

# Before & After School Programs

## Clubs & Enrichment



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## Wooden Art & Drawing

For the aspiring artists, we've created a program that will review fundamentals, but also allow our advanced students to showcase their skills. We'll provide state of the art supplies including a wooden easel, pencils, paints, brushes, oil pastels, sketching pads, and a wooden case to store all materials.

**Grades: 6th – 8th Grade**

**Day: Mondays**

**Weeks Offered & Time: 10/16/2023-12/11/2023 at 3:30pm to 4:30pm**

**Cost: \$250.00**

**Instructor: Stratford Staff**

## Claymation

Tap into the incredible practice of stop-motion film production and learn the technique from the ground up. Claymation Club contains everything students need to create their own, individual movies, including top-quality clay, fun-to-use software, adorable cameras and amazing curriculum that turns anyone into a filmmaker. Through cumulative projects, teamwork, technological literacy and a little bit of movie-making magic, you're sure to win awards at the film festival held the last day of the class!

**Grades: 6th – 8th Grade**

**Day: Fridays**

**Weeks Offered & Time: 10/20/2023-12/15/2023 at 3:30pm to 4:30pm**

**Cost: \$300.00**

**Instructor: Stratford Staff**



## Archery

From bows and arrows to targets and safety gear, students will get a comfortable introduction to archery that will encourage them to learn the basics and continue to improve as they take an interest in the sport. A full-range archery pack makes it easy to introduce students to this sport of skill! With 6 bows, 3 self-healing targets, and plenty of arrows, quickly set up and teach students the basics of stance, nocking, aiming, and shooting, whether in pairs or individually.

**Grades: 6th – 8th Grade**

**Day: Thursdays**

**Weeks Offered & Time: 10/19/2023-12/14/2023 at 3:30pm to 4:30pm**

**Cost: \$400.00**

**Instructor: Stratford Staff**



# Leadership Clubs



## 5th Grade Math Club

5th grade Math Club gives students an opportunity to engage in a variety of problem-solving activities. Students will work on challenging math problems to learn new skills and to prepare for the Elementary Math Olympiad and Math Kangaroo competitions. The club might meet on other days to follow competition rules. Due to competition rules, there will be no re-scheduling of competitions due to personal conflicts. Math Club is not used as tutoring for math class. Team auditions may be held. Attendance is mandatory

**Grades: 5th grade**  
**Day: Every other Thursday**  
**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Instructor: Dr. Santha**

## MS Math Club

Math Club at Stratford is an opportunity for the analytically-inclined students to engage in their interest and hone their problem-solving skills, in an easy-going environment. Through teamwork and Math drills, the students will learn innovative strategies and novel approaches to solving problems quickly. The students can learn that Math can be challenging, practical and fun. The club will be working with the students to provide them additional practice time for various math competitions. Students will learn to work in groups towards a common goal of success as a team. Seventh and eighth grade students will also get leadership opportunities and tutor other members of the club. Math Club is not used as office hours for math class. Team auditions will be held for all new members during the first three weeks. Acceptance will be based on the number of applicants and performance. Past MS members in good standing will not need to audition.

While the entire MS student body has the opportunity to participate in AMC8 and CA Math League, only MS Math Club members may participate in MathCounts, ASMA, Math Olympiad, & Noetic Math Contests. Most competitions occur during club time, so weekly attendance is mandatory.

**Grades: 6th- 8th grade**  
**Day: Wednesdays**  
**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Instructor: Ms. Chung & Mr. Takemoto**



## Art Club

If you would like a place to relax, unwind, and get creative, then come join the Art club. The Art Club is a place to experiment with different art styles and mediums, enter local, state and nationwide contests, and to visit with fellow classmates who also want to get their hands good and messy while exploring their artistic side. Think of it as a social club with an art emphasis! We will meet every Thursday. You may choose from any of the weekly featured art projects, collaborate on ideas for future school murals, create seasonal art pieces, or just come to doodle, sketch and bask in some unstructured creative time just for YOU...why? Because it is good for the soul! All supplies are included. We will also watch Art History and Appreciation mini documentaries, Bob Ross lessons, and different How-to Art Tutorials. hope to see many of my dedicated artists join the creative fun!

**Grades: 5th-8th grade**  
**Day: Thursdays**  
**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Instructor: Mrs. Vasquez**

## Drama Club

A little singing, a little dancing, a lot of fun! Will you be our next star? Maybe you'd rather be in the ensemble and play five different parts? Or maybe you want to work behind the scenes and make everything run smoothly. Every year Stratford Middle School puts on a full length musical. Come to the first drama meeting to find out what it will be this year!

