



# Texas

## Middle School

### CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Clubs and student organizations are a vital part of Texas Middle School, and students are encouraged to become involved. Educational statistics prove that students who are involved in clubs and extracurricular activities make better grades and are more likely to succeed in life after high school. Colleges and businesses closely examine the level of student involvement in clubs and organizations when determining admission, scholarships or employment.

At Texas Middle School, clubs and organizations are offered to all students. The information listed below will assist students in deciding which clubs to join. The goal of all clubs and extracurricular organizations at Texas Middle School is to help each student become involved and realize his/her potential.

#### **ART CLUB**

**Sponsor:** Jason Delezen

*Art Club is open to 6 – 8 grade students who love art! In Art Club, students have the opportunity to create their own works of art with guidance from the art teachers. Enrollment in art class is not required.*

#### **BILINGUAL LEADERSHIP CLUB**

**Sponsor:** Tara Hogue

*The Bilingual Leadership Club is open to all students who are currently bilingual in any other language or who would like to become bilingual. The group's focus will be to explore the benefits of being bilingual in American society. Members will explore career opportunities, provide community service projects utilizing translator skills and promote cultural awareness.*

#### **BUILDER'S CLUB**

**Sponsor:** Misty Garland

*Builders Club is the largest service organization for middle school and junior high students, with more than 45,000 members worldwide. Members learn to work together and develop servant-leaders skills as they serve their school and community. Builders Club is a student-led community service organization that operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body. A Kiwanis club, composed of like-minded, service-oriented people from the community, serves as the club's sponsor. We do a variety of service oriented projects that help to benefit our school and community.*

#### **CHESS CLUB**

**Sponsor:** Alyson Wint

*The Chess Club gives students and opportunity to challenge their friends in "The Game of Kings." Learn to play, better your skills or just come to have fun. Chess Club students will be considered for the UIL Chess Team at Texas Middle School.*

## **CROCHET CLUB**

**Sponsor: Shannon Bishop**

*Have fun learning the creative skill of crochet that will last a lifetime. In addition to having fun creating practical and beautiful things, club members can improve motor coordination, reading and problem solving abilities as well as math skills. Crochet Club also encourages positive social behavior and teamwork, as well as engages students in community serves and other activities.*

## **DEBATE CLUB**

**Sponsors: Stasta Hanson & Margrette Spiropoulos**

*The Debate Club is a speech organization that encourages academic ability. Students learn the skills of researching, organizing, listening, speaking and planning.*

## **DRAMA CLUB**

**Sponsor: Beth Greening**

*The Drama Club is a performing organization that encourages stage knowledge. Students learn the skills of acting and the technical aspects of the stage. Typically, the Drama Club performs a fall play and a play in the spring, with a UIL competition in-between.*

## **DRONE CLUB**

**Sponsor: Daniel Beall**

*In Drone Club, students will learn the basic components of building and flying drones. Through teamwork and problem-solving, students will learn aviation concepts to complete missions. Students must be willing to challenge themselves and think outside the box in order to create, build and fly drones.*

## **FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN STUDENTS**

**Sponsor: Shaun George**

*Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS) is a student-led, Christian-based organization. Students meet to encourage and fellowship through prayer, music, and devotionals. FCS students are asked to participate in service projects and take leadership roles on campus. Community members from local churches are welcome to participate and offer motivational lessons on morals and character values. The goal of FCS is to make a difference at TMS through acts of kindness and service.*

## **FUSION MIDDLE**

**Sponsor: Misty Garland**

*Fusion Middle is a before school devotion time for students. Students gather together weekly with fellow peers for one common purpose - in seeking an understanding of the Bible and the impact God's word can have on the hope for their future! This club offers an opportunity for students to meet others who share common interests and to take part in a positive learning community. "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "Plans for good and not for evil, to give you a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

## **HOME ECONOMICS CLUB**

**Sponsors: Sarah Gustafson & Margrette Spiropoulos**

*The Home Economics Club is open to both boys and girls who would like to learn about sewing and cooking basics along with meal planning and budgeting. In the cooking unit, students will learn cooking terms, how to read, reduce and enlarge recipes properly, table etiquette, planning a nutritional meal and budgeting for that meal. The sewing unit will cover basics of sewing on buttons, hemming, making pillows and sewing a larger project as time allows.*

