Island Trees Memorial Middle School 2025-2026 Clubs & Activities

This site will be updated as events are scheduled.

Students should always listen to announcements and check the Daily Bulletin for meeting information.

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Co-Curricular Activity/Grade	Advisor(s)	Start Date	Meeting Days/Times	Meeting Location
Academic Study Center	Jaime Roche	9/16	Tues./Fri., 7:35 am	Room 129
Arts & Crafts Club	Ramona Triolo Andrea Pusateri	9/30	Select Tuesdays each month-students will be given the exact dates on our first mtg date and will be posted on our Google Classroom page	Room 124
Band 5	Gloria Vasco	10/7	Tues./Thurs., 7:20 am	Room 102
Band 6	Gloria Vasco	10/6	Mon./Wed., 7:20 am	Room 102
Best Buddies	Nicole Delaney Nicole Ferone Marissa Cifarelli	ТВА	Thursdays, 2x/month	Room 182
BRAVE Leadership Club	Marie DiPierno & Marissa Cifarelli	9/17	Wednesdays: 1-2x/month Dates on Google Classroom	Room 122
Breakfast Club 8	Bunster & Purrman	January	Thursdays TBA	Room 161
Chess Club	Brian Higgins	9/25	Thursdays, 2:25-3:35 pm	Room 180
Chorus 5	Jen Wilson	10/6	Mondays, 7:15 am	Room 159
Chorus 6	Jen Wilson	10/7	Tuesdays, 7:15 am	Room 159
Creative Writing Workshop	Megan Connolly	9/16	Tuesdays 2:35-3:15 pm	Room 152
Dance For Your Health	Flora DeFeo	9/18	2x/month 2:35- 3:05 pm Dates on Google Classroom	Room 228

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Debate Team 7/8	Rebecca Benjamin	9/18	Thursdays 2:30-3:30 pm, 1st semester, will also meet Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays, 2nd semester	Room 157
Drama 5/6	Kaitlyn Toscano Sarah Agosta	1st Meeting 9/12	Monday - Friday (varying times)	Cafeteria
Drama 7/8	Christine DiCamillo Sarah Agosta Stephanie Sultana	End of November	Monday - Friday, Times TBA each week on Google Classroom	GPR- Stage
ENL Peer Mentoring Club	Laura Cortes Kelly Chios	Mid October	Once a month after school	Room 254
Future Engineers Club	Nicolette Scalia Colleen Flecha	ТВА	ТВА	Room 206
Home & Careers 5	Samantha Bunster	9/15 & 9/18	There will be two different groups. One will meet on Mondays and the other on Thursdays. 2:30-3:30 pm	Room 161
Home & Careers 6	Eileen Purrman	9/15 & 9/18	There will be two different groups. One will meet on Mondays and the other on Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 pm	Room 163
Homework Club	Taylor Rosenking Karen McNally Samantha Bunster Andrea Pusateri Christine Buckley	9/15	Monday: Christine Buckley - Room 204 Tuesday: Taylor Rosenking - Room 252 Wednesday: Karen McNally - Room 258 Thursday: Andrea Pusateri - Room 145 Friday: Sam Bunster - Room 161	
Jazz Band 5/6	Gloria Vasco	10/3	Fridays, 7:15 am	Room 102
Jazz Band 7/8	James Ingenito	9/30	Tues./Thurs., 7:20	Room 101

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Lego Robotics 7/8	Kurt Norton Chris Seignueray	10/29	Mon./Wed./Fri., 2:35 pm	Room 176
Mad Scientists	Allie Goldstein Taylor Rosenking	May	Fridays, 2:35-4:05 pm	Room 227
Math Olympiad	Michelle Hatzopoulos	10/16	Dates posted in Google Classroom code: 3dmdwkj	Room209
Mineral Discovery Club	Brian Flynn	9/29	Every other Monday, 2:40-3:40 pm. Updates posted on Google Classroom.	Room 256
Newspaper	Justine Gonzalez	9/17	Dates will be posted on Google Classroom (Class code: c42ftqld) & the Daily Bulletin	Room 143
Orchestra 5	Carolyn Greci	10/7	Tues./Thurs., 7:20am	Room 184
Orchestra 6	Carolyn Greci	10/6	Mon./Wed., 7:20 am	Room 184
Orchestra 7/8	Carolyn Greci	TBA	ТВА	Room 184
SADD Club	Nicole Delaney Nichole Verdone	9/16	Tuesday, 2:35-3:05 pm	Room 146
Science Olympiad	10/28	End of October	Tues./Thurs., 2:35 pm	Norton - 172 Rosenking -252 Goldstein - 227
Scrapbooking Club	Megan Connolly	9/22	Mondays, 2:35-3:15 pm	Room 152
SEEDS CLUB	Brian Flynn	9/25	Every Other Thursday and updates on Google Classroom, 2:40 -3:40 pm	Room 256
Select Chorus 7/8	Jen Wilson	TBA	TBA	Room 159

