

#	<u>Nipher Clubs</u>	<u>Nipher After-School Activity Descriptions</u>
1	<b>Affinity Club</b>	<p>An affinity group is a group formed around a shared interest or common goal. This affinity group is for 7th and 8th grade students of color. It will be a safe space to explore issues of shared identity and experiences. It's a club where students affirm each other while embracing different parts of their identities. Affinity groups help build a sense of community, allows for conversations, and helps identify concerns while celebrating each other. It encourages students to feel confident and proud of who they are and their accomplishments.</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Select Thursdays (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsors:</u></b> Ms. Griffin, Mr. Dickson, Ms. Williams, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Ampey-Elong</p>
2	<b>Anime Club</b>	<p>Any student who enjoys watching anime, drawing manga or anime-style characters, and discussing anime is welcome to join Anime Club!</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Select Wednesdays (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsor:</u></b> Ms. Velez</p>
3	<b>Battle of the Books</b>	<p>Be on the Book Team and help us compete with other schools in our annual competition. The Battle of the Books Club will compete in an end-of-year field trip, which will be held this year on May 9th!</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Every 1st Tuesday of the month (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsors:</u></b> Ms. White &amp; Ms. Burruss</p>

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4	<b>Beginning Orchestra</b>	<p>Beginning Orchestra is for any student that has never played before but are interested in starting on the violin, viola, bass or cello! Regular attendance is expected. Please email <a href="mailto:fariga.drayton@kirkwoodschoools.org">fariga.drayton@kirkwoodschoools.org</a> with questions.</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Each Tuesday &amp; Thursday (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsor:</u></b> Ms. Drayton-Conway</p>
5	<b>Creative Writing Club</b>	<p>We'll take a look at different styles of creative writing, including flash fiction, short stories, poetry, and more! There will also be opportunities to share and receive feedback from other writers.</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Select Thursdays (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsor:</u></b> Ms. Ragsdale</p>
6	<b>Debate Club</b>	<p>Any student who wants to engage with others and learn critical thinking, research difficult topics, and practice competitive speech and debate is welcome to join Debate Club!</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Select Thursdays (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsors:</u></b> parent-led by Dr. Srikanth and Mrs. Kirgan; teacher supervision by Mr. Price.</p>

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7	<b>Digital Art Club</b>	<p>Yo! What if you, that's right I said YOU, could make awesome digital art pieces? You'd be all in right? Of course you would. We'll learn the basics of drawing, color application, shape, and value as well as how you can use various apps that will help make both creating and practicing easier. This club is not a hangout session though, please only sign up if you want to learn, work hard, and make awesome art!</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Every Thursday (S2)  <b><u>Sponsor:</u></b> Mr. Williams</p>
8	<b>Dungeons and Dragons Club (DND)</b>	<p>Come one, come all! All students are welcome, regardless of experience level, to come play DND with friends!</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Every Tuesday (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsor:</u></b> Mr. Vinson</p>
9	<b>Explorers' Club (aka Geography)</b>	<p>For students interested in exploring the world of geography, join the Explorers' Club on Wednesdays after school. We will play games, watch geography videos, and, for those who wish to participate, host a school-wide geography bee in the spring!</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Every Wednesday (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsors:</u></b> Ms. Early &amp; Mr. Magruder</p>
10	<b>Intramural Activities (IM's)</b>	<p>The sport or group activity played will change every few weeks. The activity is as posted and can include: kickball, volleyball, basketball, handball, rock-climbing, badminton, etc</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> (S1 &amp; S2) 6th grade Tuesdays; 7th grade Wednesdays; 8th grade Thursdays  <b><u>Sponsors:</u></b> Mr. Dickson</p>

