



Willink Middle
School

Club Offerings

2024-2025

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Art Club

Ms. Ciufu (E106)

TBD, after school: Are you creative? Are you an artist at heart? Would you like to have more time to create works of art? If so, see Miss Ciufu about becoming a member of the Art Club! Art Club is open to students in all grades committed to developing their art skills and learning more about the artistic process.

Best Buddies

Mrs. Horn (C-113)

Once a month as announced, 3:15 – 4:00: All are welcome, our goal for Best Buddies is to provide opportunities for friendships, inclusion and socialization through activities planned by chapter leaders. Each month there will be a planned activity which promotes socialization in an inclusive friendly space.

Bible Club

Mrs. Caruso

Mondays, 3:15 - 4:00 pm: Where a mixture of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders read and do activities to learn and discuss how the Bible can be useful in student life. Parents and school staff are always welcome to join the students any Monday after school in Room A105.

Chess Club

Mr. Byrne (C-207)

Every other Thursday from October to April 3:15 - 4:00. Join us for an exciting journey into the world of chess, where we focus on learning, practicing, and enjoying the game together. Our club aims to improve your strategic thinking, develop your chess skills from beginner to advanced levels, and foster a supportive community of players. Come *check* it out!

Connections Club

Mrs. Braine & Mrs. Kazel (A-202)

Twice a month 3:20 - 4:00: Connections Club welcomes 6th and 7th graders! We focus on making connections, team building and making our school and community a better place. Come join us and have some fun!

Craft Club

Mrs. Caffyn (E-104)

Mondays, 3:20 – 4:00: Students who join the Craft Club will get to make and take home a craft project from each session. Membership is simple and FREE! – SIGN UP IN THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM with code p6x2fbk. The schedule of crafting events will be in the classroom. Craft club is limited to 30 students. No crafting experience is necessary. Craft Club will be starting on September 13 in room E104. (One of the FACS rooms) If you have questions please see Mrs. Concordia in Room E104.

Dance Team

Mrs. Powers (B-115)

Spring – TBA: Open to all students who love to dance! Come out and show us your dance moves and have fun learning to dance as a Willink team. We will have a final performance in June as we dance for the cure for Breast Cancer!

LEAD Club

Ms. Ciufu (E106)

A Willink club open to all to celebrate and uplift all students. More details to follow as we start the school year.

Drama Club

Mrs. Powers (B-115) & Mr. Rabinowitz (G-109)

As announced Oct. through Feb.: Interested in acting, singing and dancing in the school play? Interested in working behind the scenes with sets and props? Come join Drama Club and experience the joy of the performing arts! *Students will need to have their own transportation home.

Intramurals

Mr. Odle (PE Office)

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 3:15 – 3:45; September – June: An after school program where anyone from grades 6th-8th can participate in a sports-like setting with others. This is a GREAT opportunity for anyone to try out a sport that they may want to play for the school OR for the 6th graders to practice their skills before they try out for a sports team the following year. Activities are anything from; football, handball, floor hockey, volleyball, basketball, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, etc. It really depends on what the group would like to do. Usually that activity will run for 2 weeks depending also how many kids attend, etc. After school PE intramurals is an opportunity for kids to be active. It is also a privilege. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN UP OR COME EVERY DAY in order to participate! ALL YOU NEED TO DO is meet in the gym at 315pm!

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Lego Robotics Club

Mrs. King-Montz (B-111a)

Looking for an opportunity to experience imaginative thinking and teamwork? Then Lego Robotics Club is for you! We provide students a fun opportunity to combine their math and science skills to collaboratively build and program Lego robots to perform specific tasks.

Starting in September Lego Robotics Competition Team

Students must have prior Lego Robotics experience to join the competition team. The team will meet two times a week until 5:00 pm (parents need to transport home) from late September through December. There will be a parent meeting mid-September to explain the competition team.

Starting in January, twice a month on Tuesdays 3:20 - 4:00

Students who would like to try Lego Robotics can stay after school until 4:00 two times a month to learn the basics, no experience needed. For more information please stop in to B-111a or email Kim_King-Montz@webstercsd.org

MathCounts Competition Club

Mrs. Schug (B-208)

Tuesdays 3:20-4:00: Running October through January, MathCounts is a national enrichment club and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement. Our school competes at local, county, and state-level meets against top math students from other area schools. It is also great preparation for participating in Math League at the high school. If you enjoy figuring out problems and puzzles, then Willink's MathCounts team is for you!

Newbery Book Club

Ms. Lucas (Library)

3:15 – 4:00 as announced: Do you love reading, talking and eating? Do you think authors are rock stars? We are a group of students and staff who meet several times a month in the library until January (on late bus days). During this period we discuss potential Newbery books as a club and online with other local middle school Newbery clubs. We talk with authors over social media and share our ideas. In February, we have a joint meeting with the other middle schools and select our Mock Newbery winner. Our last meeting is a viewing of the actual awards ceremony.

Newspaper Club

Mrs. Montone (A-207)

Thursdays 3:15 – 4:00 in A-207: The Newspaper Club creates the Willink Times. A student run newspaper for inspiring writers to communicate their thoughts, opinions or the facts about the school and world around them. Students create comics or puzzles, write poems or short stories. Sports updates, blogs, and critter corner are a few of the more exciting articles students enjoy reporting.

