



NEMS Clubs and Activities

2023-2024

Academic Clubs: Spell Bowl and Academic Bowl. Academic Team and Spell Bowl competitions are hosted and attended by all middle schools in Hamilton County. All teams come together for one night during the fall (Spell Bowl) and spring (Academic Quiz Bowl) seasons for a friendly competition amongst students. Both clubs' welcome students from all grades and abilities to participate!

- **Spell Bowl Team** is in the Fall from August through November and will meet during East Time and on certain days virtually. Students are given a list of words to study and practice. At the competition the Spell Bowl judges will choose words from the list for the teams to spell correctly. Students who love to read and creatively write are especially encouraged to participate! Callouts for Spell Bowl will be in August.
- **Academic Quiz Bowl Team** occurs in the Spring from January through March and will meet during East Time and on certain days virtually. Trivia topics include themes from all academic subjects, plus pop culture. Students who are interested in general knowledge trivia are especially encouraged to participate! Similar to the game show Jeopardy! groups of students will collaborate to answer questions provided by the judges to show who is the best and the brightest! Callouts for Academic Quiz Bowl will be in January.

The sponsor is Mr. Vinton: douglas_vinton@nobl.k12.in.us

Art Enrichment: Art enrichment takes place during East Time and includes students who are motivated to learn about and create art. The projects are student chosen and led based on their own interests and abilities. Students are encouraged to explore various kinds of media and subject matter so as to build on their previous art knowledge and skills. Each student is encouraged to be a part of making a project that will be permanently displayed in the school. Membership is by application and teacher recommendation.

The sponsor is Mrs. Melton: marcia_melton@nobl.k12.in.us

Best Buddies: Best Buddies is an international program that connects neurotypical students in friendships with peers who have intellectual/developmental disabilities. Best Buddies at NEMS typically meets once per month, alternating between East Time and after-school meetings. We also host optional outside events. Membership is by application only and buddy groups are based on personal interests and teacher recommendation. Please fill out the online application at www.bestbuddiesonline.org to register your student.

The sponsors are Ms. Lain: ashley_lain@nobl.k12.in.us
and Ms. Phillips: delaney_phillips@nobl.k12.in.us

Book Club: Book club is a flexible extracurricular club that allows students to participate one session at a time. Choose to be in one, two, or all three of each of the 6 week long sessions to join others in reading and discussing popular books. Book Club normally meets on Thursdays after school starting after Fall Break.

The sponsor is Mrs. Dufenitz: nancy_dufenitz@nobl.k12.in.us

Boys Choir: Boys Choir (named Boys II Boyz) is the Tenor/Bass Choir at NEMS. Tenor/Basses of any grade level can join the group with no audition required. Students do not have to be enrolled in choir class to participate. Rehearsals occur throughout the school year on Tuesday mornings at 8am. Boys Choir typically performs at 4-5 events throughout the year, including NEMS Choir Concerts, NHS Choir Concerts, and various National Anthem Events, including at an Indianapolis Indians Game. Rehearsals begin in August, but students may add in throughout the year.

The sponsor is Miss Rattenbury: jordan_rattenbury@nobl.k12.in.us

Chess Club: This club is for students of all skill levels wanting to enjoy a social experience by playing chess against other friends. This club will meet once a week after school to play various games of chess with other players. All grade levels and abilities are welcome. We will meet in Room 1146 to play. We will start meeting the first week after fall break.

The sponsor is Mr. Pyle: christopher_pyle@nobl.k12.in.us

Drama Club: The NEMS Drama Club is an after-school activity that involves students in many different aspects of theatre: Performing, Costumes, and Backstage Crew. The students put together one show per year, with the particular show being announced towards the beginning of each school year. All NEMS students are eligible to participate in Drama Club through an audition (Cast) or application (Crew) process. Auditions for the Cast and Applications for Crew happen in August, with the show taking place in November. Students accepted into the show will rehearse multiple times a week from September to November and will be given a detailed schedule at their first meeting. No rehearsals will occur over Fall Break.

The sponsor is Miss Rattenbury: jordan_rattenbury@nobl.k12.in.us

Dungeons and Dragons Club: The Dungeons and Dragons Club is an after-school group where students will learn the art of creating characters to adventure in creative worlds while participating in one of the most well-known tabletop role playing games. The three pillars of the game are exploration, social interaction, and "battles". This group promotes cooperation, critical thinking, and logical skills in order to traverse puzzles and fantasy scenarios. Students will learn the rules of the game, create characters, and role play through each session. The D&D club will meet once a week after school in room 1324 beginning the week of November 27 through the week of March 18. No experience is necessary.

