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# Bay Village Middle School

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## Activity Book

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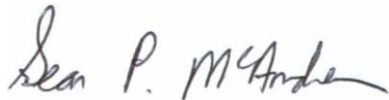
Activities, Music and Sports

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**Dear Parents and Students:**

**Research has shown that students who are involved in extracurricular activities are more successful academically in school. This activity booklet explains how to be a part of the many extracurricular activities that we offer at the middle school. It also has program information for the Bay Village Recreation Department who also sponsors a variety of activities especially for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. If you have specific questions about the opportunities contained in this booklet please call the advisor listed or the Activities Director at 440-617-7406.**

**Go Rockets!**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sean P. McAndrews".

**Sean McAndrews  
Principal**

**For further recreational opportunities please visit the City of Bay Village Website or [www.bayrec.org](http://www.bayrec.org)**

# Academic Challenge

## Eligibility Requirements

Open to any student in grades 5-8

## Time Commitment

Competitions are held for five consecutive weeks during the last quarter of the school year. Sessions last from approximately 3:15 – 4:15 and take place once a week.

## Procedure for joining

Sign-up sheets are available through each homebase/support class during the month of April. Students are required to fill out an application form and return it to the sponsor prior to the due date. Individual and group sign-ups are accepted.

## Description

Academic Challenge is similar to athletic competitions in that it demands dedication and commitment and promotes wholesome competition. This activity is all about knowing random facts and having lightning quick reflexes. Teams sit across from each other and listen as a moderator reads from a packet of questions. Each student has a buzzer to ring in and answer questions relating to mathematics, literature, music, art, current events, science, social studies and trivia. Points are earned or lost based on the responses of the student and/or team.

## Activity time period

April and May (five weeks)

## Membership

5<sup>th</sup> Grade-Unlimited Teams (4 members)  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade-Unlimited Teams (4members)  
7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Combined – Unlimited Teams (4 members)

## Advisor

Brent Illenberger

# Destination Imagination

## Eligibility Requirements

All students can participate, but each team must have an adult volunteer to serve as team manager.

## Time Commitment

One hour per week. Time of meeting and location is determined by each individual team. More time is needed before the tournament.

## Procedure for joining

An evening meeting is held at the beginning of the year for all interested participants.

## Description

Destination Imagination is a creative problem solving program in which teams of up to seven students work together to develop a solution to one of five challenges.

## Activity time period

Destination Imagination is an after school program that meets from October through March.

## Membership

All students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate.

## Advisor

Marian Harmount

# Builders Club

## Eligibility Requirements

Open to any 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

## Time Commitment

Weekly meetings-Wednesday at 7:20 in room 225; time outside meetings additional.

## Procedure for joining

Come during membership drive meetings or any scheduled Builders Club meeting. Meeting times will be stated on the morning announcements. Students can join at any point during the year.

## Description

Builders Club is a coeducational service Organization affiliated with Kiwanis International that provides students in middle school the opportunity to help others, serve their school and community and build a positive future for themselves.

## Activity time period

September through June

## Membership

Unlimited

## Advisor

Zorana Levi

# Spelling Bee

## Eligibility Requirements

7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student

## Time Commitment

Weekly meetings are held after school. The contest is on a Saturday morning in March.

## Procedure for joining

Participants are invited to join if they are able to commit to regular after school meetings and if they are able to participate in the competition held on a Saturday in March.

## Description

A Spelling Bee champ from BMS will compete in the Cuyahoga County Spelling Bee competition. The winner of the county competition will travel to Washington, D.C. in late Spring to participate in the national competition.

## Activity time period

November through March

## Membership

Students must commit to attend regular meetings held after school.

## Advisor

Alana Abdul

## **Ski Club**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in skiing or snowboarding

### **Time Commitment**

Beginning with the first Tuesday after winter break, students will go to Brandywine Ski Resort for 6 sessions.

### **Procedure for joining**

Students interested in participating will receive forms and information regarding Bay Middle School Ski Club at the beginning of November.

### **Description**

After receiving information regarding fees, transportation, rules and dates, students who are interested may sign up. Those who sign up in a timely fashion will receive a free 3-day pass to use at their discretion. Otherwise, tickets will be handed out on the first trip. As long as Brandywine is open and conditions are favorable, the students, advisors and chaperones will attend the proceeding 6 Tuesdays. Based on the weather, there will be make-up days.

### **Activity time period**

January through March

### **Membership**

There will be a "first come" policy to fill each bus. As students join, their names are added to a list. If a "full bus" requirement is not met, students will be placed on a waiting list. If a bus cannot be filled, the students' fees will be returned.

