



CHAMINADE
COLLEGE PREPARATORY

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The many organizations, clubs, and activities, both curricular and extracurricular are an essential part of the total educational package here at Chaminade. These activities are guided by faculty members. Each student is encouraged to take an active part in at least one school activity. Student organizations meet regularly, either during lunch or after school. The various clubs and activities a student at Chaminade's middle school may participate in are divided into three groups: **Leadership, Special Interest, and Performing Arts**

LEADERSHIP

Middle School Diversity Team

The mission of the diversity team is to teach students to treat others with kindness and compassion. This positive behavior program will assist Chaminade in continuing a culture of community spirit and will help to alleviate issues of bullying on campus. Meetings are held bimonthly at lunch. The Middle School Diversity Team partners with our high school program throughout the year to sponsor such activities as the 4Word Momentum program, a national positive behavior program. Moderated by Mr. Joe Norton (jnorton@chaminade.org) and Mrs. Sara Shenouda (sshenouda@chaminade.org)

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an organization created to recognize and encourage academic achievement while developing leadership and service skills. Chaminade's chapter is open to returning 7th and 8th grade students whose cumulative GPA is 3.8 or higher. Students meet on a weekly basis during lunch to plan and conduct school and community service projects, exchange ideas, and plan learning opportunities. NJHS members are expected to emulate the characteristics of an NJHS member both at school and in the community. Applications are accepted in the spring. Moderated by Mrs. Martha Sping (msping@chaminade.org) and Mrs. Kristina Pine (kpine@chaminade.org)

SHINE (Students Help Inspire New Experiences)

SHINE is comprised of up to 24 seventh and eighth grade students interested in growing in their own faith experiences while pursuing service opportunities. Members help in campus ministry during collection drives, participate in Catholic Schools Week activities, and plan and execute prayer services and school-wide Masses. Applications are accepted in April for the following school year. SHINE meets bimonthly during lunchtime. Moderated by Mrs. Annette Damien (adamien@chaminade.org) and Mrs. Kate Beskid (kbeskid@chaminade.org)

Student Council

Student Council is comprised of officers and grade level representatives from the student body who are responsible for leading activities to foster community and build school spirit. The Student Council plans dances, Spirit Week, assemblies, and participates in Family Fun Day. Members are required to attend weekly lunchtime meetings and actively participate in all planned events. Officers are elected by the student body in the spring for the following school year. In the fall, students from all grade levels who meet the requirements may join student council to serve as grade level representatives or run for specific commissioner positions including boys/girls athletics, school spirit, finearts, and more. Moderated by Mr. Miguel Solis (msolis@chaminade.org) and Kathleen Baucom-Acker (kbaucomacker@chaminade.org)

WEB (Welcome Everybody)

WEB leaders are selected 8th graders who serve as mentors to new students, primarily 6th graders. The WEB leaders are essential in assisting with Orientation and activities for new students throughout the year. WEB applications are submitted by 7th grade students during the spring prior to entering 8th grade. The application consists of an essay and teacher recommendation. Applicants must be in good academic and disciplinary standing. WEB leaders must be available for summer training and orientation in August. Meetings will be held once a month during the school year. Moderated by Mr. Mike Evans (mevans@chaminade.org) and Ms. Heather Eaton (heaton@chaminade.org)

ARC (Admissions Representatives for Chaminade)

ARC is a leadership group made up of 6th grade students who serve as welcome ambassadors for prospective students. They are trained to serve as tour guides, hosts on shadow days, greeters at Open House and more. Members of this leadership organization also help to personalize the admissions process for our prospective families by writing letters and inviting them to participate in Chaminade events. If you are friendly, love being a Chaminade Eagle and want to share your experiences with others, this club is for you. Applications are available in the fall during the club Fair. Moderated by Mrs. Mary Guerra (mguerra@chaminade.org)

SPECIAL INTEREST

Altar Servers

The role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass and prayer services on campus. Some of the altar server responsibilities include bearing the cross, banner, book and candles in the entrance procession, washing the hands of the priest, and assisting the priest celebrant, and assisting with holy water, wine and offertory gifts at Mass. This ministry is open to boys and girls in grades six through eight. Training and meetings take place during X-Block throughout the year. A schedule is distributed at the first meeting. Students may join this club at the beginning of each semester. Interested students need to sign up with Mrs. Jackie Rodriguez (jrodriguez@chaminade.org) in campus ministry.

