



## Activities / Clubs

### 2025 - 2026

Thunder Ridge Middle School offers a variety of opportunities for students to engage in after school clubs and activities. We encourage all students to pursue their interests and passions through extracurricular activities. The more involved a student is within their school, the better they will achieve and feel connected.

**Please be sure to talk with your student about staying after school and communicating with you about which club/activity and days they plan on staying after to participate. After school activities run from 3:45 to 4:40 Monday – Thursday.**

Research suggests that students who participate in extracurricular activities may experience a range of positive outcomes, including:

- Helping students make friends, develop social skills, and increase their sense of belonging at school.
- Building students' teamwork and leadership skills.
- Improving students' academic performance, standardized test scores, and grade point averages.
- Helping students develop more positive academic perspectives and aspirations.
- Boosting students' self-esteem and resiliency, and decreasing risky behaviors.
- Helping students relax their minds and improve their confidence levels.
- Increasing students' engagement with their school, which can decrease the likelihood of dropping out and school failure.

If you have any specific questions about a club, please contact the club sponsor(s) listed. For more information about a club/activity, click on the link in the first column. For general questions about clubs/activities, or to start a new club, please contact Rebecca Otis-Sanders at [rotissanders@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:rotissanders@cherrycreekschools.org)

Club/Activity	Sponsor(s)	Meeting Times	Start / End Dates
<a href="#">Asian Affinity</a>	Ms. Golly	Every other Monday	8/25/25 - 5/11/26
<a href="#">Book Wanderers</a>	Ms. Faulkner	Every Monday	9/1/25 - 5/4/26
<a href="#">Boys Volleyball Club</a>	Ms. Yoo and Ms. Juranek	Monday - Thursday	3/2/26 - 3/26/26
<a href="#">Dungeons &amp; Dragons</a>	Mr. Freel and Mr. Pesavento	Every Thursday	9/11/25 - 5/14/26
<a href="#">ESports</a>	Ms. Huback and Mr. Renicker		9/1/25 - 5/11/26
<a href="#">Fall Play</a>	Ms. Erwin and Ms. Heger	Monday - Thursday	8/20/25 - 11/17/25
<a href="#">Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)</a>	Ms. Evans	Every Thursday	9/18/25 - 5/14/26
<a href="#">French Club</a>	Ms. Becker	Every Wednesday	10/1/25 - 4/28/26
<a href="#">Girls Who Code</a>	Ms. Tilton		8/25/25 - 12/17/25
<a href="#">Girls Flag Football</a>	Mr. Paris and Ms. Kippers	Every Wednesday	9/3/25 - 5/20/26
<a href="#">Journalism Club</a>	Ms. Holtman	Every Wednesday	8/27/25 - 4/29/26
<a href="#">NJHS</a>	Ms. Moore and Mr. Shults	Every other Thursday	9/23/25 - 5/12/26
<a href="#">Pride Club (GSA)</a>	Ms. Gash	Every Thursday	9/4/25 - 5/14/26
<a href="#">Project Unify</a>	Ms. Festi and Ms. Shook	Thursday	8/28/25 - 5/14/26
<a href="#">Robotics League</a>	Mr. Bowman	See below for schedule	9/2/25 - 4/7/26
<a href="#">Sisterhood</a>	Ms. Turner and Ms. Hampton	Every other Tuesday	9/2/25 - 5/19/26
<a href="#">Soccer Club</a>	Ms. Yoo and Ms. Forshay	Every Monday and Wednesday	8/18/25 - 5/12/26
<a href="#">Sol Y Estrellas</a>	Ms. Wilson and Ms. Evans	Every Tuesday	9/9/25 - 5/5/26
<a href="#">Sources of Strength</a>	Ms. Gerard	Every other Thursday	1/8/26 - 5/21/26
<a href="#">Spanish Club</a>	Ms. Evans	Every Wednesday	9/3/25 - 5/5/26
<a href="#">Spring Musical</a>	Ms. Hollingsworth & Ms. Gibbons	Monday - Thursday	1/5/26 - 4/6/26
<a href="#">STEMBlazers</a>	Ms. Tilton		1/6/26 - 5/26/26
<a href="#">Student Council</a>	Ms. Becker & Ms. Bauer	Weekly	10/1/25 - 5/20/26
<a href="#">Tech Crew</a>	Ms. Moore	Monday & Wednesday	9/15/25 - 4/13/26
<a href="#">Thunder Ridge Student News</a>	Mr. Houston and Mr. Pesavento	Every Monday and Tuesday	9/2/25 - 5/11/26
<a href="#">WEB</a>	Ms. Rutt, Ms. Koogler, Mr. Huback and Ms. Gibbons	1st and 3 Monday of the month	8/6/25 - 5/22/26

