

ARBUTUS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Fall 2019 After-School Activity Program

**Registration:** Deadline is 9/24/19.  
**Session Dates:** Tuesday Program: Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10, & 17  
 Thursday Program: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, Dec. 5, 12, & 19

1. Take this information home and discuss the activities with your parent/guardian.
2. Register with the teacher conducting the activity.
3. The teacher needs to approve your participation in the activity. Note: Some activities are restricted to a certain number and/or require a skill level to participate.
4. If approved, the teacher will give you a parent permission letter and activity bus information.
5. You *must* have the parent permission letter signed and return it to the activity sponsor.
6. If you wish to ride the activity bus, you must follow the directions listed on the activity bus information sheet.

**TUESDAYS - Activity Buses Available**

Activity	Sponsor	Room	Activity Would Be Good For:
Arbutus Wind Ensemble	Mrs. Boyle	126	Arbutus Wind Ensemble is designed to offer students a chance to perform challenging band music in our community and for competitions. Students must commit to TUESDAY rehearsals after school EVERY WEEK. 8 <sup>th</sup> grade members will rehearse the 4TH TUESDAY of every month (unless otherwise specified). This is a year long commitment to performing excellent music! The Hershey Park Eastern Regional Competition is in May and will require festival and bus fees. Payments will be spread out through the year.
Art Club	Ms. Schmitt	222	The Art Club would be good for any student who would like to broaden their artistic abilities, even if they are not taking an art class. We will be working on both personal artworks and school-based projects. Check out the ceiling tile mural on your way to the café for an example.
Broadcast Production	Mr. Moser	TV studio	This club will explore and teach students what it takes to run a newsroom by producing and broadcasting the morning announcements. It will teach students the basics of setting up and running sound for live events. Students will explore filming, editing, broadcasting, and sound tech for various school events that happen throughout the year, including sports events, school concerts, and the annual talent show. We will meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
Concert Orchestra	Mr. Miskimon	128	This music group performs music above and beyond what they work on in class at the winter and spring concerts, other community concerts, and a competition held at Hershey Park in May. Estimated cost of \$100 for the trip.
Drama Club	Ms. Richards Mrs. Lint	107	The Drama Club is for students who would like to perform in front of others and are interested in learning about acting and theater production. We will be participating in various acting games and exercises as well as learning to analyze, interpret, and perform scripts. We will also be auditioning for a production to present to the school and community.
Green School	Ms. Buckner Ms. Vandenburg	120A	This club will allow students to identify environmental issues and help make decisions to solve these problems. We will also work to maintain the beauty of the campus. This club is limited to 20 participants.
National Junior Honor Society	Mrs. Elliott Ms. Padilla	Library	NJHS is AMS leaders and students who have already been selected and inducted into NJHS. Tuesday meetings will be announced and noted on NJHS permission slips.
Women in STEM	Ms. Dell Ms. Ary	209	Women have made important contributions to the field of STEM and YOU CAN TOO! Do you like to build, construct, and problem solve to complete challenges and make the world a better place? Use your skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to discover some new ones after school as we complete challenges, program new technology and research important female role model in the field of STEM. There may even be special field trips and events.
Student Council	Mrs. Aaron	213	The SCA sponsors many different activities, such as the Boo Bash, the Spring Fling, canned food drives, the Sports-a-Thon, and collections for the HSUS. If you are a responsible and dedicated individual, then consider joining the SCA.
Yearbook	Ms. Brown Ms. Ruskowski	105	Students will assist with putting together this year's yearbook. Students will also assist with publicizing upcoming sales and selling yearbooks throughout the year.

**WEDNESDAY- NO ACTIVITY BUSES**

Activity	Sponsor	Room	Activity Would Be Good For:
Chamber Orchestra	Mr. Miskimon	128	Chamber Orchestra is for students in 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra who would like to perform in small, student-led ensembles. This group performs at the Winter and Spring Concerts and may have other performance opportunities over the course of the school year.

**BOTH TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS - Activity Buses Available**

Activity	Sponsor	Room	Activity Would Be Good For:
Arbutus Achievers	Ms. Cunningham	201	12 UMBC students provide 1:1 support in study skills, homework support, and overall organization of school materials. If you are interested, obtain a permission slip outside of the library or tell one of your teachers so that you can be recommended for the program.

