

Nipher Middle School

After School Activity Handbook Section

2006-2007

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Student Activities

Extracurricular activities are an integral part of the middle school years. Intramural sports, clubs, and fine arts productions enhance students' academics, as well as, provide time to explore common interests with new friends. Most importantly, participation in any of the after school activities will provide students with a sense of accomplishment and personal pride. Also, the activities are designed to encourage organization of time and promote school spirit.

This handbook is divided into two parts. The first section contains descriptions of *clubs* offered at Nipher. The second section contains the *intramural activities*.

All Nipher students are invited to participate in any or all of the activities offered throughout the school year. To be eligible for participation, each student must have his or her parent or guardian sign on the front of this Student Handbook. However, some activities will be held off-campus. These activities will require students to fill out an additional Permission Form for each off-campus activity. The activity sponsor will provide this form to students before the actual start of the off-campus activity. Parents and students will be made aware of any special circumstances prior to a particular on- or off-campus activity.

All on-campus activities will run from 3:05pm-4:00pm on each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the school week unless otherwise announced. Activity busses will be made available on activity days to take students home, if needed. A listing of those busses and their routes can be found at the back of this booklet.

Each after school activity will be announced during daily morning announcements at least one day in advance. Also, there will be a bulletin board in the student center that will list all of the activities for the entire month. Students, please make sure to stop by the student center bulletin board in order to plan ahead.

So, let's prepare to get involved, meet new people, and have fun! We encourage the entire student body to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and look forward to seeing everyone again!

Transportation Information

- Question: What is the after school activity bus?

- Answer: The after school activity bus is a service offered to Nipher students who are eligible to ride a school bus and participate in after school clubs, intramurals, detentions, or other approved activities.

- Question: When does the activity bus operate?

- Answer: The activity bus will be offered beginning the second week of school, and will operate on a regular schedule (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) each week. Students will be informed of any cancellations as soon as possible so they can ride their regular bus home or make other necessary arrangements.

- Question: When does the activity bus arrive and depart?

- Answer: The VTS AND Kirkwood Activity busses arrive at Nipher by approximately 4:10pm and depart by 4:15pm.

- Question: What rules apply to the activity bus riders?

- Answer: The established School Discipline Policy applies to students as they are transported home.

- Question: What route will the activity bus follow and where are the stops made?

- Answer: Read the information below concerning Kirkwood Activity Bus Routes and VTS Activity Bus Routes.

Kirkwood Activity Bus Routes :

Students will be picked up on the south side of Nipher, east of Edgewood Drive. The bus will turn left on Edgewood, right at Rose Hill and will travel to Craig. If a student lives north of Ballas, the bus will turn right on Ballas, left on Woodbine, and left on Edna. The bus will then travel on Old Big Bend, turn Right on Big Bend, and then turn around on Country Club.

The bus will travel back east on Big Bend and turn left on Geyer. The bus will then turn right onto Rose Hill, left on Fillmore, right on East Adams, and left on Woodlawn. The bus will then turn right on East Essex, left on Dickson, right on Manchester, right on Sappington, right on Monroe, and left on Clark to the lot.

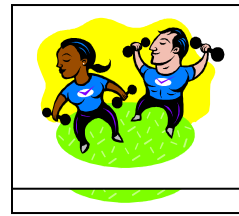
* Students living in the Barrett Station area: **The bus will turn right on Barrett Station and then right on St. Giles. If a student lives in the Barrett Station / St. Giles / Culloden / Chiviot areas, he or she must let the bus driver know upon boarding.**

VTS Activity Bus Routes:

Students are divided on to two busses based on zip code. Students are then transported home.



Nipher Clubs



Clubs may be added or deleted depending upon student interests and participation. Club dates and times will be announced during daily morning announcements and posted on the bulletin board located in the student center. The current list of clubs is as follows:

| Club | Description |
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| Chess | Bishop to rook. Checkmate! Show your moves on the chessboard. |
| Club | Description |
| Choir | Since there is no room in the school day for a sixth grade choir, an after school group will have the opportunity to perform with the 7th and 8th grade choirs. |
| Club | Description |
| Drumline | Mr. Actis will be teaching basic drumming skills. |
| Club | Description |
| Jazz Band | Jazz Band is by audition for Mr. Melsha only. Auditions will be held in November. Rehearsals will be one day each week. The Jazz Band will perform several times throughout the year for the school and the community. |