Pokémon Club

Twice a month on Tuesdays 3:20-4:00 in Room B-212:

Mrs. Hurley (B-212)

A student club where common interest in all things Pokémon collides with opportunity to connect with like minded individuals.

Rainbow Club

Mrs. Hurley (B-212)

Rainbow Club provides a safe and welcoming space for any student. We play games, do team-building activities, watch movies, eat snacks, and talk about what's going on in our lives. Everyone is welcome to come. We meet 2 times a month after school.

Ridge Runners Running Club

Mr. Lantzer (C-208)

Mondays & Tuesdays 3:15-3:45 in C-208: Are you looking for a way to exercise? Do you want to get in shape for another sport? How about training for the 6th Grade Pumpkin Run? Join the Ridge Runners Running Club open to any Willink student, 6th – 8th grade. We train for the Pumpkin Run, the Thomas 1-mile Fun Run, Schutts 1-mile, and the Fleet Feet Reindeer Run. Practices are Monday and Tuesday after school and Saturday mornings beginning September 20. (Food after Saturday practices!) Registration and more information for this non-school sponsored club is at www.ridgerunnerstxc.com.

Science Olympiad

Mrs. Montone (A-207)

Mondays & Tuesdays 3:15-4:00 in C-207: Science Olympiad brings science and technology to life all the while becoming part of a team and developing great friendships. Students prepare for 25 different events such as anatomy, physics, geology, astronomy, mechanical engineering and technology. Science Olympiad encourages students to get involved in active, hands-on, group participation.

Ski and Snowboard Club

Mr. Eisenmann (C-206)

Thursdays January - February, after school: Do you like downhill skiing, or snowboarding? Ski club travels to Bristol Mountain Ski Resort on Thursday's after-school during the months of January and February. The information

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meeting and sign-ups take place in late September or early October. Pay attention to the announcements for specific meeting dates and times. Join our Google Classroom using the following code: 2u7abgc.

Student Government

Mrs. Russi (A-209)

As scheduled/announced: Are you a natural born leader? Become a part of the Student Government and strive to make positive changes within the school environment. Direct involvement in Student Council takes place through the school-wide elections in June and the homeroom elections process in September. Events throughout the school year are planned for different grade levels as well as for the whole school. We encourage everyone to get involved and attend as many events as possible!

Student/Parent Band

Mrs. DiPiazza & Mr. Osika (Band Room)

January, February & March: A Webster tradition since 1994, check out Willink's very own Student-Parent Band! We bring students, family, and community together to create music and have fun in the process. Any band student, family member, or staff member is invited to participate in the ensemble! Haven't played in 20 years? Don't be shy; we welcome all levels of experience; beginner to advanced! Instruments can also be supplied if you need. Practices for our 27th year will start in January and will be held once a week on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Check the Student Parent Band section of our Willink Music website (bit.ly/willink-music) for more information and sign up; we hope to see you in January!

Student Run Play

Mrs. Caruso (A-105)

After school February/March thru April. The student run play is a production that is chosen, directed and organized by students!!! The directors are 8th graders, but students in grades 6 – 8 can perform as actors or a part of the stag crew. Meetings and rehearsals start in February or March, and the play takes place in April.

Titan TV Morning Show

Mrs. Cook (B-202) & Mr. Eberts (AV/TV Studio)

Every morning (about once every 5-6 weeks) as scheduled for one week 8:15 – 8:56: Are you interested in television media as an anchor, a control room technician, or as a camera person? Then please come join the Willink Morning Show News Team and participate in the delivery of the morning announcements every day at our school. The enrollment window occurs every year between September and early October. Students are encouraged to listen to our Morning Show Web Site at the start of the school year for more information, application forms, and advisor contact.

WEB Leaders

Mrs. Russotti (A-110), Mr. Costanza (C-105), Mr. Cumpston

(Gym) What is WEB? WEB stands for "Where Everybody Belongs." The WEB program was started by the Boomerang Project, which is an organization committed to service learning and character development for middle and high school students. WEB is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes 6th graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, the program trains 8th graders to be mentors as WEB Leaders.

Who are WEB Leaders? WEB Leaders are 8th graders who have been chosen to serve as mentors and student leaders for the school community. More specifically, they guide 6th graders through their transition to middle school, and show them what it takes to be successful and help to facilitate their success. WEB Leaders, "Know the way, show the way, and go the way."

What are the responsibilities of a WEB Leader? The first and biggest job of WEB Leaders is to serve as mentors during the 6th grade orientation in August. This involves an intensive WEB Leader training in August and active participation during the 6th grade orientation. Throughout the school year, WEB Leaders serve the school community in a variety of ways: delivering messages on Titan TV, meeting with their 6th graders throughout the year, and also serving as ambassadors during school events.

This year's 8th grade WEB Leaders have already been selected, and are already serving as mentors to our current 6th grades. 7th graders should look for information about how to apply to become a WEB Leader for next school year beginning in April.

Yearbook

Mr. Sozio (A-208)

Mondays after school in A208. Be a part of history and come join the Yearbook Club! Use your talents by taking pictures, creating the layout, designing pages and more! The Yearbook Club may be time intensive including sometimes staying until 5:00 PM or later. First meeting will be TBA in mid-late October. Listen to morning announcements for more information.