**BOTH TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS CONTINUED- Activity Buses Available**

<b>Creative Coders</b>	Mr. Holauchock	207	Want to learn how to make games? Want to learn about computer science from UMBC students? Then, Creative Coders is for you! We will code games from scratch and learn about the field of computer science. Limited spaces available!
<b>Cross Country</b>	Mr. Murray Ms. Rigby	104	Like to exercise and run long distances? During practices, athletes will train to complete a 2-mile race. The athletes will compete in 2 countywide 2-mile races. We will meet <u>Tuesdays through Fridays</u> from 3-4 PM (Wed. will be from 3-4:30) beginning 9/17 until 10/19. Activity buses begin running on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting on 9/24 and there will be NO activity buses provided for any Wed. and Fri. practices. You must have your own transportation.
<b>Morning Basketball Intramurals</b>	Mrs. Happel Mr. Weiner Mr. Northcraft Mr. Esbrandt	Gym	Students will be able to play in full and half court pick-up games as well as develop basic basketball skills. AM Basketball will run Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:15-7:55 AM. The gym lobby doors will be locked promptly at 7:30 AM. Students must have appropriate gym footwear to participate.
<b>Recycling Club</b>	Mrs. Green	112	The Recycling Club goes from room to room collecting the recycling from classroom bins. We are doing our part to save the environment for our green school status. We collect the recycling on B days during regular school hours.
<b>After School Soccer</b>	Mrs. Happel Mr. Weiner Mr. Northcraft Mr. Esbrandt	Lower field	After school intramural soccer is for students who love to play soccer in a both fun and competitive setting. Students at the end of the intramural will compete in the AMS World Cup Soccer match coached by members of the P.E. staff.

**THURSDAYS - Activity Buses Available**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Activity Would Be Good For:</b>
<b>Badminton</b>	Mr. Weiner	Gym	Any student who wants to learn how to play badminton or improve the skills they already have. There is a culminating championship that takes place toward the end of October. The team meets <u>Wednesdays and Thursdays</u> from 3-4:15. You must have your own transportation on Wednesdays. Athletic physicals and permits are required.
<b>Best Buddies</b>	Mrs. Donovan	112	Students will be "matched" in a one-to-one friendship with another middle school student. The mission of Best Buddies is to enhance the lives of students with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships. At least 4 group activities are held each year, including after-school parties, school dances, bowling outings, shopping trips, and group dinners. Kindness, compassion, and assistance to all students are appreciated in this club.
<b>Festival Choir</b>	Mrs. Blough	124	Festival Choir is an auditioned vocal ensemble which performs a more varied repertoire of music and aims to sing at a more advanced level. We perform at both the Winter and Spring Concerts as well as the Hershey Park Showcase in the spring. Auditions are open to all AMS students and is not limited to those who are in chorus as a class. Auditions will be held Sept. 24-26. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Blough at <a href="mailto:cblough@bcps.org">cblough@bcps.org</a> .
<b>Hip Hop Dance Club</b>	Ms. Randlett-Tydings	Upper activity room	This activity is good for students who are interested in learning various styles of dance including hip-hop that can improve their self-confidence, coordination, respect for themselves and others, and group interaction. This dance club will also promote fitness and provide the opportunity for developing skills that will transfer over into other physical activities for lifelong health. There will be a performance showcase at the end of the club's session which makes attendance mandatory.
<b>Jazz Band</b>	Mrs. Boyle	126	Jazz Band consists of all wind instruments and rhythm section (guitar, bass, piano, drum set) playing contemporary music. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders are welcome.
<b>Military History Club</b>	Mr. Melrath	206	Do you play games like Call of Duty or Medal of Honor or watch war movies? Military History Club may be for you. Discuss the time periods of warfare that fascinate you and acquire a sophisticated understand of the 9 themes of Military History taught at West Point Military Academy.
<b>Robotics</b>	Mr. Krieger	118	Robotics Club is an opportunity for students to work with their peers to build mechanical creations using VEX ROBOTICS materials. Students will be able to problem solve and learn to persevere through difficult design challenges.
<b>Safe School Ambassadors</b>	Ms. Buckner Ms. Rigby	TBD	This is a student leadership opportunity where students are selected to learn conflict resolution strategies and become student leaders in the building in order to create a positive environment for all students and staff. Selected students work with family group facilitators during and after school on Thursdays to work on these skills and strategies. We will meet during lunch and some Thursdays after school.
<b>Strategy Club</b>	Mr. Arthur Mr. Crenner Ms. Sheffield	Library 106	Do you study ancient spells and burn your enemies to a crisp? Or do you hone your skills with a blade and bring the battle right to then? Do you want to play games like Dungeons and Dragons, Magic: the Gathering, or Pathfinder? Match your wits against your fellow classmates in chess or checkers? If you know you like board games and want to try something new, come to Strategy Club!

