

# Nipher Club	S2 After-School Activity Descriptions	Location
<p>1 <b>Basketball Team</b></p> <p><b>Boys Coaches:</b> Mr. Bodenschatz &amp; Mr. Dickson</p> <p><b>Girls Coaches:</b> Ms. Walther &amp; Mrs. Abbott</p>	<p>The Basketball Program is available for girls and boys, including grades 6-8, who are committed to attending practices regularly. Try-outs will be held to form our teams, and will be determined by the Nipher coaches. Teams will be competing in games with other school, and weekly practice is expected.</p> <p><b><u>Membership status:</u> Closed club</b> (Based on coach selection + regular attendance)</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Practices and games TBD (Semester 1 &amp; Semester 2)</p>	<p><b>Gymnasium</b></p> <p><b>(North typically)</b></p>
<p>2 <b>Battle of the Books</b></p> <p><b>Hosts:</b> Ms. White &amp; Ms. Burruss</p>	<p>Do you love to read? Be on our Book Team and help us compete with other schools in our annual competition. The Battle of the Books Club will also compete in an end-of-year field trip, which will be held this year on May 7th. Let's go, Nipher Knights!</p> <p><b><u>Membership status:</u> Closed club</b> (Regular attendance + active participation required).</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Every 1st Wednesday of the month (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Library</b></p>

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3	<b>Board Games Club</b>	<p>Do you enjoy playing board games? Come socialize and engage in friendly competition, as you can play various board games here. All grades are welcome to join, and we have a wide variety of game options available!</p> <p><b>Host:</b> Mr. Price</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Every Wednesday (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<b>TA classroom (101S)</b>
4	<b>Dungeons and Dragons Club (DND)</b>	<p>Roll for adventure! Come experience a game of monsters, imagination, teamwork, and problem-solving. No experience needed, and all are welcome!</p> <p><b>Host:</b> Mr. Vinson</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Every Tuesday (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<b>Cafeteria OR Library</b>
5	<b>Futsal (aka indoor soccer)</b>	<p>Come learn how to play indoor soccer or gain new skills! All grade levels are welcome to join in on the fun and improve their footwork.</p> <p><b>Host:</b> Mr. Magruder</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Select Thursdays (S1 &amp; S2 dates <b>TBD</b>)</p>	<b>Gymnasium/ Outdoors (weather dependent)</b>

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<p>6 <b>Geography Club</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Mr. Magruder</p>	<p>For students interested in exploring the world of geography, join this after school club that will meet on Thursdays. We will play games, watch geography videos, and, for those who wish to participate, host a school-wide geography bee in the spring!</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Every Thursday (S1)</p>	<p><b>Mr. Magruder (102S) OR Library Lab 2</b></p>
<p>8 <b>Intramural Activities (IM's)</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Mr. Dickson</p>	<p>The sport or group activity played will rotate every few weeks. The activity is as posted and can/will include: kickball, volleyball, basketball, handball, rock-climbing, badminton, and more!</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> each Tuesday, Wednesday, &amp; Thursday (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Gymnasiums (North or South)</b></p>
<p>9 <b>Jazz Band</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Dr. Bartz</p>	<p>You must be a member of band class to join this club on a band instrument. You do not need to be a band student to audition for drum set, string or electric bass, guitar or piano. Students in this ensemble have the opportunity to play jazz, blues, funk, latin, and rock music; much different from a concert band experience.</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Closed club</b> (Band required as prerequisite or audition required for drum set, bass, guitar or piano).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Each Thursday (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Dr. Bartz (213N or 214N)</b></p>

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<p>1 <b>Magic! The Gathering Club</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Mr. Vinson</p>	<p>Magic: The Gathering is a Nipher club based on the tabletop and digital collectible card game created in the mid-1990's. This is a safe space for students to play their favorite card game, which means you can summon monsters and defeat your friends in this decades old game! Cards are provided, and all are welcome to attend.</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Every Thursday (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Cafeteria OR Library</b></p>
<p>1 <b>Math Lab - 7</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Mrs. Beckerle</p>	<p>Math Lab is now available for 7th grade students who would like to prepare for Math 8 Placement testing (prep for 8th grade). It will be held after school on Wednesdays, and students will be expected to work on IXL or Khan Academy with the presence of a certified math teacher who is able to help them, as needed.</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Open to all current 7th Graders</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Every Wednesday (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Mrs. Beckerle (209N)</b></p>

