

*All students need a permission slip to be involved in any activity!*

### **ART CLUB**



The Art Club works with a variety of art related projects, with the purpose of improving Orchard Valley's visual appeal.

### **BAND**



Band is a class that meets every day of the week as a regular class period. Small groups meet once a week for group lessons. Both bands rehearse periodically after school, perform two evening concerts and participate in one field trip during school hours. The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade band also performs at Super Saturday.

### **BASKETBALL BOYS' INTRAMURAL**



Boys' Intramural Basketball starts in October and lasts into December. It is open to all grade levels, of all abilities. Different grades are assigned on specific days to come practice drills and participate in games involving the many aspects of basketball.

### **BASKETBALL GIRLS' INTRAMURAL**



Girl's Intramural Basketball starts in November. Girl's Intramural Basketball is open to all students so they can work on basic skills of the game.

### **CHORUS/ SELECT CHOIR**



Chorus meets every day of the week as a regular class period. Throughout the year, students will: learn how to sing properly, prepare concerts, listen to music of all types, read/write musical notation, and engage in many musical activities. Students will perform in both the Winter and Spring Concerts, as well as selected field trips. Select Choir is a smaller ensemble focused on higher level literature and musical understanding. Members for Select Choir are selected by audition only.

## **COMPUTER CLUB**



The Computer Club meets one day a week. Students may attend any or all meeting dates. Students have the opportunity to use the lab under teacher supervision to do research, type papers, use the internet to explore their hobbies, interests, or catch up on work for Computer Literacy or Keyboarding. When using the internet, each site must be approved by the teacher to be “school appropriate.” Students are not permitted to use any email, chat rooms or Instant Messenger.

## **DRAMA CLUB/ ALL SCHOOL MUSICAL**



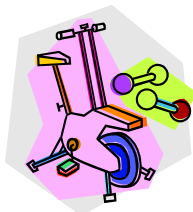
The Drama Club/All School Musical is open to students in grades 6-8. It is a year long club that allows the students an opportunity to participate in the many different aspects of theatre. Auditions will be held in September for the Fall Play, in December for the Spring Musical and in April for the Talent Show. Rehearsals are held each day, after school to prepare for these productions. Club meetings are also held throughout the year to enhance skills and prepare for special events such as the Halloween Dance, Snowball Dance, Theatre Trip, and the “Panther Parade of Stars” Talent Show.

## **FIELD HOCKEY**



Field Hockey is offered to all students regardless of ability, each Fall, September through the end of October. There are approximately 10 games each season. Typically about 70 girls come out for the team, and everyone plays.

## **FITNESS CLUB**



Have fun while you get in shape. The Fitness Club will give students an opportunity to participate in weight training, aerobic and fitness activities. It’s time to get off the couch and into an exercise routine; the workout strategies and physical fitness activities offered in the Fitness Club can help!

**FLAG  
FOOTBALL**



Flag Football starts in September. Any boys or girls at OVMS are welcome to join and participate as long as they have a permission slip signed by their parents. Tackling and rough housing are not allowed therefore new participants will find themselves having a great time while learning sportsmanship, teamwork, and enhancing their overall physical skills.

**FUTURE ACTS**



The Future Acts Club's primary focus is community service. The club will participate in three to four community service projects this year. Students who join Future Acts will participate in service projects with the other two middle schools and the high school. This club runs all year long, and will meet twice a month. Future Acts members must be willing to work hard to help their community and they must work well with their peers.

**GRADE SIX  
CLASS  
COUNCIL**



The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Council promotes community involvement and fun for 6<sup>th</sup> grade activities. The most important activity the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class council participates in is the "Scoop Up a Book" for Literacy Volunteers of America. We will also offer several after school social activities for 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

**GRADE SEVEN  
CLASS  
COUNCIL**



The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Council typically meets throughout the year September through June. Several fundraising and community service projects are among the many activities students will participate in.

**GRADE EIGHT  
CLASS  
COUNCIL**



The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Council typically meets throughout the year September through June. They sponsor the "Back to School Dance" as well as several community service and fundraising projects.

## **GREEN PAWS**



Green Paws will be expanding this year to include Green Earth projects. Participants have a great time landscaping the school grounds and beautifying OVMS. We plan to continue recycling programs and new ideas are welcome. Come join us!

## **INDOOR SOCCER**



Indoor Soccer is a coed activity for all grade levels. Anyone interested in playing can join. Indoor soccer is played in the gym one day per week March through April.

## **KNIT WITS**



Knit Wits is for anyone who wants to learn how to knit or wants to improve their skills. Come and learn how to make fashionable scarves, hats, purses, ponchos, shawls, and afghans. Knit Wits meets every day depending on your grade level.

## **LACROSSE**



Lacrosse is offered for boys and girls at any grade level. We focus on teaching fundamentals of Lacrosse, having scrimmages amongst ourselves and competitive games with the other middle schools. We look forward to welcoming more players trying the “Fastest Game on Two Feet”.

