

# Co-Curricular Activities at Springman 2009-10

## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

### **ART CLUB – Mr. Kolber**

The art club will be meeting on Wednesdays again this year, in room 158 from 3:00 until 4:00 every week. The club is open to all Springman students from 6th to 8th grade. We will kick off the year by participating in the annual Glenview Police Department "Character Counts" poster contest. Some of the projects we will be continuing with throughout the year are ceramics, mural making, painting and drawing. Each year the art club works closely with Ms. Bergmann on the design of the set for the school play. This year will be no exception to that, and during the weeks and month prior to the play we will be meeting almost every day building the large props and creating the backdrops that help make the play a visual delight. Since the art club meets for the whole year, any student that is involved with another club or sport that conflicts with the art club's schedule are invited to attend when their club or sport is no longer in season. Any student who is interested in art club should see Mr. Kolber in the art room!

### **BUILDERS CLUB – Ms. Faermark**

The Builders Club provides opportunities for working together in service to school and community. It is intended to develop leadership potential and strong moral character. All students are welcome to participate and may join at anytime throughout the year. All meetings will be announced during daily morning announcements. Attendance is open to all students.

### **DRAMA CLUB – Mrs. Bergmann**

Drama club is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Drama club meets in the Wildcat Commons on Tuesdays from mid September through early June, 3:00 – 4:05. Students participate in improvisational activities and organized theatre exercises that encourage and strengthen both interpersonal and intrapersonal skills, while utilizing appropriate performance techniques. The ultimate goal is to establish improv troupes that will combine talents and interests of participants. Drama club is a tremendous opportunity to meet new people and have fun!

### **GLOBAL LANGUAGE CLUB – Ms. Hockman and Ms. Booth**

Global Language Club meets monthly from September through June. Students participate in hands-on activities that focus on the cultures of the Hispanic and Francophone countries. Students are encouraged to speak in the target language. In January, preparation begins for the National Spanish Exam (8<sup>th</sup> graders) and the National French Contest (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders). Students meet twice a week for preparation of the National Exams which are administered in the first week of March. Some of the important holidays celebrated are *Halloween/Dia de los muertos*, *Mardi Gras/Carnaval*,

*and the Cinco de Mayo*. All meetings are announced in advance during daily morning announcements.

### **Literary Magazine Club – Ms. Faermark & Mrs. Alonzi**

Students interested in learning how to publish, select artifacts, and edit those artifacts are invited to join Springman's Literary Magazine Club. Students will also have the opportunity to design the cover, select the artwork for the publication, and decide what will be published. The final Literary Magazine will be available in the spring to all Springman students.

### **STUDENT SENATE – Ms. Keefe & Ms. Faermark**

Student Council enables students to participate in governance activities, become actively involved in improving school climate and student morale and plan activities that benefit the student body and the community at large. Meetings are currently scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month. Student Senate members will be selected to represent the teams and the school by the end of September.

### **YEARBOOK CLUB – Ms. Myland**

The members of the yearbook club this year will have the opportunity to learn all the steps it takes to put together a yearbook. Students will take responsibility for many of the jobs necessary for the publication from learning to use the digital camera to taking candid photos for all extracurricular events, to using the online program to layout the pages, to writing the captions and articles for the various team and club pages. Meetings are held once every two weeks, after school on Tuesdays, through November. Starting in December, the meetings increase to once a week until the book goes to print in late March. So if you have a love of writing, photography, or art, this is the club for you! I look forward to seeing you soon!

### **CHESS CLUB – Ms. Kreiseder**

Calling all chess players, and those who want to learn! Springman Chess Club is the place for you! Chess Club will meet two Tuesdays a month from 3-4 in the LRC. See the bulletin board in the LRC for specific dates. Or, check out the Springman Chess Club website for more details: <http://springmanchess.googlepages.com>. During Chess Club we will play games, have a school-wide tournament, and maybe send some members to a local tournament! We will also learn multi-player chess variants, such as Bughouse, Bosworth, and Four-Handed chess to name a few. Come to our club meetings to see what it's all about! All skill levels are welcome!

