

Middletown High School North

Co-Curricular Program Guide

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Academic Team

Advisor: Mrs. Jones Email contact: JonesD@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: To compete in regional and national quiz bowls and academic competitions.

Program Description: Students compete as a team in various academic, Jeopardy-style, competitions and quiz bowls.

A Capella Choir

Advisor(s): Mr. Isherwood

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Mission Statement: ACAP seeks to develop the vocal and musical abilities of each singer through diverse choral A capella music.

Program Description: ACAP rehearses and learns a broad variety of choral music and performs throughout the year at events and concerts in the school and community

Bottlecappers

Advisor: Mr. Marandola Email contact: MarandolaJ@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: High school students develop leadership skills and in turn reach out to the District's elementary and middle schools with classroom activities aimed at prevention education.

Program Description: The Bottlecappers take on a role-model position as they visit the middle and elementary Schools in our District. The Bottlecappers are taught to use a variety of techniques to get their message across to their younger peers, including activities, discussions, question and answer sessions and role-playing.

Chess Club

Advisor(s): Ms. Teehan Email contact: TeehanK@Middletownk12.org

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Middletown High School North Chess Club is to provide a relaxing yet competitive forum for all skill level Chess players to exercise their talents and develop into Chess players of excellent caliber and character.

Program Description: Membership in MHSN Chess Club is open to any person with an interest in chess, regardless of his/her experience or playing ability. In the past, we have competed successfully in The Shore High School Chess League with approximately 27 High Schools from Monmouth, Ocean, Mercer and Middlesex Counties.

Dance Team

Advisor(s): Mrs. T. Mahoney Email contact: MahoneyTa@Middletownk12.org

Mission Statement: The Dance Team is designed to give students the opportunity to be actively involved with the high school community through dance arts affiliation either in the capacity of collaborative arts planning, or in a performance nature. The dance team will heighten dance arts awareness while promoting the growth and development of individuals to foster and maintain fitness and contribute to social, personal, and artistic values.

Program Description: Active training in a variety of dance arts disciplines including but not limited to: Jazz, Ballet, Tap, Lyrical, Modern, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Cultural and Character Dance. Performance Opportunities: Football Halftime, Basketball Halftime, Spring

DECA

Advisor(s): Ms. Heeter Email contact: HeeterS@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: DECA is a student-centered organization whose program of leadership and personal development is designed to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in business in high schools and colleges around the globe.

Program Description: DECA students compete at the regional and state levels with the goal of reaching the International Conference. Students fundraise for and participate in several community service initiatives throughout the year, as well as support school-based organizations by marketing their causes.

Drama Club

Advisor(s): Mrs. G. Mahoney Email contact: MahoneyG@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: The Drama Club's primary purpose is to support and educate students about the theatrical experiences that they could achieve.

Program Description: The Drama Club meets to support the performing arts program in various ways including participation in productions, fund raising and community service.

Environmental Club

Advisor(s): Mrs. J. Woods & Mrs. J Woodruff

Email contact: WoodsJ@MiddletownK12.org, WoodruffJ@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: To work to increase student awareness of environmental issues in their own region. In addition, to encourage activism in those areas in an effort to achieve sustainability and positive stewardship of the environment.

Program Description: We are involved in assisting other environmental groups achieve their goals, i.e., The Littoral Society's annual "Beach Grass Project", Middletown's "Green Team Murray Pond" project and addressing environmental issues that arise in our school.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Advisor(s): Mrs. Kirschbaum (Competitions) Ms. T. Woods (School Store)

Email contact: KirschbaumS@MiddletownK12.org, WoodsT@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: Bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

Program Description: FBLA is a premier student business organization of young people preparing for success as leaders in business, government, and communities. FBLA also runs the school store which is located in North's Media Center.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Advisor(s): Ms. McGowan (Fashion) & Mrs. Sandone (Culinary Arts)

Email contact: SandoneM@MiddletownK12.org, McGowanM@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: To promote personal growth and leadership development through family & consumer sciences education. Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader, members develop life skills through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge and vocational preparation.

