

# Cosgrove Clubs and Activities – 2023-2024

\*All clubs are for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students unless otherwise noted. Please look for information on your class schoology page for the link to join the clubs and activities schoology page for more information!\*

## Academic Challenge Bowl Advisor- Ms. Leone and Ms. Wiedenhofer

Academic Challenge Bowl (ACB) is a fast paced, question and answer competition. The questions cover a broad range of topics including math, science, history, sports and entertainment (movies, music, etc.). There are 4 competitions during the course of the year, 3 of which are held at different neighboring Middle Schools. Our club promotes camaraderie, healthy competition, and most importantly, fun!

## Ally Club Advisors: Andrew Burroughs

The purpose of the Ally Club is to be a student-led club organized to promote good communication, awareness and empowerment of all people around Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) issues. This club will aim to create positive change by making Cosgrove Middle School a welcoming, supportive and safe place for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

## Art Club Advisors- Kathleen Shaffer Heeks

We meet during activity period. Art Club will provide an opportunity for students to further enhance their visual arts skills by learning more fundamentals of different art mediums. Art club promotes student leadership and enhances social/personal well being.

## Best Buddies Club Advisors - Ms. Pease

Best Buddies builds one-to-one friendships between students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities, in which they share interests, experiences, and activities. Students with disabilities are often isolated and left out of social activities. Best Buddies helps to create an inclusive middle school culture for all students.

## Cosgrove Drama Club Advisors- Mr. VanVleck

Students who enjoy drama and theater can gain knowledge, experience and skills by participating in the musical production that CAVE Drama Club does every year. Auditions are in November and rehearsals are December through March. Students who are interested in stage crew or playing in the pit will also be able to sign up and receive information in the beginning of November.

## Chess Club Advisors- Ms. Wiedenhofer and Ms. Leone

The Cosgrove Chess Club meets during activity period in the library. This club is geared towards players of all ability levels-beginner to 'master'! Want to learn how to play? This club is for you as well. Due to the many club and activity options given to our students, chess club weekly attendance is flexible. Additionally, the Cosgrove Chess Club also sponsors several of its players to participate in the Interscholastic Chess League that is organized through the Rochester Chess Club. The Traveling Chess Club consists of Middle School students from around the county. Those interested in participating in the Travel Chess team can express their interest during regular chess club. Our club promotes camaraderie, healthy competition, and most importantly, fun!

## Choice Leader Advisors: Ms. Woodard, Mr. Burroughs, Ms. Bell

You can apply to be a choice leader by talking with your grade level counselor. Choice leaders take on leadership roles in the building and stand out as students who are consistently kind, responsible, hard-working, and follow the CMS High Five. Choice leaders have opportunities to present to other students and to be a role model for our elementary students as well!

## Courtyard Club Advisors -Ms. Dils

The Courtyard Club is a fun opportunity for any students that love nature! We will be using and beautifying the courtyard space at Cosgrove and students will have the opportunity to interact with different types of critters throughout the year based on their interests.

## Craft Club Advisors- Ms. Ward and Ms. Wolff

Cosgrove Craft Club students will create a wide range of projects and crafts. Students will learn creative ways to reuse, reduce and recycle materials through "upcycled" projects and will also create crafts to donate within our community. Craft Club is open to all middle school students.

## Drumline Advisor - Ms. Buffa

Drumline is a fun club that performs at all of our pep rallies and some other events. Drumline is a percussion-based instrumental group that plays a variety of street beats. You do not have to play percussion in band to join this group, all are welcome!

## FACS Club Advisor- Mrs. Chevalier

### 7th Grade Students only

Club meetings will consist of campus and community service projects, craft and food projects, and facilitating the Box Tops for Education program for our school. The meetings take place Mondays in room 516 during activity period (October through May). We will be accepting 30 members only due to supervision requirements. Hope to see you there!

## FIRST Lego League

### 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students

FIRST® LEGO® League is the most accessible, guided, global robotics competition, helping students and teachers to build a better future together. The program is built around theme-based Challenges to engage children ages 9 to 16\* in research, problem solving, coding, and engineering. The foundation of the program is the FIRST® Core Values, which emphasize teamwork, discovery, and innovation.

## First Priority Club Advisor- Ms. Buffa

First Priority Club is a diverse group of students who unify for common purposes of growing in Christian faith, fellowship and fun. Our members represent a variety of denominations within and outside of the Spencerport area, and those that are still exploring their faith.

## French Club Advisor- Mrs. Hall

### 7th & 8th Grade Students

The French Club was designed to enrich the learning for students who are completing the French curriculum. Students are exposed to the French culture as well as others. Activities are held monthly. Meeting dates to be determined.

## Girl Up Club Advisor- Mrs. Woodard

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Girl Up Club is a chapter of an international organization that unites girls to change the world! We engage in volunteering and fundraising to help girls in underdeveloped countries and in our community.