### **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY – Ms. Kreiseder**

After 2nd trimester, all students in grades 6-8 with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 and higher will receive an informational letter about National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), which is an honorary society for middle school students who exceed not only academically, but also in citizenship, service, leadership, and character. Students

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who meet the GPA requirement will be invited to apply to the society. To be a part of NJHS, students will need to have been a member of three activities during the 2008-2009 school year. The activities must come from the categories of: sports, clubs, and other activities. Students also must include four hours of volunteer service to the community. You can pick up a copy of this list from Miss Kreiseder throughout the year or find more information on the Springman NJHS website at <http://springman.njhs.googlepages.com>. More information about the all of this will be given to those who qualify in March.

## PERFORMANCE GROUPS

### JAZZ BAND - Ms. Lindeman

Come "swing" into some fun musical tunes and audition for the Springman Jazz Band! The jazz band performs at Springman Band Concerts, school assemblies, and events throughout the community. The band also participates in the Northshore Jazz Festival at GBS and at the "Share It!" Food Drive at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. Auditions take place during the week of September 4th. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 PM.

### CLARINET CHOIR AND FLUTE CHOIR - Ms. Lindeman

Open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Flute and Clarinet players. The choirs participate in band concerts, the GEF Recital Night, and in the community. The choirs meet Mondays from 3:05-4:05 in the band room.

### UNITED MUSICIAN'S ASSOCIATION - Ms. Lindeman

Crash, boom, bam!!! The United Musician's Association (or UMA) is open to ANY Springman student that can read notes and rhythms! This ensemble performs unique pieces that utilize items like brooms, buckets, and more! UMA performs at all band concerts, at the GEF Recital Night, and throughout the community. The United Musician's Association meets Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00 PM in the band room.

### WINTER MUSICAL – Mrs. Bergmann

This year's winter musical is Charleston! February 5 & 6, 2010. Springman's musical averages between 190 – 275 students, teachers, parents, administrators and community members. Please consider joining this incredible group.

Involvement in Springman's musical allows students to understand all aspects of a full scale theatrical production from publicity to the final curtain call.

Auditions are open to all Springman students (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades). In addition to acting, singing, and dancing, there outstanding opportunities for students to work on lighting, sound and stage crew, as well as stage manager, box office manager, designer, costumes, make-up artists and publicity coordinators. Also, students who are interested in building and designing the set should contact Mr. Kolber in the Art Department. A rehearsal clinic will be held Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 3:00 – 4:05 pm in the music room. This clinic is an informational meeting to answer all your questions and prepare you for a successful audition. Auditions will begin Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:10, in 5 minute intervals, also on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>, auditions will be scheduled until 5:30 each day. Please see Mrs. B. to schedule a time. Once the cast/crew and management team has been selected, contracts and schedules will be distributed. Rehearsals take place after school, and last till 4:05, 5:00 or 6:00. The closer we get to public performance, the longer rehearsals will be. The musical is a terrific bonding experience and a chance for students to feel an awesome sense of accomplishment.

It's the vibrant 1920s, complete with Ziegfeld girls, raccoon coats, ukuleles, goldfish swallows and gangsters! Polly Pepper, a young flapper, is about to inherit an extraordinary diamond necklace on her birthday. She is planning a wacky birthday party and is inviting all her friends. Buck Wayne, Polly's new boyfriend, wouldn't miss the birthday celebration for anything, even if he has to land his private plane on the lawn of the polo grounds. But watch out, trouble's in the air! Mobsters are planning to grab the necklace and have devised a clever con to crash Polly's party. Thanks to Polly, they're defeated hilariously! Not only does Polly save the necklace, she also saves her aunt from losing money in a confidence scheme and becomes the star of the Ziegfeld Follies... all before she even cuts the cake! Meet terrific characters like Monica Woodsquirrel of Radio Station WWWW atop Hotel Times Square, crime fighter Lieutenant Fluke, Mona of the Crazy Cat Club and "flagpole sitter" Lenny Knickerbocker. The songs are sensational, the dancing phenomenal, sure to be the "Bee's Knees!" so come on in and take a step into the Roaring Twenties!

