Mount Saint Joseph

Student Activities
2011 - 2012
A Cappella Group (susan@admin.msjnet.edu)

Moderator: Mrs. Susan Esserwein

Purpose: To provide the opportunity for students to get together and sing various styles of music a cappella (without musical accompaniment). Sometimes all you need to make great music are your own vocal chords.

Meetings: Monday and Wednesday at 2:30 PM

Location: Piano Lab, basement of Fine Arts Bldg.

What you need: An interest in singing.

How to join: Contact Mrs. Esserwein in the Piano Lab, basement of Fine Arts Bldg.

ACE Mentor Program

Moderator:

Purpose: To introduce students to a career in architecture, construction or engineering.

Meetings: Weekly – January through mid-May 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Location: Room 421

What you need: Interest in architecture, construction or engineering.

How to join: Open to sophomores, juniors and seniors. Freshmen pending interview with Mrs. Gonzalez and Guidance Counselor.

Anime Club

Moderators: Mrs. Cheryl Hall (chall@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: Primarily to view and discuss anime (Japanese animation), but discussion of manga (Japanese graphic novels), cosplay (costumes), and culture influences are also welcome.

Meetings: Tuesday from 2:40-4:30 PM

Location: Room 12

What you need: The desire to delve into the world of the anime otaku

How to join: Contact Mrs. Hall or Mrs. Mitchell or come to one of the meetings

Ardent Audiophiles

Moderator: Mr. Matt Perzinski (mperzinski@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: to enjoy various forms of music

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 2:30 PM

Location: Room 111

What you need: a passion for music

How to join: see Mr. Perzinski or just come to a meeting

Art Club

Moderator: Mr. Ryan Foti (rfoti@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: To encourage the creation of fine works of art.

Meetings: Wednesday evenings, 6 p.m.

Location: Art Room

What you need: An enjoyment of art.

How to join: Contact one of the art teachers

Asian American Club

Moderator: Mr. Shane Forrey (sforrey@admin.msjnet.edu)
Purpose: to learn about and appreciate Asian culture, traditional foods, games, sports and film
Meetings: every other Monday, at 2:45 PM
Location: Room 5
What you need: an interest in and openness to learning about Asian culture
How to join: see Mr. Forrey

Beatles Club
Moderator: Mr. Doug Lambdin (dlambdin@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: to explore the music, history, and influence on western culture by the greatest band of all time.
Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:40 PM
Location: Room 210
What you need: Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band wannabe’s
How to join: see Mr. Lambdin

Big Brothers
Moderators: Mr. Sam Bianco (sbianco@admin.msjnet.edu) and Mr. Jason Ader (jader@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: To welcome freshmen to MSJ and to provide a source of support for them. It can be tough being a newbie.
Meetings: As announced, during homeroom
Location: Auditorium.
What you need: For juniors and seniors only – an interest in working with freshmen and an openness to participating in activities that support social, athletic, spiritual, and academic aspects of life at MSJ.
How to join: Contact Mr. Bianco.

Black Cultural Awareness Club
Moderator: Ms. Thadine Coyne (tcoyne@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: to educate and share the rich experiences, advancements and history of African Americans; to help determine strategies to maintain and increase the diversity of the MSJ community
Meetings: Monday at 2:45 PM
Location: Room 12
What you need: a desire to enrich the MSJ community
How to join: see Ms. Coyne, in Guidance Office area or Mr. McDermott, in DePaul Center

Board Games/Chess Club
Moderator: Ms. Thadine Coyne (tcoyne@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: To create a venue for students to play popular board games and introduce new ones. Capture the king, guess that word, sink a battleship, whatever!
Meetings: Tuesdays at 2:45 p.m.
Location: Guidance Office
What you need: An interest in playing board games with fellow students.
How to join: Contact Ms. Coyne or just come to the Guidance Office.

Book Club
Moderators: Mrs. Paula Wichmann (pwichmann@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: To encourage student reading through introduction of contemporary novels and short stories.
Meetings: after school on the 2nd Monday of the month at 2:45 p.m.
Location: Room 12
What you need: A desire to read and discuss quirky books for pleasure.
How to join: Contact one of the moderators.
Campus Ministry
Moderator: Mr. Clay Bonham (cbonham@admin.msjnet.edu), Mrs. Mary Abdo (mabdo@admin.msjnet.edu), and Mrs. Rochell Hubbard (rhubbard@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: To live and help build the Christian community. Let your actions set an example for the rest of the world.
Meetings: As announced after school at 2:30 p.m.
Location: Campus Ministry Center
What you need: An interest in Christian fellowship and service.
How to join: Contact Mr. Bonham in the Campus Ministry Office.

