WEBER MIDDLE SCHOOL DESCRIPTION OF CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES 2008-09

Art Club

Weber's Art Club is for students who like to sketch, draw, cartoon, color, paint, mold plaster sculptures, form masks, or build clay pottery. The students enjoy creating in a relaxed, open atmosphere for one hour every week.

Chamber Orchestra

Chamber Orchestra is an ensemble made up of advanced string players, 7th and 8th grade. The orchestra rehearses and performs a challenging repertoire from a variety of time periods and cultures. Membership is by audition.

Chamber Choir

This chorus experience is for 7th and 8th grade students who desire to participate in an additional performing music activity. Singing techniques, including breathing exercises and sight reading are learned.

Drama

The Drama Club offers preparation for the musical theater production at Weber. Students explore improvisation, scene study, characterization, and prepare a cabaret night. Students are eligible for induction into the International Jr. Thespian Honor Society.

Fitness - Adventure Club

Boys and Girls grades 6-8 have the opportunity to maintain and develop lifetime fitness through workouts in the Fitness Room and games in the Wrestling Room.

Human Relations

The Human Relations Club is a service organization for Weber Middle School and the Port Washington community. Past activities have included Rock and Wrap it Up, Thanksgiving food drive, Responsible Pet Ownership and Pet food drive for Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter, The Weber Talent Show in support of The Laurie Strauss Foundation, Valentines for Veterans and various other organizations.

Jazz Band

Students in the Jazz Performance Ensemble rehearse and perform Jazz music before school. The group participates in the winter and spring concerts. Membership is by audition $(7^{th}$ and 8^{th} grade).

Jazz Workshop

The Jazz Workshop is open to any student in the 6th grade who plays a jazz band instrument. The group performs at the Schreiber Night of Jazz.

Literary Magazine/ "Hoi Polloi"

For the 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Students work to create, compose and publish a magazine that includes drawings, prints, poetry, essays, prose, and stories. The selected theme for this year's "Hoi Polloi" magazine was "Imagine."

Newspaper Club "Spartan Times"

The Weber Newspaper Club gives all students the opportunity to learn the fundamental elements of journalism. Three publications of the paper were composed and published by club members, freelance writers and photographers.

Peer Leadership

Peer Leadership is a club that promotes healthy behaviors, positive thinking and good decision making. Some of our activities are: guiding the parents at Open House, Plant the Promise, The Great American Smoke-out, Red Ribbon Week, anti-bullying programs, Rock Can Roll and visiting the 4th graders to present anti-smoking activities. Peer Leadership Club is open to all students, 6th, 7th and 8th grade.

Science Olympiads

This is a science team for students in all grades. The goal is to form teams that will compete in different events at local, state, and national competitions. This year, in the regionals, Weber's teams placed third and tenth. That qualified one team to move on to the state competition. Weber came in fourth place in 2008 in NY State competition.

Seventh - Eighth Grade Homework Club

The 7th & 8th Grade Homework Club is a quiet place for students in 7th & 8th Grade to work on homework, study and receive help. The club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:15 PM.

Sixth Grade Homework Club

The Sixth Grade Homework Club is a place where all sixth graders may receive help in their core subjects. The club meets one hour after school Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Student Government

Student Government is a student representation assembly. Students are elected from all homebases. The Club meets weekly to raise money for charities, discuss and implement school improvements, and raise student awareness of community issues. In addition, enjoyable activities are planned that include both student and teacher participation. Among last year's activities were the Pride-in-Port Parade, Cell Phone Drive, Holiday Party, Monthly Pizza Days, Spirit Week, School Store and Relay for Life.

Weber Green Club

Weber Green is a club dedicated to educating and inspiring students, staff and community members to take action to keep our earth "Green." Club members raise awareness and help the Weber community to become environmentally responsible through a variety of activities. All are welcome.

Winter Intramurals

(AM Monday-Friday) Intramurals gives students in grades 6-8 the opportunity to participate in basketball, baseball, floor hockey, indoor lacrosse, soccer, and volleyball.

Winter Intramurals II

Grades 6-8 have an opportunity to work out in the Portable 6, Fitness Room, and to participate in small cooperative games in the Wrestling Gym.

Yearbook Club

The Yearbook Club works on planning, organizing, producing and selling the <u>Portfolio</u>, Weber's yearbook. Some of the responsibilities and activities include layout, design, proofreading, and picture taking.