| Club | Description |
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| Juggling | We can teach anyone to juggle! During the winter, the Master Jester of Nipher, Mr. Baldwin, will teach the proper techniques of juggling. Bring your own juggling equipment. |
| Club | Description |
| Murals | If you are an artist and enjoy showing off your artistic skills, then this club is for you. Join Mr. Young as he paints the hallways of Nipher with interesting murals. |
| Club | Description |
| Nipher Players | Two dates are planned for Nipher's thespians to show their talents. Auditions will be announced for both a fall and spring performance. No experience is necessary. |
| Club | Description |
| Power Hour | If you need access to a computer for class assignments, then this is the program for you. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and continue to develop your computer skills. Permission form must be on file. |
| Club | Description |
| Set Crew | Use your creativity and help design the school stage for plays. Also, you will be able to help out with the production of the plays. |

| Club | Description |
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| Spirit Club | Spirit Club works to promote school pride and fun times at Nipher. Typical types of activities include sponsoring red and white days, themes for school parties, care packages for students during testing and putting together an entry for the Greentree parade in the fall. All students are welcome to join. |
| Club | Description |
| Variety Show | Perform a talent or just come and help in the production of the annual Nipher Variety Show. |
| Club | Description |
| Weight Lifting Team | This club is open to all students interested in learning the proper techniques of weight training. Members will meet throughout the school year on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00pm-4:00pm in the fitness center. |



Nipher Intramurals



Intramural activities may be added or deleted depending upon student interests and participation. Student/Faculty games will only involve 8th grade students and highly skilled faculty members. The Student vs. Faculty games will usually take place at the end of the scheduled activity. 8th grade student involvement in games against North will depend mostly upon attendance and participation during the selected intramural activity. The current list of intramural activities is as follows:

| Intramural | Description |
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| Basketball | Basketball is an activity for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Basketball is always a fan favorite. Throughout the year, there will be an Open-Gym session, 3 on 3 Tournaments, and a Nipher vs. North game. |
| Intramural | Description |
| Dodge Ball | Dodge Ball is a classic intramural activity for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. This activity will be played in the gym on several occasions throughout the year. |
| Intramural | Description |
| Flag Football | Flag Football is an activity for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. In addition to the regular intramural Flag Football program, there will be a practice schedule and a date for a game against the Nipher Faculty. The Faculty vs. Students game has become a fun and exciting tradition. |

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| Intramural | Description |
| Indoor Soccer | Indoor Soccer is for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. It will be played in the gym, which can be very interesting. The ball can be played off the walls and the ceiling. |
| Intramural | Description |
| Kickball | Kickball is for everyone. All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are invited to play. This fan favorite always draws a crowd. If the numbers get too large, then more than one game will be going on at the same time. |
| Intramural | Description |
| Outdoor Soccer | Outdoor Soccer will be open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. In addition to the regular Outdoor Soccer intramural program, there will be a practice schedule and a date for a game against North. The Nipher vs. North game has become a fun and exciting tradition. |
| Intramural | Description |
| Softball | Softball is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. This school favorite is always fun and exciting. At the end of the school year, there will be a practice schedule and a date for a game against the Nipher Faculty. |

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| Intramural | Description |
| Track and Field | Track and Field will be open to all 6 th , 7 th , and 8 th grade students. Track and Field will consist of several Olympic style events. This activity will give students an excellent opportunity to learn the latest techniques, as well as, experience the excitement of an actual Track and Field event. |
| Intramural | Description |
| Volleyball | Volleyball will be open to all 6 th , 7 th , and 8 th grade students. In addition to the regular intramural Volleyball program, there will be a practice schedule and a date for a game against the Nipher Faculty. The Faculty vs. Students game has become a fun and exciting tradition. |
| Intramural | Description |
| Wall Climbing | Wall climbing is open to all 6 th , 7 th , and 8 th grade students. Learn how to climb properly by learning the latest wall climbing techniques. You must attend the instructional meetings in order to participate. |

Reminder:

- All intramural activity times and dates will be announced daily, as well as, posted on the bulletin board in the student center. Here is a tentative schedule for the year.

Calendar of Intramural Events

This is a tentative schedule for all *intramural* activities for the 2006-2007 school year. Please check the “After School Activities” monthly bulletin board in the student center for any changes. Also, make sure to listen to the daily morning announcements during contact class for specific intramural activity details.

