**SRMS**

**2023- 2024**



**Clubs and Activities**

After-school Clubs and Activities are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. – 4:55 p.m. Not every club meets both days, and not every club will begin on the same date. Please listen to the morning and afternoon announcements for the cancellation of an activity. If a cancellation occurs, students may either attend another activity for that afternoon, or take their regular mode of transportation home.

Activity buses are available for students to ride home. However, activity buses *do not* stop at the same bus stops as the regular school buses. Please visit the AACPS bus transportation page to see SRMS activity bus stops, located at the bottom of our regular bus stops list.

At 4:55 p.m., parents/guardians may consider picking up their child, instead of using the school bus, as it will become dark outside by 5:00 p.m. Please be prompt. Use the parking spaces in either the upper or lower lot. Students who are typically walkers during the school-day dismissal, are encouraged to become car-riders.

Students interested in participating in one or more of the following clubs or activities should either speak with the sponsor prior to the meeting date, or simply attend the meeting. Students and their families must agree on which dates your child will participate *before* the school day begins. Students will not be given permission to use the school phone to ask permission to stay after school.

Please complete the permission slip for your child to participate, and have your child return the slip to their Advisory teacher. Parent/guardians information may also be requested by the club/activity teacher. Thank you for your continued support of your child at SRMS.

# The Future of Pride (GSA)

**Sponsor:** Ms. Smith

**Meeting Location:** Room 211

**Meeting Time:** Thursdays, 4:00 – 4:55 p.m.

**Start Date:** September 26th

**Description:** Pride Club is for young people identifying as part of the LGBTQ community and their straight allies. If you have anyone you love that is LGBTQ, this is the club for you too! If you believe in equality for all, come join us! In other words, PRIDE CLUB is for everyone! It's about diversity, equality, and fairness. We promote love and community, providing support for those who might feel alone, and friendship.  At Pride Club, you are not alone, and you are loved.

Yearbook Club  ****

**Sponsor:** Mr. Jones

**Meeting Location:** Room 126

**Meeting** Time: Tuesdays, 4:00 – 4:55 p.m.

**Start Date:** September 26th

**Description:** Students can take pictures of special events, including dances, and class activities. They will also have the opportunity to learn new photography skills, layout and design and to be a part of what’s happening in our school. The result is a wonderful yearbook at the end of the school year.

# Coloured chalk sticksArt Club

**Sponsors:** Mrs. Coriell

**Meeting Location:** Room 220

**Meeting Time:** Tuesday 4:00-4:55 p.m.

**Start Date:** September 26th

* **Description:** SRMS Club is open to students in 6th-8th grade. Space is limited to 20 students.

The club is for students who are interested in an "extra dose" of Art once a week. Students participate in large-scale projects (such as the bottle-cap mural project that was part of a journey to a green school) as well as small individual explorations of the student's choice. Questions can be directed to Ms. Coriell at kcorriell@aacps.org.

Intramurals

 **Sponsors:** Mr. Cole, Ms. Bragaw, Mr. Devine

 **Meeting Location:** Gym

 **Meeting time:** Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 – 4:55 p.m.

 **Start Date:** September 26th

**Description:** Intramural sports program offers 6, 7, & 8th grade boys and girls the opportunity to play a limited number of sports in a noncompetitive and relaxing atmosphere. Offered sports include flag football in fall. Basketball and Bowling in winter. Bocce and Soccer in spring. Questions can be directed to either mecole@aacps.org, or abragaw@aacps.org, or lbdevine@aacps.org

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)

**Sponsors:** Ms. Esparza & Ms. Stanulescu

**Meeting Location:** Media Center

**Meeting Time:** The 2nd Tuesday of each month, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

**Description:** NJHS is the junior branch of the National Honor Society, an organization that focuses on leadership, citizenship, character, academic excellence, and community service. Members commit to maintaining a 3.75 GPA, contributing at least 24 hours of volunteer work over the course of the school year, and organizing service initiatives within the community. Eligible students are invited to apply at the beginning of 3rd quarter in 7th grade. During the 3rd quarter, letters are mailed to qualifying 7th grade candidates (students with a 3.75 or higher) inviting to apply to NJHS. They then attend an informational session where they are given an application. The completed applications are scored by a panel of teachers. Accepted students are inducted into the organization.

Questions can be directed to Ms. Esparza at mesparza@aacps.org or Ms. Stanulescu at mstanulescu@aacps.org.

 Severn River Dance Company

**Sponsor:** Ms. Denyer **Meeting Location:** Dance Room

**Meeting time:** One morning per week from 8:00-9:15 a.m*.*

 **Description:** Severn River Dance Company is a group of skilled dancers in grades 6-8. Student must audition to participate in company. The purpose of the company is to provide the opportunity for its members to practice advanced dance skills and to perform at the Anne Arundel County Festival, at High School dance concerts, and in the SRMS Dance Concert. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Denyer at cdenyer@aacps.org.

 Honors Vocal Ensemble

**Sponsor:**Ms. Bias

**Meeting Time:**Thursdays 4:00-4:50pm. Days will be on a biweekly schedule, as to alternate with

Magothy River Middle Schools Honor Choir. Therefore, see Mrs. Bias for actual meeting date.

**Description:** This is an honors chorus that meets after school*.* Ensemble participates in two school concerts, the Anne Arundel County Adjudication Festival, the Spring Music Trip, and other special performances and events during the school year.  The public performances are an outgrowth of the study which takes place in the instructional classes and co-curricular rehearsals.  The Music Repertoire ranges from level 2 to 4.  Participants in Honors Vocal Ensemble must be enrolled in a chorus class, and audition.

