
P-H-M Middle Schools

After School Activities

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Discovery
MIDDLE SCHOOL
A PENN-HARRIS-MADISON SCHOOL



GRISSOM
MIDDLE SCHOOL
A PENN-HARRIS-MADISON SCHOOL



SCHMUCKER
MIDDLE SCHOOL
A PENN-HARRIS-MADISON SCHOOL

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“Belonging may be a feeling, but it manifests in tangible ways. A growing body of research and theory related to school belonging concludes that belonging has a host of **positive personal, social and academic benefits.**”

Belongingness

(Allen, Kern, Vella-Brodrick, Hattie & Walters, 2016; Juvonen, 2006; Klem & Connell, 2004; Lee & Robbins, 1998; Loukas, Roalson, & Herrera, 2010; Maddox & Prinz, 2003; O’Neil & Fuligni, 2013; Shochet, Dadds, Ham, & Montague, 2006; Wang & Holcombe, 2010)

IMPORTANCE OF Belonging

A sense of belonging generally leads to increases in the following:



Self-confidence,
Self-esteem,
Self-belief



Classroom
engagement



Skills of
self-management



Focus on academic
tasks



Positive attitude
toward school and
learning



Positive peer
relationships



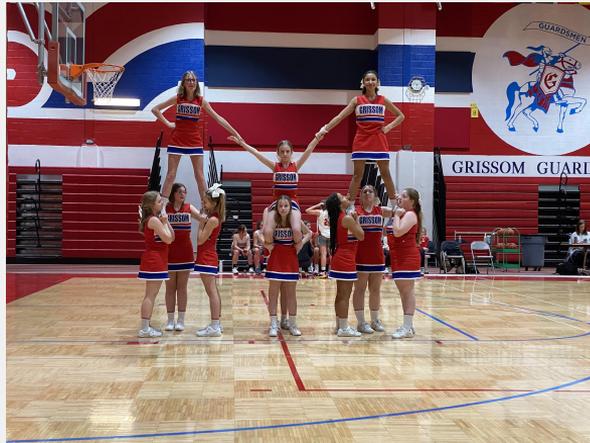
Athletics

All students have the opportunity to participate in athletics during their middle school career.



FALL

Cheer, Football, Cross Country, Volleyball



Winter

Boys Basketball, Cheer - Co-Ed Wrestling, Girls
Basketball

Spring

Track and Field



Middle School Athletics



Positive Values

Athletics teach teamwork, time management, and good sportsmanship.

Sports Physical

All students must have a physical to participate.

Big 11 Conference

Complete against local schools: Elkhart, Middlebury, Northwood, Jimtown

Student Managers

6th, 7th, and 8th graders can be Student Managers

6th Grade

Participate in Cross Country and Coed Wrestling

Intramurals

Open gym, volleyball, weight training, ping pong, tennis, etc.

Building a Strong School Community

Athletics helps to build a **strong school community** by:

- Allowing students, staff, and parents to come together for a common purpose
- Providing a shared positive experience
- Celebrating the accomplishments of students
- Building school spirit



Student on Athletics

- **Ryan (basketball/football)**- “I definitely like meeting new friends and playing for a school. Playing for a school and having school spirit is much better than playing outside of school.”
- **Jayanna (cheerleading)**- “Cheering for Grissom is so much fun. I have great coaches and great teammates.”
- **Ayden (basketball)**- “I love the school sport experience. Not only do you get to meet new people, you also get to build relationships with your teammates. Your teammates become friends you would not have otherwise made.”
- **Emily- (volleyball)** “I participate in middle school athletics because my friends do and I like being with them. I like representing my school.”



Academic Teams

Team based competitions offered in
P-H-M Middle Schools

AREAS OF PARTICIPATION



**Academic
Super Bowl**



Mathcounts



Spell Bowl



TEAMS



**AMC &
Mathcon**



**National
History Day**



HIGHLIGHTS

Grissom

- Academic Super Bowl: 1st place finishes in all 4 disciplines at Wawasee competition.
- Academic Super Bowl: 4 teams placed in top 10 out of 45 schools in the state in Class 2, this included math at 4th place!
- Indiana Academic Super Bowl recognition for being a top 10 school in the state.



HIGHLIGHTS

SCHMUCKER

- Spell Bowl State Finalist: Top 10 Finish!
- Academic Super Bowl English Team placed 1st in regionals: Top 10 in the state.
- VEX Robotics: 1 of 4 teams qualified for state and finished #11.
- Math Counts: 8th Grader advanced to state finals.



HIGHLIGHTS

DISCOVERY

- Spell Bowl State Champion 2021!
- Academic Super Bowl: 1st Science, 2nd SS, 4th Math/Science in state.
- 3 National qualifiers in Mathcon, including 6th grade National Champion.

CLUBS

Each Middle School has over 8 clubs, aside from academic or athletic teams, to help their students get (and feel) involved.

“Clubs give me an opportunity to focus on something outside of school while I’m with people who enjoy doing the same activities.”

-Logan



CLUBS AMONG THE THREE MIDDLE SCHOOLS



Art Club

At Schmucker, this is led by our Art Teacher, Mrs. Perkins.

The students take a Field Trip at the end of the year.



Board Game Club

At Discovery, this is facilitated by Mr. Howard.

Students are able to bring games of their own or try a new game supplied by Mr. Howard



Book Club

All Three Schools have a book club in some fashion.

However, at Grissom they have one specifically for sixth graders

"I like that I get to express my opinions about certain topics... it helps you think and express yourself through knowledge"
- Azara



NOVELIST CLUB



"I believe we can all be creative in our own ways. I created this club so that students could express their passion the same way I can."

-Eli



HIGHLIGHTS FROM ALL THREE SCHOOLS



3D Design Club

With the help of PLTW, Discovery has had a club that will design and print 3D items.



Guitar Club

Last year, Grissom had a club for all those who were interested in playing guitar.



Novelist Club

New this year at Schmucker, aspiring writers have had a time to meet and share the stories they have written.

Thank you!

Questions?



Resource

Quote and research noted in this presentation was taken from the following text:

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Create Community and
Revolutionize Classroom
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ASCD.

