**QMS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

##  2023 - 2024

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## Student Council - Ms. Ransom and Ms. Robles

The QMS Student Council is a group of students that collaborate with others to impact the school community through events, community building, and service projects. All interested students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join and participate. Meetings will be held on **TUESDAYS** afterschool until 2:45 pm in Room 514. Mrs. Ransom and Mrs. Robles are club advisors. **Start date September 19th, 2023**

## Ski Club - Mr. Walsh

Come join the QMS community on the slopes of Pat's Peak! The QMS Ski Club travels via coach buses to Pat's Peak on two Saturdays during January or February. Rentals and Lessons are available for those that need it. A parent meeting will be taking place at the end of October with signups beginning shortly thereafter.

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## Rock Orchestra - Ms. Erban

The QMS Rock Orchestra is for any student in grades 6-8 who can sing, play strings, guitar, bass guitar, keyboards and/or drums. Students who participate in the QMSRO are able to express their individuality while performing in several concerts throughout the year. Previous experience is required. Roch Orchestra meets Wednesday's after school.

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## Cardio Sport Club - Ms. Duporte

Cardio Sport is the **WORKOUT OF SPORTS!** Come have fun while working out to an upbeat playlist with Mrs. Duporte! There will be three sessions offered throughout the school year. Each session can accommodate 20 students. Dates to be determined.

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## Acapella - Ms. Erban

“The Stinger Singers”, is open to all students in grades 6 through 8 who have a passion for singing. Whether it's pop, rock, jazz or any other genre, all are welcome to learn to arrange and perform vocal music in an a capella style! Under the guidance of Ms. Erban, members of the club choose the songs they want to sing, create arrangements, and work on individual parts in their once weekly meetings. The group will showcase their hard work at events throughout the year. Acapella meets Tuesday after school.

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## Trivia Club - Ms. Donovan

Trivia Club will meet on **Mondays** twice a month starting October 2nd, 2023 from 2-2:45 with Mrs. Donovan in room 226. Open to grades 6, 7, 8. Bring a pencil and your brain to answer questions on a variety of topics. We will possibly have opportunities to attend competitions at other schools.

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## French Club - Ms. Donovan and Ms. McNeilly

The new International club has something for everyone! This club will explore languages, games, foods, and more. Bring your curiosity and the knowledge of your own heritage and culture to the International Club! (We will meet twice per month upstairs in room 216.)

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## QMS Drama - Mr. McCrossan and TBA

QMS Drama is our after school theater program at QMS. We rehearse and present musicals and plays after school. This year, we are hoping to produce a fall play and a spring musical. Rehearsals usually run Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Students are not called to every rehearsal, and full rehearsal schedules will be available after shows are cast. Students who are interested in performing on stage or behind the scenes on our technical crew should visit our website for more information. Reach out to Mr. McCrossan (room 105) with any questions.

<https://sites.google.com/mansfieldschools.com/qmsdrama/QMSDrama>

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## Jazz Band - Ms. Pepicelli and Mr. White

This ensemble is open to any 6th, 7th, and 8th grade student interested in joining. The ensemble works on jazz literature, improvisation, and soloing. The jazz band performs at the band concert and at additional performance opportunities, such as the Council on Aging, the Hornet’s Hive Coffee House, and Great East. Students who play wind instruments, guitars, piano, and drum-set are welcome. Previous experience required! Jazz Band meets **Thursdays** from 2- 3:30 pm.

## Math Team - Ms. MacMurray

The QMS Math Team is a competitive team made up of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders who enjoy working on mathematics in a cooperative environment. We compete at five meets throughout the year in the Intermediate Mathematics League of Eastern Massachusetts (IMLEM), a collaboration of Massachusetts’ middle schools providing students with a challenging mathematics competition. We also participate in MathCounts, a national math enrichment, coaching & competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement in every U.S. state & territory

Students are invited to join Ms. MacMurray’s in room TBA every **Thursday** from 1:49 to 2:45 after school. All are welcome!

## Tri-M - Ms. Pepicelli

Tri-M is an internationally recognized music honor society. 7th and 8th grade band, choir and orchestra students can apply for membership at the beginning of the school year. Students will be officially inducted into the honor society when they have met all of the criteria needed for membership. Criteria includes good standing in their school ensemble, good standing in all of their academic classes, and participation in Tri-M events throughout the year. Students will be eligible to join the High School Tri-M Chapter when they move up. Tri-M meets **Mondays** after school.

