

Readington Middle School

Club Catalog

2024-2025



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Art Club



Description: Unleash your creativity in the Art Club! Whether you love to draw, paint, sculpt, or explore new artistic styles, this is the place for you. After school, you'll get to work on fun projects, learn new techniques, and bring your imagination to life. It's a great way to relax, make new friends, and express yourself in ways that go beyond the classroom. No matter your skill level, if you have a passion for art, come join us and create something amazing!

Advisor Name: Mrs. Pierro

Advisor Email: dpierro@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Tuesdays after school from 2:30-3:30.

Tuesdays:

October: 10/22, 10/29,

November: 11/12, 11/19, 11/26

December: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

January: 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

February: 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25

March: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Chess Club

Description: Join the Chess Club this spring to be part of a positive, fun, challenging, and engaging environment that is perfect for any RMS student! Participants, from 6th-8th grade, and any chess experience level are welcome. For hundreds of years, playing chess has helped players develop greater spatial awareness, logic, and analytical skills. Students will also have the opportunity to improve their creativity, increase their concentration, and boost their memory. It's also a great way to become more involved in the RMS community! Mr. O'Neil will provide a number of tutorials, practice sessions, and winning strategies that encourage new players while at the same time challenging intermediate players.



Advisor Name: Mr. O'Neil

Advisor Email: boneil@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Meetings take place every Thursday, from February 13th to May 22nd from 2:30 - 3:30 PM (end of year tournament in May will run until 4:00 PM)

Chinese Club

Description: Join the Chinese club to explore Chinese culture. Students will celebrate the traditional holidays, taste the cultural food, and participate in a community service. The main activity is to learn and play Ping Pong games with the Oiympian coach Lily Yiip, Students will learn technical skills such as bat grip, ready position, footwork/body position, service, and stroke. We will meet twice a month from September to January.



Advisor Name: Mrs. Drew

Advisor Email: ldrew@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: 2:30 to 3:30

Thursday Sep. 26 Thursday Oct. 10 Thursday Oct. 24 Thursday Nov. 14

Thursday Nov. 21 Thursday Dec. 5 Thursday Dec. 19 Thursday Jan. 9

Thursday Jan. 23 Thursday Jan. 30



Cooking Club

Description: Cooking club is where you will have fun becoming a little chef, exploring food from around the world, creating your own recipes, and learning important nutrition facts and origin about a variety of spices and foods. We will meet twice a month from 2:35 pm to 3:35 pm.

Advisor Name: Yolanda Lima

Advisor Email: ylima@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times:

November: 11/12 and 11/26 we will meet twice a month.

December: 12/10 and 12/17 we will meet twice a month.

January: 1/7 and 1/21 we will meet twice a month.

February: 2/4 and 2/18 we will meet twice a month.

March: 3/4 and 3/18 we will meet twice a month.

April: 4/8 and 4/15 we will meet twice a month.

May: 5/6 and 5/13 we will meet twice a month.

June: 6/3 we will meet once a month.

Color Guard Club (NEW)

Description: Join our Color Guard Club and get ready to spin, toss, and dance! Whether you love music, enjoy performing, or just want to try something new, color guard is all about teamwork, creativity, and having fun. You'll learn cool routines with flags and make awesome new friends, and get to show off your skills at school events and exhibitions. No experience? No problem! Come express yourself and be part of something exciting!



Advisor Names: Mrs. Pierro & Mrs. Singer

Advisor Emails: dpierro@readington.k12.nj.us and ssinger@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Wednesdays after school from 2:30-3:45 from October-March.
Information session on **Monday, September 30th.**

Wednesdays

September: Monday, 9/30 - Information Session

October: 10/9, 10/16, 10/23

November: 11/13, 11/20

December: 12/11, 12/18

January: 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29

February 2/5 , 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

March: 3/5 , 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

Drama Club

Description:

The musical is open to students in grades 6th, 7th and 8th. The Drama Club will be holding auditions in mid-November for the March production (TBA). Students will be able to sign up for an audition time slot online or an interview time if interested in participating in stage crew.

Students will take part in the audition process and if selected, they will participate in the rehearsal process and learn what it takes to put together a show. There will be a rehearsal calendar shared for times and dates for meetings after school. Please keep in mind that not every cast or crew member will be required to attend every rehearsal.



Advisor Name: Ms. Greenberg & Ms. Obenauer

Advisor Email: lgreenberg@readington.k12.nj.us; eobenauer@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Auditions will take place in mid November.

- ★ Rehearsals in November/December will end around 3:30/4:00.
- ★ Rehearsals in January will end around 4:30.
- ★ Rehearsals in February will end around 5:00/5:15.