## ATHLETICS

### INTRAMURALS

Intramurals are open to all Springman students. P.E. teachers, along with help from the staff, offer students a variety of activities. Games/matches are held 3-4 times a week, depending on the activity, against other Springman students. Usually Intramurals are held after school on Mon., Tues., and Wed. until 4:05 PM. A 4:15

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PM bus will be available for students needing a ride home. Fall intramurals include flag football, golf, and tennis. Winter intramurals include basketball, volleyball, and indoor soccer. Spring intramurals include badminton and soccer.

**Tennis Intramurals** are played after-school on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday at Johns Park. Tennis players will need walk or ride their bikes to Johns. Tennis concludes at 4:00 so students will have time to walk back to school and take one of the 4:15 late activity buses home. Kate Leckenby(PR) is the Springman tennis coach and will work with each student to help improve their tennis skills. There is a cross-town tournament with Attea in early October. Students may choose different days each week, and sign-ups take place at the sports table near the main office.

**Golf Intramurals** are played on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday after-school at the Glenview Park Golf Club on Shermer Road. We have three guaranteed tee times beginning at 3:22 and ending at 3:35. Students wishing to play need to pay \$60.00(three rounds @ \$20.00ea.) or have a season membership. On-course supervision is provided with some coaching. It is important that students have some basic skills before signing up. There will be a cross-town classic with Attea with nine holes being played at the Shermer Course and nine holes at the National Nine(Attea's home course). Anyone who has signed up for golf is entitled and encouraged to play. Students may choose different days each week, and sign-ups take place outside the main office at the sports table.

## **INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS – Mr. Tosh**

Springman School is a member of the Central Suburban Middle School Conference. This Conference is made up of ten member schools. There are six interscholastic sports offered at Springman: girls' and boys' cross country, co-ed soccer, girls' and boys' volleyball, girls' and boys' basketball, spirit squad and girls' and boys' track.

Students are selected for these teams through try-outs or practices. Since cross country and track do not have roster limitations, attending daily practices are the requirement to be a member of these teams. The other sports teams require students to try out. Sixth graders are only eligible to be on the cross country and track teams as roster sizes are limitless. To tryout, practice or participate in a clinic for any team, a valid sports physical needs to be on file in the school health office.

If further information is needed, please call Dave Tosh, Springman Athletic Director, at 847- 657-2116

## **BASKETBALL (Boys) – Mr. Buzard (8<sup>th</sup>) & Mr. Posner (7<sup>th</sup>)**

Springman's boys' seventh and eighth grade interscholastic basketball teams compete against teams from other nearby middle schools. It is a program for boys with a high interest level and top skills or the

athletic potential to develop top skills. The team practices or plays a game virtually every school day from the start of November until early February. Almost all practices run until 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. and players must provide their own transportation home. Twelve boys are chosen for each team, following tryouts during the last two weeks of October. Players must register for tryouts in advance, including obtaining permission from their parents to participate. The necessary forms will be available from Mr. Buzard (8<sup>th</sup>) and Mr. Posner (7<sup>th</sup>) in mid-October. Each player is required to have an up-to-date athletic physical examination form on file at the health office before trying out. Boys who are chosen for the team are committed to attend practices and games, perform to their abilities academically, and to conduct themselves at school in a way that sets a good example for others. Players purchase their own uniform (\$40-50) and keep the uniform when the season ends.

## **BASKETBALL (Girls) – Mr. Stoltz (8<sup>th</sup>) & Ms. Partaker (7<sup>th</sup>)**

Springman's 7th & 8th grade girls' basketball teams are interscholastic programs for girls with a high interest level and top skills or the athletic potential to develop top skills. The teams practice or play a game virtually every school day from the start of November through the first week of February. Almost all practices run until 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. and players must provide their own transportation home. The improvement of skills, effort, and teamwork will be stressed in practices as well as in games. Tryouts for both teams will take place during the first week of November. Each player is required to have an up-to-date athletic physical examination form on file at the Health Office prior to tryouts.

