



**MORELAND RIDGE
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION
HANDBOOK
2019-2020**

Moreland Ridge Middle School offers to it's students the following Intramurals, Activities, Clubs, and Sports. Below is a list of each offering and the head sponsor(s) / coach(es).

Activites

Book Club	Mrs. Pennington
Butterfly Garden	Mrs. Kolar
FCA	Ms. Love
Honors Orchestra	Mr. Mitchell
Huskies with Heart	Mrs. Blocker, Mrs. Dreher
Jazz Band	Mr. Padgett
Math Club	Ms. Turner
Musical/Play	Mr. Leith, Mrs. Small, Mrs. Mainard, Mrs. Tiller
NJHS	Mrs. Twombly
One Acts	Mr. Leith
Patriots Club	Mrs. Kennedy
Pep Club	Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Martin
Scholar Bowl	Mr. Day
Science Club	Mr. Lewis, Ms. Elliott
Student Council	Mrs. White
Thespians/Drama	Mr. Leith
Write On	Mrs. Blocker, Mrs. Kroll
Yearbook	Mr. Coleman

Interscholastic Sports

Basketball- Boys	Mr. Allen
Basketball- Girls	Mr. Middleton
Cross Country-Boys	Mr. Pezzetti
Cross Country- Girls	Mrs. Kennedy
Debate & Forensics	Mr. Leith, Mrs. Small
Football	Mr. Middleton
Boys Track	
Girls Track	Mr. Lewis
Volleyball	Mrs. Neely

Intramurals

Basketball -Boys

Basketball -Girls

Cheerleading

Flag Football

Soccer

Softball

Volleyball

Wrestling

Mr. Pezzetti

Ms. Thompson

Mrs. Neely

Mr. Laws

Mrs. Dreher, Mr. Small

Ms. Thompson

Ms. Spengler

Mr. Laws

ACTIVITY & INTRAMURAL INFORMATION

The Intramural Program at MRMS is designed to allow students to participate in activities that are of interest to them. Likewise the programs are designed to allow students to explore areas of potential interest. It is not necessary for students to attend all scheduled sessions of an activity, however, intramural activities do count towards the PBIS rewards trip. Intramural sports are recreational and instructional in nature. The only requirement for participation is that the student has an interest in the activity.

Basketball- Boys Intramural Boys Basketball is held before school beginning in late January and running through February. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys are welcome to participate. In each session the time is divided between doing drills to improve basketball skills and playing half court 5 on 5. Mr. Pezzetti is the sponsor (mpezzetti@bssd.net).

Basketball- Girls Intramural Girls Basketball is held before school beginning in late January and running through February. 6th, 7th, & 8th grade girls are welcome to participate. The program offers a fun environment where players of all skill levels can play against each other while either learning the basic fundamentals or working on previously gained skills. The sponsor is Ms. Thompson (jthompson2@bssd.net).

Book Club is open to all 6th, 7th & 8th grader who wants to read and discuss super cool books. Members will read the book of the month selected by book clubbers. Students will be introduced to a range of outstanding books in various genres. If you love to read and talk about books, this is the club for you! The Book Club sponsor is Mrs. Pennington (tpennington@bssd.net).

Butterfly Garden Club is designed to give students an opportunity to plant, weed and maintain the two island beds on our campus. It is open to any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader but the group is limited to only 20 students. Applications are first come, first serve. We meet six sessions in the fall and six sessions in the spring. Tools are supplied, but comfortable clothing and gloves are encouraged. The sponsor is Mrs. Kolar (lkolar@bssd.net).

Cheerleading is for 7th & 8th graders interested in furthering their cheerleading skills to help them prepare for cheering at the high school level. The sponsor is Mrs. Neely (tneely@bssd.net).

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) is open to all 6th, 7th & 8th graders who play sports with faith in mind. This group meets to discuss how to your faith can help you be a better person and athlete. The sponsor is Ms. Love (elove@bssd.net).