## Greenhouse Club Advisor-Mrs. Woodard

The Greenhouse Club is a hands-on engaging opportunity for students to understand more about plants, the benefits of growing in a greenhouse, and time to work with other students. Students will learn the importance of soil pH, the impact of a climate-controlled environment on plant growth, and how various species of plants grow.

The Greenhouse Club will produce plants and flowers that can help beautify Cosgrove Middle School community.

## Grove Gazette Advisors- Mrs. Galbraith

Members of the Newspaper Club will create a newspaper for the Cosgrove Community. Students will write articles about current topics of interest at Cosgrove and throughout the world. Student members will have the opportunity to choose topics of interest to them and take on different positions such as interviewer, photographer, writer or editor. The club is open to all grade levels, and will meet on Monday.

## Guitar Club Advisor- Mrs. Perfetto

Students will learn the basics of playing guitar. They will be able to play recognizable songs and will have time to play and practice with other interested students. They will be able to grow as a musician after school! Students do not need to be in band to participate in this club - it is open to students of all levels (New to playing all the way to experts!)

## Interact Service Club Advisors- Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Kazmierski

Service Club welcomes any Cosgrove student that may be interested in volunteering and giving back to the community. Service Club meets after school during activity period to discuss volunteer opportunities, upcoming events and/or fundraising ideas. Students are welcome to join at any time during the school year and may participate in as many events and/or volunteer opportunities as they want

## Intramurals Advisors- All PE Faculty

Intramurals is a weekly program of competitive and noncompetitive sport and recreational activities offered during activity period. The main purpose of the intramurals program is to have fun through wholesome competition while contributing to the total growth and development of each student. Please see your PE teacher for more information!

## Jazz Ensemble & Jazz Lab Band Advisors- Mr. Barclay, Mr. Confer

(Students are selected from tryouts during the first two weeks of school.) Students will be learning and performing jazz pieces that support their learning in music. Students will perform at several concerts during the school year.

## Library Club-Mrs. Wiedenhofer

Students participating in Library Club will get to spend extra time in the library afterschool talking about their favorite books, helping to create monthly displays/reading promotion activities for the library, making bookmarks, and engaging in other fun makerspace activities. If you love books and the library then this is the club for you!

## The Afternoon Show Advisor- Mr. Swanson

Every morning, we have live video announcements run entirely by Cosgrove students. This is a great way to learn how to produce a show. There are opportunities to be on camera or behind the scenes. There are a limited number of spots, and if you're interested you can shadow one of our sessions toward the end of each year!

## National Junior Honor Society Advisors- Mrs. Woodard

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

NJHS is a national organization that promotes recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship, and service. Students who meet the criteria will be inducted the spring of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year into the NJHS.

## P.R.I.D.E. Club Advisor- Ms. Somers, Ms. Buck

Students engage in discussions and activities that include and are part of a healthy lifestyle. Appropriate alternatives to drugs and alcohol are included as part of this activity. Monthly meetings are in the weight room.

## Ski Club Advisors- Mr. Swanson

Skiers and snowboarders of all abilities are welcome to hit the slopes once a week for five straight weeks at Bristol Mountain. Bristol Mountain offers lessons for all abilities and you can rent equipment as needed through Bristol Mountain. Transportation will be provided as part of the package. Helmets are required. Interested? Listen for the ski club announcements or contact Mr. Swanson for more information.

## Spanish Club Advisors- Mrs. Mongold and Mrs. Sortore

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Spanish Club was designed to promote enrichment opportunities that foster a deeper understanding of our Spanish-speaking world. We highlight celebrations, make crafts, cook food, and learn songs.

## Student Council Advisors- Mrs. Woodard

Student Council is a group of students representing the interests and issues of students at the school, coordinating extracurricular activities, and organizing the school's social life. The student council helps share student's ideas, interests, and concerns with teachers and school administrators. They often also help raise funds for school-wide activities, including social events, community projects and school reform.

## Tech Club Advisors- Mr. English

Students will be able to pick the project that they would like to construct. These projects are typically different than the projects that they do in Technology class. Students will also be able to work on computers and experiment with some different technology software programs. We meet on Thursdays during Activity Period.

## Yearbook Club Advisor- Mr. Sartin

Students meet throughout the year to work on design and layout for the yearbook. Students also take photographs of school events, clubs and activities as well as candid shots during the day. The culmination will be our annual Cosgrove Yearbook. Please listen to announcements for more information about meetings!

## Project LEAD Club Advisors- Mrs. Mongold and Mr. Cafarella

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~~Project LEAD (Leaders for Equality, Anti-Racism, and Diversity) provides an outlet for Cosgrove students to speak their minds and develop a common language regarding the issues of race, equity, and diversity. We aim to use our collective voice and energy to initiate positive change within our building and local community.~~