EcoAmbassadors

Description: Looking for a club where you can connect with friends and meet new people – all while having lots of fun working together to make our schools healthy, happy places to be? Then EcoAmbassadors is for you! We plan and host activities at RMS (and all of our schools!) to connect to nature, reduce waste, learn new things together, and get the word out too!

We host school-wide competitions to reduce waste!



We create art and videos to get the word out. We partner with kids in all our schools!



We grow food indoors! Then donate it or share with friends!



We get outside and learn together outdoors!



Advisor Name: Ms. Freeman

Advisor Email: bfreeman@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: During Academic Support, and after school as needed for projects. Visit the [RMS Enrichment website here](#) for more opportunities too!

Fitness Club

Description: RMS Fitness club encourages students to develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporates fitness as a natural part of their lives by making fitness fun! It offers an hour of different forms and various ways to exercise. The goal of the Fitness club is to increase students' knowledge of fitness and for them to experience physical activities outside of school hours. Exercise is the main focus with many opportunities for games and dance included. The fitness club meets after school every Tuesday from 2:30 – 3:30 starting mid November and will run through February.



Advisor Name: [Mrs. Sperone](#)

Advisor Email: ssperone@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: [Fitness Club will meet every Tuesday starting December 3rd and run through February 18th, from 2:30-3:30.](#)

[See Mrs. Sperone in either Room 409 or the Blue Gym to get your permission slip or if you need more information.](#)

Gaming Club



Gaming Club

Join the RMS Gaming Club!



Video Games Board Games
Card Games



Meetings will be held in the LMC
on select Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 pm
starting September 19th!

See Ms. Tundidor in Room 203
or Ms. Vail in Room 407 for more info!



Description: Join the RMS Gaming Club to be part of a positive, fun, organized environment for students to play various types of games: tabletop games, card games, video games, etc. Playing these games will help develop social skills and new friendships, critical and creative thinking skills, and problem solving skills - and we have a ton of fun! Ms. Tundidor and Ms. Vail will provide a number of previewed games to teach students how to play. Students may also suggest games for the advisors to check and approve for play during meetings. Please see Ms. Tundidor (Room 203), Ms. Vail (Room 407), or [CLICK HERE](#) for a permission slip.

Advisor Names: Ms. Tundidor and Ms. Vail

Advisor Emails: jtundidor@readington.k12.nj.us; jvail@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Select Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 pm in the Library Media Center: 9/19, 10/10, 10/24, 11/14, 12/5, 12/19, 1/9, 1/30, 2/13, 2/27, 3/20, 4/10, 5/1, 5/22, 6/12

Jazz Ensemble

Description: The RMS Jazz Ensemble is our extra-curricular performance group that focuses on jazz and other popular music forms. We meet all year and perform at our Winter and Spring Concerts, as well as at other performances both inside and outside of school. We accept flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones and rhythm section instruments (electric guitar, electric bass, drum set, & piano). 6th, 7th , and 8th grade students must audition for placement in the group. Auditions will take place after school on September 17, 18, 19. Please sign up for a time slot on the music department bulletin board.



Advisor Names: Mr. Hasselbring, Mrs. Lestrangle

Advisor Email: ihasselbring@readington.k12.nj.us,
slestrange@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: **Thursdays, and select Mondays, from 2:30 to 3:45 PM on the following dates:** 9/26, **9/30**, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 5/1, 5/ 8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5

Junior Librarians

Junior Librarians assist in the Library Media Center with shelving, processing, and circulating books; marketing through book displays, bulletin boards, and social media; and related tasks. We take a field trip each spring to fabulous libraries in the state. We bond over books, helping out, and Junior Librarian "perks", including exclusive access to new book arrivals.

Join our Google Classroom (classroom code: wtnyou7) for the permission slip.



Junior Librarian field trip to Princeton University's Firestone Library

Advisor Names: Mrs. Singer and Ms. Hendricks

Advisor Emails: ssinger@readington.k12.nj.us and ahendricks@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Junior Librarians can schedule themselves to help in the LMC during the Opportunity Period. We'll also meet after school in the Library Media Center on scheduled Tuesdays 2:30-3:45.

September 24th October 22nd November 19th December 17th January 21st	February 18th March 18th April 15th May 20th June 17th
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Nature and Garden Club

RMS Garden Club is a service club that maintains gardens around the school. We meet in the fall and the spring on Wednesdays. Club members get to learn about plants, from seed to harvest, in a small group setting. Fall projects include harvesting garden crops, craft garden projects, planting fall crops, maintaining the native plant garden, and collecting seeds to feed the birds and start our garden in the spring.