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Sketchbook Club 5	Karen McNally	9/29	Mondays 2:40 - 3:15	Room 258
Sketchbook Club 6-8	Karen McNally	9/30	Tuesdays 2:40 - 3:15	Room 258
Sports Night	Taryn Aponte Danielle Azar	10/6	Monday-Thursday, 2:40-3:30 pm	Big Gym
STEAM Club Grade 5	Chris Seigneuray	TBA	TBA	Room 176
STEAM Club Grade 6	Kurt Norton	3/26	Group A- Mon./Wed., Group B-Tues./Thurs., 2:35 pm	Room 176
Student Leaders (8th graders by selection)	Taryn Aponte Danielle Azar	9/8	Listen for announcements	Room 178
Sugar Cookie Club 7/8	Samantha Bunster Eileen Purrman	December	Mon-Thurs. for one week. Session 1 in December and Session 2 in February.	Room 161
Talent Show 5/6	Jen Wilson	February	TBA	GPR
Talent Show 7/8	James Ingenito	February	TBA	GPR
World Language Club	Laura Cortes	End of September	Every Wednesday after school	Room 254
Yearbook Club	Jeff Esposito Hailey Lospitalier	9/25	Announced Thursdays, 2:35 - 3:15 pm	Room 147

Club Descriptions

<u>Academic Study Center</u> - A safe, welcoming, and inclusive space designed to provide students with a quiet and comfortable environment to focus on their studies.

<u>Arts & Crafts Club</u> - Arts & Crafts Club welcomes all students in grades 5-8, who enjoy art through seasonal crafts and upcycling. This club not only promotes imagination and originality through craft making, but also encourages socialization with peers of varying grade levels.

<u>Best Buddies</u> - A club where students from all grades can come to meet new friends and have some fun playing games and doing other activities with their school mates. The club will meet on designated Thursdays so listen for announcements.

<u>Brave Leadership Club -</u> Brave Club is a leadership club for girls grades 5-8 that focuses on service, community and empowering young girls. We assist and work closely with the Beautiful Me school initiative as well.

<u>Breakfast Club -</u> 8th grade students apply using a "job" application and then are interviewed to earn a spot. Once students are selected, they help "run" a breakfast shop. They learn how a professional kitchen is run and the various requirements of doing so, including sanitation and safety. They plan, cook, package and sell baked goods one morning a month. At the club's culmination they receive a letter of recommendation that they could use on their search for their first jobs.

<u>Chess Club</u> - Whether you're a beginner or already a chess master, everyone is welcome. We'll learn the rules of the game, practice strategies, and play friendly matches with other students. It's a great way to have fun, challenge your brain, and make new friends!

<u>Creative Writing Workshop</u> - Creative Writing Workshop is designed to give students a space to write their own creative pieces, share their work with others, give feedback to their peers, share writing that appeals to them, and help choose and contribute pieces for *The Write Stuff* digital magazine. Open to students in grades 5-8.

<u>Dance for Your Health</u> - Dance For Your Health is a welcoming environment for any student who is interested in engaging in exercise through dance. Each meeting, we dance to instructional videos from our favorite music genres, movies and games. There is no dance experience or learned routines required. Bring a friend!

<u>Debate Team</u> - The ITMMS Debate Team is both a fun-filled club and a competitive team! We meet weekly to debate with each other, and we also travel a few times during the school year to compete against other schools! Bring your Chromebooks for researching the debate topics each week, and be ready to wrestle with your words!

<u>Drama Club 5/6-</u> The fifth and sixth grade drama club is an enriching experience for our youngest students to collaborate on a musical production. From the stage crew running lights and sets to the cast and ensemble performing, there is a place for everyone in 5th and 6th grade drama. We rehearse Monday - Friday after school, and we work on singing, dancing, and acting for our production! We will hold our shows in early December and look forward to including all who have a passion for theater and the arts!

<u>Drama Club 7/8 -</u> The seventh and eighth grade Drama Club begins each year in the first week of school. We stage a production that includes singing, dancing, costumes, and dialogue. Drama Club holds preliminary auditions and conducts callbacks to determine what role each student will play. We also are in need of stage crew members who will be responsible for our backstage success. Stage crew members do not need to audition. Our production opens in March, and we have three performances. We rehearse consistently each day after school from Early December until the production in March. If you love to sing, dance, and act, or just be on stage in general, join as an actor. If you are detail oriented or creative, consider doing stage crew. The Drama Club productions are high quality every year and offer a creative outlet for the students of ITMMS. It's a fun and rewarding experience overall.

<u>ENL Peer Mentoring Club</u> - Students in grades 5-8 can sign up to be mentors for students new to Island Trees who speak languages other than English. Responsibilities include welcoming peers, helping them find their classes, checking in to make sure they are doing well.

