

Pierce Middle School PASS & Club Offerings



2019-2020

PASS Offerings

Pierce After School Sessions (PASS) Fall 2019

PASS classes are an opportunity for Pierce teachers to identify an interest, talent, or a hobby and create an **eight week** after school experience for students.

PASS classes begin the week of September 23, 2019 and end the week of November 11, 2019. Each class is a total of eight sessions.

Each PASS class costs \$50 with the exception of the Pierce Soccer Program, which costs \$100.

Please note: We want all Pierce students to have the opportunity to participate in after school activities. If your family requires financial assistance, please contact Mr. Fish at wfish@miltonps.org.

Transportation: There will be a late bus with limited stops for bus students only on Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning the week of September 23, 2019. The late bus will pick up at Pierce at 3:25 p.m.

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Touch Rugby

- Instructor: Mr. Dolan
- Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Back field
- Description: Play touch rugby! Learn the basics of rugby: rules, passing, kicking, teamwork, and have fun playing America's fastest growing sport. No contact or tackling involved. Boys and girls welcome, all ages and abilities. Supervised by Mr. Joe Dolan, head coach, Milton High School Rugby Club. Outdoor activity: sneakers/cleats and comfortable clothing.

Guitar Club

- Instructor: Mr. Ortiz
- Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Room 118
- Description: All students advanced and beginners (electric or acoustic) as well as music styles are welcome to join the Guitar Club. The club is designed to learn guitar skills and techniques.

Green Team

- Instructor: Mrs. Hupp
- Thursday, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Room 116
- Description: This fall we will be harvesting our pumpkins, beets and carrots from last year, picking flowers to create bouquets, and prepping the garden for fall/winter vegetables. We'll even make and eat pumpkin pancakes! As the weather turns, we will stay inside to make different art projects based on birds, butterflies and plants. It's also time to start looking for what to plant next spring!

Flag Football

- Instructor: Mr. E.
- Friday, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Back field
- Description: Boys and girls are welcome to participate! Students will execute drills, while learning the skills of the game and having fun! Everyone plays!

Pierce Middle School Soccer Program

- Instructor: Mr. E.
- Tuesday & Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Back field
- Note: Cost is \$100
- Description: Whether you are a beginner or highly skilled, the Pierce Middle School Soccer Program is the place where you can develop your skills, foster teamwork, and even have a friendly game or two with the high school!

PASS & Pierce Soccer Program Registration Form
PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

If you are interested in signing your child up for any of the above classes, please complete this form and make your online payment (instructions below). If you have any questions about this program, please contact the PASS coordinator, **Mrs. Karen Borde**, at kborde@miltonps.org. To participate, please follow the instructions below:

1. Go to www.miltonps.org and click on the Unibank symbol on the left (Scroll down a little.)
2. Click on "Middle School" to reveal "Middle School PASS".
3. Click on "Middle School PASS".
4. Make your total payment (\$50 per class, \$100 for soccer).
5. Complete this form and return it to 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.

Check the PASS classes for which you are registering:

- Touch Rugby
 - Guitar Club
 - Green Team
 - Flag Football
 - Pierce Middle School Soccer Program
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Check one of the following:

- I have made payment via Unibank
- I have attached a check for \$_____.

Student Name: _____

Student Grade & Team: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Please note: Classes are filled on a first come first served basis. Classes may be cancelled due to low enrollment.

Financial Assistance Request

If you require financial assistance, please complete the following form and return it to Mr. Fish, Pierce Middle School principal.

I am seeking a waiver of activity fees for my child(ren).

Student name(s): _____

Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

Grade: _____

Please note that waivers will be granted based on 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 qualified for free and/or 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 food service program.

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

An application for the free & reduced lunch program has been sent to your home. Please contact the school office at (617)696-4568 if you need another copy.

Club Offerings

Pierce Middle School Clubs

2019-2020

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.

Clubs will begin the week of September 23, 2019. A fee of \$37.50 gains students access to all clubs with the exception of Pierce Players, which is \$37.50 for each performance season.

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Club Offerings

Pierce Players

- Director: Mr. Deschenes
- Assistant Director: Ms. Okoh
- Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Location: Auditorium
- 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, **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**, please check the Pierce Players box on the Club registration form. A registration form for the spring show will be given out in January.

