



# SHAWANO COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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# ACTIVITIES, CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The goal of activities programs at SCMS is to encourage student participation in a safe and encouraging environment where the focus is learning and growing.

Students participating in extracurricular activities are leaders and represent the community, school, the advisor, and themselves. They are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times.

## **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

Shawano Middle School Battle of the books is a program designed to promote a love of reading with a competitive twist! All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to participate by signing up and forming a team. Students read books on the formal Battle Reading List starting in December and compete in battles in the spring where students need to remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books. Every question asked in a battle is answered by the title and author of the book and takes the form of “name the book and author in which a horse and a boy are stranded on an island”.

Battle of the Books gives students a chance to read from varying genres, periods, perspectives and culture. The books are hand selected by a team of teachers with input from National and State Book Award lists, students, professional journals and organizations. Battle of the Books is for any student that loves reading or wants to be part of a team that competes to see who can read and remember the most!

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## **CHESS/CRIBBAGE CLUB**

Chess is a two-player strategy board game. Chess club is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Learn or improve your knowledge of this strategic game! Chess club is a fun and rewarding place to learn, grow, make new friends, and engage in friendly competition. Chess Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday (2:45-3:20) until April. We have also added cribbage into the mix as well.

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## **CITIZEN OF THE MONTH**

To qualify, a student must demonstrate great personal character, students having better than average moral excellence, and be representative of the *Hawk Way - Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe*. Citizen of the month is open to all students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

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## **DESTINATION IMAGINATION**

(DI) is an educational organization that teaches 21st century skills and STEM principles through creative and collaborative problem solving challenges. Team members' work together to develop a solution to one of seven open-ended challenges and present their solutions at tournaments. Through the Challenge program, students learn and experience the creative process from imagination to innovation and learn skills needed to succeed in school, career and life, including teamwork, communication, project management, perseverance, creative and critical thinking, and self-confidence. DI is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

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## **DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS**

To qualify, a student must have demonstrated a significant effort in academics and/or behaviorally. Students are selected by their classroom teachers. The purpose of the certificate is to recognize not only the achievement but also the will and determination of students who strive to become the best that they can. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students can qualify for Dollars for Scholars.

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## **FORENSICS**

Forensics is an extra-curricular activity offered to students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The purpose of middle school forensics is to build self-confidence and oral competency by developing and practicing fundamental public speaking skills. Information meetings are typically held in November/December. Coaching typically begins in early January and competitions take place in February and March.

With the help of their coach, team members prepare an oral presentation from one of eighteen different categories including Prose, Poetry, Storytelling, News Reporting, Solo Acting and Group Acting, Group Improvisation, and Demonstration. Those selections are performed at scheduled tournaments and festivals where students are evaluated according to individual category standards. Students then choose a category and begin the search for an appropriate selection to be used in competition during the tournament season.

Advisor: To be determined

## **HELPING HANDS**

Students learn that no matter what their age, gender, ability, or socio-economic status, they can make a difference in their community. Students will work collaboratively with peers on service projects. The club's goal is to assist students in being able to grow in confidence, increase their social circle, and experience the joy of helping others.

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## **LIBRARY HELPER**

Every year, the library selects responsible students to become library helpers. As a library helper, students are responsible for shelving books, shelf reading, creating and putting together displays, assisting with the book fair, and generally working to keep the library an organized and fun place for all students in the school to work in. Students are representing the library and the school when they are working so they are expected to treat others with respect, maintain a positive attitude, and generally follow the *Hawk Way* in everything they do. Library helper is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who qualify.

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## **MATH OLYMPIAD**

Math Olympiad: This is a five-part Math Competition open to any 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grader invited to participate based on test scores. Competitions are once a month, beginning in November, and consist of five challenging questions each month. All students receive a prize for participating, and high scorers receive awards.

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## **SIGN CLUB**

The purpose of Sign Club is to create a place for students and staff to seek knowledge about and raises awareness of ASL, the Deaf Community, and Deaf Culture. Sign club is open to all students at SCMS.

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## **SPELLING BEE**

Spelling Bee: All students participate in their classroom-level spelling bees, and the winners move on to the school wide spelling bee held in February. The winner of that competition moves on the regional bee to represent the Shawano Schools.

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## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Student Council is the student governing body of SCMS. Students who are interested in helping SCMS be a successful community and school are welcomed to join Student Council. Elections are held for positions such as class officer for each grade level and the executive board (secretary, vice president, and president). Some of the activities Student Council sponsors are school dances, Valentine Grams, and the Halloween Costume Contest, and the SCMS Fundraiser. Student Council has also raised money for Habitat for Humanity, Sam's House, Red River Riders, and the Humane Society.