Animal Club

The Animal Club is a group that loves all animals. During the school year, the club welcomes speakers from different animal organizations/rescues. The Animal Club also organized therapy dogs to come during finals week and made treats for the animals brought to the Blessing of the Animals Prayer Service. The Animal Club collected donations of food, toys and beds for the local shelter and raised money for a local reptile rescue during the Justice Faire. The Animal Club also has taken a backstage fieldtrip to the Moorpark Teaching Zoo to learn more about animal rescue, natural habits, and training. The Animal Club meets twice a month at second lunch. Moderated by Mrs. Kristin Holtke (kholtke@chaminade.org).

Arts and Crafts

The purpose of the Arts and Crafts club is to foster and encourage the creative side of students while helping them develop the confidence necessary “to try” new things without negatively evaluating their creative abilities or creations. The Arts and Crafts club fosters the idea students are learning. Our mission is to expose students to a variety of creative endeavors and teach some basic skills along the way so that they can utilize those skills to further their own interests, ideas, and pursuits. Problem solving is a part of all creative endeavors, as is the ability to adapt. We hope to foster creative, adaptive, and problem solving skills while students have fun, develop friendships, and learn to be encouraged by and encouraging of each other. Arts and crafts meets the second half on lunch on Wednesdays. Moderators Mrs. Cheryl Lovejoy (clovejoy@chaminade.org) and Mr. Miguel Solis (msolis@chaminade.org).

CCP Films

CCP Films is Chaminade’s after school film club. Students learn how to write screenplays, shoot high quality video, edit video on their tablets, and promote their films. Students can join CCP Films at any point during the year. Moderated by Mr. Wes Williams (wwilliams@chaminade.org).

Chess Club

The Chess Club is open to all students. No prior experience is needed. Students are welcome to come and learn to play chess, teach each other, and make new friends. The Chess Club meets during the second half of lunch on select days. Moderated by Mrs. Michelle Abbinanti (mabbianti@chaminade.org).

Creative Writing

The Creative Writing Club meets weekly during lunchtime to work on a variety of prompts and activities. Students write stories, poems, and create works of art to accompany them. Their work is published in booklet form at the end of the year. Moderated by Mrs. Tina Khoury (tkhoury@chaminade.org).

Culture Club

This club explores different cultures by sharing backgrounds and celebrations from around the world. We bring the cultures of the world to Chaminade. Activities may include a Mardi Gras, Cinco de Mayo, and other celebrations. The Culture Club meets during lunch.

Moderated by Mrs. Kira Johnson-Howe (kjohnson-howe@chaminade.org)

Doctor Who Club

The purpose of the Doctor Who Club is to serve as a forum for students to discuss their love about Doctor Who things. It's an all welcoming environment to anyone interested. The group meets Thursdays at lunch in the band room.

Moderated by Ms. Cynthia Snyder (csnyder@chaminade.org).

Fantasy Book Club

The mission of the Fantasy Book Club is to be able to analyze and enjoy books with one another, fostering the idea of family spirit as we work together as a group. Club members analyze books, in a similar way as done in English classes. At times, students compose paragraphs and essays to utilize what we have discussed and apply it. All members are given the opportunity to lead discussions and help make decisions. Club members serve at booths advertising the club as well as food booths in Family Fun Day.

Moderated by Kathleen Baucom-Acker (kbaucomacker@chaminade.org).

Gaming Club

The Gaming Club offers a chance for students to learn to play Dungeons and Dragons (DnD.) DnD is a role playing game which uses dice to affect decisions each player/character makes in an adventure or quest. All are welcome to join. Students who enjoy video games like World of Warcraft, Dragon Age, or other role playing games will enjoy the Gaming Club, which meets weekly after school.

Moderated by Mr. Steve Clark (sclark@chaminade.org)

Gardening Club

The Gardening Club meets during lunch to learn about the basics of planting, growing, and maintaining a vegetable and herb garden right on campus. Students also share their home gardening experiences or come to learn how to start a garden of their own from scratch. The Gardening Club shares in the joy of eating their harvest throughout the year as they grow tomatoes, carrots, artichokes, peppers, cucumbers, and more.