Advisor Name: Mrs. Birmingham

Advisor Email: dbirmingham@readington.k12.nj.us

Fall Meeting Dates: We will be meeting Wednesdays from **2:30 – 3:30**.

Sept. 11, 18, 25

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov. 13, 20

Meetings begin again in the spring at the end of March.

Notebook Club

Description:

Notebook Club provides an environment and the materials needed for students to organize their notebooks and Chromebooks. The goal is for the student to gain independence in the area of organization. A parent or teacher may refer a student to Notebook Club for assistance with the organization of school materials.



Advisor Name: Ms. Greenberg

Advisor Email: lgreenberg@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: **Thursdays after school from 2:30-3:30 in Room 420**

September 26

January 30

October 17

March 20

November 21

April 3

December 19

May 15

January 16

May 29

Readington Rhapsody

Description: Readington Rhapsody is an after school pops choir that is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at RMS! This choir sings all your favorite music from pop music you hear on the radio, to Disney songs and Broadway Showtunes. Students who join are committing to be at every rehearsal and performance. As this choir meets a limited number of times, more independent practice time outside of school and rehearsals is expected.

No audition or prior singing experience is required to join!

If you love to sing, this is the place for you!



Advisor Name: Ms. Obenauer

Advisor Email: eobenauer@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: We will be rehearsing on Tuesdays after school from 2:30 - 3:45 pm. Please join the Google Classroom **6rqw2ua** and return a signed permission slip to Ms. Obenauer by the first rehearsal.

Rehearsals will begin on September 24th!

September 24

October 1, 8, 22, 29

November 12, 19, 26

December 3, 10, 13 (Friday)

Spring Rehearsal Schedule
will be provided in
January

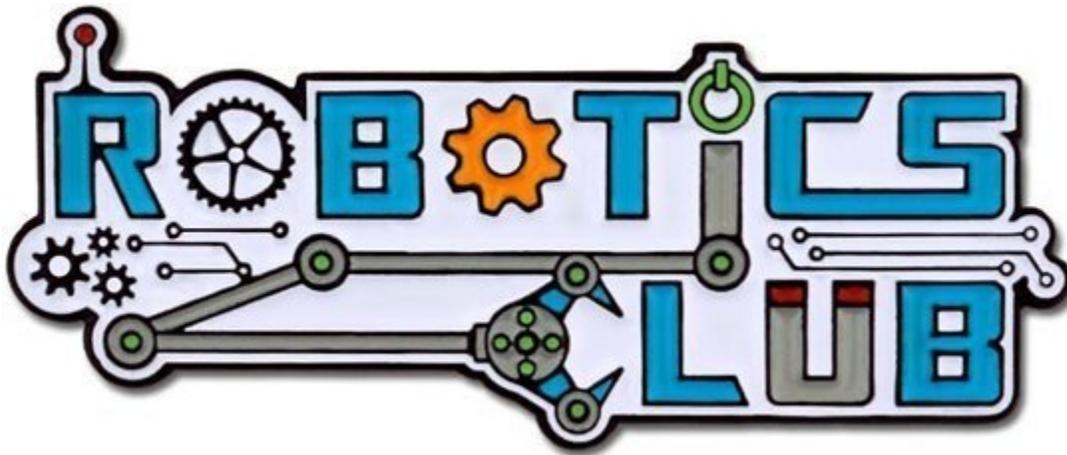
Winter Chorus Concert is December 16!

Spring Chorus Concert is May 19!

Robotics Club

Description:

Students will make connections between what they learn in school and what they will encounter in the real world are the most important connections they will make in life. These connections will shape who they'll be, what they'll study in high school or college, and how they'll apply their knowledge to help improve themselves and their communities. The relevance of this club will extend beyond the classroom; it will help them start making connections to their future



Advisor Name: Mr. Newcamp

Advisor Email: rnewcamp@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Every Wednesday beginning January 3rd, 2024 until the middle of March. From 2:30-3:40, meet in Room 408.

Student Council

Description: The Student Council provides an opportunity for students to work together to provide a more spirited and inclusive environment at RMS. Student Council offers the students a chance to create lasting friendships and relationships with future leaders at RMS and throughout the state. Fundraisers, philanthropic endeavors, and hosting exciting events throughout the year allows the students to give back to both their school and community.



Advisor Name: Mr. O'Neil, Mrs. Heller

Advisor Email: boneil@readington.k12.nj.us jhellerreadington.k12.nj.us9

Meeting Dates/Times: Meetings are the second Wednesday every month at 7:00 AM. Additional meetings and preparation days are on an as needed basis throughout the year and before/ after events. The Student Council Google Classroom keeps events up to date!