## Club/Activity Descriptions

### Asian Affinity

**Who:** All students.

**What:** A great place to meet new people, learn fun things about the culture, and have some tasty snacks.

**Where:** S115

**When:** Every other Monday; 8/25/25 - 5/11/26

### Book Wanderers

**Who:** All Students

**What:** Ready to go on amazing adventures without leaving school? Join Book Wanderers, where we will explore different genres of book - from mysteries and comedies to fantasies and adventures. You can try out different formats from new and familiar authors, and participate in fun activities in an inclusive and diverse environment.

**Where:** C132

**When:** Every Monday; 9/1/25 - 5/4/26

### Boys Volleyball Club

**Who:** Boys interested in playing volleyball

**What:** We will practice volleyball starting the first week of March and have a scrimmage with Fox Ridge. All skill levels are welcome!

**Where:** Gym

**When:** Monday - Thursday; 3/2/26 - 3/26/26

### Dungeons & Dragons

**Who:** Any and all kids interested in Dungeons and Dragons/Role playing games

**What:** Students will be telling stories and role playing characters in campaigns that they create. They will be rolling dice and having fun telling stories with their friends!

**Where:** Library

**When:** Every Thursday; 9/11/25 - 5/14/26

### ESports

**Who:** Students who enjoy playing video games and want to build a community that included all gamers alike

**What:** To allow students a free and open space to enjoy gaming with one another, while also honing their skills in certain video games available.

**Where:** S217

**When:** TBD; 9/1/25 - 5/11/26

### Fall Play

**Who:** Students grades 6-8 who are interested in anything related to theater, either through performance or technical aspects.

**What:** We will produce a play that will be performed for feeder elementary schools and the community.

**Where:** Rehearsals will take place primarily in the TRMS Cafeteria. During the last week of rehearsals, we will move into the EHS auditorium for final rehearsals and performances.

**When:** Mostly Monday-Thursday afternoons until 4:45, some later rehearsals and Friday and Saturday commitments required; 8/20/25 - 11/17/25

## **Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)**

**Who:** All students

**What:** Looking for a fun and welcoming place to hang out, play games, and talk about faith? Join the Fellowship of Christian Athletes! You don't have to be an athlete to participate, everyone is welcome. We play fun games, make new friends, and learn how to encourage each other on and off the field. Come be a part of our team!

**Where:** S201

**When:** Thursday; 9/18/25 - 5/14/26

## **French Club**

**Who:** All students

**What:** French club explores the cultures throughout the francophone world. We cook and craft our way through the year.

**Where:** N234

**When:** Every Wednesday; 10/1/25 - 4/28/26

## **Girls Who Code**

**Who:** Girls interested in learning how to code or expanding their skills

**What:** Girls Who Code is geared towards teaching girls coding skills.

**Where:** N252

**When:** TDB; 8/25/25 - 12/17/25

## **Girls Flag Football**

**Who:** All Grade Levels

**What:** Introduce girls to flag football to assist with feeding players into high school sports.

**Where:** Outside soccer field

**When:** Every Wednesday; 9/3/25 - 5/20/26

## **Journalism Club**

**Who:** Students who are interested in learning how to create content for a regular digital publication

**What:** Journalism Club introduces 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to the skills involved in the world of creating a digital publication. Students work on a number of aspects of this process including brainstorming story ideas, taking pictures, interviewing, laying out information, writing and editing copy, and advertising.

**Where:** N167

**When:** Every Wednesday; 8/27/25 - 4/29/26

## **NJHS**

**Who:** 7th and 8th grade NJHS Members

**What:** The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is a nationwide organization that recognizes middle school students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Membership is both an honor and a responsibility, as students are expected to maintain high academic standards, act as role models, participate in service projects, and contribute positively to their school and community

**Where:** S105

**When:** Every other Tuesday; 9/23/25 - 5/12/26

### **Pride Club (GSA)**

**Who:** LGBTQ+ students and allies

**What:** Group centered around supporting LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer, etc.) students and their allies at TRMS. We will discuss important topics, provide a safe space for students, and engage students in learning about the community and support.

**Where:** N154

**When:** Every Thursday; 9/4/25 - 5/14/26

### **Project Unify**

**Who:** Peer Partners and students with disabilities

**What:** An internationally recognized program that aims to promote social inclusion. The program includes Special Olympics Unified sports and other activities, and is designed to create school environments where students with and without intellectual disabilities (ID) feel welcome and are included in all activities. The program also aims to help students develop social skills, such as patience, standing up for what they believe in, and understanding how their emotions and attitudes can affect others.