The sponsor is Mr. Ruble: derek_ruble@nob.k12.in.us

Jazz Band Enrichment: There are 2 NEMS jazz bands, 16th Street Groove and Field Drive Funk. Each NEMS Jazz band is an east time enrichment/extra-curricular activity that rehearses year-round and performs at various venues and contests. They perform all over the state of Indiana and the Midwest. Students must be enrolled in a Performing Arts class in order to be in Jazz band.

The sponsor is Mrs. Hanlin: nems_band@nobl.k12.in.us

National Jr. Honor Society: The National Junior Honor Society is a service-learning organization where students are invited to apply based upon academic performance. Eligible students receive an invitation in January/February of their 7th grade year. Eligibility requires students to maintain an A average for the second semester of grade 6 and the first semester of grade 7, with only one B+ allowed within those two semesters. Invited students go through an application process and are then voted in based upon scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character, and service. An invitation to apply is not automatic acceptance into the organization. NEMS National Junior Honor Society follows the national guidelines for selection process. Some students who receive an invitation to apply do not become members. A faculty council of five teachers makes the final determination of which students will become members. Invitations to apply will go out by February of each year, and acceptance letters will be delivered by late April. Members of this club participate in meetings and activities at the end of 7th grade and for all of their 8th grade year. Meetings are held once per month after school.

The sponsor is Mrs. Fagan: meredith_fagan@nobl.k12.in.us

NASA Science/Robotics Club: The NASA Robotics Club is an out-of-school-hours club offering students the chance to design, build, and program robots.

The sponsor is Mr. Pyle: christopher_pyle@nobl.k12.in.us

Orchestra Enrichment: NEMS offers 1 advanced orchestra “Miller Forte”. This is a group for students who want to be challenged beyond the normal class level for their grade. The group is comprised of 7th and 8th grade students. The group traditionally plays 4 concerts per year and travels locally during the holidays. They also perform at local competitions and travel out of state for a competition. Students audition to be part of the group or sometimes receive an invitation from the director. Students must be enrolled in a Performing Arts class in order to be in Advanced Orchestra.

The sponsor is Daniel Hedlund: dan_hedlund@nobl.k12.in.us

Pep Band: The Noblesville East Middle School Pep Band is an extracurricular activity November-February that supports and provides entertainment at NEMS home basketball games. In order to be in the Pep band you need to play a band instrument, guitar, or bass guitar.

The sponsor is Mrs. Hanlin : nems_band@nobl.k12.in.us

Show Choir Enrichment: Show Choir (named Vocal Revolution) is the advanced Choir at NEMS. This group has auditions in April and is open to 7th & 8th grade students who are enrolled in a Performing Arts course and are selected through the audition process. The rehearsals occur throughout the school year during East Time, as well as some after school rehearsals. Show Choir is an enrichment/extra-curricular activity that rehearses all year and performs and competes all over Indiana.

The sponsor is Jordan Rattenbury : jordan_rattenbury@nobl.k12.in.us

Student Council: Student Council is a co-curricular club with in – person monthly meetings. Student Council members gain valuable leadership skills through serving as ambassadors on behalf of their classmates and through opportunities to plan and coordinate school events, service-learning projects, and community outreach.

The sponsors are Mr. Munson: ted_munson@nobl.k12.in.us
and Mrs. Leer: kristen_leer@nobl.k12.in.us

Tech Team: The Tech Team is an enrichment class that meets throughout the school year during East time. Our primary focus is to help students and teachers with their technology needs on a daily basis. We will also be working closely with the media center and technology department to work on projects to improve the technology use at NEMS. Finally, we are also in charge of putting together and releasing the daily video announcements. The call out meeting is in May during East Time.

The sponsor is Mr. Williams: dan_williams@nobl.k12.in.us

Yearbook: The Yearbook staff is selected at the end of each academic school year and is open to 7th and 8th grade students. Staff is selected before leaving for summer break based upon recommendations and quality of the student's application. Yearbook meets during East Time to put together the yearbook. The staff will create and be responsible for taking photographs at athletic events and club meetings.

The sponsor is Mrs. Lawson: kyla_lawson@nobl.k12.in.us