

**R. B. Chamberlin Middle School**

**Athletics & Extracurricular Activities**

We are proud of the many co-curricular activities our students have the opportunity to participate in at R.B. Chamberlin Middle School. We hope your child will take advantage of the many possibilities available.

All extracurricular activities require a student to be eligible by maintaining at least a 1.25 GPA and passing 75% of their classes.

Specific tryout/practice/meeting dates will be announced. This information will be shared with students on their grade level RBC Connections Google Classroom.

You can also visit the middle school athletics website at:

<https://www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us/MiddleschoolAthletics.aspx>

All sports require a current physical on file with the athletic director to participate. Access the athletic forms on the website below:

<https://www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us/FinalForms.aspx>

## **RBC Athletics & Extracurricular Activities**

Art Club

Band

Baseball

Basketball

Cheerleading

Chorus

Cross Country

Drama Club

Eco Team

Football

Honor Corps (8th Grade)

Jazz Band

Orchestra

Power of the Pen

Reading and Writing Festival

RBC Singers

Softball

Spelling Bee

Student Council

Track

Volleyball

Wrestling

## **FALL SPORTS**

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

What: Cross Country is a two mile competition between our school and other local schools. We run a conference schedule Tuesdays and also some invitationals on Saturdays. Athletes get to compete against themselves, the clock, other students, and the course.

When: August through October.

Cost: \$40.00

### **FOOTBALL**

What: Football above all else is a team sport for both 7th and 8th graders. Students learn how to work together and trust their teammates. It is challenging both physically and emotionally; teaches the value of hard work and discipline; fosters self-confidence and a sense of belonging to something greater than themselves.

When: Preseason: March through July. Season: August through October.

Cost: \$240.00

### **VOLLEYBALL**

What: Volleyball is a sport of skill in which two teams hit a ball over the net using a bump, set or spike. We have 7th and 8th grade teams at RBC. Typically, each team has 12 players, 1 scorekeeper, and 1 manager.

When: Fall - August through mid October. Sign up will begin in May for next year. Tryouts are at the beginning of August.

Cost: \$170.00

## **CHEERLEADING**

What: Cheerleading is a great way to meet new friends and at the same time spread your school spirit. Cheerleaders must have enthusiasm! Practice is usually two times per week and there are weekly games.

When: Football — September through October. Try outs are in May the previous year.

Basketball—November through January. Try outs are in October.

Cost: \$35.00 Football                      \$40.00 Basketball

## **WINTER SPORTS**

### **BASKETBALL**

What: There are both 7th and 8th grade basketball teams for boys and girls. All teams emphasize proper skills, techniques, and sportsmanship.

When: Boys—October through January.

Girls—October through January.

Cost: \$145.00

### **WRESTLING**

What: RBC offers competitive students the opportunity to wrestle. The wrestling team has both an A and B team. The spots on the A team are decided by wrestle offs. Each team has weight classes ranging from 80 pounds to 245 pounds. A 2lb weight allowance is given after December 25th. Practices last 2 hours. Due to the nature of the sport, citizenship and eligibility requirements apply to members.

When: November through February.

Cost: \$295.00

## **SPRING SPORTS**

### **BOYS BASEBALL**

What: 7th and 8th grade baseball teams compete against surrounding schools in the community. All players learn fundamentals of fielding, batting, and rules of play.

When: Spring. Try-outs in March.

Cost: \$170.00

### **SOFTBALL - GIRLS**

What: Girls' softball has daily practices and follows the guidelines of the coaching staff. Girls travel to area districts to compete. There is particular emphasis on the fundamentals, knowledge, and understanding of the game.

When: Spring

Cost: \$170.00

### **TRACK**

What: Come join the RBC Track & Field team! We have something for everyone; long distance, sprints, long jump, high jump, shot, discus, hurdles, and more. Over the past few years we have had some of the best track teams in the area for both boys and girls. It's a great way to get in shape while hanging out with your friends.

When: Spring. Practices will begin in March.

Cost: \$65.00

## **MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES**

### **BAND**

What: The RBC Band's purpose is to develop high standards of musicianship in each student through instrumental music. Band students perform diverse programs of music including Classical, Popular, Jazz and World music.

When: All year, during school hours.

How: 6th grade band members will sign up at Dodge. New students may contact the school counseling office at RBC.

Cost: \$9.00

### **CHORUS**

What: Chorus offers students a rewarding musical experience in the exciting world of choral performance. Students will be able to experience different styles of music while learning basic skills such as sight reading and vocal technique.