### **Advisor**

Director: Cassy Hunt

## **Power of the Pen**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Open to all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

### **Time Commitment**

Meetings/writing sessions are held once a week after school.

### **Procedure for joining**

Membership is obtained by student interest, spurred by widely-publicized announcements, and teacher recommendations. The actual competition writing teams are chosen by the two coaches, based upon a "prompt write" that is conducted in the fall.

### **Description**

"Power of the Pen" is a creative writing organization that encourages students to take creative writing risks and expand their writing ideas. Students are provided with opinions and feedback for their style and format. It is a comfortable environment for students who share a love of writing. Being creative is what makes "Power of the Pen" a unique organization.

### **Activity time period**

September - June

### **Membership**

Unlimited members can attend weekly meetings. The Competition teams have six 7<sup>th</sup> graders and six 8<sup>th</sup> graders (plus one alternate per grade).

### **Advisor**

Helen Lanning

# Midwest Academic Talent Search

## Eligibility Requirements

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are selected based on nationally normed achievement test scores.

## Time Commitment

3 hours on a Saturday

## Procedure for joining

Brief question and answer session with eligible students during support. Registration information is given at this time.

## Description

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade participants are invited to take either the SAT or ACT, both internationally recognized measures of academic ability. The above grade level testing program is conducted by the Center for Talent Development of Northwestern University.

## Activity time period

Notification letters sent to qualifying students in mid October. SAT is usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in January. ACT is usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in February.

## Membership

See above eligibility requirements.

## Advisor

Gina Tianello

# LEGO Club

## Eligibility Requirements

Academic good standing. Club size is limited due to LEGO supplies and club space.

## Time Commitment

Every Thursday after school from 3:15 until 4:45 pm. from late January through mid/late April. Club members must be able to participate in the LCCC LEGO Olympiad—a full-day competition typically held in mid-April.

## Procedure for joining

Listen for Club announcements in late December and early January. Attend first meeting and take home and return parental/guardian permission forms and participation forms.

## Description

LEGO Club teams practice weekly for the LCCC LEGO Olympiad competition. Students build according to prompts given by Club Mentor.

## Activity time period

Late January through mid/late April. Each Thursday from 3:15-4:45pm.

## Membership

BMS 6/7/8<sup>th</sup> grade students

## Advisor

Greg Leininger

## **Cheerleading**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls that are in good academic standing.

### **Time Commitment**

Practice is held two days per week after school for approximately 1.5 hours. Cheer camp is held locally for three days in August. Cheerleaders are expected to attend all games which are also held after school and vary depending on the season (football or basketball).

### **Procedure for joining**

Tryouts are held in the spring for the following school year. Tryout clinics are held two-three days after school and tryouts are an additional day after school.

### **Description**

Middle School cheerleading is an extracurricular activity. The primary purpose of the cheerleading squad is the support of the athletic team and our school. The team will lead the cheers with the purpose of raising the level of fan support for the athletic team in a positive manner. Our cheerleaders also serve as public relations ambassadors of our school and, as such, exemplary behavior and sportsmanship is expected at all times.

### **Activity time period**

August—January  
Two-three days per week

### **Membership**

(12) 7/8 grade girls

## **The Villager – Yearbook Staff**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

### **Time Commitment**

Meetings are held once a week from beginning of school through March. One meeting in the summer and last week of school

### **Procedure for joining**

An application is filled out at the first meeting. All students are accepted; fall athletes can come after their season is over

### **Description**

Design the yearbook using online software program, Develop a theme, create layouts, take pictures, and write captions.

### **Activity time period**

Meetings are after school until 4 pm, once a week. May have a summer and/or a Saturday meeting.

### **Membership**

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

### **Sponsor**

Nancy Schley

## **Fifth Grade Town Council**

**Eligibility Requirements**  
Academic good standing

**Time Commitment**  
Daily meetings during lunch,  
typically twice a month;  
Occasional work sessions before school,  
after school, or during support.

**Procedure for joining**  
Open elections held at the beginning  
of the school year within each 5<sup>th</sup> grade home  
base.

**Description**  
Town Council provides an opportunity  
for students to serve both their  
school and community by planning  
socials and organizing service projects.

**Activity time period**  
Two lunch periods per month,  
unless otherwise stipulated.

**Membership**  
5<sup>th</sup> grade -16 students

**Advisor**  
Kirsten Millet & Tracy Lion

## **Sixth Grade Town Council**

**Eligibility Requirements**  
Academic good standing

**Time Commitment**  
Meetings are held during Support  
every Monday (11:40-12:00) and  
occasionally there are work sessions before school,  
after school, and/or during lunch.

