Watertown Middle School After-School Programming Winter, 2012

Watertown Middle School offers many different kinds of after-school activities. Sign-ups begin Wednesday December 21st and end on Friday January 6th. Clubs and the Learning Lab start the week of January 9th. Some sports start sooner.

After-school programming comes with a one-time activity fee that helps to cover costs. The activity fee is $100 for all activities including interscholastic sports. The fee is $50 for all activities excluding interscholastic sports. With the one-time activity fee, students can participate in as many after school activities as they like. Programs that are exempt from the activity fee include the Library Learning Lab, grant-funded clubs, and community service programs and activities. Remember, if you have already paid an activity fee for the fall, you are covered for the whole year and do not have to pay a fee in the winter. Families eligible for free or reduced-price lunches do not have to pay an activity fee.

LIBRARY LEARNING LAB

The Library Learning Lab is a place where students can go after school, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons, when they need help with their assignments or a place to do homework. Students can sign up for the Library Learning Lab before school, at lunch, or in the library before 6th period. Students need to indicate to staff what area they need help and how they will get home (a late bus is available).

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

The purpose of the middle school athletic program is to provide students an opportunity to develop athletic skills, sportsmanship, and team-play in a wide variety of sports. Some sports will field everyone; others will have tryouts. Many middle school sports teams have "A" and "B" teams, which give more students a chance to practice and play.

WMS Sports sign-ups will be during the first and second weeks of school. All physicals must be up-to-date and the yellow Clearance for Athletic Participation form must be completed and signed in order for a student to participate. Families of students participating in interscholastic sports must pay a one-time $100 activity fee, which encompasses all after school activities all year. Coaches will give out practice and game schedules for each sport. Introductory meetings have already taken place; however, if a student has missed the meeting, he or she can come to the office and we will provide him or her with the necessary paperwork and connect him or her to the coach. Some winter sports have tryouts.

Girls' Basketball	**Ms. Smith / Ms. Casey**	**Girls' Hockey**
Boys' Basketball	**Mr. Coffey**	**Boys' Hockey**
Wrestling		

COMMUNITY EXPLORERS **Ms. Wood / Ms. Harvey / Ms. Tompkins**

Community Explorers is a full-year, two-day-a-week after school program for students that provides a variety of activities, including community field trips, shopping, cooking, and recreational and fitness programs. Community Explorers meet on Mondays and Thursdays, 2:15 – 4:15. Often, Community Explorers may even go later, especially when they take field trips. The Community Explorers program runs for the full year and we do wish students to attend both days per week for educational continuity purposes.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Winter enrichment clubs meet one day a week after school, 2:15-4:15. Winter clubs start the week of January 9th and will last for 10 weeks. Participation in many clubs is subject to a one-time $50 activity fee. Remember, if you have already paid the fee for a fall activity, you don't have to pay for a winter club. Clubs that are asterisked are grant-funded and are not subject to fees.

Art Club **Ms. Donnellan** **Mondays** **2:15-4:15**

Can't get enough art? Come to art after school on Mondays and we will draw, paint, and sculpt as we work on individual and group projects. Join us, make new friends, and let your creative juices flow!

Computer Programming Club **Ms. Evans / Mr. Hohmann** **Thursdays** **2:15-4:15**

Ever wonder what makes it possible for you to interface with documents, people, or websites using any kind of device? What about how your computer knows what to do when you strike a key or enter a command? If these ideas sound down right interesting, this is the club for you! In this club, you will gain a basic understanding of the structure of a computer program using Python as the programming language and learn about the communication process between clients and servers and cloud computing. Come join us, expand your mind and understand your virtual world!

Dance Club* **Ms. Spillane** **Thursdays** **2:15-4:15**

Dancers of all abilities are invited to participate in Dance Club! We will be doing all kinds of dancing, and the big emphasis this winter is preparing and performing a dance number for the talent show in April.

Floor Hockey Club* **Mr. Rademacher** **Mondays** **2:15-4:15**
Hockey lovers should sign up quick for this exciting activity that focuses on skill development and game play. Students will learn the basic skills of passing, dribbling and shooting, as well as strategy, rules and safety. Students are encouraged to bring safety goggles.

Games Club **Ms. Zimmerman** **Mondays** **2:15-4:15**
Attention competitive and creative students! Game Club will meet in Room B213 on Monday afternoons. We will play chess, Uno, Scrabble, checkers, and other games and have lots of fun! All students in grades 6-8 are welcome. Board and card games will be supplied, and students are welcome to bring their own games, and tournaments will take place.

"Life is Good" Club* **Ms. Magill / Ms. Sullivan** **Mondays** **2:15-4:15**
The "Life is Good" Club celebrates human differences. This club gives students the opportunity to learn and appreciate different cultures and lifestyles both in our community and in the world. Make new friends, learn about differences, and see how diversity makes life good everywhere!

Theatre Club: "Tell Your Story"* **Ms. Kagan** **Wednesdays** **2:15-4:15**
Do you love to be on stage? Have you ever dreamed of writing and performing your own show at an award-winning theatre? If so, then "Tell Your Story" is for you! Work with professional actress Eve Kagan to create an original play based on your life stories to be performed before a live audience at the New Rep Theatre in Watertown. "Tell Your Story" is your chance to give the community a taste of what it's like to walk in your shoes. All performers are welcome: actors, singers, musicians, dancers, poets, and storytellers!

Volleyball Club* **Ms. Manders** **Tuesdays** **2:15-3:45**
Serve, Set, Spike! Whether you are a volleyball expert or just want to learn the sport for the first time, Volleyball Club is the right place for you. Learn volleyball fundamentals, be physically active, make new friends and have fun!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Registration Deadline is January 6th.

STUDENT_____ **GRADE**_____ **Homeroom**_____

Pick-up Instructions: Picked-up by parent/guardian _____**Late Bus**_____**Walks home**_____

PARENT/GUARDIAN_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE
(home)_____**(work)**_____**(cell)**_____**email**_____

Emergency
Contact_____**Phone**_____

Student's allergies/medical
issues_____

Activity_____ **Day**_____

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If your child has signed up for a sport, please include a $100. activity fee* **$100.00**

If your child has signed up for activities excluding sports, please include a $50. activity fee* **$50.00**

Total Enclosed_____

Please make a check or money order payable to "Watertown Public Schools". Please do not send cash.
Please send your registration to the Middle School main office.