

Dake Junior High School  
Clubs  
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### **ART CLUB**

**Advisor:** Ms. Cox

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**Informational Meeting:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 from 3:00-4:30 in Room 235

**Club Meetings (Tentative Dates):** Tuesdays: October 19, November 16, December 7, January 25, February 8, March 22, April 5, May, June 7

**Description:** Art Club is a place for students to hone their artistic skills and collaborate with other artistic friends. We foster creative problem-solving skills with a growth mindset and building our Dake community through art. Students in this club are positive, independent, helpful, enthusiastic, and hardworking. Please bring art to share, a creative mindset, and a positive attitude. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **BEST BUDDIES**

**Advisors:** Dr. Cohen and Ms. Kolupski

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**Informational Meeting:** Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 in Room 341

**Meetings:** Wednesdays at 3:00 PM in Room 314: October 27, November 17, December 22, January 26, February 16, March 30, April 27, May 25

**Description:** Be a friend...make a friend! Become part of a growing movement of people with and without disabilities dedicated to ensuring everyone has the opportunity to have a friend! How can you be involved? Attend monthly fun group activities/events (for example, pizza parties, kickball games, ice cream socials). You can also choose to get "matched" in a one-to-one friendship with another student with similar interests.

### **BOOK CLUB**

**Advisor:** Ms. Bayerl

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**Meetings:** TBD

**Description:** Students meet regularly to discuss a book agreed upon by club members, or a book of their choice. Each group decides upon the reading material, when and where, or how to meet, and how often. The library supplies the chosen books. Students are free to join a book club at any time. Contact Ms. Bayerl if you'd like to participate in Book Club.

### **CHESS CLUB**

**Advisor:** Mrs. Dormitzer

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**Meetings:** Chess Club will meet every other Tuesday starting on October 4, 2021

**Description:** Chess club meets twice a month to play chess for one hour. Students of all abilities are welcome.

### **CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

**Advisor:** Mr. Schockow and Mr. Uebelacker

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**Meetings:** Meets as needed

**Description:** This one of Dake's most long-standing clubs that allows club members to assist students in solving issues with other students. Training is provided to help the Dake Peer Mediators to function in this important leadership capacity.

We welcome all students to take the opportunity to apply to become a member of the Dake Peer Mediation Team for the 2021-22 school year. We are always looking for trustworthy future leaders to handle situations between classmates in a positive manner. As potential situations arise, the counselors and advisors will set up meetings to solve issues that may develop between students.

### **CULINARY CLUB**

**Advisor:** Ms. Lanham

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**Informational Meeting:** Informational Meeting for Fall group- October 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM

**Meetings:** FALL GROUP- October 20<sup>th</sup> (3:00-3:45), November 10<sup>th</sup> (3:00-3:20), November 17<sup>th</sup> (3:00-3:45), December 8<sup>th</sup> (3:00-3:20), December 15<sup>th</sup> (3:00-3:45), January 12<sup>th</sup> (3:00-3:20), January 19<sup>th</sup> (3:00-3:45)

SPRING GROUP- February 2<sup>nd</sup> (3:00-3:20), February 9<sup>th</sup> (3:00-3:45), March 2<sup>nd</sup> (3:00-3:20), March 9<sup>th</sup> (3:00-3:45), April 6<sup>th</sup> (3:00-3:20), April 13<sup>th</sup> (3:00-3:45), May 11<sup>th</sup> (3:00-3:20), May 18<sup>th</sup> (3:00-3:45)

**Description:** Students will prepare food during club meetings and take food home to cook. Sometimes meetings will include a food demonstration and the students will be given food packs of ingredients to cook at home. Culinary club is an extension of FACS class, for students who enjoy cooking and want to gain more experience in the kitchen.

### **HISTORY CLUB**

**Advisor:** Ms. Brannigan and Mr. Reininger

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**Description:** The main component of the Dake History Club is a trip to Washington, DC at the conclusion of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Participants in History Club that are in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have multiple opportunities throughout the year to view relevant historical films and engage in rich historical discussions. Look for information on the morning announcements and posted notifications throughout the year.

### **MORNING SHOW**

**Advisor:** Mrs. Pollet-Swidorski

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**Meetings:** Mornings 7:30AM –8:00AM (Enter at Exit 3 on meeting days)

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**Description:** Morning Show is an introduction to the world of television news media, providing you with a behind the scenes look into the process of writing, producing, and airing a TV broadcast. You will gain confidence in public speaking and receive hands-on experience directing a news show through digital editing programs. If you've ever wondered how newscasters create a news program, then Morning Show is for you!