Program Description: Students work on skills through state and national competitions both in FCS classes and after school. Students work on several community service projects during the year. FCCLA regularly participates in all aspects of Cinderella's Closet, a nationwide effort to provide low cost prom dresses for students in need. This includes modeling, advertising, and sewing. Students can also work on projects in Child Development, Foods, and Life Management. One of our big events is our Fashion Show, in cooperation with DECA and the art department. It is used to showcase student projects and to raise money both for our organization and for community organizations in need. Opportunities exist for set design, advertising, marketing, modeling and clothing construction.

FRED Band

Advisor(s): Mrs. Lyon Email contact: LyonB@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: To provide musical opportunities to students who are unable to fit band into their class schedule.

Program Description: Fred (or Half) Band prepares for the Winter and Spring Concerts after the school day, as an extra opportunity for rehearsal and individual help. The group performs as part of the Concert Band and small ensembles in the Winter Concert in December, and the Spring Concert in May. Also the group performs at graduation in June.

French Honor Society

Advisor(s): Mrs. Barca

Email contact: BarcaD@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: To acknowledge superior academic achievement in the study of the French language as well as promote cultural awareness of Francophone countries.

Program Description: Activities include our induction ceremony, adopt-a-family for the holidays, other community service projects, and celebrating world language week.

Freshman / Sophomore Council

Advisor(s): Mrs. Krol & Mrs. Young

Email contact: KrolC@MiddletownK12.org and YoungC@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: To encourage students to become responsible members in their local and school communities by participating in fundraising activities to support the financial needs of their respective classes.

Program Description: We participate in a variety of fundraisers through out the year including catalog sales, Happy Trails, Homecoming, Mr. North and Battle of the Bands.

Future Educators Association (FEA)

Advisor(s): Mrs. Kuzmin Email contact: KuzminC@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: The mission of the Future Educators Association is to support educators and students for a brighter future for all. It is also a movement known as Educators Rising which is transforming how America develops aspiring teachers starting with high school students.

Program Description: Future Educators Association is a club that began in September of 2007 at Middletown High School North. We are considered role models and try to promote student awareness, cultural diversity and encourage leadership skills. Meetings are conducted weekly during the school year where students actively participated in fundraisers, social

Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)

Advisor(s): Judy Stevens

Email contact: StevensJ@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: MHSN GSA believes all students should have a safe, affirming and inclusive school environment, secured through education, advocacy, support and influencing policy.

Program Description: MHSN GSA supports students in their gender and sexuality and creates opportunities to inform and educate the school community.

Italian Honor Society

Advisor(s): Ms. Cucina **Email contact:** CuscinaA@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: The Italian Honor Society promotes the Italian language and culture and sponsors social, cultural and charitable activities. To qualify students must complete ITALIAN II with an "A" average.

Program Description: The Italian Honor Society: 1) plans social events with Italian themes and joins other language honor societies in activities such as "Culture Days" and World Language Week. 2) Seeks out culturally enriching opportunities such as Field Trips to Museums, Opera, Little Italy and meals in Italian restaurants. 3) Provides tutoring for beginners in Italian. 4) Plans Community Service activities such as Clothing Drives for the homeless and gifts to needy families and orphans. 5) Plans fund raisers for scholarships and charitable donations.

Jazz Band

Advisor(s): Mrs. Lyon **Email contact:** LyonB@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: The mission statement of the Middletown North Jazz Band is to provide an atmosphere where students can be successful in learning and performing on musical instruments, both individually and in large and small ensembles.

Program Description: We will listen, rehearse, and perform music from all forms and times of Jazz. The jazz band will perform in the spring as part of the Spring Band Concert. Students are required to be involved in the music program in an additional ensemble to be a part of the jazz band (Concert Band, Choir, etc). No class is required for participation. Emphasis will be placed on not just performance technique, but also rudimentary improvisational skills, musicianship, and a sense of personal accountability.

Junior Class Council

Advisor(s): Ms. Macaro & Ms. Ghaffari **Email contact:** MacaroA@MiddletownK12.org & GhaffariM@middletownk12.org

Mission Statement: Our mission is to create and encourage student enthusiasm in school activities, specifically junior class events.

