

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Art Club

The *Art Club* meets for one hour each week and welcomes students of all grades who wish to have the opportunity to enrich their art experiences at Weber. Students work on group projects such as full-figure painting and window design or elect to create artwork using a variety of media. Sample projects include cartooning; sketching from observation, fashion design, painting on canvas, pastel drawings, plaster masks, sculpture, and pottery. Other projects include illustrating stories and completing projects from art class. Students enjoy working at their own pace in a relaxed, open atmosphere.

Bucket Drum / Latin Percussion Ensemble

The Weber Bucket Drum and Latin Percussion Club uses buckets, traditional Latin instruments, and other non-traditional instruments to perform and compose music from varied cultures. The group performs at the spring-time evening chamber concert and other events throughout the year as they arise. It is open to all students, regardless of whether or not they currently play a percussion instrument.

Chamber Orchestra

The Weber Chamber Orchestra is an ensemble made up of advanced string players, 7th and 8th grade. The orchestra rehearses and performs challenging repertoires from a variety of time periods and cultures. Membership is by audition.

Chamber Choir

This chorus experience is for all students who desire to participate in an additional performing music activity. Students focus on small ensemble skills in addition to developing their ears and sing advanced harmonies. Membership is by audition.

Drama Club

The Drama Club offers preparation for the musical theater production at Weber. Students explore improvisation, scene study, characterization, and prepare for a cabaret night. Students are eligible for induction into the International Jr. Thespian Honor Society.

Gay Straight Alliance

The Gay Straight Alliance welcomes all students in grades 6th, 7th and 8th. The program meets on Thursday afternoons and the goal of the club is to provide a safe space for ALL students, including LGBTQ students and allies who support them. It was established to help create a school wide climate of acceptance that celebrates individuality and freedom of self-expression, without fear of emotional or physical harassment. The club uses active discussion among leaders and members to raise enlightenment of current social issues that will break down the barriers of oppression and privilege we see every day, while maintaining diversity in thoughts, ideas and actions. Students planned activities such as a school-wide participation in the National Day of Silence and meeting with members of the Schreiber GSA to learn about current issues related to the LGBTQ community.

Global Thinkers

The Global Thinkers Mentoring Program welcomes all students in all grades including high school students as peer mentors. This program is held every Friday. Students use the computers in room 8 to complete assignments or play games. Members also play sports such as soccer and basketball. Dancing, jewelry, and arts and crafts classes are offered as well. We invite guest speakers/mentors to discuss with students about their careers and education. As a group, we have participated in the PW Library International Festivals and also have collected school supplies to send to schools in other countries like Colombia and El Salvador.

Homework Clubs

6th Grade:

The Sixth Grade Homework Club is a place where all sixth graders that attend receive help in their core subjects. The club meets one hour after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

7th and 8th Grade:

The 7th and 8th Grade Homework Club gives students an opportunity to work on upcoming assignments in a quiet environment. Students also use this time to study for upcoming tests. The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday.

Resource:

This program is open to all special education students in grades six, seven, and eight. This club takes place on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:15 and is supervised by special education teachers from Weber Middle School. Students may come one, two, or three days depending upon the amount of work they need to complete.

Intramurals

Intramurals give students in grades 6-8 the opportunity to participate in basketball, floor hockey, indoor lacrosse, soccer, and volleyball before school everyday.

Jazz Band

Students in the Jazz Performance Ensemble rehearse and perform Jazz music before school. The group participates in the winter and spring concerts. Membership is by audition (7th and 8th grade).

Jazz Lab Ensemble

The Jazz Lab Ensemble is open to any student grades 6-8 who plays a band instrument or rhythm section instrument (guitar, piano, bass). The group prepares various jazz/latin/funk music and works on improvisation in these styles. The group performs at the District Night of Jazz and other functions.

Music Technology Club

The Music Tech Club is for all students who are interested in the technology side of music. In the past, this club has worked on recording, editing, and producing their own music video, running the very popular Masked Teacher competition, and have learned how to use the professional sound and light equipment in the auditorium. Students from the Music Tech Club

who are trained and interested also have the opportunity to run sound and lights for school concerts and events.

Newspaper Club “Spartan Times”

The Weber Newspaper Club gives all students the opportunity to learn the fundamental elements of journalism. The publications of the paper are composed and published by club members, freelance writers and photographers.

Peer Leadership

Peer Leadership is a club that promotes healthy behaviors, positive thinking and good decision making. Some of the many activities are: guiding parents at Open House, Tobacco Chalk Talk, Red Ribbon Week, supporting our troops and visiting the 4th graders to present anti-smoking activities. Peer Leadership Club is open to all students, 6th, 7th and 8th grade.

Science Olympiad Team

This is a highly competitive academic science team open to students in all grades. Each team is limited to 15 students. Informational sessions are held in September and try-outs take place soon after. This academic team meets after school as well as on the weekends throughout the school year (based on the competition schedule).

Our team competes at Invitational Events as well as the Western Nassau County Regional Competition - Division B. If qualified, one team of 15 students can move on to the State Competition which then determines which teams from across New York State move on the National Competition.

The Science Olympiad Organization was founded in 1984. Science Olympiad is one of the premier science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to 7,800 teams in all 50 states. Their Vision: To increase K-12 student and teacher participation in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). <https://www.soinc.org/>

Yearbook Club

The Yearbook Club works on planning, organizing, producing and selling the Portfolio, Weber’s yearbook. Some of the responsibilities and activities include layout, design, proofreading, and picture taking.