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## Snapshot of Enrichment Activities

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### **BETA AUTONOMOUS DESIGN**

**Contact:** Jordy Whitmer

**Meeting Times:** Choice Hour

**Grades:** 6-8

The BCS robotics team includes a variety of team members: designers, makers, coders, artists, crafters, photographers, leaders, problem-finders, problem-solvers, mathematicians, etc. ALL are needed for a successful team. The team is selected to encompass a diverse group in terms of abilities/interests, ages, gender, experience, etc. The team meets twice a week during choice hour with optional extra meetings off and on throughout the year. In April, interested members go to Lawrence Tech for their Robofest <http://www.robofest.net/index.php/about>. Students develop their skills in design, problem-solving, teamwork, leadership, and interpersonal communication while also building their knowledge in science, engineering and technology.

### **BCS THEATRE PRODUCTION**

**Contact Person:** Courtney Bassett

**Participation Times:** October through February

**Grades:** 6-8

Students may participate in the production of a musical as a member of the cast or crew. Cast participants receive singing and acting direction. Crew members learn basics of set design, building, running the backstage operations of a show, and costume design and production. All students work together as a team to put on a show for their peers, relatives, and members of the community. In recent years, students have performed *My Son Pinocchio, Jr.*, *Aladdin, Jr.*, *High School Musical, Jr.*, *Seussical, Jr.*, and *Once Upon A Mattress*. Performances take place in late January and early February.

### **BCS BEE KEEPERS**

**Contact People:** Tammy Brown and David Cryberg

**Meeting Times:** Choice Hour, fall and spring

**Grades:** 5-8

Students learn about beekeeping and help maintain and monitor our BCS hives. Students will have the opportunity to observe and care for honeybees in their hives at the Environmental Center behind Bingham Farms Elementary.

### **SPIRIT COMMITTEE**

**Contact Person:** Veronica Pilarski

**Meeting Times:** Choice Hour

**Grades:** 7-8

Developing creative ideas to enhance our BCS spirit is the responsibility of the Spirit Committee. Possible activities include dances, pep rallies, activity nights, sports contests and community service fund-raisers. In the process of planning, students enhance their leadership, teamwork, decision-making, and marketing skills.

### **BCS SPELLING BEE**

**Contact Person:** Cindy Balicki

**Meeting Times:** School competition in January

**Grades:** 5-8

Classroom winners are invited to compete in the schoolwide BCS spelling bee. The winner competes at the county level.

## **BCS GEOGRAPHY BEE**

**Contact Person: Leon Braisted**

**Meeting Times: School competition in January**

**Grades: 4-8**

BCS students in grades 4-8 are eligible to compete in a school-wide Geography Bee. The winner may be eligible to participate in the Michigan National Geographic State Bee.

## **SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

**Contact People: Tammy Brown, Chris Emmi, Anne Warner, Ryan Arbaugh and Erica Maliszewski**

**Meeting Times: Choice Hour**

**Grades: 4-8**

Students participate in interschool tournaments in March. Individual and team events follow the format of popular board games, TV shows and athletic events. Events are a balance among biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology.

## **FORENSICS & DEBATE**

**Contact Person: Courtney Bassett**

**Participation Times: All Year**

**Grades: 5-8**

Students learn the basics of forensics, public speaking, and public forum debate. Special attention is paid to understanding the different events in forensics as well as learning the art of performance critique. Students also learn how to argue both sides of a given resolution in debate with special attention given to the art of cross examination. Students compete in statewide forensic and debate tournaments. Students must audition to be in the class.

## **PERSONAL FINANCE**

**Contact Person: Linda Hatfield, Birmingham Bloomfield Credit Union**

**Meeting Times: Choice Hour**

**Grades: 6-8**

Students learn all about managing their money. This kid friendly class will address financial planning, work and earning money, budgeting, saving and investing, and understanding credit.

## **DESTINATION IMAGINATION**

**Contact Person: Pauline Roberts**

**Meeting Times: Choice Hour**

**Grades: 3-8**

Destination Imagination is where creativity meets STEM! Students work as a team to have fun, take risks, solve interesting challenges, build friendships, and unleash their imaginations. Students will compete at a tournament in March and possibly more if they qualify.

## **M.S.B.O.A. SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL FOR BAND AND ORCHESTRA**

**Contact People: Jeff Krum, band / Teresa Strobel, orchestra**

**Participation Time: Registration takes place in January**

**Grades: 7-8**

Instrumental music students participate in a solo or ensemble performance that is adjudicated by a professional musician. With direction from private teachers or specially arranged help from the classroom teacher, students prepare music on a challenging level that increases technical skills and sharpens their awareness of performance fundamentals. This festival participation is also open to those band and orchestra members who study piano.

