



Bellport Middle School



Extra Curricular Activities



2010 - 2011

Principal's Message

Dear Student,

Congratulations and welcome to Bellport Middle School! You are an important member of a diverse student body, which possess many different opinions, ideas, and perspectives, and represents a variety of interests. Bellport Middle School offers valuable and exciting experiences for each and every one of our students.

This extracurricular booklet reflects the large and varied number of clubs and co-curricular activities that are available to you at Bellport Middle School. They are a very important part of the daily life at the middle school, and I encourage you to make a commitment to as many of these activities as you can possibly balance with your academic life. As you take part in the activities and organizations of your choice you will quickly realize that your contributions can actually make a difference in our school community!

This is your opportunity to renew old friendships and forge new exciting relationships. This is the time to extend yourself, accept others, learn and grow. Prepare yourself for a rich and exciting future beginning today at Bellport Middle School. Become an active part of BMS and catch that Panther spirit!

Brian Ginty



**Don't just go through
Bellport Middle School**



**Let it go through
You !!!**

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ART CLUB

The Art Club is a weekly after school activity devoted to the creative impulses in all of us. Students can participate in a variety of ways. The members have the opportunity to explore and take different art mediums beyond what is offered in the regular classroom setting. Art Club participants will have the option to work on new independent or group projects. The Art Club will offer students a chance to create artwork that is driven by their own creativity and ideas.

Advisor: Ms. Mary Trentalange

THE BMS 'BARGE' NEWSPAPER

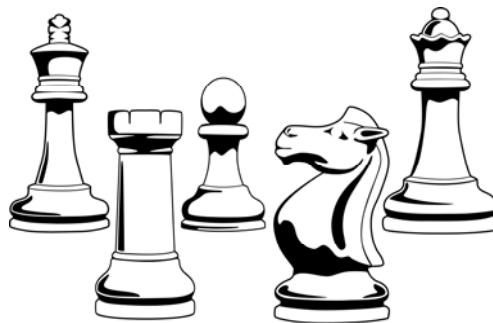
Do you like to read about school news? Do you like to write creatively about school and current happenings in our community today? If your answer to both of these questions is yes, then the Barge Newspaper is for you. Members will be responsible for writing assigned articles on school happenings, community topics, and interesting and fun topics that will capture your fellow students' interests. Any student in grade 6 through 8 is welcome to be a part of our writing team. Serious writers only! We will have deadlines for articles and meetings as often as necessary, usually several times a month. There will be four online publications this school year. See you soon!

Advisor: Ms. Katrina Kulbokas

CERAMICS CLUB

The Ceramics Club meets on a weekly basis. It is a club that is devoted to the use of ceramic materials. This club will explore different types of ideas that all students may have in their own area of interest. Ceramics Club participants will be able to work on individual work or group projects. The Ceramics Club will become an environment for all students to learn and explore their ideas.

Advisor: Ms. Christina Sordyl



CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Students participating in Chamber Orchestra will engage in the performance of orchestral music while being exposed to music of various genres and time periods. Students will perform advanced level music that will increase the students musical vocabulary and appreciation for music as they will be introduced to numerous bowing styles, technical markings, shifting positions on their instruments, dynamics and vibrato. The Chamber Orchestra will have two public performances at the Bellport Middle School Winter and Spring Concerts.

Advisor: Ms. Juliette Valenti

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club is open to all children in grades 6th through 8th. The club meets every week on Mondays. The club meets in room 152 during 10th period. Children who know how to play chess get the opportunity to have matches against each other, perfecting their skills. Chess is an excellent game that teaches students to how to plan and focus. All children are welcome to join the chess club. Children, who want to join but do not know how to play, are also welcome to attend. The current members and the advisor will help you play chess. Chess club meets September through May.

Advisor: Mrs. Rose Menikos

COMPUTER CLUB

The computer club meets on a weekly basis so that I may share my knowledge of computer programs with students. We use programs such as Roxio creator and Photoshop and other available programs. We incorporate photography and computers to create a digital scrapbook that we would sell along with the yearbook. In Computer club we will also be able to provide images and slideshows for all middle school functions. The computer club is learning and experimental club for all creative ideas!