The Carpenter
Moderator: Mr. Doug Lambdin (dlambdin@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: To edit and layout a publication of student writing and artwork. Good work deserves a good medium to be distributed through.
Meetings: Daily after school.
Location: Room 210
What you need: Willingness to work regularly.
How to join: Attend the first meeting; listen for announcements.

Chainmail Club
Moderator: Mr. Paul Kellermann (pkellermann@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: to make chainmail armor and jewelry
Meetings: Wednesdays, 2:45-4:00
Location: Room 116
What you need: two pairs of pliers
How to join: see Mr. Kellermann or just show up

Choir and Choir Band
Moderator: Mrs. Susan Esserwein (susan@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: To promote good singing in prayerful settings and fun gatherings.
Meetings: Every day during homeroom.
Location: Band Room
What you need: The ability to sing and/or play an instrument.
How to join: Contact Mrs. Esserwein in the Piano Lab, basement of Fine Arts Bldg.

Disc Golf
Moderators: Mr. Doug Lambdin (dlambdin@admin.msjnet.edu) and Mr. Marc Hoffman (mhoffman@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: To get students together for fun while playing disc golf.
Meetings: As announced at 2:40 p.m..
Location: Room 210
What you need: The desire to get exercise and have fun! Equipment provided.
How to join: Contact Mr. Doug Lambdin
Drama Club/Stage Crew

**Moderators:** Mr. Michael Hartsfield (mhartsfield@admin.msjnet.edu); Mrs. Jo Anne Morgan (jmorgan@admin.msjnet.edu) and Mr. Jason Buchta (jbuchta@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To produce a fall play and spring musical.

**Meetings:** Monday-Thursday, 3:00-6:00 PM.

**Location:** Auditorium

**What you need:** An audition submission for performing or some aptitude for tools and construction for stage crew.

**How to join:** See Mr. Hartsfield

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Environmental Club

**Moderator:** Mr. Greg McDivitt (gmcdivitt@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** The club sponsors outdoor adventure trips including hiking, canoeing, kayaking, whitewater rafting, and spelunking.

**Meetings:** After school as needed.

**Location:** Room 113

**What you need:** Love of the outdoors!

**How to join:** Contact Mr. McDivitt (usually in Room 113).

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Foreign Language Club

**Moderator:** Dr. Elizabeth Pease (epease@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To engage students in practice of modern Foreign Languages, particularly German, but not exclusively, through games and in exposure to the representations of the many cultures of these languages through arts and crafts, and film and music

**Meetings:** Thursday from 2:45 p.m.

**Location:** Room 206

**What you need:** An interest in language and culture

**How to join:** See Dr. Pease, in Room 206

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Gael House Rock/Guitar Club

**Moderator:** Mrs. Susan Esserwein (susan@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** Opportunity for rock bands and acoustic acts to perform in concert at MSJ.

**Meetings:** An announced

**Location:** Piano Lab, basement of Fine Arts Bldg.

**What you need:** The ability to sing and/or play an instrument.

**How to join:** Contact Mrs. Esserwein in the Piano Lab, basement of Fine Arts Bldg.
History Bowl/Bee

*Moderator:* Ryan Folmer (rfolmer@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To prepare students for regional and national competition stages of the National History Bowl and Bee Competition.

**Meetings:** Wednesdays 2:45-3:30

**Location:** Room 315

**What you need:** Your brain.

**How to join:** See Mr. Folmer

Improv Club

*Moderator:* Mrs. Susan Esserwein (susan@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To work on stage presence and delivery, to learn about upcoming play and musicals and to do improvisational acting.

**Meetings:** Fridays at 2:30 PM

**Location:** Piano Lab

**What you need:** An interest in improvisation.

**How to join:** Contact Mrs. Esserwein or come to the Lab on Friday afternoon

Intramurals

*Moderator:* Mr. Sam Bianco (sbianco@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To give students the opportunity to play and compete with each other in a variety of sports.

**Meetings:** scheduled throughout the year

**Location:** specifically designated depending on the sport and time of year

**What you need:** A change of clothes

**How to join:** Sign up in the cafeteria during the different seasons.

It’s Academic

*Moderator:* Mr. David Dutrow (ddutrow@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To provide students a forum for sharing knowledge and competing academically. An MSJ team even competes in the televised It’s Academic show!