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## Running Club - Mr. Otto

Running club is offered to all students in middle school on Wednesdays from 1:50 -2:50. Students meet in the hallway by the gymnasium right after school. Students should be prepared to bring proper running attire to school. Students will learn how to properly stretch as well as have an opportunity to run on the track and areas surrounding Qualters. Anyone is welcome to join!

[Link to Permission Slip](https://www.smore.com/app/reporting/out/r35a7?u=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1gmy9nJ7QP9kQu3uuWnYPtQI6ZKRoRYaE%2Fview%3Fusp%3Dsharing&t=Link%20to%20Permission%20Slip&w=w-0566335491&i=&l=l-4834673064)

## Percussion Ensemble - Ms. Pepicelli

Open to all students who are interested in exploring marching percussion instruments for both the drumline and front ensemble. Students DO NOT need to have any previous percussion experience. Students will work with members of our HS percussion ensemble to prepare a piece for competition at our local home show in March . Percussion meets Tuesdays after school. **Rehearsals WILL GO TO 4PM after the winter break.**

## Intramurals - Mr. Vartian and Mr. Otto

Intramurals is a fun and free after school program that offers a great way for students to stay physically active. It runs Monday - Thursday from 1:50 - 2:50 during the fall, winter, and spring seasons in the QMS gym. This program is for all grades levels and a great opportunity to stay physically active after school.

## Board Game Club - Ms. O'Connor & Mr. Robinson

The Board Game Club is geared toward students in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade who have a love for learning new board games or playing games that they have always loved and want to share with their peers. We will meet as a club every week and create small or larger groups to play different board games. Through this club we can make everlasting bonds and we can learn how to work with and cooperate with each other. We have games that can challenge any skill level or interest level. There is definitely something for everyone! Come check out the Board Game Club! **Start Date October 10th 2023**

**Room #107**

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## Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) - Ms. Taylor

The purpose of this student-centered and led group of LGBTQIA+ and ALLY supporters is to promote inclusion and learn how to be more supportive of the diversity of our peers. We will use our meetings to connect with peers, research relevant topics, and discuss ways to promote tolerance and acceptance for ALL people throughout our school. The group meets on Tuesdays in Room 225 (Gold Team hallway).

This club is run following the guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Safe Schools Program. [For more information on the Safe Schools Program click here.](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safe-schools-program-for-lgbtq-students#:~:text=The%20Safe%20Schools%20Program%20for%20LGBTQ%20Students%20is,that%20faced%20LGBTQ%20youth%20in%20Massachusetts%20public%20schools.)

## Drawing Club - Ms Tibbetts

Open studio time for those who enjoy drawing with different media. The club will be limited to 25 students. Meetings are on Thursdays from October through May. **Start date October 5th 2023**

**Art room # 243**

## The Hive Literary Magazine - Ms. Simas & Ms. Herlihy

*The Hive* is QMS's literary magazine and is a collection of a variety of art, photography, and creative writing from over 100 QMS students across all grade levels. This year's magazine will be our 15th publication. While anyone can submit art and creative writing via their ELA or art teacher, there is a *Hive* club that runs in the winter and spring where students can create submissions for the magazine as well as curate the submissions from the student body. All are welcome!

## Dungeons & Dragon Club - Ms. Sheridan

In Dungeons & Dragons, the players form an adventuring party who explore fantasy worlds together as they embark on epic quests and level up in experience. The Dungeon Master (also known as the DM) is the game's referee and storyteller. There's no winning or losing in D&D—at least, not in the conventional way. Meets on Wednesdays Rm 516

\*Experience is helpful but not required

## Yearbook Club - Ms. Tibbetts

Yearbook Staff students make decisions on the overall theme, look, organization, and contents of the annual yearbook. They manage the Cover Art Contest in September. Weekly there are photos to be taken, edited, uploaded, and arranged in the digital art program on the company website for production. Marketing strategies, sales promotion and tracking, and final distribution are also club considerations. Staff meeting days are Wednesdays, but other days and special events attendance are also possible. Former club members will meet on **September 13th**, new members are invited to join on **September 20th**. Come join the world of memory publishing!

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