Advisor: Ms. Christina Sordyl

FREQUENT USERS CLUB

Do you have an important research paper due, but your computer at home is broken? Would you like to relax and read a magazine or finish your homework before going home? Join the Frequent Users Club! The Frequent Users Club is here for you. Use the resources of the Library Media Center after the regular school day has ended.

The Frequent Users Club is open to all students of Bellport Middle School. The club will meet 10th period in the Library every Monday and Thursday. Passes are available during homeroom.

Advisor: Mrs. Tracey Byrnes-Datsyuk

HISTORY TEAM

The History Team competes in the Suffolk County History League. The competition takes place in a jeopardy style format with the team competing to answer questions in several categories. Prior to each competition the team will meet to research the topics. Students should be highly motivated to do research and have a thorough understanding of current events, presidents, 6th 7th & 8th grade social studies and sports.

Advisor: Mr. Andrew Budris

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The Bellport Middle School International Club is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. International Club is dedicated to heightening student awareness of other cultures and ethnic backgrounds. Club members become better aware of different world cultures, languages and people through activities involving art, film and festivals. Meeting days are Mondays in room 150.

Advisors: Ms. Kim Rodriguez
Ms. Rosemary Simone

GIRLS' AND BOYS' INTRAMURALS

Intramurals is a great way for any 6th, 7th and 8th grade student to have fun with their friends, meet new friends, and be physically active after the school day. Students will participate in various physical activities such as: volleyball, basketball, soccer, team handball, elementary games, fitness activities, and more. In order to participate, students will attend intramurals during 10th period, will need to wear sneakers and should be ready and willing to play. Students must sign in when they arrive and may attend intramurals for any activities they choose. There will be a schedule posted monthly with the activity of the day.

Advisors: Mr. Satterley, Mrs. Roche,
Mrs. Clark, Ms. Young



JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The Jazz Ensemble is a performing group that offers 6th, 7th and 8th grade instrumental students the opportunity to explore and develop their musical skills in the Jazz tradition. Members will begin to experiment with jazz improvisation and play different styles of jazz, such as Rock, Latin and Swing. Rehearsals will take place Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The group will perform at two evening concerts throughout the school year. Students who are interested in joining will have to audition for the Mr. Pastore.

Advisor: Mr. Carmine Pastore

LEGO ROBOTICS

The First Lego's League Robotics club is an interactive hands on program designed for students to solve real world problems by applying their knowledge of math, science and technology. Annually, there is a robotics competition held at Longwood High School, in Middle Island New York. This annual robotics competition is the result of a year long commitment by each registered team to assemble, learn and perform multiple robot tasks, and complete an annual Smart Moves research project outlined by the First Lego League committee organizers. The Robotics Club meets twice each week to prepare for their project. All participating teams in Suffolk County must honor the same rules and criteria.

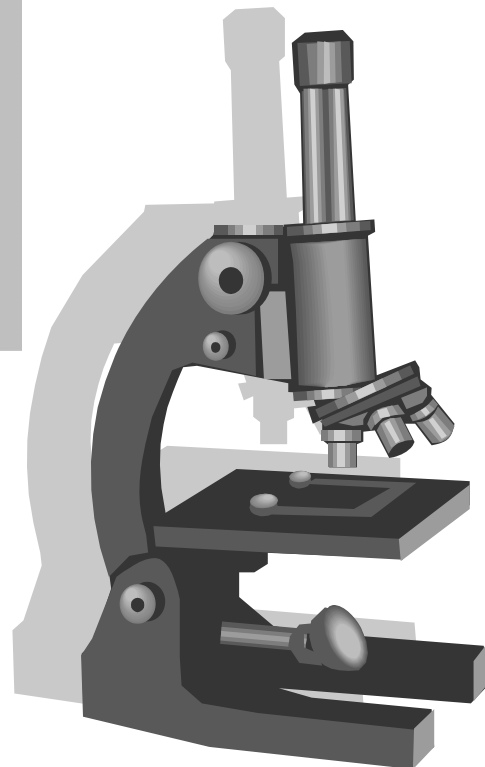
Advisor: Mr. Craig Surrusco



MATH TEAM

The Bellport Middle School Math Team has been in competition with the other schools in our division for the past 25 years. We compete with the middle school teams of Patchogue and William Floyd which comprise division 9 in the Suffolk County competition. There are awards for finishing first in the division and for being first, second or third in Suffolk County standings. Team members may be from the 6th, 7th or 8th grades. The Team meets for practices (in room 244) on Tuesdays during 10th period from October through March. There are 5 competitions (meets) during the math league season which occur on Tuesdays as well. The focus of the competition concerns solution of word problems. The practices work on the methods of solving word problems and the competitions are comprised solely of word problems. Since our 7th grade team finished first in our division last year, we are looking forward to a successful season this year.

