

7th and 8th grade Homework Club: Students complete assignments or read quietly in a monitored environment. (Daily)



College Partnership Program (CPP): began in 1989. The Program has served over 2,000 students in grades seven through twelve from 51 FCPS high and middle schools. Graduating an average of 300 students per year for the past 20 years, the program continues to experience a high success rate in the number of graduates who enroll in college. The program meets every other Thursday.

Twain Cross Country: Running program offered in both fall and spring. The program will also entail nutrition and living a healthy lifestyle piece. The Program will meet first block on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Spanish Club: Students explore the Spanish culture in a variety of ways. Students learn different types of Spanish dancing; salsa, merengue, bachata etc. Also, students are exposed to culture through food and cooking. We discuss the different countries that speak the language and where they are located

Flight Tech Club: Meets every other Monday to try our hand at Microsoft Flight Simulator 2004. Students learn about basics of flying many different types of historic aircraft and facts about the job prospects in the future. We may go outside to fly simple radio controlled planes in the spring.

Drama Club: Wednesday during both first and second blocks. Drama Club focuses on **Theatre Sports** – an improvisational sport; challenges students to think on their feet and create scenes and characters from minimal information. The concept is like the TV Show “Whose Line Is It Anyway.” Several times each year, middle schools from the county compete in Theatre Sports Competitions where students enhance their skills and meet others. Students in Drama Club decide what games will be played each day and vote on who will represent Twain at each upcoming competitions.



Student Council Association: Student council serve to engage students in learning about democracy and leadership.

TSA (Technology Student Association): Meets on Mondays and is a nation-wide student organization that provides leadership and competitive design and engineering challenges for students in middle and high school. Students choose from a list of challenges and prepare for Regional, State and Nation Competitions occurring in the spring and summer. During the ASP, students select, practice and make projects they will take to competitions in the spring.

NXT Robotics: Meets on Mondays and is an engineering based robotics club that uses LEGO Mind Storm Robotics kits as the base for a variety of challenges involving building and programming robotic operations. Competitions include one locally (Fairfax County Schools) run event usually held in the spring. There are only 16 slots available for the Robotics club and students must fill out an application and complete a personal interview with the instructor.

Mural Club: An exciting opportunity for students to beautify their school. We meet on Wednesdays for Both blocks. We work to create murals on blank walls in the school related to school curriculum. We have completed a tour of the world's Biomes in the 7th grade science hallway and are finishing a mural for each of the 4 core subjects in the lecture hallway. Students of all artistic abilities are welcome; all we ask for is enthusiasm!



Science Olympiad: Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events. Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. By combining events from all disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on group participation and as such, team members are required to attend all practices and both the regional and state tournaments. Try-outs will be held to field a team of fifteen primary members and five alternate

Creative Writing Club: Students will have the opportunity to respond to creative writing prompts, craft notebook writings into narratives and poems, and share “out of school” writing with other students in order to get feedback.

Math Counts: A nationwide mathematics competition that allows students mathematics enrichment. Math Counts meets every Wednesday during both blocks. The first block is dedicated to the completion of one round of a previously administered Math Counts competition. The second block consists of explanations of problems and/or instruction of additional topics.

Special Olympics Sports: Wednesdays; 1st block. Students who have cognitive disabilities practice a variety of sports. Fall (Sept-Nov) sport is soccer, winter (Dec-March) sport is basketball and spring (March-June) sport is athletics- track and field. Students meet in Gym 1 to warm-up and then practice in the gym or outside on the track or the field.



Girls Learning International: The GLI Program supports the empowerment of American students as they discover that through their own creative initiatives, dedication and passionate leadership, students can create real solutions that address the obstacles facing girls and women in developing countries and be leaders in the movement to affect positive change for girls and women worldwide. Program will meet on Thursdays.

Green Club: is digging in the dirt! We are working towards creating a series of school gardens that will offer our students a window into science beyond the four walls of the classroom. We have outdoor areas that are potential living classrooms: the front lawn/beds, the “L-shaped” garden in the middle of the school, and two smaller rectangular gardens. Students will create vegetable growing gardens, and composting and interpretive signing, all the while expanding learning experiences into the ‘living outdoors’. The program meets on Mondays.



NJHS (National Junior Honor Society): Organization that creates enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulates the desire to render community service, promotes leadership, develops character, and encourages citizenship in Mark Twain students.