

## Pierce Middle School Clubs 2018-2019

### What are clubs?

Clubs are year-long experiences that take place either before school or after school. They are different from PASS classes in that they run, for the most part, for the entire school year.

### The Details

**Time:** See schedule below.

**Dates:** Begin the week of **September 24, 2018**

**Day:** See schedule below.

**Cost:** \$37.50 gains your student access to all clubs. [With the exception of Pierce Players, which is \$37.50 per performance. If you pay for one performance, your child has access to all other clubs as well.]

**Please note: We want ALL Pierce students to participate in after school activities. If your family requires financial assistance, please just reach out to Dr. Spaulding at [kspaulding@miltonps.org](mailto:kspaulding@miltonps.org) or 617-696-4568.**

**TRANSPORTATION:** There will be a late bus with limited stops for **bus students only** on Wednesdays and Thursdays **ONLY** – beginning the week of September 24, 2018. The late bus will pick up at Pierce Middle School at 3:25 PM. If your student has a bus pass, ***it is his/her and your responsibility to make transportation arrangements when there is not a late bus. If your child does not have a bus pass, you and he/she must make arrangements for transportation home.***

### Club Descriptions

**Club Name:** Pierce Players

**Director:** Mr. Deschenes

**Assistant Director:** Mrs. Ohrenberger

**Location:** Auditorium

**When:** Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

**Time:** 2:30-4:00 PM

**Club Description:** The Pierce Players is the after school drama club involving Pierce students from grades 6-8. Each year two productions are performed. Unlike many performing arts groups, the Pierce Players accepts any student who wishes to participate in the cast or crew. Through the rigorous rehearsal process and live performances, participating students are challenged to learn about theater arts, their community, and themselves.

The fee to participate in the first show is \$37.50. If you are interested in being in the cast or crew of the winter production, **High School Musical Jr.** please check the Pierce Players box on the Club registration form. A registration form for the spring show will be given out in January.

**Club Name:** Pierce Pals

**Instructor:** Ms. Connell and Mrs. Herbert

**Location:** Room 303

**When:** **Every other Tuesday** and field trips (TBA)

**Time:** 2:30 - 3:25 PM

**Club Description:** Pierce Pals is a year round friendship club, where students of all grade levels and abilities come together to engage in fun activities and build a stronger Pierce community. Activities include, but are not limited to, kickball games, bowling, arts and crafts projects, cooking, and board games. Pierce Pals is an energetic club, where differences are celebrated and embraced! Pierce Pals lunches will meet every other Friday starting on October 5. This club is limited to 30 students. **Please note: Students who join Pierce Pals must commit to be a member all year.**

**Club Name:** Pierce Math Team  
**Instructor:** Mr. Moonan and Mrs. Pullia  
**Location:** Room 235  
**When:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 2:30- 3:25 PM

**Club Description:** Do you love math? Come and join us to engage in challenging mathematical tasks in preparation for competing with Pierce's math team in the **Intermediate Math League of Eastern Massachusetts (IMLEM)**. Competition team members and alternates will be selected based on performance on math activities during weekly math team meetings. Meetings will be held after school on Thursdays. Locations and dates of the meets will be announced at the first meeting.

**Club Name:** Before School Singers (Grades 6, 7, & 8)  
**Instructor:** Ms. Hanna  
**Location:** Chorus Room  
**When:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 7:15- 7:50 AM

**Club Description:** This is a student-driven ensemble, designed to allow students to explore different popular styles of music and develop showmanship. Due to time limitations, anyone interested must attend all rehearsals and be willing to rehearse at home. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday mornings in the Chorus Room and extra meetings will be arranged approaching performance date.

**Club Name:** Festival Audition Preparation Class (Grades 7 & 8)  
**Instructor:** Ms. Hanna  
**Location:** Chorus Room  
**When:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 7:15- 7:50 AM

**Club Description:** All students wishing to audition for the festival choruses (Jr. SEMSBA and Jr. District) should sign up and attend. Students will learn the audition pieces as well as the other skills evaluated in the auditions. This class will be kept small in order to insure individual attention. According to Eastern District and SEMSBA policies, all students who audition must be in their school's choral ensemble. Therefore, the Festival Audition Preparation Class is open only to Pierce chorus members.