Moderated by Mrs. Colleen Cheek (ccheek@chaminade.org)

Knitting Club

The Knitting Club is open to any students who wish to learn how to knit or crochet. Materials are provided to get students started. The Knitting Club fosters community and family spirit by welcoming all students and providing an opportunity for experienced knitters to teach their fellow students. The club meets the first half of lunch on Fridays in the Library conference room.

Moderated by Mrs. Linda Anderson (landerson@chaminade.org).

National Junior Art Honors Society

The purpose of the National Junior Art Honors Society (NJAHS) is to inspire and recognize students who show an outstanding ability in art. As a member of NJAHS, Chaminade students will help students enhance their creative abilities as they work toward their highest potential. This group will bring school wide awareness and involvement in art through their projects. Members will also use their talents to help the community through special social service projects. Applications are accepted at the beginning of each semester and meetings are held during lunch.

Moderated by Mrs. Veronica Navarro (vnavarro@chaminade.org).

Patch Club/Accelerated Reader

The Accelerated Reader Patch Club is the largest club on campus. It was created with the goal of making life-long readers of our Chaminade students. The rules for joining are simple and include reading and then taking a short computerized quiz on a book. After you pass five of the book quizzes with at least 80 percent, you get a patch, and you are in the club and on your way to a school year filled with reading surprises, awards, extra credit, and even a pizza party at the end.

Moderated by Mrs. Patty Ames (pames@chaminade.org) and Mrs. Linda Anderson (landerson@chaminade.org)

Radio Chaminade

Radio Chaminade is open to students who wish to learn and participate in a radio broadcast on the Chaminade Radio Station 107.1FM. The club is open to all grades and meets on Thursdays to broadcast. Students will learn skills of radio announcing, interviewing, and DJing. Radio Chaminade also broadcasts during special campus events, such as Family Fun Day/Night.

Moderated by Fr. Ted Ley, SM (tley@chaminade.org) and Mr. Joe Norton (jnorton@chaminade.org).

VEX Robotics

The VEX Robotics Design System offers students an exciting platform for learning about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). A VEX Robotics project encourages teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving among groups. It also allows for customized projects which meet the level of students' abilities. The middle school VEX robotics team competes side by side with the high school team. The team works Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at the middle school from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. VEX will also work at the high school on some days or weekends. Prior experience is beneficial.

Contact Mr. Steve Clark (sclark@chaminade.org) for more information.

VEX IQ Robotics

The VEX IQ Robotics Design System offers students an opportunity to create VEX Robotics customized projects which meet the level of students' abilities. The middle school VEX IQ robotics team competes with other VEX IQ teams at tournaments at various locales. The team works in room 303 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays afternoon at the middle school from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Prior experience is not necessary. This is a yearlong commitment.

Contact Mr. Steve Clark (sclark@chaminade.org) for more information.

FLL Robotics

The FLL team gives students interested in engineering and programming the opportunity to work collaboratively to design, build, and program Lego-structured robots to perform special tasks. The team participates in competitions with other FLL teams at off campus locations. The team works in room 303 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays afternoons at the middle school from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Prior experience is not necessary. This team requires a commitment from August through February.

Contact Mr. Steve Clark (sclark@chaminade.org) for more information.

Robotics Club

This club gives students interested in engineering and programming the opportunity to work collaboratively to design, build, and program Lego-structured robots to perform special tasks. The club meets after school from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Participation is flexible so this club is a good fit for students who would like to participate in other extracurricular activities.

Moderated by Mr. Steve Clark (sclark@chaminade.org)

Science Bowl

The mission of the Science Bowl team is to benefit the students of Chaminade by teaching them science and giving them a good perspective of how the physical world works. We do this by simultaneously promoting hard work, community, and all Marianist virtues that make for a good scholar. We hope to give these students a purpose to strive for and make them value learning, knowledge, and truth.