## **MAKERS CLUB**

**Sponsors:** **Whitney Nunez & Alyson Wint**

*Makers Club will present students with designer/engineering challenges while providing them with the materials, tools and knowledge from experts in order for them to come up with creative solutions for real world problems. Example challenges would include Rube-Goldberg Designs, Egg Drops, Environmental & Invention Challenges.*

## **MATH & SCIENCE TEAM**

### **TEXAS MATH AND SCIENCE COACHES ASSOCIATION (TMSCA)**

**Sponsor:** **Phyllis Shaddix**

*The Texas Math & Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) is an organization formed by Texas math and science teachers to promote excellence in math and science through competition. There are events in the TTMSCA at the middle school: Number Sense, General Mathematics, Calculator Applications and General Science. Students will have an opportunity to learn higher level math and science skills through the four different events which could lead them to qualify for Regional and State Competitions in the Springs.*

## **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY**

**Sponsors:** **Megan Rains & Jody Plunk**

*The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is one of the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding middle school students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character (and Citizenship for NJHS). These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since their beginnings in 1921 and 1929.*

## **PEP SQUAD**

**Sponsors:** **Shelly Ervin & Krystal Willis**

*The Pep Squad is a spirit organization that gives students the opportunity to showcase their TIGER spirit at pep rallies and football games. The Pep Squad performs cheer routines in front of Texas Middle School students, parents, and families at all pep rallies and during halftime of home football games. In addition, members sit in the stands and cheer on the TMS Tiger football team at home games. Members are required to purchase their own uniforms and no tryout is required.*

## **ROBOTICS CLUB**

**Sponsor:** **Shannon Kirkland**

*In this club, students will design, program and build robots. They will be fully engaged in the engineering experience and use 21st century skills such as communication and teamwork. Students apply real-world math and science concepts and problem-solve. Students will also compete in robotics competitions.*

## **SPANISH CLUB**

**Sponsor:** **Tara Hogue**

*The Spanish club is an environment outside of the classroom where those who have a passion for Spanish-speaking culture can get together to participate in language and cultural activities with a community involvement component.*

## **STOCK MARKET CLUB**

**Sponsor:** **Debbie Mallett**

*The Stock Market Game is a national program of the Securities industry and Financial Markets Association that allows students the opportunity to invest a virtual \$100,000 in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds throughout an engaging 10 week simulation each semester.*

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

**Sponsors:** **Melanie March-Nelson & Shasta Hanson**

*Texas Middle School Student Council is a diverse group of students who all share common goals: to promote and maintain harmony and understanding between students and faculty, to cooperate with all other campus organizations for the betterment of our school, to initiate service projects benefitting our community and our country, and to raise the standards and ideals of Student Council members themselves.*

## **TEMPLE BUILDERS/SPANISH CLUB**

**Sponsor:** **Tara Hogue**

*The purpose of Temple Builders/Spanish Club is to demonstrate the very beginning of the Mexican/Hispanic heritage in the Americas. Through enjoying how Aztecs, Mayans, and Incas lived—the students become more knowledgeable of their customs, foods and their society before they became what we know now as Latin Americans. We discover how they conducted their lives, how they wrote hieroglyphics, and built temples equivalent to the amazing Egyptian pyramids! This club is open to those who are interested in taking Spanish and learning their culture.*

## **TRAVEL CLUB**

**Sponsor:** **Shasta Hanson**

*Open to any TMS student and family who are interested in travel. Our trips are guided tours of popular destinations and are guaranteed to be packed with fun, adventure and learning beyond the classroom. For 2016, we have a variety of foreign and domestic tours that include Italy, Orlando and a combined trip to Washington, DC & New York City. Travel will take place during the summer. Participation in the Travel Club is a privilege. Disciplinary or severe academic problems may limit a student's opportunity to travel with the club. All trips will have faculty chaperons.*

## **UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE (UIL)**

**Sponsor:** **Mindee McBryde**

*UIL is an organization that creates rules for and administers almost all athletic, music and academic contests for public primary and secondary schools in the state of Texas. At Texas Middle School students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of UIL competitions. Some of the events are: Art, Calculator, Chess, Dictionary Skills, Modern Oratory, Spelling Impromptu Speaking, Editorial Writing, Listening Skills, Maps-Graphs-Charts, Mathematics, Music Memory, Number Sense, One Act Play, Ready Writing, Science, Social Studies and Spelling. Any student interested in participating in a UIL event may contact the club sponsor/coach during clubs sign up week.*