

Fort Clarke Middle School

EDEP: Extended Day Enrichment Program

Director: Ms. Kennedy

This is an after school program that **meets Monday through Friday until 6pm**. The SBAC's Extended Day Enrichment Program offers after-school supervision and a variety of enrichment activities for children in 6th through 8th grade. The program is non-profit and entirely fee-supported by those using its services. Each day we provide a healthy snack followed by half an hour of mandatory homework time. After homework time, students may participate in a variety of EDEP sponsored activities and clubs, as well as designing and participating in student-initiated activities. EDEP is a great space for your teen to socialize in a supervised environment, get homework done, and participate in a wide range of stimulating enrichment activities. We make every effort to work with parents and teachers alike to provide the mentorship and creative opportunities each student needs to be the best they can be, in the classroom and beyond.

Extracurricular Clubs

Art Club ~ Wednesdays, 3:37-4:30pm in Ms. Hill's portable

Sponsor: Ms. Hill

Paint and pencils will be provided. Students will need to provide a multi-media sketchbook with removable pages, a simple set of paint brushes (minimum 5), and an apron or t-shirt.

Book Chat Club ~ Twice monthly, during A, B & C lunches in the Media Center

Sponsor: Mrs. Berkelhammer

The Book Chat Club is for students who like to read and talk about books with others. We meet twice a month at lunch to share books we've been reading, view and discuss book trailers, and make book displays for the media center.

Drama Club ~ Thursdays, 3:37-5:00pm in Ms. Matthey's classroom

Sponsors: Ms. Matthey, Ms. Sims, Ms. Boyd

A competition based drama troupe offering theater experience to all middle schoolers. Students gain a creative and fun outlet that allows them to follow and discover new passions in and out of the academic setting.

Fit Falcons ~ Wednesdays & Fridays, 3:45-4:30pm in Ms. McClintock's portable

Sponsor: Ms. McClintock and Ms. Tulloch

Fit Falcons is a fitness club dedicated to promoting wellness in multiple areas of life. Students will be educated on sleep, eating habits, exercises and more. We welcome girls and boys of all grades to join us in Portable 1 Wednesday and Fridays after school. Together, we can be fit Fort Clarke Falcons!

Future Educators of America ~ 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, 3:45-4:30 in Bar-David's classroom

Sponsor: Mrs. Bar-David

Encouraging ALL 6, 7, and 8th grade leaders to embrace their future as educators!

Each student eligible must have satisfactory conduct with a 2.5 or above cumulative grade point average and be recommended by three (3) teachers. Each student will be working with other students, parents, teachers, and the community representing our school in a variety of on-campus and off-campus activities to support education.

Gentleman's Club – 8th Grade ~ Wednesdays and Fridays, during C lunch, in the Media Center/Gymnasium

Sponsors: Coach Ragukonis

This 8th grade boys club meets during 8th grade lunch in the Media Center and Gymnasium. Students eat lunch with Coach Ragukonis and discuss important topics and life skills. The club focuses on self-improvement through goal setting, leadership, responsibility, respect, and helping others, in addition to other important life skills. Students who "dress up" by wearing a collared shirt and dress pants/shorts are allowed to come down on Fridays to play basketball in the gym.

Jazz Band ~ Mondays & Thursdays, 7:45-9:00am in the band room.

Band Director: Mr. McConn

Middle School Jazz Band is designed to introduce student musicians to the language of jazz notation and improvisation.

Ladybugs Club ~ Wednesdays, during A lunch in Mrs. Galasso's classroom

Sponsor: Mrs. Galasso

LADYBUGS stands for Leading And Developing Yourself By Undertaking Growth / Service...

This is an opportunity for 6th grade girls to intentionally participate in growth / service opportunities while learning about females who have overcome odds and obstacles to succeed. Each week we will learn about one woman from the book *Women Who Dared*. We will then be challenged by a weekly service task. Additionally, we will enjoy each others company as we eat lunch together.

Math Club ~ Monday, 3:45-5:00pm in Mrs. McCall's classroom (Portable #6)

Sponsor: Ms. McCall

The purpose of this club is to create enthusiasm for math while reinforcing critical thinking skills through practice and competition. All students in grades 6-8 are invited to join this program regardless of current math level or ability.

National Junior Honor Society ~ Wednesdays, during C lunch in Ms. Kamody's classroom

Sponsor: Ms. Kamody

National Junior Honor Society chapters (NJHS) are the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding middle level 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).

Four main purposes have guided chapters of NJHS: "To create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools." Eligibility requirements – 3.6 G.P.A. and teacher recommendation/invitation.

Robotics TEAM ~ Wednesdays, 3:45-4:30pm in the Tech Lab (Room 01-111)

Sponsor: Ms. Perry

This team joins students across the district who participate in the Robotics Education & Competition to increase student interest and involvement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The Robotics TEAM includes a December competition with other schools in the district. Students of all grade and experience levels are welcome to participate.

Spanish Club ~ Alternate Thursdays, 3:45-4:15pm in the Spanish classroom

Sponsor: Ms. George

A place to share cultural heritage and learn Spanish vocabulary and phrases associated with club activities. Activities proposed so far have been latino dance, playing games in Spanish, and interest group mini-Spanish lessons. Students are encouraged to lead the club and take an active part in planning activities. If the club plans any events the date and time of the event may vary from normal meeting times.

Student Government ~

Sponsors: Ms. Lineberger (6th), Mr. Bailes (7th), Ms. Thompson (8th)

6th - Student Council: Wednesdays, during A lunch in Ms. Lineberger's classroom

7th - Student Council: Wednesdays, during B lunch in Mr. Bailes' classroom (#51)

8th – Student Council: Thursdays, during C lunch in Ms. Bar-David's classroom

The student council of each grade level collaborate to support school events, communicate student concerns and ideas to teachers, deans and school administrators. Students raise funds for school events and community service projects.

Student council representatives practice democracy and chosen leaders can exercise their influence on their student community.

Symphonic Band ~ Wednesdays & Fridays, 7:45-9:00am and during the school day in the band room

Band Director: Mr. McConn

The Fort Clarke Middle School Symphonic Band is the premier performing ensemble in the Fort Clarke Band Program. As such it is geared for those students who are the most advanced on their instruments. Students learn advanced skills in note vocabulary, rhythmic reading and execution, musical terminology, style and musical concepts.

Yearbook ~ Wednesdays, 3:45- 4:30pm in Ms. Cook's classroom

Sponsor: Ms. Cook and Ms. Hill

The Yearbook Club meets throughout the school year to put together the FCMS Yearbook which is distributed to students in May. Students meet to decide page layout formats, photographs to be used, captions, etc.