Flag Football Intramural Flag Football is open to all MRMS students (6th, 7th, & 8th Grade) who want to learn the fundamentals of football. Students will improve their basic football skills and compete with other students in games. The goal of the program is to grow as a player and enjoy the benefits of the sport. Everyone who participates will have a positive experience, as well as have a great time. The Flag Football sponsor is Mr. Laws (wlaws@bssd.net).

Honor Orchestra is an auditioned group made up of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students from the entire Blue Springs School District. Practices are held Wednesdays after school at SVMS. The BSSD Honor Orchestra also participates in concerts, as well as out-of-school related functions. For more information contact Jamey Mitchell at jmitchell1@bssd.net.

Huskies with Heart is on a mission to make MRMS a safe and welcoming place for everyone. Since students are the heartbeat of our school, we are looking for positive, compassionate huskies to help highlight all the great things our school community has to offer. Students in this club will take an active role in both identifying needs and planning activities beneficial to our school. If you are interested in sharing your heart with others, please see Mrs. Dreher or Mrs. Blocker for an application. (ddreher@bssd.net) (mblocker@bssd.net)

Jazz Band is an audition group made up of 7th and 8th grade students. The MRMS Jazz Band also participates in concerts, as well as school related and out-of-school related functions. There are weekend performances. For more information contact Mr. Padget (dpadget@bssd.net).

Math Club Math Club is open to all MRMS 6th graders. It meets first semester only. Members will work on math concepts through games, relays and puzzles. The sponsor of Math Club is Ms. Turner (lturner@bssd.net).

Musical/Play Each fall the MRMS Drama department presents a school musical/play. The production crew and cast is made up of 6th, 7th, & 8th graders. Auditions start shortly after the beginning of the school year and multiple performances of the play is presented in November. Cast members maybe monetarily responsible for a portion of their costume. Crew members may participate in the constuction of the Set, Lighting, Costumes, Sound, or the Prop Department. Practice times and dates vary depending on the role a student has in the musical. Sponsors are Mr. Leith (tleith@bssd.net), Mrs. Small (ssmall@bssd.net), Mrs.

Mainard (amainard@bssd.net), Mrs. Tiller (jtiller@bssd.net).

National Junior Honor Society (Invite Only) was established in 1929 to recognize middle school students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. We focus on serving our local and global community and developing strong leaders. At MRMS it is an organization for 8th grade students that meet these exceptional qualifications: a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher consisting of A's and no more than 3 semester B's, 2 or more of which must be from honors classes, participation in activities outside the regular school day, and recommendations of faculty members. Becoming a member of NJHS is by invitation only. Qualifying students receive their invitation during the spring of their 7th grade year. The sponsors are Mrs. Twombly (ktwombly@bssd.net), Mr. Stephens (astephens@bssd.net), Mrs. Mermelstein (lmermelstein@bssd.net), and Mrs. Pennington (tpennington@bssd.net).

One Acts/Readers Theater is a performance opportunity for all students. Auditions and performances take place in March and April. Two shows are produced by the Thespians Troupe and culminate in a public performance. The sponsor is Mr. Leith (tleith@bssd.net)

Patriots Club is a club for MRMS students who have members of their immediate family currently serving in the military. Immediate family members include the **students' mother, father, sister, brother, step-mother, and/or step-father**. The purpose of The Patriots is to recognize our MRMS students and their families for the sacrifices they are making for our country. Our school community offers our caring and support for these families. The Patriots Club meet during PACK once a month. A light breakfast snack will be served, and students will participate in various activities. Members of The Patriots will have opportunities to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at pep assemblies and PTSA meetings. The sponsor is Mrs. Kennedy (ckennedy@bssd.net).

Pep Club is an opportunity to support our MRMS Husky athletes, competitors, and performers and is open to all grades. The club meets after school several times in each of the fall, winter, and spring seasons. Members create and hang locker decorations as well as attend one home game for each sport to cheer on our Husky athletes. Come join the fun! The sponsors are Mrs. Hay (hhay@bssd.net) and Mrs. Martin (dmartin@bssd.net).