SGA

Student Government Association

**Sponsors:** Ms. Berstein

**Meeting Location:** Room 205 (Ms. Berstein’s room)

 **Meeting Time:** Tuesdays at 4:00-4:55 p.m. (frequency dependent on activities planned)

**Start Date**: October 10th

**Description:** Student Council is a student based civic organization designed to help promote school spirit and leadership among students. Members are given the opportunity to serve others and create a fun, positive school environment. Students will organize fundraisers, school dances, and other activities at Severn River Middle School throughout the year. We are looking for students who are enthusiastic, hardworking and dedicated to creating a fun and exciting learning community for their peers. Questions can be directed to Ms. Berstein (jberstein@aacps.org).

National Junior Art Honor Society

**Sponsor:** Ms. Oldershaw

**Meeting Location:** Room 219

**Meeting Time:** Tuesday at 4:00-4:55 p.m.

**Start Date:** September 26th

**SRMS National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS)** is open to 20 students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade who wish to expand their artistic skills through community service.

Students in Art Club will:

* Complete several arts-based community service projects throughout the school year
* Have access to exclusive nation-wide contests and exhibition opportunities
* Host art events and exhibition Eligibility:
* Space is limited to 20 students.
* There is a $5 annual dues fee
* Contribute artworks/efforts to community service projects

Questions can be directed to Mrs. Oldershaw at **eoldershaw@aacps.org**.

Instrumental Music Performance Groups

 **Sponsor:** Ms. Pitta

Please note that students must be enrolled in band or strings class to participate. Performance groups are a cocurricular activity. Students in band or orchestra are expected to participate in at least one group. Rehearsals start the week of September 18th. More information will be given in class. Questions can be directed to Ms. Pitta at mpitta@aacps.org.

**Band:** Mondays & Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 9:05 a.m. An ensemble for all winds and percussion students.   Concert Band will perform at school concerts, county festival, and the spring trip.

**String Orchestra:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 9:05 a.m.  An ensemble for all orchestra students

in school.  Orchestra will perform at school concerts, county festival, and the spring trip.

**Jazz/Rock Band**:  A select group for students who are interested in jazz band. Students must play in a concert group (Band for band students or String Orchestra for strings students) to be eligible to participate in Jazz Band. Jazz Band will perform at school concerts.

*The Flourishing Through Wellness Club* 

**Sponsors:** Ms. Jones & Mr. Jones

**Meeting Location:** Room 126

 **Meeting Time:** Thursday at 4:00-4:55pm

**Start Date**: September 28th

*“Find your purpose, your peace, your happiness and the courage to be the person you have always wanted to be!”*

**Description:** Join the **Student Flourishing Through Wellness Club** and participate in mindful movement, mindfulness, and social emotional learning to explore how to flourish and how to help others in our school community flourish too!

**Questions can be directed to:** Ms. Jones at emjones1@aacps.org

Mr**.** Jones at mwjones2@aacps.org

MESA : (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement)

**Sponsor:** Mrs. Cartron

**Meeting Location:** Room 114

**Meeting Time:** Tuesdays 4:00 - 4:55 pm

**Start Date:** October 10th

**Description:** Math, Engineering, Science Achievement, (MESA) is supported by Johns Hopkins Applied Physics

Lab, (APL).

MESA uses project-based challenges to teach participating students the fundamentals of engineering and

computer science. Student teams work on projects (called challenges) such as programming a game, designing

an amusement-park ride or solving a problem in their community. The teams can then compete against other

teams that have worked on the same challenge. The challenges are designed by APL and the National MESA organization to help children develop computer programming and engineering skills.

Winning teams at each Regional Competition are invited to compete at MESA Day, an annual competition held in each MESA state, which provides students with the opportunity to design and build projects, win medals, learn by doing, and interact with each other as well as STEM professionals.

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Math Support Club

**Sponsor:**Ms. Coughlin and Ms. Loeffler

**Meeting Location:** Room 103

**Meeting Time:**  Thursdays, 4:00 – 4:55 p.m.

**Start Date:**  September 28th

**Description:** Students in all grade levels will have the opportunity to work with two math teachers to deepen their knowledge and understanding. Want to prepare with support? Please come! Want to ask clarifying questions? Please come! We are here to help.

Stock Market Club

**Sponsor:**Mr. Gray

**Meeting Location:** Room 206

**Meeting Time:**  Tuesday 4:00 – 4:55 p.m.

**Start Date:**  September 28th

**Description:**

### **What is the Stock Market Game™ Program?**

**The Stock Market Game™ (SMG)** is an interdisciplinary educational simulation that teaches about the stock markets, the American economic system, and the global economy. Participants develop skills in math, language arts, research, and critical thinking, while building and maintaining a stock portfolio. During the 10-week simulation, teams of up to five students manage a hypothetical $100,000 portfolio.

**Why Should My Students Participate?**

The Stock Market Game™ is a hands-on way to help students understand economic concepts and important life skills such as budgeting, decision making and personal finance. Students can learn problem-solving, risk assessment, cooperation, and teamwork- capabilities that will last a lifetime.

Drama Club

**Sponsor:**Ms. Twentymon

**Meeting Location:** Room 101

**Meeting Time:**  Thursdays, 4:00 – 4:55 p.m.

**Start Date:**  September 28th

**Description:** Drama is for students who enjoy acting, singing, dancing, and public speaking. The club is designed to give students experience both on the stage and behind the scenes. Students improve their skills through the presentation of a final showcase.

Future Business Leaders of America

**Sponsor:**Ms. Pitta

**Meeting Location:** Room 119

**Meeting Time:**  Thursdays, 4:00 – 4:55 p.m.

**Start Date:**  September 28th

**Description:** **The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)** helps students develop leadership skills through competitive events, community service and a variety of other activities. FBLA prepares students for success in their future careers.  Topics include public service, e-business, entrepreneurship, public speaking, computer science and graphic design.