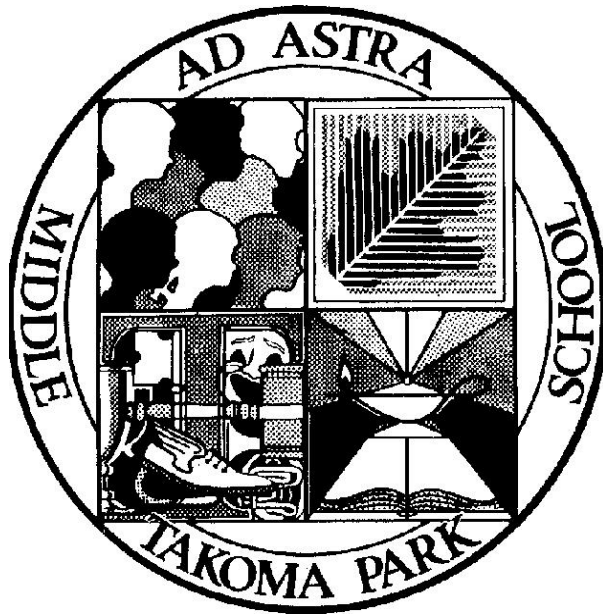


TAKOMA PARK MIDDLE
SCHOOL - RecXTRA
AFTER SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES
2019 - 2020



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Takoma Park Middle School & RecXtra

After-School Activities

Takoma Park Middle School and the **Montgomery Country Department of Recreation's Rec Extra** offer students a variety of after-school activities, clubs and teams. After-school activities are scheduled from 3:10 P.M. to 4:15 P.M., Tuesday through Thursday. A brief description of the activities, sponsors, special requirements, and fees (if necessary) for participants are listed. In many cases, students merely need to stay after school or sign up to participate in an activity when it is scheduled. However, in some cases, students must try out or receive a special invitation to join. Transportation is available for students. Generally, we offer after-school activity buses Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

There are no activity buses the day before a no school day.

After School Rules and Regulations

All students must follow the school rules when staying for after school activities. Students must be at the scheduled activity by 3:10 P.M., or they will not be permitted to attend the activity. Students may not leave the building between the end of the school day and the beginning of the after school activity. Attendance is taken and sent to the after-school coordinator. Not following the rules may result in the loss of after-school activity privileges.

Students may not ride on an after-school activity bus, if they did not participate in an after-school activity.

Additional activities maybe added during the school year. The After-School Activities Coordinator will notify students about the formation of a new club or activity. Snacks are available to each student who participates in after-school activities. This is sponsored by MCPS Food and Nutrition Services.

It should be noted that clubs may be canceled if there is insufficient enrollment, sponsor is not available or inclement weather.

Activity-Bus Schedule

2019-2020



The Takoma Park activity buses will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the school year.

After-school activity buses do not run the day before a scheduled no school day or on half days.

**The local and magnet activity bus starts on Tuesday,
September 10, 2019 and will end on June 6, 2020.**

Key Numbers

Sandra Saldeno, Main Office/Coordinator	240-740-5220
Patrick McNaboe/Coordinator	240-740-5220
Alessandra Flores, Department of Recreation	240-777-8080
Takoma Park Department of Recreation Center	301-891-7290
Bus Depot (West Farm)	301-879-1060

(Please call West Farm Bus Depot should your child be late returning home after riding on after-school activity bus as our offices close at 4:20 PM.)

Montgomery County Department of Recreation is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Please call a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist @240-777-4925V /240-777-6974 TTY to request accommodations no later than two weeks prior to the activity.



TPMS After-School Programs

2019 - 2020

Some Registration required for these programs

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Meeting Days</u>			<u>Room</u>	<u>Additional Info</u>
		T	W	TH		
Archery Intramurals	Mr. Schoenert					Starting Spring 2020
Basketball - Boys	TBD				Gym	Tryouts in Dec. 3 rd , Registration required
Basketball - Girls	Ms. Bloom				Gym	Tryouts in Dec. 3 rd , Registration required
Basketball Intramurals	Schoenert/McNaboe				Aux/ Main Gym	Registration required (Fall & Spring 2020) Date TBD
Climate Activists Club	Ms. McDonald-Carver			X	214	Starting September 26 th , 2019
Community Bridges	Ms. Temple			X	104	Starting October 10, 2019
Computer Club	Dr. Slagle			X		Starting September 19 th , 2019
Creative Writing	Ms. Eaton		X		218	Starting September 18 th , 2019
Cross Country	Mr. Baker	X	X	X	Field	Registration required, Starts Sept. 10, 2019
Difference Makers	Mr. Goehring Ms. Davis	X	X	X	145	Beginning Sept. 18, 2019
Drama Productions	Ms. Murphy Ms. Sanchez				Café	Starts in October, listen to Wake Up Takoma and check Google Classroom (5p976a) for announcements and schedules
Football Intramurals	Ms. Schoenert					Winter - Date TBD
Gender & Sexuality Acceptance	Ms. Rodgers	X			224	Starting Tuesday, September 17 th
Homework Club 6 th	Mr. Cornfeld		X		227	Starting Tuesday, September 17 th
Homework Club 7 th	Ms. Linsenberg	X				Starting Tuesday, September 18 th
Homework Club 8 th	Ms. Manchester			X		Starting September 19, 2019
Music Open Practice	Mr. Liddle		X		145	Starting Wednesday, September 25 th
Homework Club for ESOL	Ms. Lipman Ms. K-J		X		117	Starting September 18, 2019