Advisor: Mr. Spencer Stickley



MST CLUB

The main objective of the MST (Math, Science & Technology) Club is to develop students' understanding of the connection between math, science, and technology. The club will achieve this objective through a hands-on, interdisciplinary team oriented project approach. Students will be working in teams, and applying math and science principles to develop solutions to simple problems found in real world situations. The projects will be teacher guided and evaluated by teacher observation and objective assessment such as a project rubric. Students will also perform a variety of different activities and challenges that target specific skills such as measurement, data collection and analysis, graphing, and variable calculation.

Advisor: Mr. Jamie Canjura

BMS MUSICAL

Calling all actors, actresses, singers and dancers! Come be a part of this year's Bellport Middle School musical production. Students will be exposed to different aspects of theatre including vocal music, dance, costume design, set design, props and tech crew. The dates of the big performance can be found on the school website. Come be a part of a fun and exciting production where you'll make new friends and explore the "dramatic" side of your personality. Don't be nervous about auditioning - it's quick and easy.

Advisor: Ms. Kimberly Harjes



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The National Junior Honor Society is an academic and community service based organization open to 7th and 8th grade students who meet the academic requirements. Eligible students will be invited to join the National Junior Honor Society at the end of their 7th or 8th grade school year. In order to be invited into the Honor Society, students must meet the following criteria:

Maintain a 3.33 academic average (the average of your 5 major academic areas - Math, English, Social Studies, Science and foreign language) or a 3.17 if you are in two or more regents classes (Living Environment and Integrated Algebra) in each of the first three quarters of the school year.

Maintain a 3.33 average in your special area classes (art, P.E., Technology, etc.)

Have NO D's or F's in any classes

Have no behavioral issues and/or suspensions

Participate in at least THREE (3) extracurricular activities (sports team, religion classes, band/orchestra, etc.)

Receive teacher recommendations

Students meeting all the criteria will be inducted into Honor Society in a ceremony in the beginning of June.

Advisors: Ms. Heidi DeVito
Ms. Christine Napolitano

PEER MEDIATION

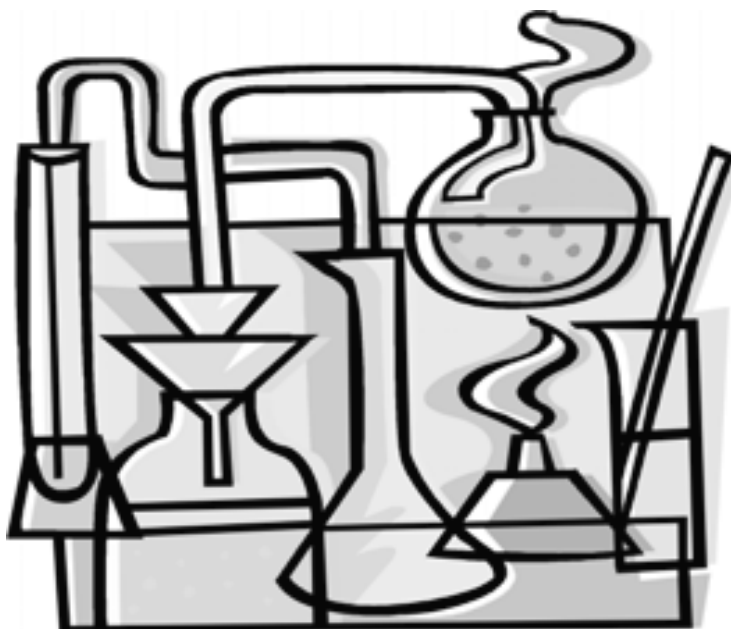
Peer Mediation is a group of students of the same age-group, who help other students resolve disputes. This process has proven to be effective in schools all around the United States. Peer mediators will help other students work towards a win-win resolution for both sides in order to avoid further conflict. Basically you are going to try to prevent an argument or fight between students by helping them talk out their problems. Peer Mediation meets once a week during 10th period and is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

Advisors: Mrs. Allison Rezza
Ms. Pamela Stewart

SCIENCE CLUB

The Science Club offers 6th, 7th and 8th grade students a fun, competitive and social opportunity to explore concepts of science and technology beyond the classroom. Activities include experimentation, building technological projects, scientific games and research. Competitions that the club participates in are the Science Olympiads and the Science Bowl at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Become part of a club that competes on Long Island and has competed nationally in Colorado. The Science Club has been sponsored in the past by the South Country Education Foundation and The South Country Teacher's Center. Science Club has won local and national awards!