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| 09/05 Softball (Grades 6-8) | 11/14 Dodgeball (Grade 6 Only) |
| 09/06 Softball (Grades 6-8) | 11/15 Dodgeball (Grade 7 Only) |
| 09/07 Softball (Grades 6-8) | 11/16 Dodgeball (Grade 8 Only) |
| 09/12 Softball (Grades 6-8) | 11/28 Dodgeball (Grade 6 Only) |
| 09/13 Softball (Grades 6-8) | 11/29 Dodgeball (Grade 7 Only) |
| 09/14 Softball (Faculty vs. 8 th Grade) | 11/30 Dodgeball (Grade 8 Only) |
| 09/19 Kickball (Grades 6-8) | 12/05 Volleyball (Grades 6-8) |
| 09/20 Kickball (Grades 6-8) | 12/06 Volleyball (Grades 6-8) |
| 09/21 Kickball (Grades 6-8) | 12/07 Volleyball (Grades 6-8) |
| 09/26 Kickball (Grades 6-8) | 12/12 Volleyball (Grades 6-8) |
| 09/27 Kickball (Grades 6-8) | 12/13 Volleyball (Grades 6-8) |
| 09/28 Kickball (Grades 6-8) | 12/14 Volleyball (Grades 6-8) |
| 10/03 Flag Football (Grade 6 Only) | 12/19 Volleyball (Faculty vs. 8 th Grade) |
| 10/04 Flag Football (Grade 7 Only) | 01/09 Dodgeball (Grade 6 Only) |
| 10/05 Flag Football (Grade 8 Only) | 01/10 Dodgeball (Grade 7 Only) |
| 10/10 Flag Football (Grade 6 Only) | 01/11 Dodgeball (Grade 8 Only) |
| 10/11 Flag Football (Grade 7 Only) | 01/16 Basketball (Grade 6 Only) |
| 10/12 Flag Football (Grade 8 Only) | 01/17 Basketball (Grade 7 Only) |
| 10/17 Flag Football (Grades 6 and 7) | 01/18 Basketball (Grade 8 th Only) |
| 10/18 Flag Football (Faculty vs. 8 th Grade) | 01/23 Basketball (Grade 6 Only) |
| 10/24 Basketball (Grade 6) | 01/24 Basketball (Grade 7 Only) |
| 10/25 Basketball (Grade 7) | 01/25 Basketball (Grade 8 Only) |
| 10/26 Basketball (Grade 8) | 01/30 Mat Ball (Grades 6-8) |
| 10/31 Futsol (Grades 6-8) | 01/31 Mat Ball (Grades 6-8) |
| 11/01 Futsol (Grades 6-8) | 02/01 Mat Ball (Grades 6-8) |
| 11/02 Futsol (Grades 6-8) | 02/06 Whiffle Ball (Grades 6-8) |
| 11/07 Futsol (Grades 6-8) | 02/07 Whiffle Ball (Grades 6-8) |
| 11/08 Futsol (Grades 6-8) | 02/08 Whiffle Ball (Grades 6-8) |
| 11/09 Futsol (Faculty vs. 8 th Grade) | |

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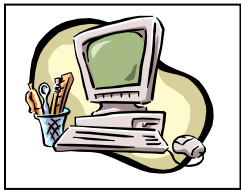
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| 02/13 Basketball (Grade 6 Only) | 04/10 Soccer (Grades 6-8) |
| 02/14 Basketball (Grade 7 Only) | 04/11 Soccer (Grades 6-8) |
| 02/15 Basketball (Grade 8 Only) | 04/12 Soccer (Grades 6-8) |
| 02/20 Basketball (Grade 6 Only) | 04/17 Soccer (Grades 6-8) |
| 02/21 Basketball (Grade 7 Only) | 04/18 Soccer (Grades 6-8) |
| 02/22 Basketball (Grade 8 Only) | 04/19 Soccer (Grades 6-8) |
| 02/27 Basketball Practice (8 th Grade Girls) | 04/24 Soccer Practice (8 th Grade Boys/Girls) |
| 02/28 Basketball Practice (8 th Grade Boys) | 04/25 Soccer Practice (8 th Grade Boys/Girls) |
| 03/01 Basketball Practice (8 th Grade Girls) | 04/26 Girls Soccer Game (<u>Nipher</u> vs. North) |
| 03/06 Basketball Practice (8 th Grade Boys) | 04/26 Boys Soccer Game (<u>Nipher</u> vs. North) |
| 03/07 Girls Basketball Game (Nipher vs. <u>North</u>) | 05/01 Softball (Grades 6-8) |
| 03/08 Boys Basketball Game (Nipher vs. <u>North</u>) | 5/02 Softball (Grades 6-8) |
| 03/13 Kickball (Grades 6-8) | 05/03 Softball (Grades 6-8) |
| 03/14 Kickball (Grades 6-8) | 05/08 Softball (Grades 6-8) |
| 03/15 Kickball (Grades 6-8) | 05/09 Softball (Grades 6-8) |
| 03/20 Kickball (Grades 6-8) | 05/10 Softball (Faculty vs. 8 th Grade) |
| 03/21 Kickball (Grades 6-8) | 05/15 Track and Field (Grades 6-8) |
| 03/22 Kickball (Grades 6-8) | 05/16 Track and Field (Grades 6-8) |
| 04/03 Dodgeball (Grade 6 Only) | 05/17 Track and Field (Grades 6-8) |
| 04/04 Dodgeball (Grade 7 Only) | 05/22 Track and Field (Grades 6-8) |
| 04/05 Dodgeball (Grade 8 Only) | 05/23 Track and Field (Nipher vs. North) |