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Some Registration required for these programs

Jazz Ensemble	Ms. Pasquale			X	182	Starting September 26 (Auditions starting 9/10, during lunch)
Math Counts Team	Ms. Manchester	X			317	Starting September 10, 2019
Rubik's Cube Club	Ms. Saftner			X	217	Runs from March 2020 to April 2020
Science Bowl Club	Ms. Epling Mr. Cornfeld			X		Starting Sept. 19, 2019
S.L.A.Y.	Ms. Medland			X	306	Registration required: Starting September 19 th , 2019
Softball - Boys	Ms. Schoenert	X	X	X	Field	Registration required, Starting September 10 th , 2019
Softball - Girls	Ms. Breese	X	X	X	Field	Registration required, Starting September 10 th , 2019
Soccer - Boys	TBD	X	X	X	Field	Registration required
Soccer - Girls	Ms. Breese	X	X	X	Field	Registration required, March 3 rd , 2020
Student/Gov. Assoc. (SGA)	Mr. Evans	X			220	September 17 th for Officer Candidates, October 1 st for ALL SGA
Yearbook	Ms. Phelan					TBD

Listen to the morning announcements for any changes or additions to this list of activities. Parents are encouraged to join the TPMS listserv to get the morning announcements in an e-mail every day. To do that go to the Takoma Park Middle School webpage and under the PTA you can join the announcement list serve.

After School Activity Coordinators

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Registration REQUIRED for RecXtra Programs

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Meeting Days</u>			<u>Room</u>	<u>Additional Info</u>
		T	W	TH		
Chess	Ms. Hamlin	X			212	RecXtra Registration Required, October 1st
Crochet & Knitting	Ms. Ponton	X	X	X	Counseling Conf. Rm.	RecXtra Registration Required, September 23
Games/Legos	Ms. Porch			X	310	RecXtra Registration Required, September 23
Dungeons & Dragons	Mr. Porch		X		310	RecXtra Registration Required, September 24
Horticulture/ Garden Club	Ms. Perlo				Green House	RecXtra Registration Required. September 26 th
Soccer Intramurals	TBD				Field or Aux GYM	RecXtra Registration - TBD
S.T.E.A.M. GROUP	Ms. Hamlin			X	212	RecXtra Registration - December 4 th
Tennis	Ms. Sandra Butler		X		Tennis Courts	Montgomery County Tennis & Education Foundation RecXtra Registration, Starts 9/18/19
We Will Rock You	Mr. Liddle			X	149	RecXtra Registration, September 26 th

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After-School Activities

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Chess Club - " Game ... set... match!!!! Sounds like a tennis tournament?? Well, not exactly. Think of the Chess Club as a ground level playing field where YOU control the moves and, sometimes the outcome. Bring your friends or make new ones. Bring your own board and pieces or borrow the ones we will provide for you. If YOU can beat me, you can be a GRAND MASTER 😊😊

Computer Club - Interested in computer software and hardware? The TPMS Computer Club will explore a different project each week, but you're also welcome to just hang out and work on your own programs while getting help and feedback from the group. We'll start out using Python to program a micro-controller board and its accessories. Lots of future topics are possible, but the only games we'll play will be ones we write ourselves!

Creative Writing Club - Students will explore their creativity by writing short stories, poems, and responding to exciting and unique prompts. They will share and provide support and critique of one another's work, while honing their craft. [Club members serve as both contributors and editorial staff for TPMS's Literary Magazine.](#)

Cross Country – Runners can expect to practice using modern training concepts and compete at a high level while developing new relationships with fellow students. 7th and 8th graders only.

