

Briarcliff Middle School

After School Clubs

2018 - 2019

Basketball (Boys)

Students are invited to tryout for the Briarcliff Basketball team. The basketball season runs for 10 weeks and includes practices & games that are held after school.

<p>Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 12, 2018 - February 2019 • Try Outs: November 12-14, 2018, 3p-6p. • Game dates/location/times 	<p>Coach: Mr. Doug Mattoon</p> <p>Grade Level: 6 - 8</p> <p>Team (Varsity and JV) Total: 22</p> <p>Meeting Day: Monday - Friday</p> <p>Time: 3:00 PM to 6 PM (schedule rotates with girls team)</p> <p>Location: Gym</p> <p>Pickup: Front of Briarcliff</p>
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Basketball (Girls)

Students are invited to tryout for the Briarcliff Basketball team. The basketball season runs for 10 weeks and includes practices and games that are held after school.

<p>Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 12, 2018 - February 2019 • Game dates/location/times 	<p>Coach: Ms. Colleen Buckley</p> <p>Grade Level: 6 - 8 Team (Varsity and JV)</p> <p>Total: 22 Meeting</p> <p>Day: Monday - Friday</p> <p>Time: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM (schedule rotates with boys team)</p> <p>Location: Gym Pickup: Front of Briarcliff</p>
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Basketball Intramurals

All students are invited to attend a five-week basketball session after school. Students can improve their skills and just have a good time with friends. Students are divided into teams and play short games with each other.

<p>Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October - Early November 	<p>Coach: Mr. Doug Mattoon</p> <p>Grade Level: 6- 8</p> <p>Class Size: 10 - 30</p> <p>Meeting Day: Monday through Thursday</p> <p>Time: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM</p> <p>Location: Gym</p> <p>Pickup: Front of Briarcliff</p>
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Briarcliff Sports Club - Baseball

TBA

<p>Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Game dates/location/times</u> 	<p>Coach: TBA</p> <p>Grade Level: TBA</p> <p>Class Size: TBA</p> <p>Meeting Day: TBA</p> <p>Time: TBA</p> <p>Location: TBA</p> <p>Pickup: TBA</p>
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Briarcliff Sports Club - Soccer

Students are invited to try out for the BC soccer team each fall. Tryouts occur near the start of school. Each season consists of approximately 12 games and concludes with a county tournament. If you make the team, there is a fee to play.

<p>Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game dates/location/times 	<p>Coach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys - Brian Gorab • Girls: Bill Barrett <p>Grade Level: 6-8</p> <p>Class Size: 20-22</p> <p>Meeting Day: Monday-Friday</p> <p>Time: 3p-6p</p> <p>Location: Home games played at Midvale. Click on link for away information - Game dates/location/times.</p> <p>Pickup: Midvale Field / Briarcliff</p>
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Briarcliff Sports Club - Softball

TBA

<p>Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game dates/location/times 	<p>Coach: TBA</p> <p>Grade Level: TBA</p> <p>Class Size: TBA</p> <p>Meeting Day: TBA</p> <p>Time: TBA</p> <p>Location: TBA</p> <p>Pickup: TBA</p>
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Briarcliff Sports Club - Ski Club

Starts the first week in January. We take 6 trips to Mountain Creek. Trip is limited to 48 students. Parent and student meeting will be in mid-November. Place and time TBA.

Meeting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, Makeup Feb. 19	Head Advisor: Mark Walters Grade Level: 6-8 Class Size or Team Total: 48 Meeting Day: Tuesday afternoons/evening Time: 3:00 PM-9:00 PM Location: Briarcliff Pickup: Briarcliff rear lot Pickup: TBA
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Cross Country

Cross Country is a great sport to participate in! Everyone is welcome and everyone can do it. It is the perfect way to get into shape, meet new friends and feel great when you finish. It's a team sport but it is also an individual sport where you can work on your personal best.

<p>Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begins 2nd/3rd week of school and ends last week in October • Practice: Every day there is no meet • Time: 2:45 3:30 • Location: Turf field • Meets: Varies 13 times/week • Home: 3:30-5:30 @ turf field • Away: 2:45-6:00 (approx) • Game dates/location/times 	<p>Coach: Mrs. Eileen Ludwig Assistant Coach: Ms. Amanda Taylor Grade Level: 6 -8 Team Size: Open Grade Race: All team members run Team Championship: 24 members run Pickup: Front of Briarcliff</p>
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Environmental Club

Are you looking to reduce your carbon footprint? Do you want to work with friends and the community to turn the mundane to the extraordinary? Are you interested in preserving our planet for the generations that follow us? If your interest is peaked at the thought of these three questions then the Environmental Club may be the place for you. Please consider joining Ms. Doolittle on the second and last Tuesday of each month to learn more about how you can be a positive change in our community.