**Procedure for joining**  
Open elections are held at the beginning  
of the school year within each 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Support  
Class.

**Description**  
Town Council provides an opportunity  
for students to serve both their  
school and community by planning  
socials, designing fundraisers and organizing  
service projects.

**Activity time period**  
6<sup>th</sup> grade – Every Monday During Support  
(11:40-12:00)  
unless otherwise stipulated.

**Membership**  
6<sup>th</sup> grade -16 students (2 Reps per Support Class)  
1 Alternate Per Support Class

**Advisor**  
Brent Illenberger



## **Seventh Grade Town Council**

**Eligibility Requirements**  
Academic good standing

**Time Commitment**  
The weekly/bi-weekly meetings are usually held during lunch or before school.

**Procedure for joining**  
Open elections are held at the start of 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Students must write a paragraph stating why they want to be involved in Town Council.

**Description**  
Town Council provides an opportunity for students to serve both their school and community by planning socials and organizing service projects.

**Activity time period**  
Lunch meetings and before school meetings.

**Membership**  
24 students

**Advisor**  
Gary Fitchpatrick

## **Eighth Grade Town Council**

**Eligibility Requirements**  
Good academic standing, desire to help others and the community

**Time Commitment**  
Meetings are held every Monday 11:45-12:15, occasionally an additional meeting will be called during another day from 11:45-12:15.

**Procedure for joining**  
Student volunteers are asked to submit their name to an advisor.

**Description**  
Student Council provides an opportunity for students to serve both their school and community. Many activities are sponsored and run by student council members including fundraisers, socials and service learning projects.

**Activity time period**  
During 8<sup>th</sup> grade lunch every Monday for the school year.

**Membership**  
30 volunteer students from all 8<sup>th</sup> grade homerooms.

**Advisor**  
Manola Acosta and Kelly Rademaker

# Ohio Music Education Association Contest

## Eligibility Requirements

The student must be a member of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade choir, 7<sup>th</sup> grade band, 7<sup>th</sup> grade strings class, 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir, 8<sup>th</sup> grade band or 8<sup>th</sup> grade strings class. Piano students can be recommended to the sponsor by a private piano teacher.

## Time Commitment

The student must see their assigned music teacher for rehearsal and performances schedules.

## Procedure for joining

The student must sign up with their assigned music teacher. The music teacher is the official representative for the school system and is the only one that can enter the student in the competition.

## Description

Student will prepare a solo or an ensemble to perform at the contest with guidance from the teacher. The student will abide by the rules set forth by the Ohio Music Educators Association.

## Activity time period

Generally beginning in January until the performance day of contest.

## Membership

The school budget will pay the contest fee per each solo/ensemble enabling the student(s) to perform.

## Advisor

Heidi Herczeg/Carrie Singler/Mark Awad

# Jazz Band

## Eligibility Requirements

7/8 grade instrumental student. Unless requested by the director, the group is only open to the following instruments: saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, drum set, guitar, and bass.

## Time Commitment

Rehearsals are held each school day during “Zero Period” from 7:00 – 7:40 am. In addition to regular class meetings there are evening concert performances throughout the school year.

## Procedure for joining

Auditions are held at the beginning of each school year for seventh and eighth grade students. Students must play saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, drum set, guitar, bass, or another instrument requested by the director, and must be enrolled in a music class at Bay Middle School. Students must register for jazz ensemble in their schedule.

## Description

Students rehearse and perform works in the jazz idiom, as they learn the fundamentals of playing swing, Latin, funk, and rock music. Students will also learn the basics of improvising over jazz chord progressions. The jazz ensemble performs at numerous concerts and events throughout the year.

## Activity time period

Each school day during “Zero Period” from 7:00 – 7:40 am unless otherwise stipulated.

## Membership

Bay Middle School instrumental music students in grades 7 and 8.

## Advisor

Mark Awad

## **7/8 Grade Softball**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

7/8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are in academic good standing. OHSAA form which is completed via Final Forms (online) and a current physical form signed by the student's physician must be on file in the main office.

### **Time Commitment**

Daily practice and/or games Monday through Friday throughout the season.

### **Procedure for joining**

Try-outs are held in March.

### **Description**

Bay Middle School provides student athletes an opportunity to develop and enhance their skills and knowledge of the game through practices and organized games.

### **Activity time period**

March through May

### **Membership**

Team is made up of 7/8 graders

## **7/8 Grade Football**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Academic good standing. OHSAA form which is completed via Final Forms (online) and a current physical form signed by the student's physician must be on file in the main office.

