

CR Middle School Enrichment Activities Include More Than Just Athletics

Citizens for Education recently surveyed middle school principals and PTO presidents to determine the range of enrichment activities, trips, and clubs offered at each school. A table with these activities identified can be found on our website: www.citizensforeducation.com. Click on Middle School Activities Chart.

Seventh and eighth grade students have a wide variety of enrichment and club offerings, which are available at all three middle schools. Some of these include back to school nights, boy's and girl's nights out, choral and instrumental groups, ecology clubs, a school newspaper or other literary magazine, science fairs, school plays/musicals and yearbook. After school sports are also offered at all three middle schools and include baseball, basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, intramurals, soccer, softball, tennis, track, volleyball and wrestling. In addition, all three middle schools participate in American Education Week, Coalition for Healthy Youth programs, CR Cares, MathCounts, Reading Olympics and SADD, in addition to offering opportunities for students to serve on Student Council and earn volunteer hours in community service through LINCS.

Some enrichment activities are grade and school specific. Seventh grade students at Newtown Middle School will participate in Spirit Week and Crossroads, a team building exercise, and 8th grade students will participate in Field Day, Spirit Week and a trip to Great Adventure. Eighth grade students at Richboro Middle School will participate in a volunteer project during the holidays by collecting goods for the local food pantry.

Other enrichment activities are held at one or two schools and may include Apple Crunch, Art Club, Ice Cream Social, Buddy Club, Council Rock Run for Babies/March of Dimes, Go for the Greens, Golf Club, Hawk Club, Hawk Day, Hoops for Heart, Greek Day, Kids in Community Service, Knitting Club, Neighborhood Outreach, Operation Helping Hand, Parent-Child Book Club, Pep Rallies (Fall, Winter and Spring), L-Tag, Book Fair, S.A.G.E. Holiday Feast, Spring Carnival, Camp America, Challenge for a Cause, school dances, Drumline, Back-to-School Picnic/BBQ, Sewing Club, Turkey Bowling, Tech Club, Video Information Center and Winter Classic Hockey Tournament.

CFE commends the middle school staffs, the PTO leadership, and the many PTO volunteers for their efforts in providing a wide variety of fun and enriching activities for students. Sharing of successful programs between schools is recommended as a great way to spread the fun while not having to "reinvent the wheel." Updates to the table can be forwarded to Citizens4Ed@yahoo.com.