**Meetings:** Tuesday and Thursday at 2:45 p.m.

**Location:** Room 4

**What you need:** Regular attendance at meetings, active participation, and competition in monthly tournaments.

**How to join:** Come to a meeting.

Jazz Band

*Moderator:* Mr. Rick Peters (rpeters@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** to learn and/or improve musical skills

**Meetings:** assigned class

**Location:** Band Room

**What you need:** an interest in jazz; your own musical instrument

**How to join:** Contact Mr. Peters
Junior Prom Committee
Moderator: Mrs. Jean Meyer (jmeyer@admin.msjnet.edu)
Purpose: To organize the junior prom.  
Meetings: During homeroom as needed.  
Location: Room 205  
What you need: To be a junior.  
How to join: Contact Mrs. Meyer.

Karate Club
Moderator: Mr. Adam Kauffman (akauffman@admin.msjnet.edu)
Purpose: to develop skills related to this martial art  
Meetings: 2:45 PM to 4:00 PM Monday and Wednesday  
Location: Gym  
What you need: dedication and a desire to experience the discipline of martial arts  
How to join: see Mr. Kauffman

Laughing Club
Moderator: Mr. Matthew Perzinski (mperzinski@admin.msjnet.edu)
Purpose: to afford students the opportunity to share common interest in film through laughter; to learn about various types of comedy  
Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 2:45  
Location: Room 111  
What you need: an interest in comedy films  
How to join: see Mr. Perzinski

Leadership Club
Moderator: Mr. Marc Hoffman (mhoffman@admin.msjnet.edu)
Purpose: To form a core of solid student ambassadors.  
Meetings: As announced.  
Location: Auditorium.  
What you need: Must participate at Open House, three other events, and be a student in good standing.  
How to join: Contact Mr. Hoffman.

Model UN
Moderator: Mr. Brett Davis (bdavis@admin.msjnet.edu)
Purpose: to discuss current issues; to participate in U.N. events  
Meetings: every other Friday  
Location: room 309  
What you need: interest in current events  
How to join:
National Honor Society

*Moderators:* Mr. Tim Breen (tbreen@admin.msjnet.edu); Mr. Jason Ader (jader@admin.msjnet.edu) and Mr. Adam Kauffman (akauffman@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* To recognize scholarship, leadership, character, and service

*Meetings:* during homeroom as needed; tutoring other students on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.

*Location:* Room 3

*What you need:* Sophomores, juniors, and seniors only - refer to the corresponding sections in the Mount Book.

*How to join:* Earn a 3.3 or better and gain faculty committee approval.

Partners in Prayer

*Moderator:* Mr. Charles Belzner (cbelzner@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* Community building discussion of scripture and its application to life.

*Meetings:* Tuesday at 7:15 AM.

*Location:* Room 421

*What you need:* Interested in spiritual growth and ongoing relationship with the Lord.

*How to join:* Contact Mr. Belzner and come to a meeting.

Photography Club

TBA

Pit Band

*Moderator:* Mrs. Susan Esserwein (susan@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* To perform the music scores for MSJ musicals.

*Meetings:* As announced

*Location:* Piano Lab, basement of Fine Arts Bldg.

*What you need:* The ability to play an instrument.

*How to join:* Contact Mrs. Esserwein in the Piano Lab, basement of Fine Arts

Quill

*Moderators:* Ms. Rachel Richmond (rrichmond@admin.msjnet.edu); Mr. Bryan Bieniek (bbieniek@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* To produce newspapers that present the news of Mount St. Joseph and its student body, as well as news of the world. Students write articles and layout each issue.

*Meetings:* after school Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.

*Location:* Room 116

*What you need:* Interest in assisting as a writer, layout artist, and/or photographer.

*How to join:* See Ms. Richmond or Mr. Bieniek

SADD Club

*Moderator:* Nurse Pam Bezirdjian (pbezirdjian@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* To foster teen awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, to assist with campus blood drives.

*Meetings:* Every other Wednesday during homeroom.

*Location:* Room 400

*What you need:* An interest in health issues.

*How to join:* Contact Nurse Bezirdjian in the Health Suite.
Sign Language Club

*Moderator:* Mr. Doug Lambdin (dlambdin@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* To learn American Language (ASL) and to explore the deaf culture.

*Meetings:* Wednesdays at 2:40 p.m.

*Location:* Room 210

*What you need:* Desire to learn another language.

*How to join:* See Mr. Lambdin

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Skateboarding Club

*Moderator:* Ms. Kelly Bicknell (kbicknell@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* Videos, speakers and discussions related to skateboarding.