**Where:** E333

**When:** Every Thursday; 8/28/25 - 5/14/26

### **Robotics League**

**Who:** Anyone interested in joining the TRMS Robotics Team.

**What:** Come join the TRMS robotics team! The purpose of Robotics League is to introduce students to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through fun, exciting hands-on learning. Students will gain real-world problem-solving experiences through designing, building, and driving their own robot. Team members will use their robot as they compete against other schools in the district robotics competition called Robocon.

**Where:** S101

**When:** Every Tuesday (Semester 1) Every Tuesday & Thursday (Semester 2); 9/2/25 - 4/7/26

### **Sisterhood**

**Who:** Female African American Students

**What:** In Sisterhood, we learn how to become strong leaders, cultivate self-confidence, reach our goals, make new friends and deepen our sense of community here at Thunder Ridge. Our group welcomes 6th, 7th, and 8th graders which provides a wonderful opportunity for mentorship and well-rounded discussion.

**Where:** C240

**When:** Every other Tuesday; 9/2/25 - 5/19/26

### **Soccer Club**

**Who:** All are welcome!

**What:** Scrimmage play on the recess fields. Organized based on how many players are present.

**Where:** Recess Soccer Field

**When:** Every Monday and Wednesday; 8/18/25 - 5/12/26

### **Sol Y Estrellas**

**Who:** Everyone is welcome!

**What:** Celebrate and connect with Hispanic and Latino culture! The Hispanic/Latino Affinity Club is a welcoming space for students who identify as Hispanic or Latino as well as anyone who wants to learn more. Join us to share your experiences, meet new friends, explore traditions, discuss important topics, and take pride in our diverse community. We also play soccer together and enjoy other fun activities inspired by our cultures.

**Where:** N201

**When:** Every Tuesday; 9/9/25 - 5/5/26

## **Sources of Strength**

**Who:**

**What:** Peer-led program focused on suicide prevention and promoting mental well-being by strengthening students' connections to protective factors like hope, help, and healthy coping strategies.

**Where:** C228

**When:** Every Thursday; 10/23/25 - 5/21/26

## **Spanish Club**

**Who:** Students who want to learn about the Spanish Culture and language

**What:** You'll have fun practicing, speaking, playing games, exploring music, tasting food, and celebrating traditions from Spanish-speaking countries. Everyone is welcome, no matter your level! Bring your friends and discover something new each week.

**Where:** N2601

**When:** Every Wednesday; 9/3/25 - 5/5/26

## **Spring Musical**

**Who:** All Grades

**What:** Students will participate in a 9 week rehearsal schedule and perform in 3 musical performances.

**Where:** Theater and Choir Rooms

**When:** Monday - Thursday; 1/5/26 - 4/6/26

## **STEMBlazers**

**Who:** Girls interested in learning more about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

**What:** STEMblazers is a club geared towards girls doing STEM activities to engage their interests in science.

**Where:** N260

**When:** \*TBD - dates determined by the STEMblazers presenters; 1/06/26 - 05/26/26

## **Student Council**

**Who:** All students

**What:** We organize dances, school initiatives, campus projects

**Where:** N243

**When:** Every Thursday; 10/1/25 - 5/20/26

## **Tech Crew**

**Who:** Creative students of all grade levels

**What:** The Middle School Tech Crew is a student team that works behind the scenes to bring the fall play and spring musical to life. Members help with lighting, sound, set construction, props, costumes, and backstage management, ensuring every performance runs smoothly. Tech Crew students learn teamwork, problem-solving, and technical theater skills while playing a vital role in creating a successful production.

**Where:** S105 and Makerspace

**When:** Monday & Wednesday; September - November (Fall Play) January - April (Musical)

## **Thunder Ridge Student News**

**Who:** 7th and 8th grade students

**What:** Students will give the "news" once a week. Reporters will get to conduct teacher interviews, student of the month interviews, what's going on at TRMS this week segment, a weekly snapshot of the weather, and more.

**When:** Every Monday and Tuesday; 9/2/25 - 5/11/26

## **WEB**

**Who:** 7th and 8th grade students

**What:** WEB is a leadership program. We run 6th grade orientation and support other activities like Snakes and Cakes, back to school night, and Veterans day.

**Where:** Library

**When:** First and Third Monday; 8/6/25 - 5/22/26