

## All students in grades 6, 7 and 8, in good academic standing, are eligible to participate in the following clubs:

**Band and Chorus:** These curricular programs develop musical talents in our students. The band and chorus present at least two concerts annually.

**Book Club:** SAMS Book Club meets about once every 6 weeks during Seminar B to discuss a work of young adult literature. For the first meeting we read and discussed *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman, winner of the Newbery Award in 2009. Students need only to drop by the library and pick up a book. Meetings are posted on the school library's website: <http://ic.sams.idso.eportalnow.net/book-club.html> There is no required membership.

**Dance Club:** The dance club meets from 3:45-5:00 every Monday and Friday that school is in session. Students should wear or bring workout clothes and tennis shoes or soft soled dance shoes to wear during this club activity. Permission slips to join the dance club are available in the front office.

**Gardening Club:** The Garden Gladiators club works to beautify our new school. Our goal is to bring in dozens of flower boxes and stock them with some of the world's prettiest flowers and plants. Students will also make sure the area around the school is free of litter. You do not have to be an expert gardener (beginning gardeners are welcome!). We will meet twice a week after school.

**Homework Club:** The SAMS Homework Club (HWC) is for any Gladiator who would like a quiet place for homework help after school. Homework Club is held every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in room M211 from 1545 until 1700.. Homework Club permission slips are available in room M211 or from the main office. Help is provided in all subjects and computers are available for student use. Gladiators may come to any or all days.

**Junior Leadership Seminar:** If interested talk with the Counselor for grades 6, 7 and 8.

**Lunchtime Movie Club:** Every lunch in Room 212 the Lunch Bunch gets together to watch movies and TV shows. If you are a fan of classic films or awesome shows, come by. If you would like to be far away from the maddening lunchtime crowd, come by. You must bring a bag lunch. Only PG and G movies are shown (though edited films are also shown). So far this year we've watched *The Princess Bride*, *Groundhog Day*, *Escape to Witch Mountain*, *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure*, and the TV show *Kid Nation*. Future films include *Up*, *the Muppets*, *Willow*, *The Incredibles*, *Goonies*, *National Treasure*, *Monty Python's Holy Grail*, and many others. The goal of this club is to offer a place for kids who want to relax, eat, and enjoy a good movie with their friends, both old and new! Come in and enjoy!

**Math Counts:** 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade may try out. The final SHAPE MS team of 4 will be determined by competition among themselves. We will then compete against all Isles District schools in a live VTC session. The winner of the Isles competition will travel to compete for the European District title. (Think football!) That winner will go to Boston MS for the National Competition. If you are interested in learning more, please check out <http://www.mathcounts.org/>. Math Counts will meet once a week during seminar starting November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**National Junior Honor Society:**The NJHS makes its annual selection of new members after the first semester grades are finalized. To be eligible for membership consideration, students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75. Potential members must meet high standards of leadership, service, character, and citizenship. A faculty council will evaluate members of the middle school. To meet the service requirements, the student must have been active in service projects in the school and community. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with students and faculty. Citizenship is measured by participation in civic organizations and/or activities. These leadership, service, and citizenship standards may be met by participation in previous schools. Students are selected by a majority vote of the faculty council, although all faculty members will be invited to make comments on the candidates.

**Odyssey of the Mind:** Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition in Europe and the United States. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program and SHAPE has been an active participant for many years.

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**SHOWCASE:** Showcase Illuminations is an on-line searchable DoDEA literary anthology that features poetry, prose and now music. Each student has an opportunity to submit his or her best written work—poetry or prose.Students may also submit MP3 files of electronic music. These creative pieces are then judged by a team at the high school level then submitted to the district level for final selection.When a work is selected for publication to the site, each student will be notified and given a password to navigate the site.Each student will be honored with a certificate for his or her excellent creative effort at the spring Scholarship Assembly.

**6th, 7th and 8th grade class (Class of 2018, 2019, and 2020)** The purpose of these class clubs is to develop leadership skills and to practice good citizenship, promote harmonious relations throughout the year, to promote class activities to include dances, homecoming activities, bridging ceremonies, etc.