

Longfellow Middle School

After-School Activity Descriptions

Archery

Sponsor - Mr White

(Requirement)- Must be currently enrolled in archery during PE or have completed the archery unit during PE- 8th Grade Only

Art/Clay Club

Sponsor - Ms. Gibson

The after-school clay club is a fun introduction to clay hand building techniques of pinch, coil, slab rolling and modeling. Students will express their creativity and imagination as they create original clay sculptures.

Battle of the Books

Sponsors - Mrs. Saladino and Mrs. Hoyle

Battle of the Books is a club designed for students who love to read and love Jeopardy. Students will read 15 books over the course of the year, write quiz questions about the books they read, and compete in teams in a "quiz bowl" style school tournament. In the spring, the top battlers will represent Longfellow Middle School in a tournament against other FCPS middle schools. Practices will be held 2 times a month, and students will be expected to read between practices. Longfellow Middle School is the reigning champion of the FCPS based Battle of the Books.

Board Game Club

Sponsor - Mr. Cormany

Board Game Club: We offer an extensive amount of board games to play with friends. Some popular options are Risk, Life, Monopoly, Uno, Connect 4, Chess, etc. Come join the fun!

Creative Writing Club

Sponsor - Ms. Nelson

Join us as we write stories, poems, novels, plays, and more! We will play games and explore collaborative prompts to help us generate ideas and get to know other writers. We also will have the opportunity to contribute to and edit Longfellow's literary magazine, Whirlwind

Crochet Club

Sponsor - Ms. DeShazo

We are a fun space where you can learn how to crochet or have fun crocheting together while sharing tips. Learn the fundamentals of crocheting, such as stitch, single crochet, and double crochet. We will work on small projects throughout the year. No experience required!

Debate Club

Sponsor - Ms. Oney

Requirement : Testing

This club is designed to foster debate participation in class and in competition. Students who debate in class may use any number of debate formats to facilitate research, discussion, and deliberation on important issues and events as well as topics derived from the curriculum. Students who debate in competition use a unique debate format designed for middle school students. Debate requires tryouts and students will participate in competitions against other schools.

Dungeons and Dragons

Sponsor - Mr. Mauritz

At D&D club students meet to discuss and play Tabletop Roleplaying Games (TTRPGs) including, but not limited to, Dungeons and Dragons. In TTRPGs students collaborate to build a fictional world and characters that inhabit it. All students are welcome to join, whether you are just starting to learn or a veteran of many campaigns!

Eco-Action Club

Sponsor - Dr. Yannos

Come participate in hands-on learning about how to improve Longfellow's environmental footprint. Help us educate our community about how we can be more environmentally friendly, whether indoors (such as recycling and waste reduction), outdoors (such as invasive weed management and composting), or in the surrounding neighborhood (such as water runoff). Help set the agenda on how you can be part of the solution!

FCA Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Sponsor- Mr. Wilson

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet during the first block on Mondays. Students enjoy food, fun, and Christian fellowship.

Gardening Club

Sponsor - Dr. Yannos

Do you enjoy seeing the flowers in our courtyard? Would you like to learn more about herbs, fruits, vegetables, and weeds? Come get your hands dirty while beautifying our school—no experience necessary!

GSA

Sponsor - Ms.Gortenburg

The Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) is a safe place for any and all genders/sexualities. There is not usually a set agenda. It is a time to socialize and decompress after the school day and eat some yummy snacks! In the Spring, we honor "Day of Silence." The Day of Silence (4/12/24) is a national student-led demonstration where LGBTQI+ students and allies all around the country—and the world—take a vow to protest the harmful effects of harassment and discrimination of LGBTQI+ people in schools.

Harry Potter (book) Club

Sponsor - Ms. Saladino

Calling all Gryffindors, Hufflepuffs, Ravenclaws and Slytherins. Book discussions, activities, trivia and more. If you love all things Harry (or Hermione), this is the club for you!

Heritage Night Club

Sponsor -

The Heritage Club's objective is to plan and prepare for Longfellow's annual Heritage Night, which celebrates all the rich heritage and cultures - from Mclean to Tokyo passing by Beirut to San Salvador - that makes Longfellow who we are. Heritage Night will feature delicious food, lovingly prepared from the warm kitchens of our fabulous families; intricate cultural displays with interactive features of various cultures (whether from down the street to far away); and a talent show to showcase the incredible diversity of our student body.

Join today to help us make this night special (and earn service hours along the way)!

Homework Club (Every Day Blocks 1 & 2)

Homework Club provides a calm and engaging environment where students can do homework, study, and get assistance with homework. HW Club is open to all students and does not require sign ups or tryouts. Students can simply show up, sign in, and get their homework done.