Difference Makers - Difference Makers is a student run organization with adult sponsors. Specifically targeted to middle school students, we are dedicated to charitable, service, and educational purposes. Our areas of service include: tutoring, environmental projects (recycling, energy conservation, school/community beautification), fundraising/food and clothing drives, service at local shelters, and participation/service at charitable events. We will oversee the TPMS Green Club, and Recycling Club. This program meets on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays (students can attend one or both days).



Drama Club - Drama club is an opportunity for students to get involved with all aspects of theater. Students will work throughout the school year to produce a spring musical. Drama club meetings will begin in October. Audition and rehearsal information will be announced through Wake Up Takoma.

ESOL Homework Club - ESOL Homework Club provides students with a place to complete assignments and support will be available when needed. Chromebooks will be provided as needed for assignments. Students don't need to struggle at home if they come and get started at homework club! The club meets on Wednesdays in Room 117.

Gender & Sexuality Acceptance - The Gay-Straight Alliance or GSA is a safe space for students who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community, have family members or friends who are part of the community, or are allies of the LGBTQ+ community and want to show their support. The club offers students a safe place to be themselves along with a venue to discuss issues facing the LGBTQ+ community and organize school-wide events to educate others about the community. Come join us—all are welcome!

Homework Clubs - Immediately starting after school, a designated classroom staffed by a TPMS teacher will provide assistance and strategies on how to start, complete, present and return assignments or projects given by their teachers. Computer access and other related materials can be supplied upon request.

Jazz Ensemble - Jazz ensemble is a musical ensemble dedicated to playing and performing jazz. It is open to all instrumental music students and select guitarist, bassists and pianists who are not enrolled in instrumental classes. Auditions for the group are held in early September. Jazz performs at the Winter and Spring concerts, MCPS Big Band Jazz Festival, the TPMS awards ceremony, Takoma Park Jazz Fest and the Music in the Parks competitions at Busch Gardens or Hershey Park (time permitting) and several other venues. Jazz ensemble generally meets after school on Thursdays.

Mathcounts Team – Mathcounts is a rigorous math enrichment program for students who enjoy solving challenging problems and learning about new topics in math. Mathcounts has two teams, a varsity and a junior varsity (JV) team. JV team members will participate in Math Olympiad; varsity members will compete in High School Math League. All members will participate in the Purple Comet and other competitions given at school. Selected varsity members will also travel to the MCPS Mid-Level Math League and Mathcounts competitions.

Rubik's Cube Club -This is an informal club where all ability levels are welcome! You do not need your own cube. Beginners can learn how to solve the cube and practice to become competitive for next year. Intermediate level solvers can learn shorter methods and practice to become competitive. Advanced level solvers can try competing or solving different types of Rubik puzzles. Other Rubik's Cube related activities such as building a mosaic and games such as Rubik's Race will also be available.

S.L.A.Y. – SLAY a.k.a. Socially Liberal Activist Youth is an awesome club for young activists that support Gun Violence Legislation, Racial Justice, Immigrant Rights, and Women's Rights.

Science Bowl Team - Science Bowl Team students are quizzed on science and math facts in high-speed jeopardy style tournaments, and sometimes participate in engineering challenges. Selection for the Science Bowl Team is based on tryouts, which will consist of trial Science Bowl rounds. Tryouts are highly competitive, and students are encouraged to study science facts to prepare. Two teams of 5 will be formed. The teams will compete in the Maryland Regional Science Bowl competition in the spring. The winning regional team competes in the National Middle School Science Bowl Competition.



SGA

Over the course of the year, SGA will organize school activities such as dances and fundraisers such as Pennies for Patients and work on maintaining a high level of school spirit. Elected and appointed officers, as well as many student volunteers will serve on the

SGA. During meetings, we will build leadership skills, teach democratic ideas, practice parliamentary procedure, and service the community. All students welcome.



Sports Intramurals

Takoma Park Middle School offers intramural sports throughout the school year. These are open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Some of the activities are basketball, soccer, tennis and volleyball. Depending on student interests, other activities may be added.

Yearbook - Members will collaborate to create an exciting record of the 2019-2020 school year here at TPMS. Students will be responsible for taking photographs, organizing, designing, and editing layouts for the yearbook that represents our Takoma Park family. Yearbook members also advertise, sell, and distribute yearbooks. Students can earn SSL hours for participating in the yearbook club.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Night Ski/Snowboarding club is not a TPMS activity. For more information go to TPskiclub.org.



Registration Required

You **MUST** register for Rec Extra programs. Rec Extra registration forms can be obtained in the main office. Please give the form to Mrs. Saldeno, TPMS' After School Activities Coordinator, in the main office. Please fill the form out **completely** and return the form Mrs. Sandra Saldeno or Mr. Patrick McNaboe, TPMS After School Coordinators. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at Sandra.Saldeno@mcpsmd.org or Patrick_J_McNaboe@mcpsmd.org, or you may call at the school at **301-650-6444**.