Pierce Pals

- Instructor: Ms. Connell & Ms. Brides
- Every other Thursdays and field trips (TBA), 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Room 303
- 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.**

Pierce Math Team

- Instructor: Mrs. Pullia & Mr. Moonan
- Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Room 235
- 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.

Before School Singers

- Instructor: Ms. Hanna
- Tuesdays, 7:15 a.m.-7:50 a.m.
- Location: Chorus Room
- 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.

Festival Audition Preparation (Grades 7 & 8)

- Instructor: Ms. Hanna
- Thursdays, 7:15 a.m.-7:50 a.m.
- Location: Chorus Room
- 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.

Jazz Band

- Instructor: Mr. Ortiz
- Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 a.m.-7:50 a.m.
- Location: Room 118
- 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.

Chamber Orchestra

- Instructor: Mrs. Miller
- See Mrs. Miller for schedule
- Location: Pierce Auditorium
- 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.

Model UN

- Instructor: Ms. Augustyn
- Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Room 326
- 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.

Junior Botball

- Instructor: Mrs. Magill
- Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.

- Location: Room 212
- Description: Do you like to challenge yourself? Are you interested in coding? Do you like robots? Then this is the club for you! Learn how to code a robot to do things like pick up a can, do a dance, and go through an obstacle course, to name a few. No coding experience is necessary, just a willingness to try.

Future Problem Solving

- Instructor: Ms. Lauria
- Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Room 209
- 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 Wednesday.**

Fitness Club

- Instructor: Mr. O'Leary
- Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Gym
- Description: Introduce/train students in the proper use of Nautilus and Keizer strength training equipment. Students will also be trained and use treadmills, recumbent bikes, stair climber and ellipticals.

Running Club

- Instructor: Ms. Devin
- Tuesdays & Thursdays (fall and spring), 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Outside gymnasium/locker rooms
- Description: Come join the running club to work on building a love for running and increase your endurance. The Running Club will be broken up into two seasons. In the Fall, we will prepare for the Milton Monster Dash. In the Spring, we will prepare for the Milton Road Race. Participants can come when they are available; it's okay if you can't come both days. Runners should come with running sneakers and proper athletic clothing. Please, dress

appropriately for the weather.

After School Sports

- Instructor: Ms. Connell & Mr. E.
- Mondays - Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Gym
- 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.*

Pierce Press

- Instructor: Ms. Royster
- Mondays, 7:15 a.m.-7:50 a.m.
- Location: Library
- 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!

Yearbook

- Instructor: Ms. Royster
- Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Library
- Description: The Yearbook Club is a fun way to make sure we have the best yearbook! Students from all grades are welcome and will have the opportunity to help choose the cover, take photographs, design the yearbook, and generate interest and sales.

Latin Club

- Instructor: Ms. Crowley
- Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Room 131
- Description: The Latin Club is open to all Pierce Students. This club fosters an appreciation of Latin and the ancient Roman and Greek cultures through activities and games. Topics include, but are not limited to: how to make authentic Roman clothing getting to know some famous people of the time; reading (in English) different works of literature: poetry, war stories, personal letters, graffiti; philosophy and art; and of course a lot of just plain fun and games. Come join a relaxed and fun environment, learning about the people and language that influenced our modern western society more significantly than any other.

Pierce Middle School Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA)

- Instructor: Mrs. Prodanas & Mrs. Jaquette
- Tuesdays, Alternate mornings and afternoons
- Location: Room 204
- 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.

Movie Marathon

- Instructor: Mrs. Borde
- Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Location: Room 215
- Description: At our first meeting, members will generate a list of PG movies that they would be interested in seeing throughout the year. We will meet once a week and most movies will take two meetings to complete. Members will have group discussions about each movie at its completion.

Homework Club (FREE)

- Instructor: Ms. Royster, Ms. Dow & Ms. Royster
- Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.-3:25 p.m. (Students must enter the library by 2:30 p.m.)
- Wednesdays & Fridays, 7:10 a.m. - 7:40 a.m. (Students must enter the library by 7:20 a.m.)
- Location: Library
- Description: Homework Center is an opportunity for students to work with peers on daily and long-term homework assignments. 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
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