Program Description: Our mission is to create and encourage student enthusiasm in school activities, specifically junior class events. Junior students will serve in leadership positions throughout the school year, while planning a variety of activities. Program Description: Junior Council hosts a variety of spirit and fundraising events to promote North pride. Our events include Happy Trails, Battle of the Bands, Mr. North, Powderpuff and more. Our primary focus is to

Latin Honor Society

Advisor(s): Mrs. Rath **Email contact:** RathL@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: Our purpose is to encourage an interest in and an appreciation of the language, literature, and culture of ancient Rome and to impart an understanding of the debt of our own culture to that of Classical antiquity.

Program Description: We induct students who have maintained an A+ average through Latin I, and continue to maintain an A average in Latin II. Members organize fundraisers to donate money to charity and to fund our annual senior scholarship. Students also hold events to promote Latin & the study of it.

Leo Club (Lions Club International)

Advisor(s): Mr. Sedlak **Email contact:** SedlakK@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: We believe that the world gets better and problems get smaller when people unite to serve their local and global community. Lions help where help is needed - in our own communities through humanitarian projects and hands-on service. We serve neighbors who live next door and people on the other side of the world that we may never meet.

Program Description: Join us in making a difference! as a Lion, you'll join a local group of service-minded men and women who are working together to strengthen the Middletown community. You'll also be part of something bigger - a worldwide network of dedicated volunteers in over 46,000 clubs. Be the difference in your community. Be a Lion!

The Lions Roar (Student Newspaper)

Advisor(s): Mr. Russoniello & Ms. Mannino

Email contact: RussonielloJ@MiddletownK12.org, ManninoJ@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: To inform and intrigue, to display and preserve, all of North's affairs for ourselves and the future.

Program Description: The Lion's Roar Newspaper publishes a weekly digital paper that is designed to keep the student body, faculty, and community up-to-date and informed on what is happening at HSN. We also maintain an active Twitter account to quickly drive conversation and keep you in-the-know. Visit us at TheLionsRoarMHSN.com and follow us @TheLions_Roar. We are always looking for

Makerspace

Advisor(s): Mrs. Stout

Email contact: StoutL@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: The mission of the Makerspace Club is for students to have an open and exploratory space to experiment with hands-on student directed projects. Student driven projects may include the use of power tools, coding, robotics, and crafting. Students are encouraged to tinker, problem solve, and create in the Makerspace.

Program Description: The Makerspace Club meets to work on hands on projects. Past projects have included the Brookdale Robotics Challenge, creation of marshmallow cannons from PVC pipe, a Minecraft project, and experiments with magnetism.

Math Team

Advisor(s): Mrs. VandeCreek Email contact: VandeCreekT@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: To improve analytical skills, problem-solving abilities, and technological skills, as well as to foster an understanding and appreciation of the inductive and deductive reasoning employed in logic.

Program Description: Members of the math team are introduced to non-traditional and challenging mathematical problems and are provided with strategies and techniques used to solve them. The math team offers all students opportunities to compete with local high schools on mathematical contests. Middletown Township Public Schools is a member of the Shore Math League.

Mock Trial

Advisor(s): Mrs. Pearson Email contact: PearsonJ@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: To obtain a better understanding of law procedures while improving upon analytical and speaking skills, poise and teamwork skills.

Program Description: Students meet and work on preparing for the annual Mock Trial competition multiple times a week. Students read the case in its entirety and are tested on their knowledge and understanding of the material. Students are assigned roles. Each week, witnesses practice their statements and lawyers work on direct examination and cross examination questions, as well as, opening and closing statements. Many mock trials are conducted to prepare for the competition.

Model United Nations

Advisor(s): Ms. May & Mrs. Kirschbaum

Email contact: MayP@MiddletownK12.org and KirschbaumS@Middletownk12.org

Mission Statement: We encourage members to take initiative in helping communities and charitable organizations by dedicating their knowledge, expertise and skills to help the cause.

Program Description: Club members research current world issues and represent various countries at Model United Nations Conferences. The conferences are overnight and are run by colleges around the country. Students work individually and in teams to accurately represent their assigned countries in crisis situations and in-depth simulations of current and past United Nations topics. Membership is open throughout the year. We hold mini Model UN seminars for our

National Business Honor Society

Advisor(s): Ms. Heeter, Mrs. Pearson

Email contact: HeeterS@MiddletownK12.org, PearsonJ@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: To promote and recognize academic achievement in business education at the secondary level.