*Meetings:* 2:45 PM every other Wednesday

*Location:* Room 400

*What you need:* an interest in skateboarding

*How to join:* see Ms. Bicknell

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Ski Trip

*Moderator:* Mr. Greg McDivitt (gmcdivitt@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* To attend a weekend trip at Seven Springs (January 25-27, 2008) aimed at promoting fellowship, friendship, and community among the students and faculty while enjoying the physical activity of skiing or snowboarding.

*Meetings:* Three meetings prior to the event; to be determined.

*Location:* Auditorium

*What you need:* Academic eligibility as a MSJ student

*How to join:* Attend all meetings

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Speech and Debate

*Moderators:* Mr. Ed Schultheis (eschultheis@admin.msjnet.edu); David Dutrow (ddutrow@admin.msjnet.edu); Mr. Mike O’Donnell (modonnell@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* To compete in debate as well as various dramatic and oratorical events using a variety of vocal skills and solid rhetoric.

*Meetings:* Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m.

*Location:* Room 5

*What you need:* Regular practice, good vocal quality, and attendance of the Saturday competitions.

*How to join:* Contact Mr. Schultheis, Mr. O’Donnell or Mr. Dutrow

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Spirit Club

*Moderator:* Mr. James Poisal (jpoisal@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* To provide support for Mount teams and to heighten school spirit

*Meetings:* Prior to key events

*Location:* Auditorium

*What you need:* The Spirit Club is open to all students

*How to join:* Contact Mr. Poisal

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Stage Crew (see Drama Club)
Stock Market Club
Moderator: Mr. Julius Prezelski (jprezelski@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To join in a game that involves learning about economics, math and finance. Participants will discover the risks and rewards involved in decision making, sources/uses of capital, etc.

**Meetings:**
**Location:** Room 15

**What you need:** Regular attendance

**How to join:** Contact Mr. Prezelski

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Student Council Association

**Moderators:** Mrs. Ivillese Gonzalez (igonzale@admin.msjnet.edu) and Ms. Thadine Coyne (tcoyne@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To provide an open and organized forum through which students will be able to express their views and concerns regarding Mount Saint Joseph High School.

**Meetings:** Daily for Class officers and Executive Committees.

**Location:** Room 413

**What you need:** Election by the student body.

**How to join:** Run for office and win an election.

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Think Tank

**Moderator:** Mrs. Jean Meyer (jmeyer@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To provide a forum for discussion of current political topics.

**Meetings:** Mondays at 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Room 205

**What you need:** Openness to various political views; willingness to listen and discuss.

**How to join:** Contact Mrs. Meyer

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TOWER Yearbook

**Moderator:** Mrs. Rebecca Doutrich (rdoutrich@admin.msjnet.edu); Ms. Sarah Slingluff (sslingluff@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To produce the TOWER yearbooks.

**Meetings:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays and other days as needed.

**Location:** Yearbook Room, across from Room 117, St. Joseph Hall

**What you need:** An interest in working with a Web based program and digital photography.

**How to join:** Contact Mrs. Doutrich in Guidance Office

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Underground Cooking Club

**Moderator:** Mrs. Susan Esserwein (susan@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** to discuss savory recipes and share delicious dishes

**Meetings:** Friday during homeroom

**Location:** Piano Lab

**What you need:** recipes that you would like to share; dishes that you would like to prepare and share

**How to join:** see Mrs. Esserwein
Video Games Club
Moderator: Mr. Charles Belzner (cbelzner@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* To create a venue for students to play video games and to introduce members to new games.
*Meetings:* Wednesdays at 2:45 p.m.
*Location:* Room 315
*What you need:* Interest in playing video games and desire to meet new people.
*How to join:* Contact Mr. Belzner

Weather Science Club
Moderator: Mrs. Patricia Abrahms (pabrahms@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* to work on-line with Foot’s Forecast Team to learn the science of meteorology
*Meetings:* 7:30 AM – 7:55 AM Tuesday and Thursday
*Location:* Room 108
*What you need:* a desire to provide an accurate forecast for the school day
*How to join:* see Mrs. Abrahms

WMSJ
Moderators: Mr. Tim Kabara (tim@admin.msjnet.edu) and Mr. Pat Roach (proach@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* To contribute to the broadcast by filming events, editing film, or conducting interviews. Broadcast news to Mount St. Joseph.
*Meetings:* daily during homeroom
*Location:* WMSJ studio
*What you need:* An interest in working on a news program.
*How to join:* Contact Mr. Roach.