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FALL 2019 AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY SESSION PERMISSION SLIP

Student's Name _____	Grade/Section _____
Teacher/Advisor Sponsoring the Activity _____	

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has registered for and been accepted to participate in the afternoon Exploratory Activity entitled \_\_\_\_\_. The program will take place on \_\_\_\_\_ afternoons between 3:00 and 4:15 p.m. Parents are responsible for transporting their child home after the Activity Session at 4:15 p.m. if they are not riding the activity bus (see other side). The dates for the program are:

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<b><i>This information <u>must</u> be returned prior to participation in any after-school activities.</i></b>
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➤Please check the appropriate statements below, sign and return this portion to school.

- My child will walk home.
- My child will be picked up from school.
- My child will ride the activity bus home (Tuesday or Thursday sessions ONLY)
- I would like to volunteer to assist with the \_\_\_\_\_ activity.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Arbutus Middle School Activity Bus Routes- 2019-2020**

For those students involved in after-school activities, two buses will provide transportation on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 4:15 p.m.

### **Bus A —Arbutus, Relay and Halethorpe**

- Stop 1—946 Circle Drive
- Stop 2—Gateway Terrace and Courtney Rd.
- Stop 3—Leeds Ave. opposite Colchester Rd.
- Stop 4—Dorchester Rd. and Barrington Rd.
- Stop 5—Hooper Ave. and Highview Ave.
- Stop 6—Leeds Ave. and Graystone Rd.
- Stop 7—Sulpher Spring Rd. and Selma Ave. (across from Subway)
- Stop 8—Benson Ave. and Sulpher Spring Rd.
- Stop 9—Taylor Ave. and Benson Ave.
- Stop 10—Benson Ave. and Marsha Rd.
- Stop 11—Monumental Rd. and Putnam Rd.
- Stop 12—Northeast Ave. and Spencer Ave.
- Stop 13—Washington Blvd. and Trailer Park
- Stop 14—South St. and Sutton Ave.
- Stop 15—Rolling Rd. and Arlington Ave.
- Stop 16—Rolling Rd. and Francis Ave.
- Stop 17—Selford Rd. and Relay Elementary School
- Stop 18—Francis Ave. and Ingate Rd.
- Stop 19—Elm Rd. and Chelwynd Rd.
- Stop 20—Ridge Ave. and Arbutus Ave.

### **Bus B —Arbutus and Catonsville**

- Stop 1—Grand Bend Dr. and Wilton Farm Dr.
- Stop 2—Maiden Choice Lane opposite McTavish
- Stop 3—Western Tech. Driveway
- Stop 4—Maiden Choice Lane opposite Tanglewood Rd.
- Stop 5—Paradise Ave. opposite Tanglewood Rd.
- Stop 6—Prospect Ave. and Altamont Ave.
- Stop 7—Edmondson Ridge Rd. and Nunnery Lane
- Stop 8—Edmondson Ave and Overbrook Rd.
- Stop 9—Edmondson Ave. and Malbrook Rd.
- Stop 10—Edmondson Rd. and Stratford Rd.
- Stop 11—Frederick Rd. and Woodlawn Ave.
- Stop 12—Frederick Rd. and Glenwood Ave.
- Stop 13—Frederick Rd. opposite old Catonsville Elementary
- Stop 14—New Catonsville Elementary on Bloomsbury Ave.
- Stop 15—Edmondson Ave. and August Ave.
- Stop 16—Wilkens Ave. and W. Kenwood Ave.
- Stop 17—Wilkens Ave. and Hidden Bluff
- Stop 18—Wilkens Ave. and Fairway Ave.
- Stop 19—Hilltop Rd. and Bloomsbury Ave.
- Stop 20—Hilton Ave. and English Elm Ct.
- Stop 21—Collegiate Dr. and Foxhall Manor Dr.
- Stop 22—Rolling Rd. at YMCA
- Stop 23—Service Rd. and Highfields Dr.