**Grades: 5th-8th grade**  
**Day: Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Instructor: Ms. Cullen**

## Music Club

You may have noticed that there are no music classes available this year at Stratford. I am offering a club for anyone and everyone who likes music! What will we do, you ask?

1. We will play music. If you play an instrument, whatever it is, we will make music together. What we play will depend on what instrumentation we have. Do you play trumpet? Cool! Do you play electric guitar? Cool! Do you play the Australian Digeridoo? Cool! You say you don't read music? Cool! We will find a way to incorporate different instruments into compositions that will be largely created by the club. Not only do you get to play, you get to CREATE!
2. We will listen to music. Part of the club will be participatory - each week one or two members will bring recordings of what you are currently listening to, or a favorite piece of music. We will listen and share our reactions. We might discuss the piece in further detail, looking for what makes it so attractive.
3. We will create our own compositions, and by the end of the school year, we will give a performance of what we have accomplished together.
4. If there is enough interest, we will CREATE OUR OWN INSTRUMENTS! Bring your dream to life!
5. We will KEEP MUSIC ALIVE AT STRATFORD!

**Grades: 6th-8th Grade**  
**Day: Fridays**  
**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Instructor: Mr. Gustafson**



# Technology & Engineering

## AMERICAN COMPUTER SCIENCE LEAGUE (ACSL)

This club is for students who love Computer Science. Club participants are enrolled in the Junior Level ACSL League where students will be coached to write Computer Science theory contests and programming contests. During club meetings, Mrs. Dastur will be presenting a programming challenge from a previous year's contest and will coach students to design a programming solution on their own. Also, different solutions will be presented to students to improve their analytical and programming skills. Computer Science theory topics such as computer number systems, recursive functions, graph theory, digital electronics and data structures will be covered. To find out more, please visit [www.acsl.org](http://www.acsl.org). This will also include a Beginner's Python class that will be an accelerated class that covers the concepts from the Python unit in the MS CS curriculum.

**Grades: 6th – 8th Grade**  
**Day: Fridays**  
**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Instructor: Mrs. Dastur**

## ARDUINO CLUB

Arduino Club members will learn about the Arduino physical computing platform through basic electronics and programming projects. Students are required to purchase or provide their own Arduino Sensor Kit Base and other electronics as the year progresses. Programming will be done using the web based Arduino IDE on Chromebooks or school laptops. We will start out using the <https://www.tinkercad.com/> platform for programming and creating virtual electronics projects before moving on to the actual physical electronics projects. The Arduino Sensor Kit Base can be purchased from Amazon.

**Grades: 6th – 8th Grade**  
**Day: Tuesdays**  
**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Instructor: Mr. Guansing**

## BEAUTY AND JOY OF COMPUTING (BJC) SPARKS PROGRAM

The BJC Sparks program will be taught in the Snap! programming language and will have fun projects in graphic design and animation. The first term will be for middle school students. Based on their projects and successful completion of all the labs, middle school students will be offered the role of being a mentor for the 5th grade students in the second term. In the third term students will be programming with the micro:bit on projects that are designed by an engineer who creates interactive engaging exhibits at the Exploratorium.

**Grades: 5th-8th grade (MS - 1st Term; 5th grade - 2nd Term; 5th-8th grade - 3rd Term)**  
**Day: Thursdays**  
**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Instructor: Mrs. Dastur**

## SYNOPSIS CLUB

Synopsys club is designed to help you with your science project. If you're looking for help developing a project idea for the school science fair, or are interested in participating in our competitive science fair (Synopsys, State fair, Broadcom National science fair) then feel free to stop by!

**Grades: 6th – 8th Grade**  
**Day: Tuesdays**  
**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Instructor: Ms. Triolo**



# Other Clubs

## Student Council

Are you a natural leader? Excited to lead the students of SJMS? Want to make a difference? If you are interested in being a part of the Student Council for the 2023-2024 school year as a Class

Representative or an Officer, please show your interest and ask Ms. Little in Room 105 to receive the appropriate paperwork. You must get an endorsement from a teacher and permission from your parents.

**Grades: 5th-8th grade**

**Day: Mondays**

**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**

**Instructor: Ms. Whalen/Ms. Little**

## Yearbook Club

Yearbook Club is a great way to express yourself creatively and collaborate with your peers by working on our unified goal of producing our annual Yearbook. The club includes training in using the Treering Online Design Program, and students are given the opportunity to design a yearbook spread that they can work on during club time or at home. Students may also opt to help out with various other yearbook-related tasks, including photography, working on promotions, and eventually yearbook distribution.