Student Participation Guidelines

1. Appropriate conduct and a cooperative attitude are expected at ALL times. All regular Nipher school rules are in effect before, during, and after intramural activities.
2. Students are expected to follow the fundamental rules and regulations for each activity. Play the game the way it is supposed to be played.
3. Students are expected to be on time, at the proper location, and with the appropriate equipment when participating in an activity. Activities begin at 3:05pm. Students will be dismissed at 4:00pm.
4. Students are responsible for their own equipment/property. Nipher does not assume responsibility for students' personal possessions.
5. All injuries should be immediately reported to the Activity Sponsor.
6. After school detentions take precedence over activity involvement. In-school suspension will forfeit your privilege to participate in ALL after school activities for that day.
7. Participation in inter-school and student/faculty games is dependent upon consistent school attendance and involvement in designated activity.

Special Note:

- Activity sponsors and coordinators reserve the right to remove/suspend any individual or cancel an activity due to excessive misconduct.



Power Hour

Permission Form



Want to utilize the technology Nipher has to offer? Want to work with a mentor to help you reach the next level toward your academic goals? Want to have power over your schoolwork, instead of it overpowering you? Then Power Hour may be just the opportunity you're looking for. Nipher Middle School students may participate in Power Hour as one of the many after school activities. During Power Hour, students may utilize a variety of resources in our Library Media Center and Computer Labs to enhance the quality of their school assignments. Teachers, volunteer parents, student mentors, and technology assistants will be available to help students strive towards their academic goals. "Power Hour" will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the Nipher Library Media and Computer Lab Center. All participants must have a Power Hour permission form on file.

Power Hour begins at 3:05pm. Attendance records will be maintained and students are expected to arrive on time prepared to immediately begin their schoolwork. Students will not be allowed to leave the Power Hour areas until dismissal at 3:50pm. Therefore, students should arrive to Power Hour with all materials necessary to accomplish their individual goals.

Students must follow the Power Hour rules in order to maintain their participation in the program.

Power Hour Rules:

1. Arrive no later than 3:05 p.m.
2. Enter the area quietly and remain quiet throughout the session.
3. Fill out a Power Hour Goal Card, which states your purpose and goal for the time you spend in Power Hour. You must have a specific task you would like to accomplish.
4. Arrive with work materials, rubrics, assignments (assignment book), writing utensils, books, supplies, etc...
5. You must have an internet permission form on file and a specific internet related assignment in order to have internet access. **NO INTERNET SURFING WILL BE ALLOWED!!!**
6. You must be respectful to all Power Hour team members and to all Power Hour participants.
7. You may not leave the Power Hour area without a pass from a Power Hour team member.
8. You may not bring food, gum, candy, or drinks into the Power Hour area.
9. Students who cannot follow all of the Power Hour rules will not be allowed to participate in the Power Hour program for temporary or extended periods of time, based on their individual history of behavior during Power Hour.

Please review the Power Hour rules with your parent/legal guardian and sign the first page of the student handbook in the area concerning Power Hour. You must have a permission slip signed and on file in order to participate in the program. We will not accept written notes in place of the permission form.