## **CROSS COUNTRY – Mrs. Huck & Mr. Field**

All Springman Students are welcome to join the team. There are no tryouts. Cross Country is not an individual distance running contest. Cross Country is a team sport. Team scores are determined by the finishing places of a schools first five runners. There will be at least four levels of competition. 8th grade boys, 8th grade girls, 6/7th grade boys and 6/7th grade girls. Everyone who practices will run at the meets. Practices will be held everyday from 3:15 until 4:05, except for Thursdays. There is no Activity Bus on Thursday. They will be released in time to take the Activity Bus at 4:15. Meets are scheduled to start at about 4:00 and everyone should be picked up before 6:00pm. Though the distances may vary from one venue to another, students will generally be required to run approximately 1.3 miles in a meet. Students will be expected to attend every practice. We realize that there are, occasionally, circumstances that will occasionally not allow some students to be at practice. When this happens they must inform one of their coaches in advance of the conflict. We are willing to make allowances but repeated absences will hurt both them and their team. Students should not wear their P.E. uniform to practice. Cross Country shirts may be purchased for practice and meets.

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Any comfortable shorts are fine for meets and practice. All Runners must have a complete set of sweats (top & bottoms) everyday for practice and for meets. As the weather gets cooler they may want to also bring along a hat and gloves.

## **SOCCER - Mr. Kieronski (7<sup>th</sup>), Mr. Garrison & Ms. Heller (8<sup>th</sup>)**

7th and 8th grade soccer teams have both girls and boys playing together on one team. Tryouts begin the first full week of school and run for 2-3 days. With the exception of games, practices are everyday except Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Practices consist of conditioning, skill practice, team building, concepts discussion and mini-games. Games usually start at 4:00 (home and away) and consist of 2 halves of 30 minutes each. The 7th grade players meet and play on the south field and the 8th grade players meet and play on the east field. Each player is responsible for their own ride home from practices. Transportation is provided to and from school for the away games. Requirements for participation include: (1) up-to-date physical form on file (2) shin guards (3) purchase of uniform ~\$40 and (4) spikes. The soccer season ends the last week in October.

## **SPIRIT SQUAD – Ms. Gauvain & Ms. Golaszewski**

The Springman Spirit Squad is an interscholastic sport that does cheerleading, gymnastics and dance. We “cheer” at most home games for both the boys and girls basketball team. The Squad combines both seventh and eighth grade students. Practices are held two to three times a week for 1-2 hours. The members of the spirit squad are dedicated to providing support for the teams as well as bringing spirit to our school. Come out and see a game and stay for the half-time show! Go Wildcats!

## **Girls Track & Field – Mrs. Huck & Mr. Field**

The Girls Track Team is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. There are no try-outs or cuts from the team. Events include the 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600 and hurdles. The three field events are the high jump, long jump, and the shot put. The meets generally last two hours and begin at about 4pm. Every participant must have an up-to-date physical form on file in the health office. These physicals are good for one calendar year. No physical=no participation in meets. Practices will begin the first day we return from Spring Break. Any activity, especially jogging, that students do over spring break will be a benefit to them. Biking, swimming, aerobics, etc., will also help prepare them for the season. They will be expected to attend every practice and practices will take place every school day except Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. There may be days where practices extend beyond 4:30 for certain events. They will be notified of this in advance. There is always a place for any girl who is willing to practice and train.

## **TRACK & FIELD (Boys) – Ms. Partaker**

The Track Team is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys. There are no try-outs or cuts from the team. The season runs from April 4<sup>th</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup>. Events include the 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600 and hurdles. The three field events are the high jump, long jump, and the shot put. Practices are everyday, Monday through Friday, and last 1.5-2 hours. A series of 7-9 meets will be held throughout the season.

## **VOLLEYBALL (Boys) – Mr. Ginis & Mrs. Groesch**

Tryouts will begin in February for boys' volleyball. Mr. Ginis will coach the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and Mrs. Groesch will coach the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys. Once students are selected we teach the basic skills and strategies necessary for competitive games. We focus on teamwork and sportsmanship. With the exception of game days, practices are held everyday after school from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Students are responsible for their transportation home after practices. Each player is required to have an up-to-date athletic physical examination form on file at the health office. The volleyball season ends in late March.

## **VOLLEYBALL (Girls) – Mrs. Groesch & Mr. Ginis**

Our season begins three days after school starts. The Girls VB tryouts are open to all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Mrs. Groesch coaches the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team and Mr. Ginis coaches the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. Our philosophy is to teach the girls the skills necessary to compete in the game while enjoying themselves. Practices are held everyday, other than game days, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Girls must arrange for their own transportation home following practice sessions and games.