## **BLUE LAKE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR BAND AND ORCHESTRA STUDENTS**

**Contact People: Jeff Krum, band / Teresa Strobel, orchestra**

**Participation Time: January**

**Grades: 5-8**

BCS hosts regional scholarship auditions for Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. Students interested in instrumental music, art, theater and dance are eligible to participate.

## **BAND AND ORCHESTRA CHOICE HOUR ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Contact People: Rick Jackson and Teresa Strobel**

**Participation Times: September through June**

**Grades: 5-8**

5th grade beginning band and orchestra students can advance their new skills with additional practice sessions offered in various choice hours throughout the week.

## **COBRA INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

**Contact Person: Rick Joseph**

**Meeting Times: Choice Hour**

**Grades: 3-8**

Do you know someone whose culture, language or religion is different from your own? Have you always wanted to learn more about it? CIC is for you. Participants will take turns each week sharing their ancestral language, clothing, religion and food through presentations, artifacts and a student-brought snack to share. Presenting is not mandatory, but unsure students might change their minds after watching others share their family culture and traditions. BCS contains a rich collection of families from all over the world. Come and celebrate who we are!

## **BCS ATHLETICS**

**Contact Person: Jason Hill**

**Meeting Time: Varies by sport**

**Grades: 6-8**

There are four sports seasons at BCS. Each season lasts the better part of a marking period. The seasons are referred to as Fall, Winter 1, Winter 2 and Spring.

Fall sports include 7/8 boys' soccer, 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball and 6/7/8 boys' and girls' cross country.

Winter 1 sports include 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball and 6/7/8 girls' swimming.

Winter 2 sports include 6/7/8 boys' swimming and 7th and 8th grade girls' volleyball.

Spring sports include 6/7/8 boys' track and field, 6/7/8 girls' track and field, 7/8 girls' soccer and 6/7/8 boys' tennis.

## **EAT AND RUN**

**Contact Person: BCS PROUD DADS**

**Meeting Times: Lunch Recess, occasionally during the school year.**

**Grades: 3-8**

Moms' or Dads' Eat and Run is a designated day(s) when moms and dads are invited to come to their child's lunch hour to have lunch in the cafeteria and to play outside. This popular activity enables parents to enjoy their student and his or her friends in a relaxed manner during the school day.

## **SPORTS CLASSES**

**Contact Person: Courtney Bassett**

**Meeting Times: Choice Hour**

**Grades: 3-8**

A variety of sports activities are offered including: recreational swimming, competitive swim conditioning, flag football, soccer, softball, basketball, team fitness and floor hockey.

## **DEVELOPING LEADERS**

**Contact People: Joe Leibson**

**Meeting Times: Choice Hour**

**Grades: 7-8**

This group will be involved with leadership training to further infuse character education throughout BCS using the "Be the Change" program. Immediate student responsibilities would include formulating a plan on how to deliver and implement the message behind "Be the Change" to the rest of BCS.

## **BUILDING A GREENPOWER USA ELECTRIC VEHICLE**

**Contact Person: Mat Brown**

**Meeting Times: Choice Hour**

**Grades: 5-6**

Students construct and test an all-electric vehicle. It is a single passenger “go-kart”. Teams of students are involved in constructing, wiring, driving and testing the vehicle to get the best performance out of it in terms of distance it will travel.

## **JUNIOR MASTER GARDENING**

**Contact Person: Audrey Lajeunesse**

**Meeting Times: Choice Hour**

**Grades: 3-8**

The Junior Master Gardening class offers horticulture and environmental science education through fun-filled, creative activities. Students will get their hands dirty while learning how soil and water are important to plants and all living things.

## **MINECRAFT FOR EDUCATION**

**Contact Person: Jessica Heckman**

**Meeting Times: Choice Hour**

**Grades: 3-6**

Students utilize a familiar game for education objectives. In Minecraft for Education students craft away with their friends by completing missions and learning to build with sustainability and survival in mind!

## **INNOVATED INVENTORS**

**Contact Person: Victoria Barbieri and Courtney Bassett**

**Meeting Times: Choice Hour**

**Grades: 3-8**

Students focus on various artifacts that are considered some of the most innovative inventions in history. In conjunction with current programs offered by The Henry Ford Museum, students will study Innovative Artifacts, challenge themselves to consider what they might invent or innovate, and possibly recreate some of these inventions.

## **ART CLASSES**

**Contact Person: Courtney Bassett**

**Meeting Times: Choice Hour**

**Grades: 3-8**

A variety of art enrichment classes are offered including: acrylic painting, polymer clay, scrapbooking, jewelry making, multicultural art, zentangle, and more!