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## **STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

To qualify, a student must show Academic Excellence. This includes excelling at scholarly pursuits and activities. All SCMS students can qualify for this activity based on teacher recommendations.

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## **YEARBOOK**

Yearbook staff is composed of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who demonstrate behavior that models the Hawk Way and who are interested in taking pictures, selecting, editing, and designing the yearbook for Shawano Community Middle School. Students on the yearbook staff will be asked to take pictures during special events and sporting events. The yearbook staff will be part of meetings before and after school as well as during study halls to create the yearbook. Students will have the opportunity to learn what it is to work as a team with their fellow students. They will also have the opportunity to learn how to take pictures, edit, organize and format the pictures on the pages of the yearbook. Students who are interested in being part of the yearbook staff can choose their level of involvement from just taking pictures to being involved in the editing and creation process.

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# ATHLETICS

## BASKETBALL

Our basketball programs at SMCS are for both boys and girls in grades 7 and 8. The program focuses on developing basic skills for the game and to improve on existing skills. Players will also learn the rules of the game, develop good sportsmanship and friendships, and understand what it means to be part of a team.

**Boys** season is from mid-October to mid-December.

**Girls** season is from beginning of January to the end of February.

Coach (both teams) Mr. Sischo  
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## CHEER TEAM

Our cheer program at SMCS focuses on developing basic skills that are involved in being a cheer person, and to improve on existing skills. Cheerleaders will also learn the rules of cheer, develop good sportsmanship and friendships, and understand what it means to be part of a team. Cheer is open to both boys and girls in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This program runs from the beginning of the school year until mid-December cheering for both the football season and the boys basketball season. Cheerleaders will only perform at home games for these two sports, and students may be involved in a try-out situation as well. Practices are scheduled by the coaches and are usually twice a week. Games for football are once a week, while basketball games are usually twice a week.

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## CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country is a team running sport that takes place in the fall on a measured course between 1.5 to 2 miles. The season begins one week before school begins in fall and runs through the middle of October, and is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We practice each day after school. In Cross Country, we think of practice as training to compete in our meets. During practice, we work on improving running strength and endurance. We do various running activities as well as various core strength activities. Most cross-country meets are held on dirt trails, sidewalks, park grounds, and golf courses. Some of these meets are more spectator friendly and you are able to see the runners at different spots during the race. Other meets are difficult and you may only see them at the beginning and when they cross the finish line.

Coach: Mr. Smurawa  
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## **FOOTBALL**

Our football program at SMCS focuses on developing basic skills for the game and improving on existing skills. Players will also learn the rules of the game, develop good sportsmanship and friendships, and understand what it means to be part of a team. Football has two teams, one for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and one for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

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Coach Grade 7: Mr. Russ  
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## **SOCCER**

Our soccer program at SMCS are coed teams and focuses on developing basic skills for the game and improving on existing skills. Players will also learn the rules of the game, develop good sportsmanship, friendships, and understand what it means to be part of a team.

Coach Grade 8: Mr. Brady Belongia/Mr. Mart Grams  
Coach Grade 6 & 7: Mr. Jordan Belongia/Ms. Rachel Nault/Mr. Rich Belongia  
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## **TRACK**

Our track programs at SMCS are for both boys and girls, a separate team for each, and is open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The program focuses on developing basic skills for the game and to improve on existing skills. Players will also learn the rules of the game, develop good sportsmanship and friendships, and understand what it means to be part of a team. Track season is in the spring starting about mid-April and running until mid-May.

Coach: Mr. Weber  
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## **VOLLEYBALL**

Our volleyball programs at SMCS are for girls in grades 7 and 8. The season runs from the beginning of school until about mid-October. Seventh grade will have an "A" and "B" team that will be of equal ability levels. Eighth grade will also have an "A" and "B" team with the "A" team consisting of the strongest players' ability wise for that grade, and the "B" team will be for players who need to work on some of their skills. The program overall focuses on developing basic skills for the game and to improve on existing skills. Players will also learn the rules of the game, develop good sportsmanship and friendships, and understand what it means to be part of a team.

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## **WRESTLING**

Our wrestling program at SMCS is open to both boys and girls in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The program focuses on developing basic skills and to improve on existing skills. Players will also learn the rules of the game, develop good sportsmanship and friendships, and understand what it means to be part of a team. Wrestling season runs from the beginning of January until the end of February/beginning of March.

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Assistant Coach Mr. Schomaker  
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