



**2022-2023**

**Conackamack Middle School  
Clubs & Activities**

Conackamack Student Council  
Advisor: Mr. Demarest  
Meetings on every other Monday  
Room: 121  
2:30-4:30 pm

The Conackamack Student Council strives to give students an opportunity to contribute to their school. Allow students the chance to run events, fundraise, do community service, work with others and be leaders in their school environment.

8<sup>th</sup> GRADE ENGINEERING CLUB  
Advisor: Mr. McCarty  
Meets every Monday (specific dates TBD)  
Room: 112  
2:30-4:30 pm

The Engineering Club at Conackamack provides students with the opportunity to explore and increase their knowledge and understanding of Robotics and how we can use robots to help solve everyday problems. We will be looking at areas where using robots helps society and where using robots hurt society. This club is an extension of our regular Engineering course and will run the remainder of the year less specific dates which will be shared with the members. Only 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible for this club.

## Conackamack Middle School GSA Club

Advisor: Ms. Donner

Meetings every Monday

Room 107

2:30 – 4:30

GSA club is a place for LGBTQ+ people to feel welcome and to have a safe place. It is also a place for students who don't identify as LGBTQ+ but are allies and want to learn and gain knowledge about the LGBTQ+ community. There are three functions of a GSA club.

1. **Support**- to provide safety and confidentiality to students who are struggling with their identity as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or questioning or those who are experiencing harassment at school because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation.

2. **Advocacy**-Educating the broader school community about sexual orientation and gender identity issues by organizing events throughout the year. One example is *Pride Week*, which recognizes the struggles and accomplishments of the LGBTQ+ community so that we can carry their voices and our history forward.

Another example is Day of Silence, a direct action in the country with thousands of GSAs participating.

3. **Social**-GSAs provide a sense of community at school and space for LGBTQ+ and straight ally youth to build a social network to encourage and support each other and all of our students

Media/Tech Club  
Advisor: Mr. Ross  
Meetings: See Mr. Ross for Calendar  
Room: Media Center

The Media/Tech Club is an in-school service organization that encourages students to create and take on independent projects that benefit the culture of CMS. Students create videos, murals, manage and run the Book Fair, provide technology assistance and tutoring, and learn about the daily operation and management of the Media Center. The club operates on the principle of encouraging students to take leadership and management roles in the Media and Technology field, and to create, manage, and implement independent student-created media related projects.

National Junior Honor Society  
Advisor – Ms. Benn  
Meetings Third Monday of the Month  
Auditorium  
2:30-4:30 pm \*\*Morning Meetings as needed\*\*

NJHS is an opportunity for Conackamack Middle School to recognize students who are academically talented and give back to their school community.

Students apply and are inducted to NJHS as seventh graders. As eighth grade members the students will decide on and complete service projects within the Conackamack and Piscataway communities.

The criteria for membership includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- A grade point average in academic classes of 90% or higher.
- Teacher Recommendations
- Participation in service activities inside or outside of school.
- Student must show excellent character and should therefore have no discipline problems recorded with administration.
- Attendance at the induction ceremony held during your 7<sup>th</sup> grade academic year.

Positive Empowerment Club  
Advisors: Mrs. Scotto and Mrs. Petsch  
Meetings on Mondays  
Room 125  
2:30-4:30

This club will encompass confronting many social and emotional issues our middle schoolers face. Such as stereotypes, negative assumptions, self-identity/confidence, bolstering self-esteem, utilizing effective interpersonal communication and celebrating diversity. We will engage students in conversations, activities, projects, as well as arts and crafts. Students will also engage in a rock-painting project, painting positive messages and dispersing them in a rock garden to be decided.

The Mural & Set Design Club  
Advisor: Teresa Michalski  
Meetings on Mondays  
Room 130  
2:30-4:15 PM

The Conackamack Mural and Set Design Club is a unique society of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who dedicate their time and talent in serving the greater Conackamack community. The club continues to beautify the building with murals and designs as well as build the sets for the spring musical.

While the club is only open to 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the Fall we expect to welcome and train new members from the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the Spring.

Video Game Club  
Advisor: Mr. Szczepanik  
Meetings on Mondays  
Room 103  
2:30-4:30pm

The purpose of the Video Game Club is to bring students together to learn and analyze the history of video games, while also embracing proper competitive and cooperative practice in video games. Some topics that are discussed are video game addiction, graphics and details that go into games, the evolution of the controller/console, etc. Students will also have the opportunity to socialize with friends, old and new, about the common interest of video games.

## Yearbook

Advisor: Ms. Altagracia Petela

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Meetings on Mondays

Room: Media Center

Time: 2:30 - 4:30 PM

The Yearbook Club's goal is to capture memories from the school year! The club's focus is on the construction and production of the yearbook! We take pictures, draw layouts, crop photographs, write, and type. Do you have a good eye in photography? Are you creative with computers? Do you want to be a part of the history at Conackamack Middle School? If so, come learn computer layout design and join the fun at the yearbook club!