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11	<b>Magic! The Gathering Club</b>	<p>Magic: The Gathering is a Nipher club based on the tabletop and digital collectible card game created in the mid 1990's. All grades are welcome to come play or learn how to play this card game!</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Every Thursday (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsor:</u></b> Mr. Earnhart and Mr. Vinson</p>
12	<b>Math Lab 8</b>	<p>Math 8 Lab is now available for 7th grade students who would like to prepare for Math 8 Placement testing. It will be held after school on Tuesdays between February 7 - April 25. Students will be expected to work on IXL or Khan Academy with the presence of a certified math teacher who is able to help them as needed.</p> <p>Meeting dates: Each Tuesday (S2)  Sponsors: Mrs. Christian, Mr. Kowalski, Mrs. McPheeters, Mrs. Stoffel.</p>
13	<b>Open Studio</b>	<p><b>Open Studio</b> is an after school activity where students will complete small individual projects as well as group projects that will benefit the school and community. Open Studio is also available for students who are needing to complete class projects that require access to art materials and equipment.</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Select Wednesdays (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsor:</u></b> Dr. Holley</p>

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14	<b>Ping Pong Club for Beginners</b>	<p>Ping Pong club is open for all grade levels, on Tuesdays, to any student who enjoys playing some good, old fashioned table tennis.</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Every Tuesday (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsor:</u></b> Officer Dan McCune</p>
15	<b>Power Hour</b>	<p>This is a silent study hall in which students have the opportunity to work on homework assignments under supervision. Please bring enough work to occupy a one-hour time allotment.</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Every Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday (all grades) (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsors:</u></b> Ms. Hunter, Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Banaszak &amp; Ms. McPheeters</p>
16	<b>Rock Climbing Club</b>	<p>Are you interested in rock climbing, but hope to learn from one of Nipher's best? Do you enjoy rock climbing, but hope to refine your skills? Well then, look no further. Rock Climbing Club is open to all students, regardless of experience level. Join us on the wall!</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Select Tuesdays (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsor:</u></b> Ms. DeSchryver</p>

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17	<b>Safe Spaces- GSA</b>	<p>Safe Space is a non-curricular student-led club whose goal is to provide a safe space for all middle schoolers, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. It's a welcoming space that provides support for students who identify as LGBTQIA+, who have friends or relatives who identify as LGBTQIA+, or who just care about LGBTQIA+ issues. Safe Space promotes character by working with all students and educators to encourage that everyone be treated with respect and compassion. It is a space where students can share their experiences, and collaborate on how to promote an inclusive education for all students. This club is facilitated by Mr. Warren (6W Social Studies), Ms. Griffin (7th Guidance Counselor), and Ms. Patt (Special Education Teacher - 8th grade).</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Select Wednesdays (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsors:</u></b> Ms. Griffin, Ms. Patt, and Mr. Warren</p>
18	<b>Science Club (7th Grade Only)</b>	<p>In Science Club, our 7th grade students will explore the diverse characteristics of organisms. This club will explore the life sciences and includes a lab dissection, as well! Students may come for some or all of the three Spring dates.</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Select dates (S2)  <b><u>Sponsors:</u></b> Mr. Brady, Ms. Goeke, &amp; Mr. Williams</p>
19	<b>Soccer Club</b>	<p>Come learn how to play soccer and/or gain new skills! All grade levels are welcome to join in on the outdoor fun.</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Thursdays (S2) (weather permitting)  <b><u>Sponsor:</u></b> Mr. Magruder</p>

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20	<b>Star Wars Club</b>	<p>Come watch every Star Wars movie that has been released and discuss the story arcs and character development. It's a fun time to watch our favorite movies with others who also enjoy doing so!</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Every Tuesday (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsor:</u></b> Mr. Warren</p>
21	<b>Sustainability Club</b>	<p>In Sustainability Club, students will learn more about the environment through hands on experience. From gardening, to bee-keeping, to chicken care, and more. Come explore the great outdoors with Mr. Banaszak on select Tuesdays this year!</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Select Tuesdays (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsor:</u></b> Mr. Banaszak</p>
22	<b>Weightlifting Club</b> <i>*This club may require additional fees/payments beyond standard activity fee.</i>	<p>Weightlifters will work on Olympic lifting techniques along with building strength in various movements. If your student is interested in joining the Weightlifting Club, there will be an informational meeting held on September 6th from 3:00 - 3:55 pm.</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Tuesdays and Thursdays (S1 &amp; S2)  <b><u>Sponsor:</u></b> Mr. Grana</p>