

# Readington Middle School

# **Club Catalog**

# **2023-2024**

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## Art Club

**Description:** Art Club will enhance the visual arts program students are exposed to at RMS. We will have fun in a relaxed and more social environment, while students paint with acrylics and watercolors, and hand build pottery as a community service project. Art club is open to any student in grades six through eight at RMS. There will be 2 sessions of art club: a fall session and a winter session. There will be sign ups for each session.

**Advisor Name:** Mrs. Pierro

**Advisor Email:** [dpierro@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:dpierro@readington.k12.nj.us)

**Meeting Dates/Times:** FALL SESSION: 2:35 pm - 3:35 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Wednesday, Oct. 18

Wednesday, Oct. 25

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Wednesday, Nov. 15

\*\*\*Tuesday, Nov. 21

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Wednesday, Dec. 6

Wednesday, Dec. 13

**WINTER SESSION:** 2:35 pm - 3:35 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Tuesday, Feb. 27

Tuesday, March, 5

Tuesday, March, 12

Tuesday, March, 19

Tuesday, March, 26

Tuesday, April, 9

Tuesday, April, 16

## 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 8th to May 16th 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 Olympan 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 October to February.



**Advisor Name:** Mrs. Drew

**Advisor Email:** [ldrew@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:ldrew@readington.k12.nj.us)

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

Thursday Oct. 5	Thursday Oct. 19	Thursday Nov. 2	Thursday Nov. 16
Thursday Dec. 7	Thursday Dec. 21	Thursday Jan. 4	Thursday Jan. 18
Thursday Feb. 1	Thursday Feb. 15		



## 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](mailto:ylima@readington.k12.nj.us)

**Meeting Dates/Times:**

November: 11/14 and 11/21 we will meet twice a month.  
December: 12/5 and 12/19 we will meet twice a month.  
January: 1/9 and 1/23 we will meet twice a month.  
February: 2/6 and 2/20 we will meet twice a month.  
March: 3/5 and 3/19 we will meet twice a month.  
April: 4/9 and 4/23 we will meet twice a month.  
May: 5/7 and 5/21 we will meet twice a month.  
June: 6/4 we will meet once a month.

## 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](mailto:lgreenberg@readington.k12.nj.us); [eobenauer@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto: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!**



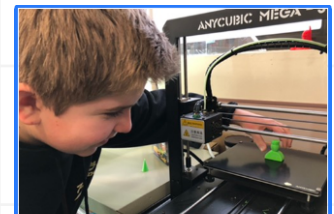
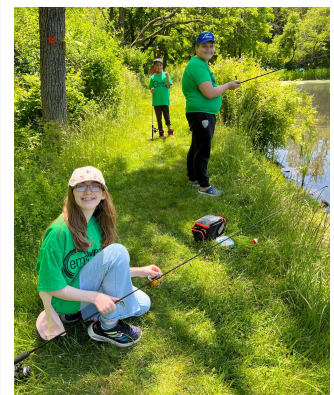
**We create art and videos to get the word out. We partner with kids in all our schools!**



**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](mailto:ssperone@readington.k12.nj.us)

**Meeting Dates/Times:** Fitness Club will meet every Monday starting in mid November through February, from 2:30-3:30.

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## Gaming Club

**Description:** Join the 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. (Yes, there are some tabletop games we can play virtually!) Playing these games will help students develop social skills and new friendships, critical and creative thinking skills, and problem solving skills. Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Vail will provide a number of previewed games to teach students how to play. Students may also suggest games for Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Vail to check and approve for play during meetings.



**Advisor Names:** Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Vail

**Advisor Emails:** [coconnor@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:coconnor@readington.k12.nj.us); [jvail@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:jvail@readington.k12.nj.us)

**Meeting Dates/Times:** Wednesdays after school from 2:30 - 3:30 in the Media Center

11/15/2023	12/6/2023	12/20/2023	1/3/2024	1/17/2024	1/31/2024
2/14/2024	2/28/2024	3/13/2024	3/27/2024	4/10/2024	4/24/2024
5/8/2024	5/22/2024	6/5/2024			



## 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 19, 20, and 21. Please sign up for a time slot on the music department bulletin board.



**Advisor Names:** Mr. Hasselbring, Mr. Hylkema

**Advisor Email:** [jhasselbring@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:jhasselbring@readington.k12.nj.us), [jhylkema@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:jhylkema@readington.k12.nj.us)

**Meeting Dates/Times:** Thursdays, and select Tuesdays, from 2:30 to 3:45 PM on the following dates:

9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/16, 11/21, 11/30, 12/7, 12/12, 12/21, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29, 3/5, 3/14, 3/21, 3/26, 4/11, 4/18, 4/26, 5/2, 5/9, 5/14, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6

## 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 Rutgers University/New Brunswick Theological Seminary

**Advisor Names:** Mrs. Singer and Ms. Hendricks

**Advisor Emails:** [ssinger@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:ssinger@readington.k12.nj.us) and [ahendricks@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:ahendricks@readington.k12.nj.us)

**Meeting Dates/Times:** Junior Librarians are invited to the LMC during select Academic Supports (see schedule and listen to announcements) to help out. We'll also meet after school in the Library Media Center on scheduled Tuesdays 2:45-3:45.

