after school twice a week and does require small groups to get together on their own to prepare for the Competition. This will be a “simulated congressional hearing” activity in which your group will prepare “arguments” and “debates” around a specific topic of the Constitution, law/case, or American History event. This “hearing” will be held in Columbus, Ohio in front of a panel of judges. Numbers are limited to 36 participants.</p> <p>Email: gutermuthc@sycamoreschools.org</p> <p>SPONSORS: <u>Ben Brenner and Chris Gutermuth</u> Email: brennerb@sycamoreschools.org Email: gutermuthc@sycamoreschools.org</p>
<p><u>YEARBOOK</u></p>	<p>Yearbook Club allows students to learn about digital cameras, meet new people, and go to school-sponsored events. Students can also simply take pictures and submit them to Mrs. Speelman. One general meeting is held at the beginning of the year, then Yearbook members are encouraged to jump right in and start taking pictures.</p> <p>SPONSOR: <u>Melissa Speelman</u> Email: speelmanm@sycamoreschools.org</p>



How to Meet the Needs of Students with Medical Conditions Participating in After School Activities

Parent's Responsibilities for after School Activities

- Tell the coach/sponsor the student has a medical issue which requires monitoring/medication.
- Tell the nurse the student is involved in after-school activity. If sport starts in early August, call and leave a message on the school nurse's phone stating your child's name, the medical condition, and medication needed for the medical condition
- Discuss with the student the need to safely carry and dispose of supplies to treat medical condition.
- Provide school nurse with signed orders from physician stating the student is to carry own medication. If the sport starts in August give a copy of the medication order to the coach and give the original to the nurse when school starts.
- Develop with the student an emergency plan to care for self if activity requires them to be a distance from coach/sponsor (i.e. Cross country, skiing, staying after school for study group). This plan should identify a buddy who is familiar with the medical condition and knows when and how to call for assistance if student unable to treat self.

Students Responsibilities for after School Activities

- Introduce self to coach and discuss with them your medical issue, monitoring, food, or medication that will be needed during sports activity.
- Discuss with coach/sponsor where medication/ supplies will be kept during practice/game.
- Discuss with coach/sponsor / nurse emergency plan to care for self if activity requires them to be a distance from coach (i.e. Cross country, skiing, staying after school for study group). This plan should identify a buddy who is familiar with the medical condition and knows when and how to call for assistance if student unable to treat self. A good rule of thumb is to have at least **two** people who are with you to know what your medical condition is and the necessary treatment and when to call 911.
- Wear medical alert bracelet which identifies medical condition.
- Responsibly and safely carry and dispose of supplies to treat medical condition.
- Tell coach/sponsor / buddy where you are carrying medication on self in case coach/sponsor /buddy needs to access medication.

Nurse's Responsibilities for after School Activities

- Instruct coach/sponsor in any medical procedure which they may be required to perform in a medical emergency after being informed by parent of student's participation in an activity.
- Check that appropriate orders
- have been written to include student's ability to carry medication
- Discuss with parents and student emergency plan to care for self if activity requires them to be a distance from coach (i.e. Cross country, skiing, staying after school for study group). This plan should identify a buddy who is familiar with the medical condition and knows when and how to call for assistance if student unable to treat self. A good rule of thumb is to have at least **two** people who are with you to know what your medical condition is and the necessary treatment and when to call 911.

Coaches'/ Sponsors' Responsibilities for after School Activities

- Meet with nurse to learn needed medical care.
- Assist student in identifying safe/accessible place to keep needed medical supplies during activity.
- Identify where student is carrying medication if carrying on self.
- Insure that a trained adult is on the bus with the student with medical issues in case emergency care is needed.
-