**Club Name:** Jazz Band  
**Instructor:** Mr. Ortiz  
**Location:** Room 118  
**When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays  
**Time:** 7:00 - 7:50 AM

**Club Description:** This ensemble is designed to allow students to play and perform in a smaller ensemble and to strengthen students understanding of the jazz style. Students must attend all rehearsals and be willing to practice at home. Students must also attend a winter and spring Jazz Band Concert. Interested students should see Mr. Ortiz before joining the club to audition.

**Club Name :** Chamber Orchestra  
**Instructor:** Mrs. Miller  
**Location:** Pierce Auditorium  
**When:** Once a week- Alternate Thursday/Friday  
**Time:** 7:00-7:50 AM

**Club Description:** Chamber orchestra is a string ensemble of approximately 15 outstanding students who are interested in a "smaller" and more challenging musical experience. They meet either Thursday or Friday before school at 7 am one day per week. Regular attendance and a strong commitment to the group are required in order to perform at the two evening concerts per year.

**Club Name:** Model UN  
**Instructors:** Ms. Augustyn/Ms. Hoyt  
**Location:** Room 326  
**When:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 2:30 -3:25 PM

**Club Description:** Students step into the role of United Nations' diplomats. They research important world issues and represent their country as they work collaboratively to find new solutions to the world's most complex problems. Model UN is a world-renowned program in which students role-play delegates, representing member states of the United Nations. Students learn critical skills such as public speaking, negotiation, and advanced critical thinking skills.

**Club Name:** Future Problem Solving  
**Instructor:** Mrs. Lauria  
**Location:** Room 209  
**When:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 2:30- 3:25 PM

**Club Description:** The three components to the Future Problem Solving Program (FPSP) are: Teams of four students learn a six-step problem solving process which they then apply, along with their research on specific topics, to solve social and scientific problems. A "future scene" prompts students to explore challenges as they refine their critical and creative thinking skills, focus on one problem area to solve, produce solution ideas, generate criteria to evaluate their solutions, and develop an action plan. Students complete a Qualifying Problem (QP) in one two-hour time period without assistance from their coach and the top teams in the state are invited to the State Bowl in April, where they compete for the opportunity to represent Massachusetts at the FPSP International Conference in June. **All students who plan on participating in the program must commit to attending our meetings every Tuesday.**

**Club Name:** Running Club  
**Instructors:** Ms. Devin  
**Location:** Outside gymnasium/locker rooms  
**When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays (Fall and Spring)  
**Time:** 2:30- 3:25 PM

**Club Description:** Come join the running club to work on building a love of running and increase your endurance. Participants will prepare for the Milton Monster Dash (fall) and the Milton Road Race (spring). Runners should come with running sneakers and proper athletic clothing. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

**Club Name:** After School Sports  
**Instructors:** Ms. Connell and Ms. Queally  
**Location:** Gym  
**When:** Mondays- Thursdays  
**Time:** 2:30 - 3:25 PM

**Club Description:** We want you to join After School Sports! We meet after school in the gym and play a variety of sports including soccer, floor hockey, basketball, volleyball, football, and Wiffle ball. During the year there will be special events and tournaments scheduled. Everyone is welcome. Come dressed to play! *Check gym schedule for daily activities. Activities may change due to interest and enrollment.*

**Club Name:** Pierce Press  
**Instructor:** Ms. Royster  
**Location:** Library  
**When:** Mondays  
**Time:** 7:15 AM- 7:40 AM

**Club Description:** Join us as we get the school newspaper, the Pierce Press, up and running. We need writers, artists, and photographers, so no matter what your talent, we need you!

**Club Name:** Girl TALK  
**Instructor:** Mrs. Francoeur, Mrs. Dearing, Ms. Pompilus, and Ms. Clancy  
**Location:** Room 223  
**When:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 2:30 -3:25

**Club Description:** Believe it or not, girls need girls. Girl Talk is a year-long club where female students (Grades 6 to 8) come together to talk about what really matters. This club will cover topics such as friendships, communication, choices, emotional well-being, school, self-care, and tough times. Girl Talk will foster understanding among each girl about who she is and who she is becoming. We believe that every girl has the right to feel good about herself. Did we mention there will be lots of laughing, fun, and celebrations? So, what are you waiting for? There is one more thing you need to know...Imperfection is a requirement for this club, so grab your girlfriends and come!