Program Description: Students need to meet various requirements in order to be accepted into the National Business Honor Society. We raise funds throughout the year in order to give scholarships out to deserving business students.

National Honor Society

Advisor(s): Ms. Diercksen & Ms. Teehan

Email contact: DiercksenA@MiddletownK12.org, TeehanK@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: The Martha Pennington Chapter of NHS focuses on upholding the four cornerstones of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Program Description: NHS is involved in community service (Middletown library, etc.) ,monthly tutoring for struggling students, fundraisers (Car wash, etc.), hosting community events for elementary aged students (Halloween Extravaganza and "Are You Smarter Than an NHS Member?") and induction ceremonies donations for needy causes (Bowl for the Kids' Sake). NHS also participates in school activities (Co-Curricular Charity Carnival).

North Ambassadors

Advisor(s): Mrs. Krol & Ms. K. Smith Email contact: KrolC@MiddletownK12.org, SmithKai@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: Student Ambassadors are a small group of students (grades 10-12) dedicated to the positive promotion of Middletown High School North

Program Description: Ambassadors work on a volunteer basis to serve as liaisons between the current Middletown community and prospective students. Student Ambassadors are visible at many campus events held for prospective students and families and work in conjunction with other student organizations and schools when necessary. Student Ambassadors have the unique opportunity to develop and receive training in communication, public relations, marketing and interpersonal skills.

The Orange Wave (Student Marching Band)

Advisor(s): Mrs. Lyon Email contact: LyonsB@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: The Orange Wave Marching Band provides school spirit, support, and entertainment at many school events.

Program Description: The Marching Band performs a Halftime show at all football games in the fall in addition to parades throughout the school year, band competitions, and other events that come up. The Marching Band embodies everything that is "North School Spirit" and provides a positive environment for all musicians.

Polaris (Student Yearbook)

Advisor(s): Ms. Heeter Email contact: HeeterS@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: Our mission is to showcase the academic and extracurricular activities of the North Community through publication of *Polaris*, Middletown High School North's annual yearbook.

Program Description: Publish the annual yearbook (*Polaris*) with a team of talented and dedicated students.

Senior Class Council

Advisor(s): Ms. Brodeur

Email contact: BrodeurN@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: The mission of the Senior Class Council is to guide and encourage each student to reach his or her unique potential as a productive, respectful and responsible member of society and to successfully hold fundraising events throughout the school year.

Program Description: Senior Class Council hosts a variety of spirit and fundraising events to promote North pride, as well as raise money for social events like prom and Homecoming.

Science League

Advisor(s): Mr. Foulks, Mr. Unterstein & Mr. St. Clair

Email contact: FoulksG@MiddletownK12.org, UntersteinR@MiddletownK12.org, StClairT@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: The Science Team is an organization designed to foster scientific curiosity through a series of competitions.

Program Description: We compete in four competitions per year (January, February, March and April) against other local high schools. We have teams for first and second year Biology, Chemistry and Physics classes as well as Environmental Science.

Spanish Honor Society

Advisor(s): Mrs. Zink Email contact: ZinkL@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: The purpose of the society is to recognize high achievement in Spanish students of secondary schools and to promote continuity of interest in Hispanic studies.

Program Description: The Spanish Honor Society raises money to support a needy Mexican child on a monthly basis. We also raise money for senior scholarships. The society participates in community events such as World Language Day at the Middletown Public Library, World Language Week at our school, and the Co-Curricular Carnival at the end of the school year.

Student Government

Advisor(s): Mr. Scala Email contact: ScalaJ@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: To create a strong sense of school and community pride through numerous student driven activities and fundraisers.

Program Description: The focus for the Middletown North Student Government will be to operate as a body of students that will contribute to awareness of the culture within the high school and serve as a bridge between the student body and administrators. The function of this group is to serve as the voice of the student body on all issues that may have an impact throughout the course of the school year.