When: All year, during school hours.

How: 6th grade chorus members will sign up at Dodge. New students may contact the school counseling office at RBC.

Cost: \$4.00

### **JAZZ BAND**

What: The Jazz Band is one of the most popular extracurricular activities offered at RBC. Members are expected to be enrolled in a performing group at RBC.

When: September-April, Wednesday practice after school. All "Band" instruments are welcomed.

How: By audition appointment.

Cost: \$11.00

## **ORCHESTRA**

What: Orchestra is an opportunity for students trained in string instruments to further their exploration of this popular musical choice.

When: All year, during the school day.

How: 6th grade orchestra members will sign up at Dodge. New students may contact the school counseling office at RBC.

Cost: \$19.00

## **RBC SINGERS**

What: RBC Singers serves as a training ensemble for students who are interested in learning more about show choir, and is modeled after Twinsburg High School's Great Expectations Show Choir. Students learn foundations in vocal and dance technique, and have several performance opportunities throughout the school year including competing in local show choir competitions. You must be in Chorus to join RBC Singers.

When: All year, after school usually one to two days per week. Try outs are in early September.

How: Chorus members only! See Advisor.

Cost: \$26.00

## **OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

### **ART CLUB**

What: The art club meets throughout the year as an after school activity. Art Club gives students the chance to enjoy a variety of arts and crafts experiences they may not have in a regular classroom setting. It allows each student to further develop their own imagination and artistic skills without the pressures of grades and due dates. This is an after school activity, and there will be a fee to cover supplies used throughout the year. Some of the projects may include T-shirt design, metal working, holiday crafts, and clay.

When: All year, twice a month after school.

Cost: \$8.00

## **DRAMA CLUB**

What: Drama Club provides the opportunity for 7th & 8th graders to be involved in all aspects of live theater production. In the process, the Drama Club gives the students in Twinsburg the opportunity to experience student performances of live theater.

When: One show per year in the spring. Practices are after school. Time commitment of 2-3 hours per day while the show is in rehearsal.

Cost: \$13.00

## **ECO TEAM**

What: ECO Team will meet every other week as an after school activity. The focus of this club will be on environmental issues and creative solutions to those issues. Students will be encouraged to explore their interests in this field and will even have an opportunity to organize and implement projects that help address and raise awareness surrounding the issues they are passionate about. This program offers students an opportunity to build leadership and use creative problem solving skills that they may not have in a regular classroom.

When: Starts in October and ends in April.

Cost: \$20.00

## **HONOR CORPS - 8th grade**

What: RBC Honor Corps is an association for eligible 8th graders. One must have and maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher in both 7th and 8th grade to be eligible. This is a service learning organization.

When: Eligible 8th grade students are invited to apply for Honor Corps after the third quarter of their 8th grade year. Students and families attend an Honor Corps Induction Ceremony in the spring.

How: Nominated based on grade point average. There is also a PBIS behavior requirement of acquiring less than 10 points in either 7th or 8th grade.

Cost: None

## **POWER OF THE PEN**

What: Power of the Pen is a creative writing club for middle school students. Participants compete against other schools in districts, regional and state competitions. Participants try out for the competition side of the club, whereas all participants are encouraged to regularly attend and write.

When: Practices take place from the beginning of November to the end of March once a week after school from 2:25-4:00 at RBC. District and Regional competitions take place in January and February with a qualifying State competition in May.

Cost: \$86.00

## **READING AND WRITING FESTIVAL**

What: A celebration of all things literary at KSU! Students will have the opportunity to participate in interactive sessions and meet a guest author. The festival takes place in the spring. Prior to the festival, students will read six books selected by the festival committee and complete book reviews for each title.

All students will receive festival details and book titles in language arts.

When: April 2024 (Date TBA)

Cost: TBA

## **SPELLING BEE**

What: The spelling bee will meet as a club throughout the month of January. We will practice one day per week after school in preparation for the school wide spelling bee which will occur one afternoon in early February. Students may participate without attending practice. All students will receive study materials. RBC will be taking one student winner to the Regional Spelling Bee in Akron in March.

When: Beginning in January

Cost: \$45.00

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

**What:** This is an organization made up of both 7th & 8th graders. The goal is to promote good leadership, set a positive example for all students, and to develop a group of students who act as role models for the entire student body. Members organize many events throughout the school year including school dances and spirit weeks.

**When:** All year, during and after school.

**How:** Students submit recommendation paper forms to apply at the beginning of the school year.

**Cost:** \$37.00