

7th and 8th grade Homework Club:

Students complete assignments or read quietly in a monitored environment. (Daily)



Teacher Help: *On Late Bus days, students will be able to go to their teachers for any extra help they may need or make up any missing assignments*

Drama Club: *Wednesday during both first and second blocks. Drama Club focuses on **Theatre Sports** – an improvisational sport; challenges students to think on their feet and create scenes and characters from minimal information. The concept is like the TV Show “Whose Line Is It Anyway.” Several times each year, middle schools from the county compete in Theatre Sports Competitions where students enhance their skills and meet others. Students in Drama Club decide what games will be played each day and vote on who will represent Twain at each upcoming competition.*



Open Computer Lab: *Students will be able to go to the Computer Lab on Late bus Days and complete any work needed or work on projects that require using the internet / computer.*

News Crew: *Students create videos and reports that air on Twain TV programming. Students learn to write segments, shoot footage, and edit video to inform and entertain the Twain community.*

TSA (Technology Student Association):

Meets on Mondays and is a nation-wide student organization that provides leadership and competitive design and engineering challenges for students in middle and high school. Students choose from a list of challenges and prepare for Regional, State and Nation Competitions occurring in the spring and summer. During the ASP, students select, practice and make projects they will take to competitions in the spring.

Science Olympiad: *Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events. Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology. By combining events from all disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on group participation and as such, team members are required to attend all practices and both the regional and state tournaments.*

Yearbook Club: *Students, working with two staff members, will design, layout and produce Mark Twain’s annual yearbook. The work entails taking pictures, interviewing staff and students, and making critical decisions ensuring a solid product is created.*

Mural Club: *Students will work together along with teachers on painting projects to beautify the school. They will work in small and large groups.*

Math Counts: *A nationwide mathematics competition that allows students mathematics enrichment. Math Counts meets every Wednesday during both blocks. The first block is dedicated to the completion of one round of a previously administered Math Counts competition. The second block consists of explanations of problems and/or instruction of additional topics.*

4 – H Club: *4 – H is a national organization which focuses on agriculture, citizenship, healthy living, science, engineering and technology. Students pick a project to work on throughout the year. Projects can be gardening, chicken raising art, 3 D printing, or many others. Anyone can come to our meeting, but only members get to complete at the Fairfax County Fair. The program will meet on Thursdays.*



Twain Writing Center: *Do you need help on an upcoming writing piece for a class? Sign up and come to the Twain Writing Center to get one-on-one help from various Twain teachers. We will be available during 1st block on Mondays to help you with brainstorming, outlining, finalizing, and proofreading your writing.*

NJHS (National Junior Honor Society): *Organization that creates enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulates the desire to render community service, promotes leadership, develops character, and encourages citizenship in Mark Twain students.*

Student Council Association: *The Student council serves to engage students in learning about democracy and leadership.*