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<p>1 <b>Open Studio</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Dr. Holley</p>	<p>Open Studio is an after-school activity where students will complete small individual projects, as well as group projects that will benefit the school and community. Open Studio is also available for students who are needing to complete class projects that require access to art materials and equipment.</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Select Wednesdays (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Dr. Holley (184 NE)</b></p>
<p>1 <b>Percussion Ensemble</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Ms. Alison Smith</p>	<p>You must be a current member of band class to join this club. Students in Percussion Ensemble will learn to play unique styles of music, written specifically for percussion instruments. We will also perform at multiple concerts throughout the year!</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Closed club</b> (Band required as prerequisite).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Each Wednesday (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Dr. Bartz (213N or 214N)</b></p>
<p>1 <b>Plant Club</b></p> <p><b>Hosts:</b> Mrs. Velez &amp; Mrs. Midkiff</p>	<p>Plant club is for Nipher students who are interested in learning more about houseplants and their care. We will be doing a variety of plant-related activities, including making macrame plant hangers. Nipher staff members are also welcome!</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Select Wednesdays (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Mrs. Velez (204N) OR Mrs. Midkiff (212S)</b></p>

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<p>1 <b>Power Hour</b></p> <p><b>Hosts:</b> Mrs. Schneider (T), &amp; Mr. Banaszak (W, Th)</p>	<p>This is a silent study hall in which students have the opportunity to work on homework assignments under teacher supervision. Please bring enough work to occupy a one-hour time allotment.</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Every Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday (all grades) (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Tuesdays:</b></p> <p><b>Mrs. Schneider (201S)</b></p> <p><b>Wed/Thursday:</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Banaszak (207N)</b></p>
<p>1 <b>Robotics Club</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Mr. Williams</p>	<p>Do you love to experiment, ask questions, or try new ideas? Are you the sort of person who likes to build and tinker with things you design? Do you like collaborating and competing for local, regional, and national glory? If you answered yes to ANY of these questions then the Nipher Robotics team is the place for you! To be considered for the team stop by room 111S or the main office for a team application. Applications are due on September 8th and will begin on September 14th.</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Closed club</b> (Student applications and deadlines required).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Tuesday and Thursdays (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Mr. Williams (182 NE)</b></p>

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<p>1 <b>Rock Climbing Club</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Ms. DeSchryver</p>	<p>Are you interested in rock climbing, but hope to learn from one of Nipher’s best? Do you enjoy rock climbing, but hope to refine your skills? Look no further. Rock Climbing Club is open to all students, regardless of experience. Join us on the wall!</p> <p><b><u>Membership status:</u></b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Select Thursdays (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>South Gym</b></p>
<p>1 <b>Safe Spaces (GSA)</b></p> <p><b>Hosts:</b> Mrs. Griffin, Mr. Warren &amp; Mrs. Patt</p>	<p>Safe Spaces is a non-curricular student-led club whose goal is to provide a safe space for all middle schoolers, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. It’s a welcoming space that provides support for students who identify as LGBTQIA+, who have friends or relatives that identify as such, or who just care about LGBTQIA+ issues. Safe Spaces promotes character by working with all students and educators to encourage everyone to be treated with respect and compassion. Students are able to share their experiences, and also collaborate on inclusive education for all students.</p> <p><b><u>Membership status:</u></b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Select Wednesdays (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Library</b></p>