Tech Tutors

Advisor(s): Ms. Vega Email contact: VegaR@MiddletownK12.org,

Mission Statement: The mission of the Tech Tutors is to share know-how and empower others to understand tech tools and use them purposefully, effectively, and safely.

Program Description: This organization is for student techies who love to share their skills and help others. Students in this organization will be trained (either through self-training, by the teacher/advisor, or through peers) to provide assistance to tech help seekers that will include things such as those mentioned in the list below. --- Assist the tech help seeker in the use of a variety of computer programs / software applications (including but not limited to GAFFE) --- Provide personal (one on one) support for specific technology needs or to help with class projects that require the use of technology --- Assist with hand-held tech device set-up and/or classroom application/use --- Assist with digital imaging / image optimization / image management --- Assist with "Gamification" & Learning projects --- Improve overall computer skills by providing coaching with such things as more effective file management, computer safety and / or privacy advice. --- Create reference materials for use in the future --- Answer general technology implementation questions --- Other (depending on the skill sets brought to the organization by individual student tech tutors)

TV Production Club

Advisor(s): Mr. Ciesla Email contact: CieslaW@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: TV Production Club's mission is for North students to see Students' lives through students' eyes

Program Description: Preparing and producing the *North News* show. *North News* covers a variety of academic, art and sporting events at Middletown High School North.

History Honor Society

Advisor(s): Mrs. Hill & Mrs. D'Alessandro Email contact: HilleE@MiddletownK12.org, Dales-sandroB@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: Our mission is to promote scholarship and to recognize academic excellence in history among high school students.

Program Description: Recognize and promote student excellence and interest in history.

English Honor Society

Advisor(s): Ms. Brodeur Email contact: BrodeurN@MiddletownK12.org,

Mission Statement: The NEHS motto, "gelast sceal mid are," is Old English for: "duty goes with honor." The motto represents one of the earliest forms of our language--it affirms and celebrates an obligation to use one's gifts in service to others. Service to peers, school, and community are part and parcel of the NEHS mission--and, indeed, in the grammatical structure of the Old English phrase, "duty" actually precedes "honor."

Program Description: NEHS shall strive to A. confer distinction upon secondary school students for high achievement in English language and literature; B. provide, through its local chapters, cultural stimulation in secondary school environments; C. encourage interest

Heroes & Cool Kids

Advisor(s): Ms. Duca & Ms. Smith Email contact: DucaJ@MiddletownK12.org, SmithK@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: Promote pro-social behavior in students and to create a caring and disciplined school climate.

Program Description: Heroes & Cool Kids Student Leadership Program is a unique mentoring program employing high school student leaders (Heroes) to mentor middle school students (Cool Kids). The Heroes are chosen by club advisers and are selected for their standout academic achievement, extracurricular participation, and most importantly, their character. These Heroes are sent into the middle schools to share their stories and facilitate our program which is geared to helping all students make better, healthier choices that will lead to a positive future.

Music Honor Society

Advisor(s): Mrs. Lyon & Mr. Isherwood Email contact: LyonB@MiddletownK12.org, IsherwoodP@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: Our mission statement is to advance music education by promoting the understanding and making of music by all.

Program Description: This organization focuses on creating future leaders in music education and music advocacy

Science National Honor Society

Advisor(s): Mr. Kalman Email contact: KalmanR@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: The mission of this organization shall be to encourage participation in and recognition of scientific and intellectual thought, to advance the students' knowledge of classical and modern science, to communicate with the scientific community, to aid the civic community with its comprehension of science, and to encourage students to participate in community service and, in turn, encourage a dedication to the pursuit of scientific knowledge that benefits all mankind.

Program Description: The Science National Honor Society is the prominent scientific organization that engenders a new group of young thinkers who will be the future of industry, research, and scientific exploration for America.

Coding Club

Advisor(s): Ms. Teehan Email contact: TeehanK@MiddletownK12.org

Mission Statement: We aim to increase access to and appreciation of computer coding through collaboration and exploration of programming languages.

Program Description: We meet once a week so that students can learn to code in multiple programming languages. Students peer-teach and peer-assess and create games, websites, and apps.

“When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better.”

~ Maya Angelou