Kids' Lit Quiz

Sponsor - Ms. Saladino

Love Reading? Do you also love trivia based on literature? Then the Kids' Lit Quiz club is for you! The Kids' Lit Quiz is an annual literature quiz for students aged 10-13. Quizzes are held all over the world, and the winning team from each heat competes in a National Final. National Champions compete in the World Final (last year it was in Australia!).

Students will read folk tales, nursery rhymes, mythology, current books, classic books and so much more!

LMS Writing Center

Sponsor- Mr. Wilson

The LMS Writing Center will NOT start until October. Ten to fifteen students will be selected and receive training to serve as writing tutors and help other students with their writing. Students who need help with writing can attend the Writing Center any Thursday they would like.

Maker Club (WEDNESDAYS)

Sponsor - Ms. Saladino

The Maker Club is a student centered club focused on creativity, problem solving, collaboration and exploring. Students will have access to a variety of materials that will let them explore and create new things. Students will participate in design challenges as well as having unstructured time to explore. Our MakerSpace at Longfellow has arts and craft supplies, as well as Legos, Spheros, Keva Planks, 3D printers and more. If you love to create, then visit our MakerSpace and learn more!

Math Counts

Sponsor - Ms. Coffey

This club is for students who love math. Students practice their math skills on tests and the top scoring individuals will compete against other schools on several levels.

Math Lab

Sponsors - Ms. Safian and Ms. Knoblach

Math Lab will offer peer tutoring for students of all math levels to attend to receive help on classwork or homework. The club is sponsored by math teachers who will supervise peer tutoring as well as be available for math help. Students can drop in any time for help in the math lab and are encouraged to use it in addition to their teachers after school day.

Model Car Club

Sponsor - Bruce Walker

If you would like to learn or enjoy building models check out the model club. Students build model cars, planes, jets, battleships, castles, and motorcycles for fun. Students with different interests join the club to build, share, and learn from EACH other. There is no cost to participate, just show up and have FUN

Model UN

Sponsor

MUN, is an activity in which students represent delegates of their respective countries to the United Nations and simulate UN committees. This takes place at conferences at local middle schools, high schools, and colleges. Conferences can last anywhere from one to two days.

Puzzle Club

Sponsor - Ms. Pelletier

Come do puzzles after school with Ms. Pelletier and peers to build relationships and teamwork. Did you know that doing puzzles can improve your short-term memory and problem-solving skills? There are many other benefits of puzzling; doing puzzles exercises your brain and can increase creativity and productivity. It also can relieve stress and improve your mood. We'll work on puzzles from 500 pieces to 1500.

Python Symphony

Sponsor - Mr. Tran

Python Symphony programming club offers an engaging learning environment for students to explore Python programming fundamentals. Participants will learn key concepts such as variables, loops, functions, and more. This club is designed to accommodate students with all levels of programming experience, ensuring an inclusive learning environment for all. The club aims to provide an enriching and accessible introduction to the world of Python programming, empowering students to develop their coding skills through hands-on activities and projects.

Quiz Bowl

Sponsor - Mrs. Zachariah and Ms. Fu

Quiz bowl is a game in which two teams compete head-to-head to answer questions from all areas of knowledge, including history, literature, science, fine arts, current events, popular culture, sports, and more

Rubik's Cube

Sponsor - Ms. Grishkin

.A place for cubers of all skill levels to solve with others, hang out with like-minded people, and have fun. Bring any type of "cube" you want to work on - classic 3x3 (aka Rubik's cube), 2x2, 4x4, 5x5, Square 1, Clock, Skewb, Pyraminx, Megaminx, etc.. Whether you want to solve for fun or gear up for competitions, this is the club for you.

Science Bowl

Sponsor - Ms. Weidus

Students review and practice answering math and science questions in a high speed "quiz bowl" format.

Students will form a team of 5 to participate in the Regional Science Bowl. Competition will take place in early March with the possibility of advancing to the National Finals at the end of April. All students are welcome to participate in the club. Final team selection will take place over the course of several months.

Science Olympiad

Sponsor - Mrs. Boomer

This club is for young scientists with a love for exploration. Join this club as they compete throughout the year and bring science to life every week. Students compete in local and state competitions. A test is required to join and will take place at the beginning of the school year.

Video Game Club

Sponsor - Mr. Cormany

Video Game Club is welcomed to all levels of gamers. We have a Nintendo Switch and PS5 with plenty of games for both. Super Smash Bros is a staple on the Switch along with Mario Party and Mario Kart. There's FIFA, 2K, Madden and Rocket League on the PS5.