

MONDAY

Basketball - Dr. Smalls and Mr. Thomas: Basketball Club

 starting this fall. Students will have the opportunity to play basketball after school on Monday's from 3:15pm - 4:15pm. The goal of this club is to encourage students to use the game of basketball as a way to bond, learn, and work together. Please make sure to wear athletic apparel along with athletic shoes. Basketballs will be provided but students should bring water to stay hydrated. Can't wait to see you there!

Football - Mr. Cicienia: Football is back this year. Come on out and learn new plays, run around, and meet new friends on Mondays from 3:30PM - 4: 30PM.

Minecraft - Mrs. McArdle: Welcome to the Fall 2021 YouthNet Minecraft Club! Minecraft club will meet every Monday from 3:15 - 4:15. Please meet at room 352 for attendance. We will then walk together down to the computer lab for gameplay. Students will work independently or as a team to complete Minecraft missions like building a house, farming, and ultimately battling the ender dragon on a Minecraft EDU server. Minecraft will be offered both in-person and virtually in order to provide versatility. There will only be one Minecraft program offered so make sure to check with the advisor to know which one you will need. You will need to check the Minecraft Google Clasroom for the server number each week.

Tea and Book Club - Mr. B-Y: Want to dig deeper into your current read? See how your text connects to wider issues in the world? Discuss the depths of literature and the world around us? Then come to 393 and relax with a cup of tea. Mr. B-Y will be sharing tea and discussions on your current independent reading and they connect to the world around us. Bring your favorite tea cup and book and be ready to chat.

WEDNESDAY

Spoken Word Poetry Cafe - Mrs. Tazewell: This club will encourage students to express their emotions and perspectives on teen life during this time of Covid, as well as their social and political views on a wide range of topics that impact Generation Z. Students will learn the mechanics in using free verse, haiku, and other modern styles of poetry. The culminating activity

will be a live Spoken Word Cafe for students to share their culmination of original work in front of a live audience. The club would serve as a therapeutic tool for SOMS students to learn how to use their personal power of the written word as a means to heal themselves and their peers.

Quiet Corner - Mr. B-Y: Looking for a quiet place with soothing music to just zone out and read your current book? Then the Quiet Corner is the place! Come to Mr. B-Y's room, 393, there will be soft music, bring your current book or read one off the shelf! Mr. B-Y is always happy to recommend a new book or even build a list of To Be Read books for the future.

Stress Less - Ms. Aburomi: There are several ways students can improve their mental health by incorporating new habits or building on old ones. Research shows that journaling, meditation, walking, bonding with others, and volunteering amount other activities can greatly improve one's state of mind.

This club is intended to expose students to positive well documented methods to combat stress and reduce anxiety, while allowing them to embrace those methods on a rotating basis.

Spectrum- Mrs. Steiner: SPECTRUM CLUB is SOMS LGBTQIA+ social and action club. We welcome all kinds of students. Hang out with students that are supportive, nonjudgmental, and lit. Eat good food. Have fun conversations. Be awesome.

THURSDAY

Movie Critique- Mrs. Andrews: Do you love watching and critiquing movies? Well, this is the club for you! We will focus on choices made by Directors: setting, plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution), casting, conflict, originality, acting, character motives/desires, symbolism, cultural context/social norms, lighting, camera angles, character likability and relatability, themes, etc. Have your movie snacks ready for an hour of fun! The outcome of this club is for you to master your analytical skills and pay attention to detail. We will make film recommendations for other students at SOMS.

Photography Club - Ms. Pierce: Join the photography club to take pictures of different landscapes. See the world through a different lens. We will have different activities that will assist us with learning more about the art of photography. You do not need a professional, expensive, high grade camera, you can manage with using your cell phone. Come join, meet new people, have fun. :-)

Yoga and Meditation - Mrs. Rowe: Sessions will focus on alignment, flow, balance, and breathing. No experience is necessary. This club is body positive, so all are welcome to join. This club is taught by 8th grade ELA teacher Ms. Rowe who completed her 200- hour Yoga Teaching Training at South Mountain Yoga in South Orange, NJ in 2019.

FRIDAY

Creative Writing - Mrs. Witrock: Do you always have a pencil in your hand to jot down your latest ideas? Do you dream of writing a bestseller? Join the Creative Writing Club to find a safe place to share your ideas with other aspiring authors! This fall you will develop your writing through playing fun writing games, reviewing with peers, and sharing with a positive community. We will put out a literary magazine at the end of the fall club session to share our work with the SOMS community.

Colorguard Club - Ms. Pierce: Have you ever gone to a football game and watched the halftime show? Colorguard is what you see with the marching band. The colorguard are the people spinning the flags. This club will introduce you to the performing art of spinning flags. You will learn the basic techniques using a flag. This club serves as a great introduction to the CHS marching band and colorguard. Ms. Pierce is both the colorguard club advisor and the CHS colorguard coach. Come join and have fun. :-)

GET INVOLVED!

Multiple Day Clubs

SOMS Fall Play - Ms Bowe: This is the first time SOMS YouthNet will be offering a Fall Play. This club will focus on stage direction, acting, crew related tasks and more. This club will be meeting multiple days a week and will culminate in a Fall performance at the end.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR A CLUB?

1) Beginning today, fill out the [SOMS 2021 Fall YouthNet Registration Form](#). If you are signing up for more than one club, you should use the same permission form and select all clubs you are registering for. You can sign up for one club each day for a total of 4 clubs for the one fee of \$50.

2) Fill out the permission slip form [SOMS 2021 Fall YouthNet Registration Form](#) for Fall registration before the deadline-October 1st. It is NOT a \$50 fee per club, but a single registration fee. Paypal payments can be made on the <https://www.somayouthnet.org/middle-school-clubs.html> website. (please indicate the PayPal confirmation number on the registration form). **No one will be turned away due to financial hardship.**

3) Club signups are based on a first come, first serve basis. Some clubs have roster limits and fill up fast, so please fill out the registration form along with the registration fee as soon as possible to secure your spot in the club. Clubs run from 3:15-4:15pm. Clubs that do not have enough students registered will not run.

Need to contact YouthNet?

YouthNet Director:

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SOMS: Ms. Kyndell Pierce: kpierce@somsd.k12.nj.us



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Fall 2021 Clubs



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Registration: Now → October 1st

Get signed up today!

**Clubs will run from
October 11th- December 3rd
Clubs meet from 3:15pm- 4:15pm**

Visit <https://www.somayouthnet.org/>
today to register!
Questions? Email youthnetplus@gmail.com