Science Club Science Club is open to any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader who enjoys hands-on activities and discussions within the realm of science. Meetings are held biweekly to monthly depending on the number of students. Members will learn to use their brains in new ways to unlock the world around them, culminating in working to solve real world problems. Students will engage in the engineering

process and learn to appreciate challenge. The Science Club sponsors are Mr. Lewis (tlewis@bssd.net) and Ms. Elliott (belliott@bssd.net).

Soccer Intramural soccer is open to all MRMS students interested in the sport. Intramural Soccer offers a fun environment where players of all skill levels play against each other in a 1 on 1 or team vs team environment. The sponsors are Mrs. Dreher (ddreher@bssd.net) and Mr. Small (csmall@bssd.net).

Softball is open to any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader who enjoys softball or baseball. We work on skills of throwing, catching, and hitting. Along with learning important aspects about the game. If we have enough numbers we play actual games. The sponsor is Ms. Thompson (jthompson2@bssd.net)

Student Council is the school's representative body. Interested students from all grades should apply in the fall. In addition to providing a voice for MRMS students, the Student Council sponsors social activities and service projects throughout the school year. Mrs. White (kwhite@bssd.net) is the sponsor.

Thespians is a group of 6th, 7th & 8th grade students who by participating in fine arts earn points to becoming eligible to join. This "Drama Club" has meetings once a month and is responsible for helping with the fall play/musical. They are also the student group that produces the one act play in the spring, choosing the director, the actors and the tech crew for the performance. Induction ceremonies are held once in the fall and again in the spring semester. The sponsor is Mr. Leith (tleith@bssd.net)

Volleyball This intramural provides all interested MRMS students an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the game of volleyball including serving, passing, setting and spiking the ball. You will learn the game and how to play while having fun playing some live play, drills and a mini tournament. Intramural Volleyball will start 2nd semester. The sponsor is Ms. Spengler (mspengler@bssd.net)

Winter Guard: Winter Guard is affiliated with the Blue Springs South High School Jaguar Pride Band Program. This activity involves visual arts performances and is open to 7th and 8th graders at Moreland Ridge Middle School. Auditions are held in November of the school year and the season runs through the Spring. Practices are held at BSSHS.

Wrestling Intramural Wrestling is open to all MRMS 6th, 7th, & 8th graders. The objective of the intramural program is to provide experience, coaching and competition against wrestlers from the four Blue Springs R-IV School district middle schools. Wrestlers are coached by Blue Springs South Wrestling coaches. The program meets on select dates in November after school. The sponsor of the program at MRMS is Mr. Laws (wlaws@bssd.net).

Write On If you enjoy writing, this is the club for you! Whether you prefer poetry, fiction, flash fiction, or non-fiction, join us to write, collaborate, and share ideas. We'll provide time to write, friendly feedback, and information about writing contests where you can submit your final products. You provide the creativity! We will meet twice

a month beginning in October, and we would love for you to join us.

Yearbook The MRMS Yearbook staff provides an excellent opportunity for MRMS 7th and 8th graders to work together to capture the memories and events of the school year. Students learn the many processes that are required to publish the annual MRMS Yearbook. Students interested in becoming staff members must complete an application process in the fall to be considered for a staff position. The staff meets before and after school, as well as occasional time spent outside of school hours covering after school events. The sponsor is Mr. Coleman (bcoleman@bssd.net)

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS INFORMATION

Moreland Ridge Middle School fields teams in the following sports. These teams are open to only 8th graders (with the exception of Girls and Boys Cross Country. 7th graders may compete in this sport) who meet Missouri State High School Activity Association and Blue Springs R-IV School District eligibility standards. Students must have a physical examination on file before attending practice.