For further information, visit our website: <https://sites.google.com/readington.k12.nj.us/stuco>

The Difference Makers

Description: The focus of the club is to create a safe space for any student who would like to discuss topics that can be difficult. Activities will include creating awareness videos, writing and poetry pieces, bulletin board displays, messages of kindness, encouragement, and inclusivity, and research on topics that are in the forefront of our society and world at large. Each month we will focus on a specific topic to be discussed and explored:

September: Suicide Prevention Month

October: Bullying Prevention

November: World Kindness

December: Human Rights Awareness

January: World Religion and Cultural Diversity

February: Black History Month

March: Women's History Month

April: Learning Differences/Autism Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention

May: Mental Health Awareness

June: PRIDE LGBTQ+



Advisor Name: Mr. Gulino, Ms. Ratanski

Advisor Email: egulino@readington.k12.nj.us, cratanski@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times:

The Difference Makers will meet after school on Wednesdays from 2:40-3:40 on the following dates:

9/18, 10/16, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 2/19, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/30, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4

[The Difference Makers Club Permission Slip 2024-2025](#)



Tri-M[®] Music
HONOR SOCIETY

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Tri-M Music Honors Society

Description: Tri-M is an honor society available for 7th and 8th grade students to apply for. These students are the leaders of the music department at RMS, and are responsible for carrying out various service projects throughout the year.

Advisor Name: Ms. Obenauer

Advisor Email: eobenauer@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Thursdays before school at 7:00am

September 12, 26
October 10, 24
November 14, 21
December 5, 19
January 9, 23

February 6, 20
March 6, 20
April 3, 17
May 1, 22, 29
June 12

Ultimate Frisbee Club

Ultimate Frisbee is a non-contact sport for students of all ages and all kinds of athletic ability. All are welcome. You do not need to be fast, or strong, or big, to participate and have fun playing Ultimate Frisbee. We start the basics and work our way up to full games splitting groups into advanced and novice.



Advisor Name: Mr. Newcamp

Advisor Email: rnewcamp@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: **Spring Club will start in late May with dates being announced closer to its start. Time is from 2:30-3:45 pm.*

Viking Pops Orchestra

Viking Pops Orchestra is our extra-curricular performance group that combines vocalists, orchestral strings, and pop/rock instruments to perform popular music. We meet all year (except January), and perform at our Winter and Spring Concerts, as well as at other performances both inside and outside of school. We accept vocalists, violins, violas, cellos, and rock instruments (**electric guitar, electric bass, drum set, piano**). 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will audition in September for placement in the group.



Advisor Names: Mr. Hasselbring, Ms. Obenauer

Advisor Email: jhasselbring@readington.k12.nj.us eobenauer@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: **Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 PM on the following dates:**

Fall: Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 15, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13

Winter/Spring: Feb. 7, Feb. 14, Feb. 21, Feb. 28, Mar. 7, Mar. 14, Mar. 21, Mar. 28, Apr. 11, Apr. 18, Apr. 25, May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23, May 30, Jun. 6

Winter Running Club

Description:

Do you want to stay in shape over the long winter months? Consider joining the Winter Running Club! We will meet once a week and provide instruction on running, varied workouts, promote year-long fitness for other sports, and enjoyment of running. We are looking forward to preparing for 1 or 2 organized 5K races happening in the community!



Advisor Names: Mr. Newcamp & Mrs. Ingram

Advisor Emails: rnewcamp@readington.k12.nj.us , lingram@readington.k12.nj.us

Meeting Dates/Times: Every Thursday from November to the middle of March. Club time is from 2:30- 3:35 pm. Please meet in Room 313 after school.

[Here](#) is a tentative schedule for running club meetings!

Yearbook Club



Now is your chance to leave your mark at RMS by being a part of the Yearbook Committee!

Are you curious about how the Yearbook is made? Do you enjoy designing and being creative? This club offers members of the RMS student body to contribute to the design and development of the yearbook! In this club, students will be given the opportunity to take photos of school events, help choose a cover and theme for the yearbook, and design pages for the yearbook. Students will also help with the distribution process once the yearbooks arrive in June. This club will typically run from September-June, with a break in May while the yearbooks are being made by our awesome yearbook company, Walsworth! Permission slips can be found [here!](#)

Advisor Names: Ms. Ratanski and Mr. Gulino

Advisor Emails: cratanski@readington.k12.nj.us & egulino@readington.k12.nj.us

Advisor Phone: (908) 534-2113 ext. 3204

Meeting Room: 204

Pickup Location: RMS main entrance (may pull up outside to the vestibule)

Meeting Dates/Times: 2:40-3:40

Meeting Dates

September: 25 October: 2, 9, 30 November: 6, 20 December: 4, 18 January: 15	February: 12 March: 5, 19 April: 2, 16 June: 11
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