

# Heritage Middle School



## *Extracurricular Opportunities & Clubs*

### **Art Club**

**Advisor:** [Keilly Rodriguez](#) (room 144)

Art club is for any student that enjoys art, even if you're not in an art class. Join us every other Thursday starting in September to get those ideas going and the creativity flowing, make fun projects and enjoy the company of awesome artists at THE Heritage Middle School! Come to meet and hang out with HMS artists and work on awesome art projects! Art club will meet from 3-4:30 in room 144.

### **Battle of the Books & Book Club**

**Advisor:** [MaryAnn Best](#) (Media Center)

Do you like to read? Do you want to meet other students who have a love of reading? Battle of the Books is a book club at Heritage that meets after school and occasionally during recess, 1-2 times per month. We read a list of books that are also read by students at Memorial and Weaver. We study and discuss the books and then in the spring our schools hold a quiz "battle" where we answer questions about the books. Read, compete, have fun, and meet new people! Students can also read new books and discuss them at our club meetings without competing in the battle.

### **Diversity Club**

**Advisor:** [Lindsay Karaoglan](#) (room 204) & [Michelle Glass](#) (room 115)

The purpose of Diversity Club is to provide a safe space for students to socialize, discuss things that are important to them, celebrate one another, and have fun! Please contact Ms. Karaoglan with any questions.

### **Drama Club**

**Advisor:** [Beth Lybbert](#) (room 203) & [MaryAnn Best](#) (Media Center)

Drama Club is an extra-curricular activity for students in both grades 7 and 8. The purpose of the Drama Club is to learn about acting, play production, and stage work. Students will practice movement and improv. HMS also produces an annual play with auditions in December and a performance in Feb.

### **E-Sports Club**

**Advisor:** [Nate Rossi](#) (room 151)

The E-Sports Club will provide an opportunity for students to hang-out with other students and build positive relationships in an inclusive environment. Club meetings will provide opportunities for members to grow their skills in the latest video games. They will also learn about career paths in the E-Sports world.

## Fantasy Football

**Advisor:** [Kaleb Secor](#) (room 128)

Do you like football? Do you like fantasy? Then I have the perfect club for you!! Fantasy football is just like what you see on tv and online. We will draft players each week to try to score the most points possible and win the championship!!

## FCA

**Advisor:** [Kathleen Litt](#) (room 245)

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Students) will meet before school once a month for games, doughnuts, and an encouraging Christian message. You do not have to be an athlete to come.

## GSA

**Advisor:** [Lindsay Karaoglan](#) (room 204) & [Michelle Glass](#) (room 115)

Provides a safe place for LGBTQ+ and straight ally students to meet, support each other, and discuss issues related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We will have conversations on identity, gender, equal rights & social issues important to middle school students. Explore LGBT history & activism. Discuss personal struggles & successes in a supportive place. Improve anti-bullying & peace programs within HMS through projects & events.

## Hope Squad

**Advisor:** [Josh Bope](#) (room 249) & [Mike Daubenmier](#) (Student Support Office)

HOPE squad is a student group that raises mental health awareness, plans spirit weeks, and spreads positive energy throughout the school year by passing out candy, giving words of inspiration, and being there to support their peers. The goal is to provide friendship, encouragement, and support for students who may be struggling. Members of the HOPE Squad are trained with the suicide prevention curriculum and promotes Hope and Student Empowerment throughout the School. Students are also given opportunities to develop leadership skills during in-school and after-school activities.

## Jazz Band

**Advisor:** [Joe Burke](#) (room 159)

Open to: All current band members, bass players, guitarists, and pianists.

Prerequisite: Ability to read music

When and where we meet: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:50-3:30 in the band room (159)

Jazz is a fun, engaging activity where students learn and perform swing, blues, rock, and Latin styles of music."

## Math Counts

**Advisor:** [Laura Tornes](#) (room 215)

Math Counts club is starting in November at Heritage. Math Counts is a national mathematics competition and club that teaches creative and critical thinking, and problem-solving skills using math in a fun way. Contact Mrs. Tornes with questions or for more information.

## National Junior Honor Society

**Advisors:** [Ashli Jasper](#) (room 213) [Kristen Geoit](#) (room 206)

The organization serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. 8th graders complete an application process and those who are accepted will have an induction ceremony in the month of February. The inducted members will attend meetings and complete individual and group service activities during the spring quarter. The updated application will be available by the end of the 1st quarter.

## Panther Ambassadors (Junior)

**Advisor:** [Emily Stout](#) (room 205) & [Kerry Mendenhall](#) (Student Support Office)

Choosing to be a Panther Ambassador is a fantastic opportunity to be "true to your school" by creating motivational experiences and leadership lessons which benefit our Heritage students and staff alike. Volunteer opportunities are designed for students to give back to our Panther community such as helping out at school events and saying The Pledge of Allegiance each morning. 7th and 8th grade students will also meet with one another monthly after school to focus on developing strong leadership and inspirational activities!

## Paw Prints

**Advisors:** [Cerina Russo](#) (room 150) & [Isabella Dawes](#) (room 246)

The goal of Paw Prints is to leave a mark (or a "paw") on the school and the community! We are partnering with the City of Hilliard Recreation and Parks to clean up areas of Hilliard and our own school! We will also be acting as the school's spirit club (decorating the school for sports, accomplishments, etc.). Our first big project is to "flip" the court yard.

## Sewing Club

**Advisor:** [Tammie Strawser](#) (room 147)

Sewing Club will be offered once a month on Monday afternoons in room 147 from 2:45-4:00. Projects will include Monster t-shirt pillows, Cross stitch picture, Fleece blanket or scarf, Stuffed animal pillow, Pillowcase construction & other construction activities. We will also do a community service sewing project. Stop by and bring your friends to learn a new skill.

## Ski Club

**Advisors:** [Brent Bower](#) (Memorial) & Assistant [Eric Gingerich](#) (Memorial)

The Heritage & Memorial Ski & Board Club will take 6 trips on Thursdays (1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/4, and 2/9 with 2/16 as a makeup date). All trips are weather permitting. Bus Fee due by 12/6 and Mad River Mountain Club passes purchased directly are required.

## Talent Show

**Advisor:** [Kaleb Secor](#) (room 128)

The talent show will be in May and the plan is for it to be in person but could be online if conditions warrant. Talent show acts can range from singing, dancing, hula hooping, comedy, trick shots, or any cool activity that you can think of!

## Yearbook

**Advisor:** [Billy Martin](#) (room 167)

Do you like taking pictures? If so, join yearbook club. Contact Mr. Martin if you want to take pictures for the yearbook.