Basketball (Girls and Boys) The MRMS 8th grade basketball season runs from November thru January. Tryouts consisting of a variety of sport specific drills that takes place the first few days of the season. Practices are held daily. Teams play 10 games and two 3 game tournaments. MRMS fields an "A" team and a "B" team in both Boys and Girls Basketball. The Girls Head Coach is Mr. Middleton (cmiddleton@bssd.net) and is assisted by Mrs. Neely (tneely@bssd.net) The Boys Head Coach is Mr. Allen (mallen@bssd.net) and is assisted by Mr. Fansher (gfansher@bssd.net).

Cross Country (Girls and Boys) Cross country is a sport open to 7th and 8th graders in which teams run a race on open-air courses over natural terrain. In middle school, courses range from 1.2 to 1.5 miles long. Cross Country is both an individual and team sport. Teams are placed and awarded by a points scoring method. Runners are awarded for individual performances as well. The “A” team is made up of the top 7 runners. All other runners will run the “open” races. The Cross Country season begins on the first day of school and lasts through early October. Practices are held daily; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesdays from 2:45-4:00 PM and Thursday and Fridays starting at 6 AM. There are 8 meets that are held generally on Mondays and Wednesdays once the season starts. The Girls Head Coach is Mrs. Kennedy (ckennedy@bssd.net). The Boys Head Coach is Mr. Pezzetti (mpezzetti@bssd.net).

Debate and Forensics MRMS 7th and 8th graders who meet MSHSAA eligibility requirements to participate in the activity may try out for this team. Interested students audition with a script from one of 11 events for Forensics. For Debate students are given a resolution and must present the affirmative or negative argument in a shortened Public Forum Debate round. The season begins in January and runs through March. The team participates in 5 tournaments during the season that are held on Friday evenings. Sponsors are Tom Leith (tleith@bssd.net) and Silvia Small (ssmall@bssd.net).

Football The MRMS Football team is open to 8th grade students. There are no tryouts and all students who meet eligibility requirements and are in good standing as a MRMS student are welcome to be on the team. The season runs through the middle of October. Athletes are placed on either the “A” team or “B” team based on ability. Practice is held daily after school and the teams play 6 games including the annual game with Delta Woods Middle School at Blue Springs South High School’s Stadium. Mr. Middleton (cmiddleton@bssd.net) is the Head Football Coach. He is assisted by Mr. Day (rday@bssd.net), Mr. Fansher (gfansher@bssd.net) and Mr. Allen (mallen@bssd.net).

Scholar Bowl is made up of 7th and 8th grade students at MRMS who have a wide range of trivia knowledge. The team practices after school and competes against other middle school teams in the Kansas City Metro region. Competitions are held in January and February. There is an “A” team and a “B” team. If numbers warrant, tryouts are held. The sponsor is Mr. Day (rday@bssd.net).

Track (Girls and Boys): The MRMS Track and Field team is open to 8th grade boys and girls interested in running (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m & 1600m), hurdling, jumping (high jump, long jump, triple jump), and throwing events (shot put & discus). Practices are held daily after school beginning in March. The season runs through the first of May culminating in the Blue Springs Middle School Relays the last Friday of the season. The season consists of nine track meets. Students who meet eligibility requirements and are in good standing as school citizens may be members of the track teams. Mr. Lewis (tlewis@bssd.net) is the Head Girls Coach. Assistant Track Coaches are Mr. Fansher (gfansher@bssd.net), Mr. Laws (wlaws@bssd.net), Ms. Kennedy (ckennedy@bssd.net) and Ms. Perrin (sperrin@bssd.net).

Volleyball The MRMS volleyball team is open to 8th grade girls. The season begins with team tryouts on the first day of school and concludes the middle of October. Athletes who are named to the team following tryouts are placed on an “A” team and a “B” team. Tryouts include tests over volleyball skills and general physical skills. Data from the drills is tabulated and used as one component in the team selection process. The season is made up of 10 matches and two tournaments that are held on Saturdays during the season. The Head Volleyball Coach is Ms. Neely (tneely@bssd.net). She is assisted by Ms. Spengler (mspengler@bssd.net).