## **NEWSPAPER**



The Orchard Valley Chronicle is published four times a year. The activities include writing, typing, lay-out and publishing. Newspaper is a club where students can voice their opinions and/or thoughts through print. It requires reporting, writing and organizational skills.

## ORCHESTRA



Orchestra is an instrumental music course in which students are offered the opportunity to study music through the performance of string instruments. The course is divided into the following units: instrumental technique, ensemble technique, performance practice, critical thinking, theory, history and literature, individual progress, and chamber music. In addition to these units the following behaviors are integral elements in the course: attendance, effort, working with others, etiquette, following directions, pride in work, self-discipline, respect for others, and attention to detail. Throughout the course, students will attend daily rehearsals, receive weekly lessons, and attend periodic after school rehearsals. Students have the opportunity to participate in regional activities, perform at school concerts/assemblies, and at the discretion of the director, participate in selected musical festivals.

## PANTHER PRIDE



Panther Pride promotes pride in Orchard Valley Middle School. The students involved work to encourage other students to keep good grades, practice proper behavior and get involved in school organizations and community service activities.

## PAWS FOR ACTION



Paws for Action is a unique organization that allows students to learn about animals and animal rights. This club meets twice a month all year long, with a possible field trip to an animal sanctuary and refuge. The focus of this group will be to educate students about animal rights and to coordinate fund-raising activities for animal shelters and rehabilitation centers. If you are interested in learning more about animals while helping the community, then this club is for you!

## PREP CLUB



The Prep Club is designed for students who want a quiet place to do their homework after school with support.

## REBEL



REBEL stands for Reaching Everyone By Exposing Lies. REBEL 2 is a student led program to create awareness of the effects of tobacco. Members pass the message along to their peers through various school and community activities. REBEL 2 meets twice a month after school and it is open to all students in grades 6-8. We will continue to raise money for breast cancer research as well as the American Heart Association.

## SCRAPBOOKING



Do you like to take pictures? Would you like to create a memorable photo album? If so, then the Scrapbook Club is for you! In this club you will learn how to organize, mount, and crop your photos. You will also learn how to journal, write, and tell the stories behind the photos. Whether you are starting your first album or on your tenth, the Scrapbook Club will help you on your way. Come and join us for some fun!

## STAGE CREW/ AUDIO VISUAL



Stage Crew constructs and paints the scenery for the Drama Club, Musical, and the Panther Parade of Stars. Stage Crew for the Drama starts in early October and for the Musical early February. At first, the Stage Crew meets once a week with a club commitment of meeting every day as we approach the performances.

## STUDENT COUNCIL



Students wishing to promote activities that will create a positive student environment need to check out Student Council. Students will also help raise money for local charities, participate in fundraisers including dances, car washes, "Kids Night Out", and Spooky Story Night. We will again organize and run a "Teachers vs. Students" basketball game. Students will have the opportunity to collaborate with the Future Acts Club and suggest their own ideas for new activities to encourage healthy community relationships.

## **STUDIO 119 NEWS TEAM**



Studio 119 is a live broadcast of Orchard Valley Middle School's News. The program is aired live during homeroom daily. News announcers, computer operators, technology assistants and bulletin board designers are needed. Announcers must have excellent speaking voices, good reading skills and enjoy being in front of the camera. Computer operators and technology assistants should have good computer skills and enjoy the challenge of technology. Bulletin board designers must be creative. Everyone must work together as a creative team and work well under pressure!

## **TRIAD**



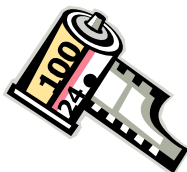
Triad is a student directed program outside of the regular course of study. Triad offers opportunities for students to study and work on projects of their choice. Triad also offers many national and local contests for students to enter. In the past, our Future Cities Team designed a city using Simm City 3000 and created a model of a portion of the city. They presented this project and won first place in one of the competitions. Triad students have also participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee, National Current Events League, Junior Model United Nations, and Courier-Post Student Voices contest.

## **TSA**



The TSA , Technology Student Association, is a club for students 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade which is comprised of problem solving activities in the areas of transportation, construction, communication, and manufacturing. Our students compete against CRMS and BHMS at the local and state levels for recognition / trophies in the area of Technology Education. A state competition is held at The College of New Jersey. If our students do well at the state level, they are invited to the National Competition, which is held in a different state each year. Last year it was in Walt Disney World!

## **YEARBOOK**



The Yearbook Club begins in September. It is an all year activity for students who enjoy working with classmates to take pictures, design layouts, help with themes, ideas and organization. The Yearbook Club usually meets once or twice a month depending on deadlines. It is a fun club to be a part of.. You are helping to create a book that will be looked at for many years to come!