September 26th  
October 17th  
November 21st  
December 12th  
January 23rd

February 20th  
March 19th  
April 30th  
May 21st  
June 18th



## 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](mailto:dbirmingham@readington.k12.nj.us)

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

**Sept. 13, 20, 27**

**Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25**

**Nov. 1, 15**

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](mailto:lgreenberg@readington.k12.nj.us)

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

**September 28**

**February 1**

**October 5**

**March 14**

**November 2**

**April 11**

**December 7**

**May 2**

**January 4**

**May 23**

## Readington Rhapsody

**Description:** Readington Rhapsody is an after school pop 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 required to be at every rehearsal and concert. 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](mailto:eobenauer@readington.k12.nj.us)

**Meeting Dates/Times:** We will be rehearsing on Tuesdays after school from 2:45 - 3:45 pm. Please join the Google Classroom **xma2pm2** and return a signed permission slip to Ms. Obenauer by the first rehearsal.

***Rehearsals will begin on September 26th!***

September 26

October 3, 17, 24, 31

November 14, 21, 28

December 5, 12, 14 (Thursday)

Spring Rehearsal Schedule  
will be provided in  
January

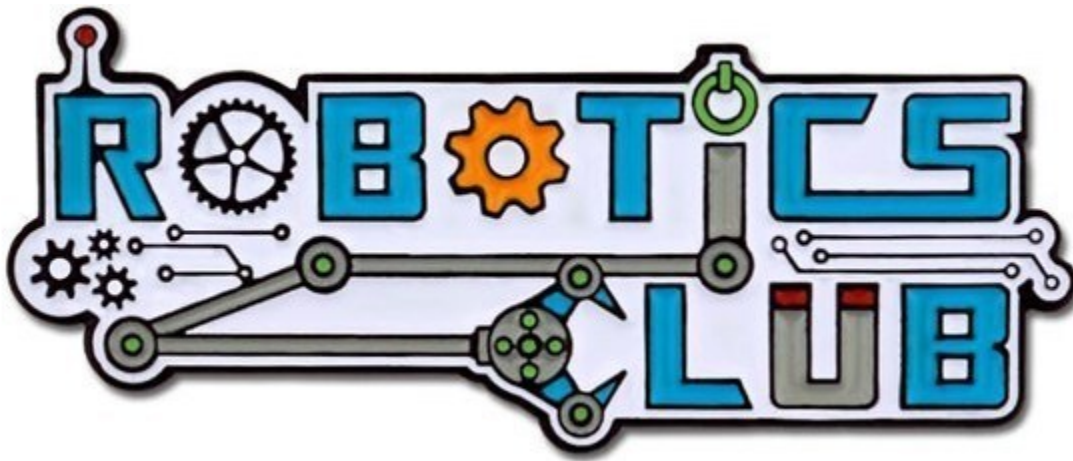
**Winter Chorus Concert is December 18!**

**Spring Chorus Concert is May 20!**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:boneil@readington.k12.nj.us) jhellerreadington.k12.nj.us

**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>





## Tennis Club

### Description:

Attention all prospective tennis players! My name is Will Daly, and I am the club advisor. I am the 8th grade civics teacher at RMS, and I LOVE the game of tennis. I played varsity tennis in high school and college, and have served as a high school coach since 2009. For 7 years I served as the head coach of the Hunterdon Central girls and boys tennis programs.

Here is what you need to know about our club:

1. We will have a fall and spring tennis club. Our club will meet 10 times over the course of the fall and spring sessions.
2. All sessions will meet at the Pickell Park tennis courts from 2:45-3:45, and students must provide their own transportation to and from the park. Please pick your child up from the courts on time.
3. Please bring your own water.
4. I will provide tennis balls, training equipment, and tennis racquets (bring your own if you have one).
5. In order to be a member of the club you do not need to commit to all ten sessions, but I'd love to have you there for as many as possible

Advisor Name: Mr. Daly

Advisor Email: [wdaly@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:wdaly@readington.k12.nj.us)

Meeting Dates/Times: 2:45-3:45 @ Pickell Park

Tues October 3	Thurs October 12	Mon October 16	Tues November 14	Wed April 10
Wed April 17	Wed April 24	Wed May 1	Tues May 7	Thurs May 16

## 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:** Mrs. Crielly, Mr. Gulino

**Advisor Email:** [egulino@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:egulino@readington.k12.nj.us), [ccrielly@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:ccrielly@readington.k12.nj.us)

**Meeting Dates/Times:**

The Difference Makers will meet after school on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 on the following dates:

9/27, 10/25, 11/15, 12/13, 1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 2/28, 3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/15, 5/29, 6/5

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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. This group carries out various service projects throughout the year and helps lead our department within the school and in the wider Readington community.

Advisor Names: Mr. Hylkema

Advisor Email: [jhylkema@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:jhylkema@readington.k12.nj.us)

Meeting Dates/Times: Before school at 7:00am

9/14, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/26, 11/2, 11/16, 12/7, 12/14, 1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/7, 3/21, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23, 6/6, 6/13,



## Ultimate Frisbee Club (Spring)

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](mailto: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 focuses on the use of orchestral strings in 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 violins, violas, cellos, and rock instruments (**electric guitar, electric bass, drum set, piano**). 6th, 7th , and 8th grade students audition for placement in the group.



**Advisor Name:** Mr. Hasselbring

**Advisor Email:** [jhasselbring@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:jhasselbring@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](mailto:rnewcamp@readington.k12.nj.us) , [lingram@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto: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 April and May while the yearbooks are being made by our awesome yearbook company, Walsworth.

**Sign up forms can be found [HERE](#) or outside room 204**

**Advisor Name:** Mrs. Rega and Ms. Ratanski  
**Advisor Email:** [rmsyearbook@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:rmsyearbook@readington.k12.nj.us)  
**Meeting Dates/Times:** 2:30–3:30 in room 204

**September: 27th (first meeting!!!)**

**October: 18th and 25th**

**November: 15th and 29th**

**December: 13th and 20th**

**January: 24th and 31st**

**February: 21st and 28th**

**March: 20th and 27th**

**April: 10th**

**June: 12th (last meeting)**