**Grades: 5th-8th grade**

**Day: Thursdays**

**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**

**Instructor: Ms. Nierras**

## Speech & Debate Team

This team is for competitive orators and debaters in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Team members will use our team meeting time to prepare for upcoming speech and debate tournaments. Debaters will develop their cases through critical research and practice either on their own or with a team member, depending on their style of debate. Orators will develop, refine, and practice their speeches during this time, as well. To be a member of the Speech & Debate Team, your attendance is mandatory at our weekly meetings. If you are in the 7th or 8th grade elective, and you plan to compete in tournaments, then you are also required attend the team meetings. All team members are required to compete in a minimum of one tournament per trimester to stay on the team.

Competitions are often on weekends and occasionally in the evenings on school nights. Please note that parents are required to participate as tournament judges if you are on the team. Team auditions will be held for all team members within two weeks of starting team meetings.

**Grades: 6th-8th grade**

**Day: Wednesdays**

**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**

**Instructor: Ms. Datta and Mrs. Campbell**



### Newspaper Club

If you are drawn to pursuing written rhetoric, voicing various opinions, researching the latest happenings, or exercising your creativity, you may want to consider joining the Newspaper Club. I'm excited to work with you all to be a part of the significant process to update our campus newspaper. As a team, we will work together to create a newspaper that is run by you and your voices. Our meetings will mock formal editorial meetings where we can come together and collaborate on how to best reach and entice our audience with our work. Together we will exercise our writing, researching, editing, and designing skills to present truthful thoughts, distinguished dialogue and most importantly, a newspaper that you are proud of. Meetings will be mandatory weekly, unless otherwise specified. You will be asked to meet strict deadlines that will be essential to the success of our team and ultimately our school newspaper.

**Grades: 5th-8th grade**  
**Day: Tuesdays**  
**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Instructor: Ms. Bryant**

### Gardening and Environmental Club

Our school garden is where you will learn about the joys of gardening...it helps relieve stress, teaches us about a major source of our food, and helps provide some quiet time with nature. You will learn to grow edible plants and vegetables, research recipes for what we grow, and cook a bit. Last year we made amazing soup, salad and pasta salad! We will also create some garden art. Gardening is good for the Spirit, the Soul and the Earth...get your hands good and dirty from gardening!

**Grades: 5th- 8th grade**  
**Day: Wednesdays twice a month**  
**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Instructor: Mrs. Alsberg and Mrs. Vasquez**

### KIVA Club

Kiva is a non profit organization that helps people through granting microloans to become economically independent. Five years ago we started our cross curricular 8th grade Living On One Dollar/Kiva project which hopefully we will have the opportunity to continue this year. The goal of this project is to raise students' awareness about microfinancing and to develop empathy, compassion, a sense of community, and responsibility. Our students have raised over \$7,400 in the past five years and they have made a total of 1,183 loans, re-lending the initial money to a total of \$29,875 in loans. When a loan is repaid, the money initially lent, is returned to our account in order to lend the money to a new borrower. This way, our students are not doing a one time contribution only, but rather these funds remain in our school account to be lent to new borrowers by our students now and in the future. In addition, we also have donated more than \$3,300 to KIVA. Students who join the club will:

-Learn about microfinancing and strategies to choose potential borrowers based on a number of variables while at the same time learning about other cultures and realities of their lives, understanding poverty and its impact around the world.

-Plan and execute fundraising events at school to collect funds to help alleviate poverty around the world "one loan at a time."

-Make a Newsletter (every 3 months) to share the status of our Kiva loans and borrowers.

**Grades: 7th and 8th grade**  
**Day: First Tuesday of every month**  
**Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Instructor: Sra. Sánchez**

# Before & After School Planning

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Clubs & Enrichment					
	Title	Grades	Day	Time	Cost
	5th Grade Math Club	5th	Thursday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
	MS Math Club	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
	Wooden Art & Drawing	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	\$250
	Claymation	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	\$300
	Drama Club	5th-8th	Tuesday/ Thursday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
	Art Club	5th-8th	Thursday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
	Music Club	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
	Archery	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	\$400
	ARDUINO CLUB	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
	SYNOPSIS CLUB	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
	BEAUTY AND JOY OF COMPUTING (BJC) SPARKS PROGRAM	5th-8th	Thursday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
	AMERICAN COMPUTER SCIENCE LEAGUE (ACSL)	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
	Student Council	5th-8th	Monday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
	Newspaper Club	5th-8th	Tuesday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
	KIVA Club	7th-8th	Tuesday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
	Gardening and Environmental Club	5th-8th	Wednesday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
	Speech & Debate Team	6th-8th	Wednesday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
	Yearbook Club	5th-8th	Thursday	3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Free
				<b>Total Cost</b>	