Chess Club -- Chess Club is a ground level playing field where you can control the moves and sometimes the outcome. Students bring your own board and pieces or borrow the ones we will provide for you. The Moderator will help you with the basics and then overall game rules. Sign up in the Main Office with Mrs. Saldeno in the morning, during lunch or afterschool.

Crochet and Knitting Club – Crochet and Knitting Club is for any student (male or female) who has an interest in either crochet or knitting. Lessons are offered to all students. All materials are provided. The club will be offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Hope to see you there!

Games Club - Do you need a place to relax, chat, and play a board game or UNO? You might be competitive or not! Come and play games at the TPMS Games Club. We play many different types of board games: Chess, Dungeons and Dragons, Scrabble, Apples to Apples, UNO, Bug House and others. If this sounds fun (and it is), listen to the morning announcements to see where and when we will meet.

Horticulture Club/Garden Club - Everyone is going Green and so should you!

Join Ms. Perlo in taking care of the plants in and around the school building. Students learn how to grow plants from seed, create new plants from cuttings, plan and create gardens. Students will earn community service hours for the time they spend caring for the plants and gardens. Visit the garden in front of the greenhouse to see what last year's club is growing.

Games/LEGO Club - Do robotics interest you? Have you enjoyed building things or maybe even taking things apart? Then LEGO Robotics club is for you! We use the LEGO, Mindstorms and EV3 to build robots that move around, interact with their environment, and solve challenges! We may even compete with other teams to see who can complete challenges the fastest! If this sounds like your thing, listen to the morning announcements to see where and when we will meet.

S.T.E.A.M. GROUP (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and

Mathematics Students) S.T.E.A.M. Group will meet on Wednesdays starting in November. We are supported by Montgomery County Recreation Dept. The goal is to encourage, motivate and provide an opportunity for girls and boys in grades 6-8 to construct Mousetrap Cars, Air- Powered Blimps, Catapults, Paper Airplanes and Calculators Robots for MCPS middle school competitions.

Tennis - Instructors from Montgomery County Tennis & Education Foundation (MCTEF) will provide a recreational tennis program to introduce students to the game of tennis. Each week focuses on learning components of tennis through game-based fun instructions. Tennis etiquette and sportsmanship will be stressed at every lesson. Racquets are provided.

“We Will Rock You” Club - The “We Will Rock You” Club is an auditioned group of singers and instrumentalists who have a strong desire to work with others in bands and small vocal ensembles to perform pop music of all types. The “We Will Rock You” club is a full year club. Participants will need to be able to attend weekly Thursday rehearsals and meetings which will lead to performances for the school and community. This club will focus predominantly on the most used instruments of rock bands including the guitar, keyboard, bass, drums, and voice. Students in all grades can audition but need to own their own instrument in order to practice at home and should have prior experience on their instruments. **Students who wish to audition for the “We Will Rock You” Club must pick up an application from Mr. Tom Liddle in room 149, sign up for an audition date/time, and prepare a pop song of their choice to play along with a recording (details in the audition application).**

TPMS ATHLETIC TEAMS INFORMATION

(7th and 8th graders)

7TH and 8TH grade students are eligible to participate in the athletic programs that are listed below. These teams play against other middle schools in our area. Fall programs begin in September. Basketball begins in November. Spring programs begin in March.

Required forms:

- The forms listed below must be completed and turned in before a student can participate in try outs
 - Parent permission form
 - Medical evaluation form
 - Must be completed by a doctor
 - Medical card
 - Application to participate in an activity away from school

All of these forms are available in a packet that can be picked up from the main office or from any Physical Education teacher. The packet also includes the parent permission form for intramural programs.

Contact TPMS Athletic Coordinator, Brian_D_ Baker@mcpsmd.org) if you have questions.

Academic Eligibility for Students Who Participate in Extracurricular Activities

Academic eligibility period is the time from the day that a report card is issued and is sustained until the day the next report card is issued.

Students who have a 2.0 average with no more than one failing grade in the previous marking period will be academically eligible to participate or practice during the next marking period in any extracurricular activity requiring academic eligibility.

Extracurricular activities requiring academic eligibility are defined as athletics, school student government offices, class offices, and activities listed as eligible for non-athletic and athletic stipends in the *Negotiated Agreement Between Montgomery County Education Association and the Board of Education of Montgomery County Public Schools*. Attending an activity hosted by a group whose sponsor receives a qualifying stipend does not require academic eligibility.