**Club Name:** Yearbook  
**Instructor:** Ms. Royster  
**Location:** Library  
**When:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 2:30 - 3:25 PM

**Club Description:** The Yearbook Club is a fun and easy way to make sure you have the best yearbook! Students from all grades are welcome and will have the opportunity to help choose the cover, design the yearbook, and generate interest and sales.

**Club Name:** French Club  
**Instructors:** Mr. Fender  
**Location:** Room 135  
**When:** Mondays  
**Time:** 2:30 -3:25 PM

**Club Description:** The French Club is an opportunity to work together on French projects, write French pen-pals, listen to French music, and watch French/English films. Each session we will have a 10 minute mini-lesson to learn some French for beginning students who have never spoken the language, some French for students who are intermediate, and some French for advanced students who are near-native speakers. Students can choose their level. All students are welcome!

**Club Name:** Pierce Middle School GSA (Gay/Straight Alliance)  
**Instructors:** Ms. Hallisey and Mrs. P.  
**Location:** Room 235  
**When:** Wednesdays  
**Time:** 2:30 -3:25 PM

**Club Description:** GSA clubs- originally called Gay-Straight Alliance clubs when they were first established in the 1980s- are student-run organizations, typically in high school or middle school, which provide a safe place for students to meet, support each other, and talk about issues. We are very excited as this is the FIRST ever GSA at Pierce Middle School. We invite ALL students to join this club. You will guide the work of this group, which will focus on ensuring that Pierce Middle School is a safe place for ALL students- most especially LGBTQ youth.

### **Homework Center (free)**

Homework Center is an opportunity for students to work with peers on daily and long-term homework assignments. The Pierce Middle School library will be staffed by a teacher, according to the following schedule:

**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (Ms. Power)** from 2:30 PM- 3:25 PM [Students must enter the library by 2:30 PM.]

**Wednesday and Friday (Ms. Royster)** from 7:10 AM-7:40 AM [Students must enter the library by 7:20 AM.]

Students who attend Homework Center in the library are expected to come prepared with their materials. Students who do not work on homework will be asked to leave. This club is free for all students.

**Please note:** Information regarding the process for joining the **Pierce Middle School Student Council** will be communicated to students and parents/guardians in the weeks to come. Our **Student Council Advisors** are: Mr. Dolan, Ms. Percuoco, and Mr. Smith.

**Pierce Middle School Club Registration Form**  
**PLEASE RETURN to the Main Office BY September 18, 2018**

If you are interested in your child gaining access to ALL (see special note on Pierce Players) clubs, please:

1. Go to [Http://www.miltonps.org](http://www.miltonps.org) and click on the Unibank symbol on the right. [Scroll down a little.]
2. Click on "Middle School" to reveal "Middle School Activities".
3. Click on "Middle School Activities".
4. Make your payment of **\$37.50**.
5. Complete this form and return it to the green mailbox in the main office.

Please note: If you are unable to use the Unibank system, please make your check payable to "**Town of Milton**" and return it with your child's registration form.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade/Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s):

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Payment- Please check one of the following:**

I have made payment via the Unibank Link  
(Please note: All payments will be verified.)

I have attached a check for \$37.50 made payable to  
"**Town of Milton**"

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**Please check here if your child plans to participate in Pierce Players.** The \$37.50 fee provides access to ALL clubs as well as ONE Pierce Players production.

**Financial Assistance Request**

If you require financial assistance, please complete the following form and return it to **Dr. Spaulding**, Principal.

I am seeking a waiver of activity fees (Pierce Middle School) for my child(ren)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that waivers will be granted based upon financial need as determined by Free/Reduced Lunch eligibility.

I am seeking a waiver as my child is eligible for (check one):

- Free Lunch
- Reduced Lunch

I am choosing to self-identify that my child is qualified for free and reduced meals. I understand that this eligibility will need to be confirmed with the Milton Public Schools Food Service Program.

I hereby authorize eligibility information to be provided by the Milton Public Schools Food Service Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name- Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

An application for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program has been sent to your home. If another copy is needed, please contact the school office @ 617-696-4568.