### **Time Commitment**

Two hour practices, Monday through Friday. (Before school starts practices are held in the morning 8:00-10:00 am).

### **Procedure for joining**

Students should attend an informational meeting which is held in the spring.

### **Description**

Learn the fundamentals of football and what it takes to be a good teammate.

### **Activity time period**

August through October. (After school practices are held from 3:30-5:30 pm).

### **Membership**

Any 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who wishes to play football.

## **7/8 Grade Girls Volleyball**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Students must be in academic good standing. OHSAA form which is completed via Final Forms (online) and a current physical form signed by the student's physician must be on file in the main office.

### **Time Commitment**

Daily practice 3:15-5:15 Monday through Friday. Games are twice a week normally on Monday and Wednesday.

### **Procedure for joining**

Try-outs are in beginning of August.

### **Description**

Great Lakes Conference participation in interscholastic volleyball.

### **Activity time period**

August through October

### **Membership**

7/8 grade girls

## **7/8 Grade Boys/Girls Cross Country**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Good academic standing. OHSAA form which is completed via Final Forms (online) and a current physical form signed by the student's physician must be on file in the main office.

### **Time Commitment**

Practices are about 1 ½ to 2 hours (Monday through Friday) with meets on Saturdays.

### **Procedure for joining**

Anyone is welcome—no running experience necessary! Interested athletes should attend the informational meeting at the end of the school year (usually held in May or June) for the upcoming season. Otherwise, athletes may contact the coach over the summer before practices begin. All interested athletes are expected to start in the summer—new athletes cannot be accepted once meets and school classes begin.

### **Description**

Cross Country is all about running! Athletes train by running through Bay Village in preparation for 2-mile races on courses all over northeast Ohio. Workouts include short sprints, long runs, hills, strength drills, stretching, and fun activities (tag, capture the flag, beach runs).

### **Activity time period**

The season starts at the beginning of August, with morning practice sessions every Monday through Friday. Once school begins, the practice schedule switches to after school from 3:30 to about 5:15, Monday through Friday. Also, meets are on Saturdays, starting a few weeks into the season and culminating with the conference championship meet in the middle of October (dates/times TBA).

### **Membership**

All 7/8 grade boys and girls

## **7/8 Grade Boys/Girls Track**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Good academic standing. OHSAA form which is completed via Final Forms (online) and a current physical form signed by the student's physician must be on file in the main office.

### **Time Commitment**

Practices are held every day of the week for 3:30-5:30 pm starting in mid-March.

### **Procedure for joining**

Open to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

### **Description**

All interested athletes should attend an informational meeting usually held the beginning of March. (Listen to the announcements.) No experience is necessary. The fundamentals of the following events will be taught: sprints and distance running, hurdles, relays, discus, shot put, pole vault, long and high jump.

### **Activity time period**

March through May. Meets are usually held on Tuesdays and Thursdays

### **Membership**

Unlimited membership to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

## **7/8 Grade Wrestling**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Academic good standing. OHSAA form which is completed via Final Forms (online) and a current physical form signed by the student's physician must be on file in the main office.

### **Time Commitment**

Two hours a day and practice times vary.

### **Procedure for joining**

Open to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with a current physical form on file in the main office.

### **Description**

Wrestling offers its athletes the opportunity to build strength, agility, and responsibility in a team setting, while still having the benefits of an individualized sport.

### **Activity time period**

November through January

### **Membership**

Any 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student

## **7/8 Grade Boys Basketball**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Students that are in good academic standing. OHSAA form which is completed via Final Forms (online) and a current physical form signed by the student's physician must be on file in the main office.

### **Time Commitment**

Practices are held Monday through Friday from the end of October until the middle of January.

### **Procedure for joining**

Two or three try-out dates are held in October.

### **Description**

Basketball is a team sport consisting of five players. The object of the game is to get the basketball inside your opponents net as a team, while remembering to follow the rules.

### **Activity time period**

Games are held every Tuesday and Thursday from November through January.

### **Membership**

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys

## **7/8 Grade Girls Basketball**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Students that are in good academic standing. OHSAA form which is completed via Final Forms (online) and a current physical form signed by the student's physician must be on file in the main office.

### **Time Commitment**

Two hour practices held Monday through Friday along with games held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### **Procedure for joining**

Students should attend an informational meeting held in sometime in November.

### **Description**

The fundamentals of basketball and teamwork are taught.

### **Activity time period**

Try-outs are held for 2-3 days in December. Practices begin immediately following try-outs and are on Monday through Fridays for two hours. Games are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in January and continue through mid-March.

### **Membership**

12-15 girls for both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams.