

Activity & Sponsor

Contact Information & Descriptions



Activity/Club	Activity Sponsor/Advisor	Description
Drama Club	Allison East east@woodridge68.org	Drama club is a place where all students can come and be creative. The first quarter's emphasis will be on improv games and getting to know one another. Second quarter, we will look at the mechanics of acting, such as projection, staging, etc. Moving to the second half of the year, the program will be more student directed. Students will have the opportunity to write skits and perform them with their peers. Improv games will continue to be played throughout the duration of drama club. Drama club will meet on Tuesdays in room 107 until the first activity bus.
Chrome Club	Seth Stevenson stevensons@woodridge68.org	In order to best support interest in information technology professions and to ensure Jefferson students have reliable access to functioning chromes, the Chrome Club will meet weekly to repair and maintain damaged chromes. Repairs that fall under the purview of Chrome Club include screen, keyboard and trackpad replacements, as well as simple hinge and case repair. Chrome Club will meet most Wednesdays throughout the year from 3:30 - 4:25.
Graphic Design Club	Ana Gremillion gremilliona@woodridge68.org	Graphic Arts Club has kind of morphed into an "Arts Club" with students meeting both in the graphic design lab and the art room. Most students choose to work on independent projects, but have free reign to my supplies. The graphic design part is for students that are in my class that want to catch up on work or push their work further OR for students that just want me to teach them how to use Photoshop or Illustrator - I do that too. The club is open to any student in the building, not just students I have enrolled this year. We meet on Thursdays (this changes during my cheer season) from 3:35-4:15 in Rooms 404 & 405 upstairs. Students can come every week or skip around depending on their schedule. The first meeting will be Thursday August 31st.
Jazz Band	Keith Carlson carlsonk@woodridge68.org	The Jefferson Junior High School "Friends of Jazz" is an extracurricular band that is currently celebrating its 25th year. This band is open to any band student that is currently enrolled in the band program. The "Friends of Jazz" rehearses on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7-8 a.m. and has many performances each year. The "Friends of Jazz" will be seen performing at the DGN/DGS jazz cafes, at Fitzgeralds in Berwyn, and various festivals in addition to our concerts here at Jefferson.
Newspaper Club	Cara Stratman stratmanc@woodridge68.org	News brought to you by JJH students. Participants will learn editing, photography, journalism, publishing and more. The news will delivered electronically to students and staff. If you're curious about news, reporting, or investigative journalism, this may be the perfect club for you. Come check it out!

Jefferson Singers	<p style="text-align: center;">Alex Buda budaa@woodridge68.org</p>	<p>The Jefferson Singers are the premiere vocal ensemble at JJH. They perform in multiple concerts and venues throughout the school year including winter and spring choral concerts, caroling at the Woodridge Public library, the talent show, and DGS/DGN middle school choral festivals. Homebase choir meets during 6th period lunch where students have registered at the end of the prior year to be scheduled into Mr. Buda's homebase. There is also an after-school version of the Jefferson Singers that will meet on Tuesdays from 3:35-4:25pm starting in November for students whose schedule conflict with homebase choir.</p>
Musical (Fall)	<p style="text-align: center;">Alex Buda budaa@woodridge68.org</p>	<p>The fall musical is currently in it's 7th year as the production of James & the Giant Peach Jr. is underway. Auditions took place the first week of school and a cast of 50 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students have begun rehearsing after school this week. Students interested in participating in backstage crews should listen for announcements at the end of September for an after-school meeting. Performances for the public will be October 27th at 7pm and October 28th at 3pm.</p>
National Junior Honor Society	<p style="text-align: center;">Gail Hartig/Leslie Loboda hartigg@woodridge68.org lobodal@woodridge68.org</p>	<p>The National Junior Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1929.</p> <p>The JJH Chapter of NJHS will host our annual interest meeting on September 19. Students should plan on attending either the 7:30 am meeting, or the 3:35 pm meeting. Information, an electronic application, ideas for service opportunities, and more will be discussed and distributed at this meeting.</p>
Spanish Club	<p style="text-align: center;">Cindy Harris harrisc@woodridge68.org</p>	<p>Participants in Spanish Club discover cultural topics that include holidays, music, festivals, crafts, and food. Students create papel picado, zempazuchil flowers, tarjetas de san valentín, ojos de dios, piñatas, and many other projects. Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated in October when students learn about significant people in the Spanish speaking world. Members gain knowledge of countries that speak Spanish by taking virtual tours of Spanish speaking cities. Peer tutoring is offered for students enrolled in Spanish class. Spanish vocabulary is taught and conversation opportunities are provided.</p> <p>Adviser: Mrs. Harris Location: Room 306 Dates: 2-3 Thursdays a month. 3:30-4:25 p.m. (see activities calendar for specific dates)</p>

<p>Intramurals</p>	<p>Dreama Mueller muellerd@woodridge68.org</p>	<p>Intramurals are offered every night after school. Activities change every month. A variety of activities are typically offered during the same month so students have many options to choose from. Students may participate every night or at their own leisure. Most importantly, when you show up, you always get to play! In order to participate you must be in a supervised activity by 3:35pm. Some activities end at 4:25 and some end at 5:15. Intramural activities are posted in the main gym, on the intramural board outside the cafeteria, a part of announcements during lunch every day, as well as updated on the activity calendar on the district webpage. The activity bus is available for students at 4:30pm or 5:15pm. We will kick off the beginning of the with tennis. Students will walk with the designated supervisor to the 75th St. courts and walk back to Jefferson at 5:00pm. Additionally, we will have a dodgeball tournament on Thursday and follow that up with a Home Base softball tournament. Each Home Base will compete against each other in a double elimination tournament. The schedule will be released at a later date, but Home Bases will not play every day for the tournament. Once a 7th & 8th grade Home Base champion is crowned, they will then challenge the Faculty All-Stars in October. Finally, we will offer soccer, flag football, open basketball, 3 on 3 basketball, floor hockey, ping pong (singles & doubles), bags, ultimate frisbee, & tug-of-war. Come check out Jefferson's intramural activities in 2017-2018. This is a great opportunity to connect with others who have similar interests. We hope to see you there!</p>
<p>Student Council</p>	<p>Lindsay Biank/Cristina Briarton biankl@woodridge68.org briartonc@woodridge68.org</p>	<p>Student Council serves to engage students in learning about leadership, while being role models and representatives for the student body. Our council is made up of any 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in service and leadership. The council helps raise funds for school-wide activities, including social events, community projects, as well as state projects. We attend leadership workshops with the other schools in our area, as well as a leadership convention with councils from the entire state of Illinois.</p>
<p>Talent Show (Spring)</p>	<p>Lindsay Biank/Alex Buda biankl@woodridge68.org budaa@woodridge68.org</p>	<p>JJH students will be able to audition for the talent show in the weeks after coming back from winter break. There will be an informational meeting in January followed by tryouts in February. About twenty acts of various skills and abilities will be chosen to perform for the public and JJH student body. Performances will take place Thursday March 22nd at 7pm and during the school day on March 23rd as a celebration right before spring break. Students must be able to attend both performances to participate.</p>
<p>Yearbook</p>	<p>Anthony Kurt/Barbara Buckley kurta@woodridge68.org buckleyb@woodridge68.org</p>	<p>Those who are creative, interested in photography, writing, design, and getting involved in the school community, will feel at home on the Jefferson Yearbook Team! Students will learn the different skills needed to create a yearbook such as collaboration, taking quality photos, writing relevant articles and captions, and so much more! Meeting times will be determined throughout the year based on the groups' availability. All students are welcome and any photos taken at events are greatly appreciated!</p>