<u>Future Engineers Club</u> - 5th and 6th grade club members will work together to complete a NASA TechRise challenge. Future Engineers will gain hands-on insight into exploring space, with the goal of inspiring a deeper understanding of Earth's processes, coding, electronics, and the value of test data. From researching Earth's environment to designing experiments for space exploration, they will work to inspire the world through discovery!

Home & Careers Club - Home & Careers Club provides students practice in safe and sanitary recipe preparation while expanding knowledge of measuring, kitchen tools, methods and time management.

<u>Homework Club</u> - Homework Club provides a quiet and structured environment for students to focus on their studies and develop effective study habits. It's a great place to stay organized, manage your time efficiently, and build confidence in your academic skills. Join us to make homework more manageable and boost your academic success.

<u>Lego League</u> - Lego Robotics is a club for 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in building mini robots for a competition. Club members who build the best problem solving robot wins.

<u>Mad Scientists</u> - Students participate in exciting science and engineering experiments in the classroom. Activities can be fun independent experiments that students can take home or collaborative activities where they learn to work as a team.

<u>Math Olympiad</u> - Math competitions with complex problems that require creativity, logical thinking, strategy, and problem-solving skills.

<u>Mineral Discovery Club-</u> Let's discover, compare, analyze and explore magnificent minerals, rocks and gemstones of the world! Enjoy hands- on inquiry activities, identify real mineral and rock samples, research minerals and rocks of the world, participate in interactive labs, and create spectacular projects and presentations with programs such as Canva as well as with classic art materials. Open to ALL grade levels.

<u>Newspaper: The Bulldog Junior</u> - Extra! Extra! Write all about it! Welcome to our exciting school newspaper club. Come join us to write news stories, conduct interviews, take photos and create an authentic newspaper to be shared with our school community.

SADD Club - Our club provides a safe space for members to engage in meaningful discussions, participate in impactful activities, and collaborate on initiatives that make a difference in our school and community. Together, we work towards creating an environment where everyone feels supported and inspired to make decisions that enhance their well-being and the well-being of others. Join us in making a positive impact.

<u>Science Olympiad</u> - Science Olympiad is an exciting club where middle school students dive into the world of science and engineering through hands-on experiments and team challenges. With a focus on exploration and teamwork, members tackle various scientific topics, build projects, and compete in fun events. It's a great way to enhance problem-solving skills and fuel a passion for discovery. Students can participate in science or engineering events ranging in topics from biology to earth science to engineering! Students study their topic or build their prototype over a period of months and then compete in the yearly Science Olympiad competition.

<u>Scrapbooking Club</u> - The Scrapbooking Club is designed to give students a place to work on a creative visual story/memory book. Students may share ideas, ask for help, or simply show off their work during club time. The books make great gifts or can simply be kept and enjoyed by the students. Open to students in grades 5-8.

SEEDS Club - Calling all eco-heroes! Are you ready to make a difference locally, nationally, and globally? Are you "wild" about Nature, do you really "dig" gardening, or are you curious about current environmental issues? Let's learn, grow, discover and explore! Come be a part of expanding and maintaining our newly created *Rain Garden Project*. Together....Island Trees can make a difference! Open to all grade levels.

<u>Sketchbook Club</u> - A safe, creative space for students who love to draw and be in the company of students with the same interests. Sketchbooks are given to each student and stay with the teacher in the classroom until the end of the year. At the end of each session, students are given the opportunity to share their sketches with the group.

Sportsnight - Sports Night is an evening of friendly competition between students in grades 5-8 that are based on their advisories. Captains are chosen from the 8th grade Student Leaders. Dance teams and art committees are open to all students in grades 5-8 and begin in early October. There are no practices for participants in each event however an informational meeting will be held for those interested. Sports Night is on Friday, November 8th from 6-8 pm. Students should listen to announcements for the start of practices. Information on teams and tickets will be sent out in advisory and through Parent Square.

<u>Sugar Cookie Club</u> - There are two sessions of Sugar Cookie Workshop. There will be one in December and one in February. The goal is to create cookie dough, cut, bake and decorate theme inspired cookies. Each session meets after school for four afternoons over the course of one week.

<u>Talent Show -</u> The 5/6 and 7/8 talent shows give students the opportunity to let their talents shine! Students are encouraged to show off any talents they would like to share from dancing, singing, or playing an instrument, to comedy, juggling, or performing their latest martial arts moves! All are welcome.

<u>World Language Club</u> - The World Language Club opens a door of interest and understanding of countries around the world and their respective cultural traditions. Club members will have the opportunity of exploring dances, games, art, food and celebrations amongst other great traditions.

<u>Yearbook Club</u> - Students can participate in helping create the yearbook. Members help make decisions for planning, provide creative inspiration, and help organize and assemble the yearbook.