Advisors: Mr. Matthew Gaultieri - Technology
Mrs. Sharyn Plotnick - Science



SOUTH COUNTRY SINGERS

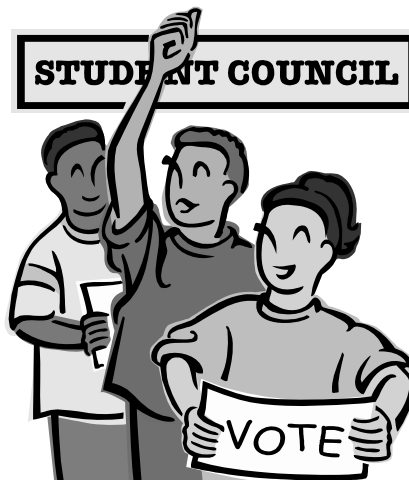
South Country Singers is a select vocal group open to 6th, 7th & 8th grade students currently enrolled in our choral program. Entrance is by audition only or by permission of the director. This select group of students will perform at our Holiday Concert and Spring Concert and other events should the opportunity arise. The vocalists will have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of musical styles that extend beyond the levels of music performed by the general chorus. The group meets once a week period 10 for the full group and an additional period for sectionals. If you are serious about singing, than this is the group for you!

Advisor: Mrs. Alice McAleese

STEP SQUAD

If you enjoy making noise and love to keep moving, Step Squad is the club for you. Come and be a part of a club where you can NEVER be too loud!!!! Step Squad is a school club that allows students to show and enhance their creativity through physical activity. With a combination of feet and hand movements, students will work in unison to create a “Step” routine. Step Squad will meet on Thursday afternoons in the East Cafeteria.

Advisor: Ms. Desirae Lester



STUDENT COUNCIL

The focus of student council is to enhance school unity by encouraging student involvement. We will be doing this by focusing on school pride and promoting school spirit. Student council will demonstrate support for all teams and organizations at the Bellport Middle School through signs, posters, notes and other forms of recognition and encouragement. Members are expected to set a positive example for the entire student body in both their behavior and their academics. Homeroom representatives are responsible for delivering important information to their homerooms. The executive board will be made up of students who are elected by their classmates for each grade. Student council will also be planning the 6th, 7th and 8th grade class trips, dances and other functions.

Advisors: Ms. Nicolette Falzone Mr. Eric Kramer
Ms. Christina Sordyl

YEARBOOK

The yearbook committee is responsible for publishing the annual school yearbook. Students will work to create a book that reflects the interests of the students and the school. Students help by selling booster ads to local businesses and family. First preference is given to 8th grade students; however, all interested students are encouraged to apply for a position on the yearbook

Advisor: Mr. Chris DeVito Ms. Megan Bevan



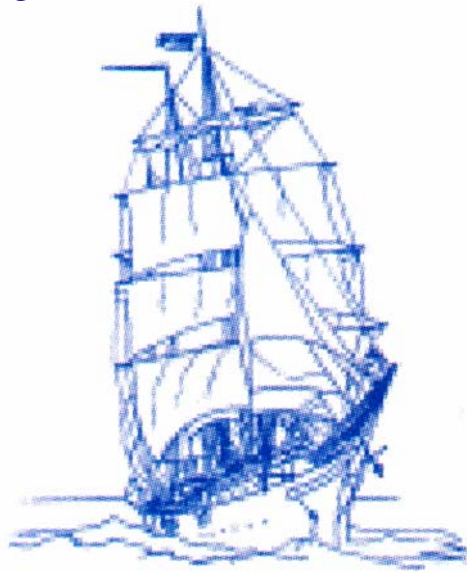
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Clubs I May Be Interested In...

South Country



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District**

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