Moderated by Ms. Alicia Gonzalez (agonzalez@chaminade.org)

PERFORMING ARTS

Band Directed by Ms. Cynthia Snyder (csnyder@chaminade.org)

Concert Band – Students will perform at school events, festivals, and field trips (e.g., Disneyland, Promenade Mall, or Universal Studios). Experience is required; however, if a student is taking an exploratory class they may take Concert Band in addition to their beginning or intermediate band class. Students are not required to be in an exploratory class in order to be in Concert Band. Class meets daily at 7:00 a.m. and students receive a grade for their participation. This grade does not factor into a student's G.P.A.

Band Continued

Jazz Band – This group is in addition to advanced or beginning band. Students will perform at school events, concerts, and some community events. A solid commitment is needed. Class meets Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Orchestra – This ensemble consists of strings: violin, viola, cello, and bass in addition to the standard band instruments. Students will perform at concerts. The class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Percussion Ensemble – Any student can join the percussion ensemble and learn instruments like timpani, tambourine, cava, drum set, bells, xylophone, marimba, vibes, bass drum, snare, cymbal, gong, etc. Class meets Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.

Performing Arts Association

Students interested in performing will have the opportunity to take part in shows as actors, singers and dancers. Students are also needed to work on the technical and make-up crews. The fall production is open to all students, and the spring production is the final product of the 8th grade production class. Students from other grade levels may be cast as necessary. Rehearsals for the fall production are held Monday through Friday from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m.; attendance is determined by the student's role in the production

Directed by Mr. Michael Russ (mrus@chaminade.org)

C-Notes Choir

The C-Notes is a non-auditioned middle school choir open to boys and girls in six, seventh and eighth grade. Students are given opportunities to express their individual musical talents, and develop life skills that result in confident and expressive singing. Students learn proper vocal reading technique, music reading, and perform a wide variety of song repertoire. The C-Notes perform at Carnegie Hall, Disneyland, choral festivals, celebrations, Christmas and spring concerts, and other events on the middle and high school campus. Over the years, the C-Notes have proudly represented the Chaminade family and performed three times as the solo feature choir at Carnegie Hall, Chaminade University in Hawaii; the Heritage Choral Festival in San Diego, the Louisville High School Choral Festival and other events such as the America Sings Festival in Washington D.C. Each year, the C-Notes perform on stage or take a vocal soundtrack recording workshop at Disneyland in Anaheim and participate in an adjudicated choral festival. Recently, the C-Notes were invited by renowned choral conductor Greg Gilpin to go on a Pacific Choral Tour in Honolulu, Hawaii during spring break March 26–April 1, 2016. They will perform at the historic Kawaiaha'o Cathedral on Easter Sunday and participate in a choral workshop at the University of Hawaii. They will also sing and perform at the Mystical Rose Oratory at Chaminade University, the Marianist Center of Hawaii. The trip will culminate with a performance at Pearl Harbor with the Honolulu Boys Choir.

Contact Mrs. Kathy Rohrs (krohrs@chaminade.org) for more information.

Liturgical Choir

The Liturgical Choir is open to any student who would like to sing or play an instrument at school liturgies throughout the year. This is a serious commitment for students who wish to help lead their fellow students and share their gifts in music ministry. Students are given one apostolic work hour per mass or service and are given opportunities to be a cantor, soloist, or instrumentalist during liturgical services. There is no audition necessary and rehearsals are each Tuesday during X-block in the music room.

Directed by Mrs. Kathy Rohrs (krohrs@chaminade.org)

Dance Team

The Eagle Dance Team is open to any 6th, 7th or 8th grade student with intermediate to advanced level of dance experience. Auditions are held in August and the team meets Wednesday mornings from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m. in the gym. An information session is held for interested students and their parents before the audition process. The Eagle Dance Team performs at pep rallies, assemblies, Masses and liturgies, and has the choice of competing regionally or hosting a spring showcase.

Directed by Ms. Heather Eaton (heaton@chaminade.org)..

Dance Club

Dance Club is open to any student in 6th, 7th or 8th grade who is interested in performing and dancing. No experience is needed and all are welcome—no auditions are held. Dance Club begins in October and practices weekly at lunch to learn a dance that will be performed in front of the school community and parents in early December. Club members are provided a costume and any necessary props free of charge.

Moderated by Ms. Heather Eaton (heaton@chaminade.org).