Meeting Dates:

- Every other Tuesday starting October 2, 2018.

Advisor: Christina Doolittle

Grade Level: 6 -8

Class Size: Open

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Rooms

Pickup: Front of Briarcliff

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Homework Club

This is a yearly club that meets every Monday & Wednesday after school. Attendance is open and all are welcome. It is a perfect opportunity for students to get some of their homework started, or completed, before they head home. It is also an opportunity for students to ask questions about the assignment they are working on, to discuss the topic to help with their writing, etc.

Meeting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 17, 2018 – June 2019	Instructor: Mrs. Mary Comora Grade Level: 6 - 8 Class Size: Approx. 10 Meeting Days: Tuesday and Wednesday Time: 2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Location: Room 103 Pickup: Front of Briarcliff
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Jazz Band

It's time to Jam! Jazz Band meets regularly starting in Mid-December. We will be establishing a time that works best for the instructor and interested students. All Briarcliff students who play Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Bari Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Drum set, Bass, Guitar and Piano are encouraged to join. We perform in the Briarcliff Pasta and Pops Cafe as well as the Spring Concert.

Meeting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mid-December	Instructor: Mr. Ryan Price Grade Level: 6-8 Class Size: Open Meeting Day: To Be Determined Location: To Be Determined Pickup: No
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Math Counts

The MATHCOUNTS Competition Series is a national program that provides students the opportunity to compete in math contests against and alongside their peers. Created in 1983, the MATHCOUNTS program is open to sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Students will meet once a week to attempt challenging math problems while preparing for the school and regional competition.

Meeting Dates:

- Starting October 3, 2018, 8th grade students will meet Wednesday during their lunch/recess (period 6) & 6th/7th grade students will start meeting after school on Thursday, October 4, 2018.
- A school competition will take place a few days after school during the month of January.
- Students earning the top 8 scores on the school competition will go on to the Regional Competition that takes place typically at NJIT the first Saturday in February.

Instructor: Mrs. Debbie Pelliconi

Grade Level: 6-8

Class Size: Open

**Meeting Day: Wednesday/
Thursday**

**Time: Wednesday - 6th period
(8th grade lunch) / Thursday -
2:40 - 3:15 p.m.**

Location: Room 108

Pickup: Front of Briarcliff

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Mock Trial

Sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, students in the 7th and 8th grade are invited to write and create original mock trial cases.

Each mock trial must have two witnesses for each side, prosecution/plaintiff and defense. Team(s) may prepare either a Civil or Criminal Case based on one of the two themes provided by the New Jersey Bar Foundation.

Team(s) will work with an Attorney to help clarify points of law and procedure, write up the facts, witness statements, and develop their written case based on state and federal law(s). All teams submit their case by January 31st for careful review and judgment by the NJ Bar Foundation.

When winning cases are selected, the teams who wrote them will be required to “perform” their case at Law Adventure Programs in May.

Meeting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fridays beginning October 12, 2018• Also as submission date gets closer more meetings will occur.	Advisor: Ms. Patti MacQueen Grade Level: 7-8 only Class Size: Open Meeting Day: Fridays Time: 2:45 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. Location: Media Center Pickup: Front of Briarcliff
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Musical

The Drama Club meets for auditions in December to cast our annual production. Rehearsals begin the first week of January. Rehearsals are mandatory twice a week for all cast members and four times a week for leads. There are usually no Friday rehearsals. There are students who are involved as stage crew and their attendance is worked out with the directors. The play is presented in the first or second week of April (calendar permitting).

<p><u>Meeting Dates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January – April. • Auditions: December 17-20, 2018, 2:45p – 4:30p. • Club has a Canvas site with all pertinent details. The site is published the first week of December. 	<p>Advisors: Mr. Jim Mendello and Ms. Amanda Taylor</p> <p>Grade Level: 6-8</p> <p>Class Size: All are accepted</p> <p>Meeting Day: Monday Thursday (with a few exceptions)</p> <p>Time: 2:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Location: Cafeteria/Gym</p> <p>Pickup: Front of Briarcliff</p>
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Newsletter

The Briarcliff Bugle is an extracurricular club that provides an opportunity for students to develop their speaking, listening, and writing skills in a setting that simulates the work of a news reporter. Students will interview people in a range of different circumstances in order to seek out and investigate stories for a quarterly publication. Club members are encouraged to attend a variety of school functions, such as student government meetings, sporting events, and musical performances. They will work closely with the news team, photographers, and editors to produce concise and accurate copy. Opportunities exist to write short fillers as well as longer feature articles. All ability levels are welcome.