### **NATURAL HELPERS**

**Advisor:** Mrs. Gittens and Ms. Spiro

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**Meetings:** TBD by advisor

**Description:** Natural Helpers is a peer-helping program that helps participants strengthen their communication and helping skills. The Natural Helpers program is based on a simple premise: Within every school, an informal "helping network" exists. Students with problems naturally seek out other students, and occasionally teachers or other school staff whom they trust. The Natural Helpers program uses this existing helping network; it provides training to students and adults who are already perceived as "natural helpers". It gives them the skills they need to provide help more effectively to young people who seek them out.

The Natural Helpers program is designed to meet three basic goals:

1. To teach Natural Helpers effective ways to help their friends.
2. To teach Natural Helpers positive ways of taking good care of themselves.
3. To teach Natural Helpers ways to contribute to a safe and supportive school environment.

### **ODYSSEY OF THE MIND**

**Advisor:** Ms. MaryBeth Lenzi

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**Meetings:** Will be determined by individual teams and coaches

**Description:** Odyssey of the Mind has been the world's greatest creative problem-solving program since its beginning in 1978 and has produced long-term open-ended problems that help cultivate divergent thinking.

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) is a STEAM-based creative problem-solving program that allows students to work together and come up with a solution for one of six long-term problems. While the team works together to solve a problem of their own choice, each team member learns time and financial budgeting, important job skills, confidence, public speaking skills, product design and execution, resource management, teamwork, and much more. Odyssey of the Mind provides students with a place to learn today's creative problem-solving skills while having fun!

### **ROBOTICS CLUB**

**Advisor:** Mr. Kazukiewicz

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**Meetings:** Tuesdays 3:00-3:40 PM

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**Description:** Take part in the exciting world of robotics using Lego Mindstorms kits to build and program robots.

### **SNOW SPORTS CLUB**

**Advisor:** Mrs. Bean and Mr. Rivellino

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[Katrina Suhr@westiron.monroe.edu](mailto:Katrina_Suhr@westiron.monroe.edu)

**Meetings:** Wednesday nights, starting on January 5th

**Description:** The Snow Sports club is made up of 7th and 8th graders who ski and snowboard or want to learn. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn the lifelong fitness activity of skiing and snowboarding. Members consist of every ability level from advanced to beginner. We will be arranging transportation for five to six trips to Bristol Mountain Resort, depending on the cost of bussing and number of members who join. The club trips will be on **Wednesday nights, and will begin on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Those interested in becoming a member should attend a brief informational meeting in room 180 on Wednesday, September 29<sup>nd</sup> immediately after school to receive necessary registration paperwork and to meet with one of our advisors.**

### **STEAM CLUB**

**Advisor:** Ms. Bayerl

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**Meetings:** Once a week, set by Ms. Bayerl

**Description:** A group of students that meets regularly to explore aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math in an informal setting. Students work individually or in groups exploring, experimenting, creating, inventing, building, and deconstructing to better understand and/or solve real-world problems. It provides students with the opportunity to use their imagination and exercise a growth mindset while practicing higher level thinking skills.

### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**Advisor:** Ms. Brannigan and Ms. Hess

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**Informational Meeting:** Thursday, September 23, 2021 from 3:00-3:30 PM in Room 345

**Club Meetings:** Every Thursday from 3:00-4:00 PM in Room 345

**Description:** Student Government is a great way to get involved in what is going on at Dake. Student Government organizes and hosts events such as the 8th grade event, Dake Spirit Weeks, and any other creative ideas that come to fruition. This club is for anyone who wants to bring new ideas to Dake, bring a sense of community to the school and create a positive school culture through leadership.

### **UNITY CLUB**

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**Advisors:** Mrs. Rhoney and Mrs. Tomarchio

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**Meetings:** First Wednesday of each month

**Description:** The purpose of the Unity Club is to promote a strong community at Dake. Students and staff that participate in this club work to cultivate inclusivity and share pride. The club is centered around our four community values of Mutual Respect, Shared Pride, Shared Purpose, and Mutual Support. As a member of this club, you would help plan fun events for the Dake community.

### **WORLD LANGUAGES CLUB**

**Advisor:** Ms. Guido

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**Meetings:** First Thursday of each month

**Description:** The purpose of the World Language Club is to foster an interest in and an understanding of world languages and their respective cultural traditions. World Language Club welcomes all students.

### **YEARBOOK CLUB**

**Advisor:** Mr. Reininger and Mrs. Speed-Line

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**Meetings:** TBD by advisors

**Description:** The Dake Yearbook Club performs a variety of functions to create an outstanding keepsake that everyone will enjoy for years to come. Members of this group keep track of yearbook payments, take candid pictures, deliver communications related to the yearbook and help design the layout.