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<p>1 <b>Star Wars Club</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Mr. Warren</p>	<p>Come watch every Star Wars movie that has been released and discuss the story arcs and character development. It's a fun time to watch our favorite movies with others who also enjoy doing so!</p> <p><b><u>Membership status:</u></b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Every Tuesday (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Mr. Warren (103W)</b></p>
<p>2 <b>Student Council (aka STUCO)</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Mrs. Cochran</p>	<p>Are you a natural leader? Do you want to help others through community service? In this club, you can help make a real difference at Nipher and beyond!</p> <p><b><u>Membership status:</u></b> <b>Closed club</b> (Application + regular attendance required).</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Various dates (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Mrs. Cochran (102W) OR Mrs. Christian (106S)</b></p>
<p>2 <b>Sustainability Club</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Mr. Banaszak</p>	<p>In Sustainability Club, students will learn more about the environment through hands on experience. From gardening, to chicken care, to tree care, and more. Come explore the great outdoors with Mr. Banaszak on select Tuesdays this year!</p> <p><b><u>Membership status:</u></b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Select Tuesdays (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Outdoors (courtyard) OR Mr. Banaszak (207N)</b></p>



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<p>2 <b>Swifties Club</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Mrs. Beckerle</p>	<p>Do you love Taylor Swift?? In Swifties Club, fans of the iconic Taylor Swift will listen to her music while they make friendship bracelets and other similar activities!</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Select Tuesdays (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Mrs. Beckerle (209N)</b></p>
<p>2 <b>Uke Belong @ Nipher</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Mr. Kindle</p>	<p>Do you play the ukulele? Ever wanted to learn how? We will learn some basic chords and strumming techniques and patterns. With just a little practice, you could be playing your favorite songs in no time! You don't need to own one to join, just come to play.</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Select Thursdays (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Mr. Kindle (110N)</b></p>
<p>2 <b>Weightlifting Club</b></p> <p><b>Host:</b> Mr. Grana</p>	<p>Weightlifters will work on Olympic lifting techniques along with building strength in various movements. If your student is interested in joining the Weightlifting Club, there will be an informational meeting held on September 5th from 3:00 - 3:55 pm.</p> <p><b>Membership status:</b> <b>Closed club</b> (this club requires additional fees beyond standard activity fee. Questions? Contact Coach Grana at <a href="mailto:Tony.Grana@kirkwoodschoools.org">Tony.Grana@kirkwoodschoools.org</a>).</p> <p><b>Meeting dates:</b> Tuesdays and Thursdays (S1 &amp; S2)</p>	<p><b>Weight Room (9S)</b></p>

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2	<b>Yoga Club</b>  <b>Host:</b> Ms. Hunter	Join Ms. Hunter after school to learn and practice yoga! Each week, we will explore various beginning postures in Nipher’s Yoga Room (mats are provided!). Everyone is welcome! Make sure to wear socks and comfy clothes.  <b><u>Membership status:</u></b> <b>Open to all</b> (no additional costs or attendance requirements). <b><u>Meeting dates:</u></b> Every Tuesday (S1 & S2)	<b>Yoga Room (10S)</b>

While Nipher hosts several after-school activities, please note our closed clubs for the 2023-2024 school year. A “closed club” indicates that additional fees may be required and/or prerequisite experience may be necessary to participate. If your student is interested in any of the following activities, please reach out to the associated sponsor:

- 1) Jazz Band (Band club sponsor, Dr. Chris Bartz: [chris.Bartz@kirkwoodschoools.org](mailto:chris.Bartz@kirkwoodschoools.org))
- 2) Percussion Ensemble (Band club sponsor, Mrs. Alison Smith: [alison.smith@kirkwoodschoools.org](mailto:alison.smith@kirkwoodschoools.org))
- 3) Robotics (Club sponsor, Mr. Nathan Williams: [nathan.williams@kirkwoodschoools.org](mailto:nathan.williams@kirkwoodschoools.org))
- 4) Scene to Seen (Club sponsor, Mr. Chris Anich: [christopher.Anich@kirkwoodschoools.org](mailto:christopher.Anich@kirkwoodschoools.org))
- 5) STUCO (Club sponsor, Mrs. Jessica Cochran: [jessica.cochran@kirkwoodschoools.org](mailto:jessica.cochran@kirkwoodschoools.org))
- 6) Weightlifting Club (Club sponsor, Mr. Tony Grana: [tony.grana@kirkwoodschoools.org](mailto:tony.grana@kirkwoodschoools.org))