

Art Club**Sponsor: J. Basting**

If you like art and like to have fun, then the PJHS Art Club is for you! We usually meet once a week from 3:05 p.m.-4:00 p.m. during the part of October through the end of April and we work on many different projects. Sometimes we watch a movie and have a snack while we create. We also work on community service projects such as the Festival of Trees. Hope you can join us! Listen to the announcements for more details.

Books and Bites**Sponsor: C. Knowles**

New to the building? For Books and Bites, students and teachers are welcome to get their lunches and then join me in the front lobby to hear themed book talks from the Bloomington and Normal public librarians. Great opportunity to learn about new books and add to your "books to consider" lists!

Book Club**Sponsor: C. Coyle**

Book Club is called Python Pageturners. It is open to all PJHS students and staff members and meets once a month from September- beginning of May. Participants read the chosen book for month and meet after school in Room 104 to discuss the book. Books are available in the IMC and in Mrs. Coyle's room (104). Participants should sign up in Room 104 (Mrs. Coyle's room) each month that they want to attend. Drinks and light snacks are provided.

Fall Play**Sponsor: B. Topping**

The PJHS Fall Play is performed in early October. Auditions are held the second week of school and rehearsals are after school in September. Please contact Ms. Topping in room 140 with any questions.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes**Sponsor: D. Thoennes**

Meets every other Tuesday. Activities are updated on the PJHS activities web page.

FCCLA**Sponsor: P. Parmley**

All Unit 5 Middle School students have the opportunity to be a part of FCCLA since they will participate in a FCS class during their time in middle school. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (formerly Future Homemakers of America) is the Career and Technical Student Organization for Family and Consumer Science students. FCCLA is a national student organization that helps young men and women become better leaders in their families, careers and communities. Students learn skills for life: planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal communication. FCCLA is the only student organization with the family as its focus. Members have the opportunity to demonstrate leadership skills through participating in proficiency events, showcasing community service projects, exploring careers, attending educational sessions and electing officers.

PJHS Game Club**Sponsor: Z. Gilbert**

The PJHS Game Club will meet throughout the 2014-15 school year. At this time, we are planning on meeting every other Friday. Times will range from 3:05pm to 4:45pm or later. There is also an interest for a few Saturday meetings, so we can complete some longer games. Announcements will be made on the PJHS website, our Game Club page, and in the student announcements.

Many types of games will be played throughout the year!

What types of games?

- Board,

- Tabletop

- Computer (including Minecraft)

- Handheld device games

This club is a privilege.

Speech Team**Sponsor: B. Topping**

The PJHS Speech Team meets during the fall semester to practice and prepare for the November IESA Speech Contest. Contact Ms. Topping in Room 140 to pick up an information packet. Signed permission forms must be returned to Ms. Topping in room 140 during the second week of September in order for students to be considered members of the 2014 PJHS Speech Team.

Student Council**Sponsor: R. Jones**

Student Council is an inclusive group of respectful, responsible, and safe Parkside students who are interested in serving the Parkside Junior High and Bloomington/Normal communities. All students are welcome to join; however, we prefer students who can participate in meetings and activities consistently. We meet a couple times a month throughout the school year; meetings are in the morning announcements. Together we plan school-wide spirit activities such as dress up days for homecoming week and selling candy grams before Winter Break and Valentine's Day. We also organize service projects such as the Thanksgiving food drive, school grounds clean-up for Earth Day, and volunteer opportunities at school events like the annual dodgeball tournament and St. Jude Activity Night.

Yearbook**Sponsor: A. Poulos**

Yearbook will meet once a month. The students in our club will help come up with a design for the yearbook and help with the organization and distribution of pictures.

Young Authors**Sponsor: J. Nourie**

Are Stephen King, J.K. Rowling, or Edgar Allen Poe your heroes? If so, you might be interested in following in their footsteps by entering this year's Young Authors contest. Young Authors is a Unit 5 writing program, where students pen manuscripts that are turned in for school-wide judging. We begin meeting in January, and manuscripts are usually due at the end of February. Listen for announcements regarding this club starting in December.