Meeting Dates:

- Tuesdays after school until March
- Wednesdays during PEP

Instructor: Mr. William Gleeson

- Grade Level: 6-8
- Class Size: 12-15
- Meeting Day:
Tuesdays/Wednesdays
- Time: Tues. 2:45 p.m. 3:45 p.m. / Wednesdays 1:49 p.m. 2:36 p.m. during period 9.
- Location: Room 104
- Pickup: Front of Briarcliff

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Quiz Bowl

Are you a fan of game shows like Jeopardy? Do you have a love of all things trivia or have a passion for just one specific topic? If so, then Quiz Bowl is the right group for you! Come join your peers and Mr. Alves in a team and individual competition that will put your knowledge to the test.

Meeting Dates:

- 8th Gr. - Mondays, starting on September 17, 2018
- Some Saturday Competitions (TBA)

- **Advisor:** Mr. Michael Alves
- **Grade Level:** 6 -8
- **Class Size:** Open
- **Meeting Day:** Meets every Monday
- **Time:** 2:45 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Room 107
- **Pickup:** Front of Briarcliff

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Robotics Club

The Briarcliff Robotics Club uses the VEX IQ robotics platform to give students a chance to build and program a robot to accomplish a given challenge that changes every year. Students work in teams of between three to five members and compete in several competition events hosted at various NJ schools. Each event is independent of the others and offers the opportunity to qualify for the State Championship. The season begins in the fall and continues through at least January, longer if teams qualify for the State/World Championships. There are three components of each competition: driver (remote controlled), autonomous (programming controlled), and team challenge (remote controlled via random pairings with other teams to cooperatively attempt the challenge). Students keep an engineering journal of the important design choices made during the process.

<p>Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every Wednesday after school during the competition season (TBD each year) 	<p>Instructor: Mr. Avron Stoloff</p> <p>Grade Level: 6-8</p> <p>Class Size: 25 students</p> <p>Meeting Day: Wednesday Time: 2:40 p.m. 4:40 p.m.</p> <p>Location: Computer Lab/Media Center</p> <p>Pickup: Front of Briarcliff</p>
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Student Government

The Student Government Association is designed to foster leadership skills, encourage school spirit, and teach democratic principles among students. The Student Government allows students to express concerns and take a stand on issues important to them. The Association is composed of four elected positions and voluntary grade level representative positions.

Meeting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Every Thursday starting October 18, 2018• Some additional dates for related activities	Instructor: Alice Kriegsfeld Grade Level: 6-8 Class Size: open Meeting Day: Thursdays Time: 2:45 p.m. 3:15 p.m. Location: Briarcliff Library Pick Up: Front of building
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Upstander's Club

Upstander's Club is an after school club that allows students the opportunity to promote a positive school climate. The goal is to give students the chance to be leaders by creating ideas and activities that will make a positive impact among the students and staff at Briarcliff. Students invent creative ways to spread kindness across the school.

Meeting Dates:

10/5/18, 10/19/18, 11/2/18,
11/16/18, 11/30/18, 1/11/19,
1/25/19, 2/8/19, 2/22/19,
3/8/19, 4/5/19, 4/26/19,
5/10/19, 5/24/19, 7/14/19

Advisor: [Dana Alexander](#) &
[Danielle Martini](#)

Grade Level: 6-8

Class Size or Team Total:
(currently unsure)

Meeting Day: Every other Friday

Time: 2:45-3:15

Location: Room 204

Pickup: Front Door

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Yearbook

It's time to make memories! This will be an all year after school program. Students will work together online to design the Briarcliff Yearbook. They will decide which pictures go into the yearbook through the guidance of Ms. Bogucz and the Yearbook Graphic Designer. Students are also given the opportunity to take photos of fellow students to be put into the yearbook.

**Meeting Dates: Every Monday
from 2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

**Instructor: Ms. Kelly Bogucz
Grade Level: 6-8
Class Size: 15
Meeting Day: Mondays
Time: 2:45 p.m. 3:15 p.m.
Location: Room #5
Pickup: Front of Briarcliff**