



NEMS Clubs and Activities

2020-21

Academic Clubs: Spell Bowl, Academic Bowl, National History Day. 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 of these 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.
- **National History Day Club:** National History Day (NHD) Club is an exciting opportunity for all students grades 6-8 who want the chance to independently explore any topic, person, or event in history! History Day will meet during East Time and on certain days virtually. Being on an athletic team or musical group does not prohibit you from being in this academic club as it meets throughout the year. Students choose their own topic to be presented in one of 5 categories: Exhibit, Website, Paper, Performance, or a Documentary. This extra-curricular club begins in October and culminates in a regional competition in March to showcase your work amongst others in central Indiana. Those who place high enough in their respective categories have the opportunity to move on to the State and even possibly the National competitions! Callouts for NHD will be in September.

"History Day has been the vehicle that creates an understanding and appreciation of history while developing the necessary 21st-century tools, skills and aptitudes for a diverse student population."

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 will hold 1 virtual meeting per month, which will take place during an evening or weekend, due to COVID19. Membership is by application only and 1:1 friendship are based on your personal interest and teacher recommendation. Please fill out the online application at www.bestbuddiesonline.org

The sponsors are Mrs. Durbin: angela_durbin@nobl.k12.in.us and Mrs. Yoder: ashley_yoder@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, however, I will evaluate if it needs to be held virtually when the time gets closer.

The sponsor is Mrs. Zito: carrie_zito@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 will put together one show per year. This year's performances have been pushed to the second semester. Auditions/Sign-Ups will happen in March, with the show in May. Rehearsals will take place every day until 5:30pm (there will be no rehearsals over Spring Break), and a detailed rehearsal calendar will be handed out at the first cast/crew meeting. The specific show will be announced second semester.

The sponsor is Miss Rattenbury: Jordan_rattenbury@nobl.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 SLT 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 Sponsors are Mrs. Hanlin and Mr. Keim: nems_band@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. Cooley: jonathan_cooley@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

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

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 and Mr. Keim : 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 virtual 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 Mrs. Leer: kristen_leer@nobl.k12.in.us and Mr. Munson: ted_munson@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