

A. MacArthur Barr Middle School

2026 - 2027

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Barr Video Production Club (Mr. Emanuel - jemanuel@nanuetsd.org)

The Barr Video Production Club will provide an opportunity for students to learn professional video production skills. Students will be using industry standard tools and techniques to create a variety of projects. One main goal of the club is to create videos to highlight student achievements that will be shown to the student body and on the school website. The club will also work with other departments and faculty in the building to achieve curricular and extracurricular goals involving video production and multimedia.

Barr Pop/Rock Band (Mr. Emanuel – jemanuel@nanuetsd.org)

Calling all rock stars! The Barr Pop/Rock Band is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who want to be in a rock band. Students will get to play guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, or sing. We will play a variety of popular songs based on student interest and perform during the year. Anyone is welcome, whether you're a guitar hero or you've never seen a bass in your life!

Better Together (Mr. Arvanites - karvanites23@nanuetsd.org)

Better Together is a joint initiative between the Holocaust Museum & Center for Tolerance and Education and the Haverstraw African American Connection, which aims to bolster public engagement to fight racism, antisemitism and all kinds of hate through community building, conflict resolution and critical dialogue.

Big Musicians (Ms. Lucksom - nlucksom@nanuetsd.org & Ms. Sadoff - msadoff@nanuetsd.org)

C.A.R.E. - Creating Awareness about Recycling and the Environment (Mrs. Schucker - hschucke@nanuetsd.org)

Students will create and maintain the courtyard garden; they will learn about and promote recycling, energy conservation and caring for the planet through club activities and field trips.

Chamber Orchestra (Ms. Lucksom - nlucksom@nanuetsd.org)

The MS Chamber Orchestra is open to qualified students in grades 6, 7 and 8 who are interested in chamber music repertoire for strings. In the Spring, students interested, are given music to audition on upon returning to school in the following Fall. Placements are done according to the demands of the instrumentation and with priority given to students in grade 7 and 8. We will perform in the winter and spring A. MacArthur Barr concerts for grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 and for State music festivals when the performance opportunity arises.

Concert Choir (Mr. Shackman - mshackman93@nanuetsd.org)

Concert choir is a co-curricular vocal ensemble for students in grades 5-8 who enjoy singing and would like an additional opportunity to learn and perform new, fun and more challenging music. This group will perform at middle school concerts, as well as at various school functions.

Cultural Interaction Club (Mrs. McAree - emcaree@nanuetsd.org)

The Cultural Interaction Club focuses on higher-level thinking skills needed to play strategic non-technology-based games. The club uses cultural board games such as Chess, Backgammon, Mancala, Mahjong, Scopa, and Monopoly to create a strong and inclusive learning environment for all students.

Dramatics Society (Mr. Kronberg - mkronber@nanuetsd.org)

The Barr Middle School Drama Club produces one show a year. The 2025 production is "The Lion King". Students interested in acting, singing, dancing, or stage crew should keep an eye out for information about information meetings and auditions the first few weeks of school.

Jazz Band (Mr. Miller - wmiller@nanuetsd.org)

Jazz Band is open to band students in grades 6, 7 and 8. The students will experience playing in big band and combo settings. They will be introduced to improvisation and jazz standards. The band will perform at the annual Nanuet Jazz Knight in April. Other selected performances will be announced.

Math Olympiads (Ms. DeMont - mdemont@nanuetsd.org)

Do you love puzzles? Is math a subject that interests you? Do you enjoy challenges? Math Olympiads is an exciting math competition and club that offers the opportunity for 5th and 6th grade students to get involved in math challenges and puzzles while fostering mathematical creativity and ingenuity. Students will have the opportunity to explore new problem-solving situations, develop mathematical flexibility in solving problems, and compete with students from around the world in math challenges at competitions right here at the Middle School.

Mindfulness Art Club (Ms. Murphy - emurphy@nanuetsd.org & Ms. Hughes - tclinton@nanuetsd.org)

In the Mindfulness Art Club, combining mindfulness with art projects helps students develop emotional regulation and calming strategies. Mindfulness practices, such as deep breathing and focused attention, reduce stress and increase self-awareness, while art provides a creative outlet for expressing emotions. Together, they enhance students' ability to manage anxiety and frustration, fostering concentration and emotional resilience. By learning to pause and reflect, students gain lifelong tools for managing stress and responding thoughtfully to challenges, both in their creative work, as well as in daily life.

Pottery Club (Ms. Murphy - emurphy@nanuetsd.org & Mr. Chen – schen25@nanuetsd.org)

Members will learn to use the pottery wheel, create long-term independent projects, and experiment with specialty glazes not available during standard classes. While art classes introduce basic ceramic techniques, there is limited time for in-depth exploration.

RED Club – Respect Every Difference (Ms. King - mczerepin@nanuetsd.org)

The primary mission will be to earmark relevant and meaningful events, celebrations, traditions, etc. based on the backgrounds, interests and needs of our students. This club will plan for and execute a variety of events in the building by way of snip-its on the daily news, presentations, displays, speakers, etc.

Science Olympiad (Mrs. Schucker - hschucke@nanuetsd.org & Ms. DeMont - mdemont@nanuetsd.org)

Science Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers. Some of the goals of Science Olympiad tournaments are to bring science to life by showing how it works, develop teamwork and attract more students into professional and technical careers in science, technology and science teaching. The Science Olympiad tournaments, which are scheduled in March, are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of individual and team events, for which students prepare during the school year. The challenges in which the students participate include a variety of science disciplines such as biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology. The club will run through the tournament which is scheduled for early spring.

Student Leadership (Mrs. Schucker - hschucke@nanuetsd.org)

Students are given the opportunity to govern school activities and become active members of the community. This happens through participation in food drives, fundraisers and other community minded-activities. The club is open to all middle school students.

Yearbook (Ms. Turner - soreilly@nanuetsd.org)

The Yearbook is open to students in grade 8. This club will work on the 2026/2027 Yearbook. Club activities include graphic design, taking pictures and learning the basics of yearbook layout design.

WordMasters Challenge™ (Ms. Langer - clanger@nanuetsd.org)

Are you a fifth or sixth grader with a passion for words and a love for challenges? Dive into the exciting world of the WordMasters Challenge™, a prestigious national competition that boosts your vocabulary and verbal reasoning skills. Join over 125,000 students from top schools across the country in this thrilling contest. Compete with peers nationwide through three engaging meets held at our middle school during club meetings. Enjoy fun, tech-based activities that make learning new words and mastering analogies an adventure. With separate clubs for fifth and sixth graders, our sessions are tailored just for you. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to grow your word power and make new friends!

STUDENTS WILL NEED TO ARRANGE FOR A RIDE HOME AFTER CLUB MEETINGS/EVENTS